



ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATING OUR PAST SHAPING OUR FUTURE



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I read an article in the latest New Yorker Magazine by Jonathan Franzen that ended with this quote, "Life is precarious, and you can crush it by holding on too tightly or you can love it..."

His words got me to thinking and asking myself, What is it that I may be holding on to too tightly? Another approach is to ask myself if there are things over which I have no control that I try to control? And the answer to both is, Yes!

The comfortable words that are used in Rite I Eucharistic liturgy come to mind and have long been a guide for my understanding of what the church needs to be about. "Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." (Matthew 11:28) The verses that follow from Jesus go on... "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

These words stand out to me as a definition of what the Church ought to be about. People all over face difficult and challenging circumstances in their lives. When anyone shows up at our doors, we can remember that they like us are looking for rest and refreshment. Life is precarious as Franzen says. We must take care not to crush the life out of life.

I have two plaster sculptures that are visual reminders to me of how Jesus treats us. The first is a replica of a sculpture in the gardens at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. called the Prodigal Son. In it God is seated and embracing the prodigal which because of the way it is done could be a prodigal daughter or son.

The second sculpture is a seated Jesus with a child in his lap and several others surrounding him. These figures remind me of two things; that we are children of God and we are forgiven. If I am such a child and forgiven, who am I not to see others in the same way. May we love all God's children and be very careful not to crush the love of God out of anyone.

"Father Paul"



Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Scott Massey
- 5—Peter Finrock
- 7—Benoit Mailloux
- 9—Elizabeth Hurline
- 10—Barbara Franklin
- 12—Karen DeLucas
- 13—Holly Stewart
- 15—Mary Kay Murray
David Ptak
- 18—Chris Zambelli
- 19—George Bayrouty
- 20—Tann Philistin
- 21—Arthur Wilson
Ashley Harrison
- 22—Steve Ragsdale
Aidan Crane
- 24—Carla Gasiorowski
- 28—Barbara DeClerque
J. Helena Perry

Schedule of Services

Saturdays 6PM—Worship and Communion

Sundays 7:30AM—Holy Eucharist Rite I
10AM—Holy Eucharist Rite II
10am—Church School (Elementary)

Wednesday 10AM—Holy Eucharist & Healing.
Thursday Choir Rehearsals at 7pm
(Resume in Spetember)

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FOOD FOR THE POOR

On Sunday, June 3rd the Rev. Holly Ostlund, an Episcopal priest of Southeast Florida will be our guest preacher at both services to update us on the ministry of Food for the Poor and the vital work they do throughout the Caribbean to see that desperately poor children and adults receive adequate and nutritious food. Our Diocese has been a long-time supporter of this vital and ecumenical ministry.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Stained Glass Windows—as money becomes available we will be removing the windows to allow them to be cleaned. Windows needing repair have all be cleaned and repaired.

Church Lighting Fixtures—Because of a very generous donation we will be rewiring the main light fixtures in the church two at a time. The wiring has become old and brittle and this will upgrade them to also be more energy efficient.

VESTRY NEWS

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, June 21st at 7PM. A reminder that our financials are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall hallway each month. The Vestry is currently developing an investment policy for the parish with the help of our Finance Committee.

ANNIVERSARIES

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully upon the couples who are celebrating their anniversaries this month and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor the vows they have made through Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1—Abbie & Ted Jackson
17—Joy and George Bayrouy
18—Patricia & Jay Rader
22—Karen & David Morrish

WAY CAFÉ

The feeding Program at Calvary United Methodist Church is every Saturday of each month. We need to have 12 volunteers each Saturday at 2:30PM. We are grateful that this program will continue to feed hungry people in our community. Call Joy Bayrouy if you can help (642-1527).

JUNE TAIZE WORSHIP

On the third Saturday of June our 6pm service offers the beauty of contemplative Taize music with healing prayers and communion. All are invited and welcome.

TRUE ISLAM AND THE EXTREMISTS

A presentation will be held at the Quaker Meeting House on Thursday, June 2nd at 7PM to provide a clear way to distinguish True Islam from extremism. Put on by the Ah-madiyya Muslim Community in Miami. There is no charge and open to the public. The Quaker Meetinghouse is located at 823 North "A" Street in Lake Worth.

SAINT BARNABAS

Barnabas, a companion to St. Paul, is a prominent figure in the Book of Acts. His name means "son of encouragement" and can be an inspiration for all Christians to encourage one another in our walk with Jesus.

JUSTICE MINISTRY UPDATE

Our congregational investment drive has brought in close to \$12,000 for the work of our Justice ministry in Palm Beach County. These funds allow us to continue our work on the issues of Youth Arrests, Homelessness, and I.D.'s and Deportation. We continue to meet with our State Attorney to prevent youth being arrested for minor offences and receive instead a civil citation. While we didn't get a state bill passed, we came very close and have great support from state legislators for next year. We also received support from five of our county commissioners to look for funding for a community ID program and to secure a dedicated source of income for proven programs to end homelessness in Palm Beach County.

