

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH 12, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Exodus 17:1-17; Psalm 93; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

FAMILY OF NEW PALTZ

***We collect non-perishable food items, socks and undies for Family of New Paltz.
Please place them in the basket inside the front door of the church.***

A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

Living water. In the desert, at a well, even in sufferings says Paul in the letter to the Romans, "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Romans 5:2)."

This week's lessons however suggest that sources of living water are often hard to find. In Exodus 17 the Israelites couldn't find water in the "wilderness of Sin," which I have always heard as a metaphor although apparently it is also a literal geographical location. They engage Moses, "test and quarrel," and Moses grumbles to God, and then God produces a rather showy miracle ("bring some elders to see how you can strike a rock with your powerful staff and create a spring"). Notice too that Moses doesn't name the place "God provides water" or "Source of Life" but "Testing and Quarreling" (Massah and Meribah).

The Samaritan woman also tests and quarrels with Jesus, although in a different spirit. Why should I give water to you? (Notice that Jesus is the one who is thirsty here at first.) Where is your bucket? But when Jesus promises living water that will "gush up to eternal life," her questions, while still pointed, seem to shift from challenge to curiosity and desire. She understands Jesus in ways Nicodemus and the disciples do not.

Life with God, or Jesus, or the Holy Spirit, often seems like a game of hide and seek. Sometimes we are the ones hiding, like Adam and Eve in the garden, unwilling to share with God our sense of shame or sin or fear. We need the courage, or desperation, of the woman at the well, to share something painful of ourselves. Sometimes we have expectations of life or the divine that are unmet—God no longer shows up the way we have come to know or trust or desire.

Paul addresses the experience of being estranged from God and then reconciled in a carefully reasoned argument that takes up most of the book of Romans—I haven't found good ways to preach on Romans in ten minutes on a Sunday morning. But in the passage we hear this week, Paul describes the consequences of reconciliation. Whatever we have done, whoever we are, Jesus has made us right with God. Therefore, no matter what our circumstances or our emotions, it is worthwhile but not easy or straightforward to keep seeking God, in good times and perhaps especially in bad.

We can boast when we know God's glory, and we can also "boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:2 again). Which is what the woman at the well does, if "boasting" can mean sharing her skepticism and hope with her whole village, whose residents in time affirm that "they know for themselves that Jesus is the savior of the world." The trick seems to be here that we come to God naming our desires and fears and trusting that we will find water, no matter what.

Some events for youth:

please invite friends, or folks who haven't been here for a while

Sunday, March 29 2-3:30 pm Holy Week interactive workshop for 3-10 year olds (parents and older children welcome to help!). Paint footsteps towards Jerusalem, then wash feet; nail sins to the cross, Last Supper snack and set up for communion; check out Jesus' tomb.

Tuesday, March 31 7:30-8:30 PM Tenebrae for Middle and High School students In the sanctuary. Psalms, silence, extinguishing candles, prayers and discussion about what it means to follow Jesus and when it's hard. Usually Tenebrae is in Holy Week, but that's also school break so we're moving it up.

Saturday, April 18, 4-7 pm Harry Potter and Sorcerer's Stone Movie in the Undercroft. Wear house colors, help with themed food welcome. Harry Potter fans of all ages welcome.



ALLISON'S HOURS

Allison is developing a routine for parish and campuses, as much as that's possible. Generally Mondays are her day off, Tuesday mornings study; Tuesday and Thursday 2-6 SUNY New Paltz Pantry, Wednesday 9-1 SUNY Ulster Pantry. Office hours Wednesdays 2-3:30, and appointments any other times—contact me at standrewsrev@gmail.com or 845-633-8272.



Lent at St. Andrew's

Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Soup and discussion of Padraig O'Tuama's *In the Shelter*
(2016: Hodder & Stoughton Canada) 192 pages

From his website: Pádraig Ó Tuama is leader of the Corrymeela Community, a poet, theologian and mediator. He has worked in conflict resolution in Ireland, Africa and the Middle East. From me: The book is an easy and delightful read, meandering through storytelling, reconciliation, church, prayer, youth, and self-knowledge.

Online resources (if you have others you enjoy, please share!!)

The Edge of the Enclosure

<http://www.edgeofenclosure.org/>

The Rev. Suzsanne Guthrie offers a “guided meditation” on the Sunday readings, and a wonderful “stations of reconciliation” Lenten reflection.

