

# ***ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ***

## ***PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS***

***MARCH 8, 2020***

### **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

[For readings see: [www.lectionarypage.net](http://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*

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. . . . So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him." Genesis 12:1, 4a It sounds so simple: God speaks, Abram obeys. But Abram's and Sarai's actual story is considerably more complicated.

On the other hand, the conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus seems overly complicated—two people talking past each other, with no obvious resolution. Suzanne Guthrie suggested that Nicodemus wanted literal truth and absolute certainties, while Jesus was inviting him to an entirely different understanding of truth and only the certainty of the Spirit blowing where it will.

I'm struck by how both Abram and Nicodemus, and, come to think of it, Jesus as well, are starting on journeys that are unpredictable, out of their control, and costly, requiring them to let go of some of their most cherished possessions, assumptions, and supports. And in the process they find God in surprising places and life-changing ways. I sense a Gestalt shift from holding on to letting go, from certainties to the unknown from prayer and maybe faith as doing to being in God's presence, known or unknown.

Here's a passage from the end of Padraig O'Tuama's book, *In the Shelter*, that captures for me some of the tensions between my will and God's, my plans and God's, my understanding and the reality of God. By the way, it's not too late to join the Wednesday evening book group—I have 4 more copies of the book for those who would like.

O'Tuama writes,

“Neither I nor the poets I love have found the keys to the kingdom of prayer and we cannot force God to stumble over us where we sit. But I know that it’s a good idea to sit anyway. So every morning, I kneel, making friends with the habit of listening, hoping that I’m being listened to. There, I greet God and my own disorder. I say hello to chaos, my unmade decisions, my unmade bed, my desire and my trouble. I say hello to distraction and privilege, I greet the day and I greet my beloved and bewildering Jesus. I recognize and greet my burdens, my luck, my controlled and uncontrollable story. I greet my untold stories, my unfolding story, my unloved body, my own body. I greet the things I think will happen and I say hello to everything I do not know about the day. I greet my own small world and I hope that I can meet the bigger world that day. I greet my story and hope that I can forget my story during the day, and hope that I can hear some stories, and greet some surprising stories during the long day ahead. I greet God, and I greet the God who is more God than all the God I greet.

Hello to you all, I say, as the sun rises above the chimneys of North Belfast.  
Hello.”

## 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](mailto: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.

## **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](mailto: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 8, 2019)**

Lay Eucharistic Minister: ..... MaryAnn Lis-Simmons (8:00 a.m.)

Lay Eucharistic Minister: ..... Jen Cutter (10:30 a.m.)

Acolyte: ..... Emily Bishop

Lector: ..... Jane Conger (8:00 a.m.)

Lector: ..... Kappa Waugh (10:30 a.m.)

Usher: ..... Martin Bend

Altar Guild: ..... Charlene Wynkoop

Organist: ..... Janet Salt Frommer

Coffee Hour Host: ..... Marion McPadden

Counters: ..... Jen Cutter, Brenda Hush

Sunday School: ..... Barbara Terpening

## ***THE WAY OF LOVE WITH BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY***

Podcast Season 2 continues

Season 1 podcasts and resources available [here](#)

On the web: [\*The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry – Season 2 continues; Season 1 podcasts and resources available\*](#)

## **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.

## COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE

Forgiveness: A Path to Freedom

Mini-Retreat Day - **March 14, 10-4** at the Companionary, 1607 Route 9W, West Park NY;  
suggested donation: \$30, sliding scale. To register, email [companionsma@gmail.com](mailto:companionsma@gmail.com).  
Space is limited. Please RSVP by March 9. *See previous Parish Emails for more details.*



## UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

Until the Ingathering of our **Blue Boxes** in May, I will be sharing with you many of the 2019 Episcopal Church Awards.

This week I will discuss 2 “Start Up Funds for Latino Ministry” awards now being implemented this year.

\$14,450 – Todos Santo@All Saints, Montgomery, Alabama This grant allows All Saints, a historical white congregation, to welcome, partner, and integrate a Latin congregation recently displaced. This project is allowing us to cross ethnic, language and age boundaries that divide us in worship and faith formation to be one community

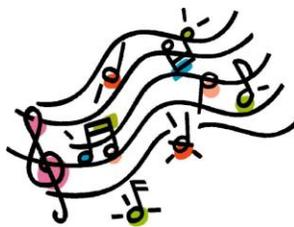
\$30, 000 - Central Gulf Coast - the Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry is bringing together a broad cross-section of the faith community to tackle serious community problems (affordable housing, failing schools, criminalization of childhood) and holds decision makers accountable for implementing researched and effective solutions for solving them.

Remember, as you give thanks for your daily blessings by dropping a coin in your Blue Box, you are contributing toward these and other grant awards that are assisting faith communities to **deepen their ties with each other**, becoming stronger advocates for themselves and other vulnerable populations.

**“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, Brenda, Camille, Julie, David, Valerie, Janet, Liz, Donna, Peter, Bill, Martin, Kappa and Alex.



## 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, \$6.00, faculty/students \$3.00



## ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

<b>SUNY Ulster Food Pantry</b>	<b>Wednesdays &amp; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>SUNY New Paltz Pantry</b>	<b>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</b> <i>Volunteers needed</i>
<b>Tops Supermarket Food Ministry</b>	<b>Sunday mornings:</b> Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.
<b>Courageous Lions</b>	<b>Donate yarn</b> 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!
<b>“Clothe the Cold”</b>	Please place clean clothes in good condition in the bins provided at the front of the church.
<b>Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center</b>	Food & clothing always needed. <b>Wed. 10:00 a.m. - noon &amp; 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon.</b>
<b>Beginner’s AA Meeting</b>	St. Andrew’s Parish Hall, <b>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. &amp; 5:30-6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Monthly Taize Worship</b>	New Paltz United Methodist Church, <b>third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Companions of Mary the Apostle</b>	Coffee Table Communion, <b>Fridays, 9:00 a.m.,</b> 9 Huntington Lane, West Park, NY 12493
<b>Andy’s Peeps</b>	Online forum for St. Andrew’s community to share scripture, music, readings, etc. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/</a>

## 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

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

## SAVE THE DATE

**EARTH DAY'S 50<sup>th</sup> 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.**