This is still time for to invest in this important and vital ministry. Please consider an investment of \$200.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

We continue to need Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses each Sunday following the 10am service. Sign-up sheet is in the kitchen. There is money (\$50) to help with purchases of refreshments for any who take on this valuable ministry.

YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes are now being held on Monday and Wednesday at 6:15 at a new location: "Move" is at 2121 10th Avenue North, Suite 2113. Check out the website at www.movefyd.com.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program is growing in the Lake Worth area and more volunteers are needed. The commitment is to deliver meals to homebound seniors one day a week. Call Debbie Emerick at 561 802-6979 to volunteer or to get further information.

YOUTH NEWS

Several of our youth and adults will be attending the Summer Youth Conference at Kanuga Conference Center in North Carolina this summer. There will be a planning meeting for our youth program on Thursday, June 9th from 1:30PM to 3:30PM.

Ryan Lasky received "Acolyte of the Year" award at the annual Acolyte Festival last month.



INTEGRITY OF PALM BEACH

June Meeting

Integrity—Palm Beach, a parish activity open to all, invites everyone to join us on the second **Saturday, of each month at 7:00PM**. Integrity-Palm Beach is the first and only chapter of Integrity in Palm Beach County. Throughout its ten years of existence, it has welcomed a number of speakers and guest clergy at monthly meetings.

Integrity has also been a consistent presence in the community, inviting all people into the life of St. Andrew's and thereby fulfilling the parish's stated mission: *To Share the Love of Christ in Word and Deed with all God's Children.*

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, June 18th following the 6PM service. Supper and a program with Ann Smith from S.A.G.E. (Service & Advocacy for Gay Elders)



MURAL PROJECT

The main portion of the Mural Project is now up on the wall facing our playground. Dedication tiles are being fired in the kiln and the whole project should be completed shortly. Many thanks to all who painted and/or donated. It looks wonderful and we will hold a dedication very soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 24th—Hawaiian Luau and Fundraiser

August 28th—Annual Food and Wine Event

Stay tuned for details about these exciting parish events.

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10am—HE & Healing 7:30pm—SLAA	<i>2</i> 7pm—True Islam Quaker House 8:30—NA	<i>3</i> 1pm—EFM 7pm—AA	<i>4</i> 2:30—Way Café 6pm—HE
5 III Pentecost 7:30 & 10am—HE 10am—Church Sch	<i>6</i> 7:30pm—SLAA	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 10am—HE & Healing 7:30pm—SLAA	<i>9</i> 1:30pm—Youth Planning 8:30—NA	<i>10</i> 1pm—EFM 7pm—AA	11 St Barnabas 2:30—Way Café 6pm—HE 7pm—Integrity
12 IV Pentecost 7:30 & 10am—HE 10am—Church Sch	<i>13</i> 7:30pm—SLAA	<i>14</i> Flag Day	<i>15</i> 10am—HE & Healing 7:30pm—SLAA	<i>16</i> 8:30—NA	<i>17</i> 1pm—EFM 7pm—AA	<i>18</i> 2:30—Way Café 6pm—Taize
19 V Pentecost 7:30 & 10am—HE 10am—Church Sch	<i>20</i> 7:30pm—SLAA	<i>21</i> 7pm—Vestry	<i>22</i> 10am—HE & Healing 7:30pm—SLAA	<i>23</i> 8:30—NA	24 Nativity of John Baptist 1pm—EFM 7pm—AA	<i>25</i> 2:30—Way Café 6pm—12 Step HE
26 VI Pentecost 7:30 & 10am—HE 10am—Church Sch	<i>27</i> 7:30pm—SLAA	<i>28</i>	29 Sts Peter & Paul 10am—HE & Healing 7:30pm—SLAA	<i>30</i> 8:30—NA		

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The office is open from 9AM to 1PM Monday through Friday. The deadline for notes and/or announcements for the Sunday Bulletin is Wednesday at noon. If it is after noon, you can leave a message on the church telephone, 582-6609 or leave an e-mail at saepiscopal@aol.com. The bulletin is printed on Thursday and the wonderful "Church Ladies" come in and fold and stuff them on Friday mornings.

Keep in mind that the Prayer request list will begin anew each month. If you want the prayer requests to stay on the list for longer, just indicate that when getting the information to the office.

The newsletter deadline for the July newsletter is June 20th. If you know of any events you would like to put in the newsletter or articles of interest, please e-mail them to the office.

The Altar flower memorial and bequest form is in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation for this is \$60. Thanks to all of you this year for your generosity and dedication for sponsoring the altar flowers.

If you would like to have envelopes for your donations, please let the office know. Writing your envelope number on your check helps the accuracy of our bookkeeping.

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