Signs of Life: Why Church Matters. <https://www.signsoflife.org/>

You can sign up for daily emails at the website above, which will include both text and brief videos of brothers in conversation and of their monastic life at Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA

Episcopal Relief and Development <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/church-campaigns/lent/>

Daily Lenten reflections on the needs of the world. Booklets are available at the back of the church as well

Richard Rohr, daily meditations (sign up at <https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations>)

Fr. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Richard's teaching is grounded in the Franciscan alternative orthodoxy—practices of contemplation and self-emptying, expressing itself in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized.

LENT QUIET DAY

Moving into Holy Week: A Lent Quiet Day for Laity; Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:30 – 3:30 PM

Holy Cross Monastery, (1615 Route 9W, West Park), Led by The Rev. Gwyneth MacKenzie Murphy, Retreat Leader and Spiritual Director. \$30 includes program and Midday Meal.

CHOIR

Choir rehearsals for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Vigil and Easter Sunday will be held between the services (around 9:15 a.m.) every Sunday until Holy Week.



CORONAVIRUS

The following is from the Bishops of the Diocese of New York on the Coronavirus. You can read this message below or on line at: <https://www.diocesenyc.org/covid-19-faith-and-facts-in-a-climate-of-fear/?wpdmdl=60347>

March 3, 2020

Faith and Facts in a Climate of Fear

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are writing to you about COVID-19, the coronavirus disease currently affecting the lives of many around the globe. Much advice and information has already been disseminated—and rather than repeating it all, we refer you to the *Episcopal Relief & Development* website, which has an excellent page titled *Faith-Based Responses to Epidemics*. You can reach this page by entering <https://episnyd.io/erd> in your browser or by going to www.episcopalrelief.org and following the links.

We also offer these simple guidelines for adaptations of services:

- Remind congregants not to come to church or meetings if they feel ill.
- Clergy should wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before services and use hand sanitizer before distributing communion.
- Provide hand sanitizer for congregational use.
- If desired by the congregation, adapt rituals to minimize personal contact.
- Communion: those who are ill should stay home; those who are concerned may abstain from communion or receive “in one kind” (host only); use of the common cup with proper purificator procedure presents relatively low risk; intinction should be avoided.
- Sharing of the Peace: waving or bowing are perfectly acceptable in place of shaking hands or hugging.

Above all, we should be compassionate, and ground our actions in faith and facts.

Episcopal Relief & Development puts this well on the page linked to above:

Our role in responding, as churches, dioceses and compassionate Christians, is to:

- Combat fear with knowledge in order to encourage preparedness and decrease stigma.
- Maintain operational continuity and continue worship life in the case of potential quarantine and disruption.
- Show God’s compassion and care to those in our communities who are affected.

Today we express our profound gratitude for your own leadership and discernment. We have already read and experienced, in our congregations and communities, thoughtful, measured, and helpful responses to the COVID-19 outbreak.

As becomes necessary and as the situation evolves, we will communicate further.

We close with a prayer.

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, p. 832)

The Rt. Rev. Andrew ML
Dietsche Bishop of New
York

The Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin
Bishop Suffragan

The Rt. Rev. Mary D.
Glasspool Bishop Assistant

In addition, here are some other links that might be helpful:

Here's a link to CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

And here's one to the Village of New Paltz, where there are daily updates.

<http://www.villageofnewpaltz.org/>

Presiding Bishop Curry's Statement and Episcopal church website link on the coronavirus:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/concerning-covid19>

SOCIAL GROUP FOR AUTISTIC TEENS

Church of the Holy Innocents in Highland Falls is seeking teens, ages 15-18, who are autistic and who may want to create a social group to do things with and create friendships. Parents of a 17 year old boy have looked online and can't find any local groups. Please respond to Judy Ferguson, holyinnocents@verizon.net if you have young people who might be interested, or information to share.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272; MaryAnn Lis-Simmons, Senior Warden at 845-616-7029; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 702-2552.

FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

... A Brown Bag Lunch with Conversation and Spiritual Reflection, **Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:00 pm.** All welcome. The group is reading Martin Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the Very First Time*.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (March 15, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister:Rae Slingerland (8:00 a.m.)
Lay Eucharistic Minister:Jen Cutter (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte:Amy Nielson
Lector:Rae Slingerland (8:00 a.m.)
Lector:Valerie McAllister (10:30 a.m.)
Usher:Martin Bend
Altar Guild:Marion McPadden
Organist:.....Janet Salt Frommer
Coffee Hour Host:Brenda Hush
Counters:.....Linda Colwell, David Slingerland
Sunday School:.....Barbara Terpening

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

If anything needs fixing, we have a list... let David Slingerland or the church office know.

STORYTELLING CONCERT

On Saturday, March 22 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. there will be a storytelling concert at St. Joseph Church (34 South Chestnut St., New Paltz). Hear professional storytellers share traditional and original tales that uplift the spirit, touch the heart and tickle the funny bone. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided in the church hall during intermission.



UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

This month, with spring in the air, the sighting of robins, and the wakening of our own thoughts for starting a flower or vegetable garden, I would like to share with you two UTO Episcopal Church Awards that will be assisting 2 parishes in the United States in their ministry of planting and growing food.

\$10,604.67 --- Iowa, Faith and Grace Garden Green House, This project adds a greenhouse to share plants with our neighbors across the metro area, allowing those who are food insecure to participate in the process of planting and growing food, building a common community through their efforts.

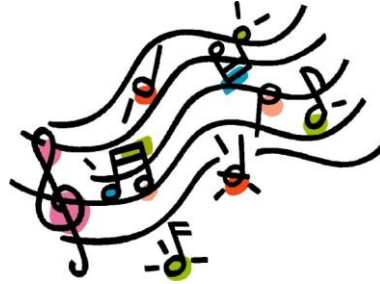
\$9,900 ---Hawaii, Wally Peace Garden, A Peace Garden at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Kalihi -Paloma, Honolulu. An ethnic mix from Asia, the Pacific, the Americas, housed and unhoused to participate in the meaningful work of protecting turf with the important work of digging dirt, planting food, and sharing it's bounty.

As you give thanks for your daily blessings by dropping a coin in your **Blue Box**, you are contributing toward these two grant awards that are assisting faith communities to become advocates for themselves, other vulnerable populations, and the environment.

"With Joyful and Grateful Hearts, Let Us Give Thanks"

Charlene Wynkoop, UTO Coordinator

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially MaryAnn, Jen, Emily, Jane, Kappa, Martin, Charlene, Janet, Liz, Marion, Brenda, Barbara, and Bill.



MUSIC OF VINNIE MARTUCCI

Recital at SUNY New Paltz sponsored by Janet, Allison and Cathy:

Colors and Grooves – The Music of Vinnie Martucci, composer, jazz pianist, former Music Department Chair

Tuesday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m. at Studley Theater

Tickets at the door: \$8.00 (general public), \$6.00 (seniors 62+, faculty, & staff), students \$3.00



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SUNY New Paltz Pantry

Mondays 12:30 – 1:30, 5:00 – 6:30; Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00; Wednesdays 1:00 – 6:00; Thursdays 10:00 – 1:00, 2:00 – 6:00; Fridays 5:30 – 7:00

Volunteers needed

Tops Supermarket Food Ministry

Sunday mornings: Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.

Courageous Lions

Donate yarn to help crochet courageous lions to comfort children and families faced with illness. Contact Cathy Kelly if you know someone who might benefit by having one!

“Clothe the Cold”

Please place clean clothes in good condition in the bins provided at the front of the church.

Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center

Food & clothing always needed. **Wed. 10:00 a.m. - noon & 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon.**

Beginner's AA Meeting

St. Andrew's Parish Hall, **Tuesdays & Fridays, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Monthly Taize Worship

New Paltz United Methodist Church, **third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.**

Companions of Mary the Apostle

Coffee Table Communion, **Fridays, 9:00 a.m.**,
9 Huntington Lane, West Park, NY 12493

Andy's Peeps

Online forum for St. Andrew's community to
share scripture, music, readings, etc.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

SUNDAYS AT ST. ANDREW'S

Two services	8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Adult Christian Formation	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

Holy Week and Easter 2020

April 5	Palm Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
	Procession at 1:00 from Middle School to St. Joseph's	
April 9	Maundy Thursday	6:30 p.m.
	(Light Supper, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar)	
April 10	Good Friday	12:00 noon
April 10	Good Friday	6:00 p.m.
April 11	Holy Saturday	9:00 a.m.
April 11	Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
April 12	Easter Day	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
	(Followed by Easter Egg Hunt)	

SAVE THE DATE

EARTH DAY'S 50th ANNIVERSARY **Saturday, April 18, 11am – 5pm**
Reformed Church of New Paltz

Music, food, earth-conscious vendors; Good family fun!

Interfaith gathering of faith leaders speaking or singing prayers for the planet

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Speak with Val McAllister

GOLF TOURNAMENT **June 20**

Save the date for this important and fun St. Andrew's fundraiser!



Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Kyra, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Hazel, Wendy, Susan, Cathy, Bobby.