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Please do not hesitate to call Rev. Joe or Janet at any time at the above numbers with pastoral emergencies. Be sure to inform them if you or anyone you know in the parish is ill and/or in the hospital.

GREETINGS FROM REV. JOE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I write this message, like you I am preparing for Lent. We begin with Ash Wednesday. When ashes are placed on our foreheads we hear the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." These words are not meant as a statement about our worth as human beings. Each and every one of us is precious to God. In an amazing act of love beyond human imagination, God took "dust," atoms of carbon and other elements that scientists say were created in the sun and myriad other stars billions of years ago, and formed them into creation, where earth and all living creatures including us, could come into being. God then breathes the life-giving Spirit into us and promises to love us always. The words about "dust" on Ash Wednesday might remind us how completely dependent we are



on God for our being, and for all the good we can become. It's a good way to open Lent, a time for reflection about our relationship with God, and how we might change our lives to live in thanksgiving to God for forming us from the dust; and for promising in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that when our bodies return to the dust of the cosmos, it is only for a time. Jesus will raise us up on the last day. Heard this way, it's humbling, but full of hope and promise. I invite you to a

holy Lent of reflection, conversation, prayer and worship to be open to the Holy Spirit, that each of us might feel God's love, and be inspired to make changes to live lives marked by acts of thanksgiving for that love, lives of true repentance.

God Bless You!

Faithfully yours in Christ.

Rev. Joe

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

Your new Vestry officially began its work at our first meeting on February 13th. We welcome our new additions: Charlie Currie as Junior Warden, Molly Ratcliffe as Clerk and Lisa Storie, Beth Regan and Paula Campbell. We've added new faces to our leadership ranks and I'm personally grateful

for their willingness to participate. One of the themes for the upcoming year will be to explore ways in which we can grow our numbers. We'll be looking for ways to be more friendly and welcoming to visitors and folks looking for a new church home. As part of the that task, we'll visit some

other churches to look for ideas we haven't yet considered. If you happen to visit another church when your travels take you out of town, we'd love for you to share your experience with us. Bring back copies of whatever printed welcome materials you find, as well as any

SENIOR WARDEN MESSAGE (CONT.)

any insight you may on the way you were welcomed.

As always, we encourage your input and participation. I look forward to another exciting,

productive year here at St. Andrew's.

Peace,
Janet



Snow Cancellations

The message on our voicemail will be changed to reflect the cancellation of our services, Sunday school and other events. If you are in doubt, please call the church number and listen to the message before venturing out on the roads.

TREASURER REPORT



Although we expect to be in a deficit situation in the early months of the year due to heating and plowing costs, the actual costs are far worse than we had anticipated. As of the close of February, we have spent approximately \$8000 on heating the church and hall. This is over 50% of the heating budget for the year, and we still have the remainder of this winter, as well as next September through December, to go. In response to this, we have lowered the heat in the facilities, taken

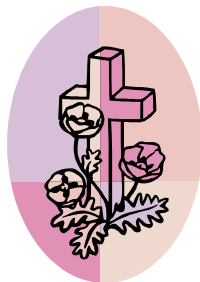
steps to cut the heat use when the building is vacant, and have cut back on the use of the church facilities by the community groups to whom we provide mission outreach.

Our total expenditures during the same period have been almost \$30,000, which includes a necessary improvement to our alarm system. This is over one quarter of the entire budget for the year, at only two months into the year. Our income, at this

point is \$17,259, and to be on budget, we need to have collected \$6923 in pledges in pledges. At this time, pledges are falling 18% short of where they should be at this time. Admittedly, we had no collection the last week of February due to the storm, but we need to get back on track, and we need your help to do so.

Jim

MEMORIALS



Organ Memorial Fund

Marion F. Curtis

Linda Koza Hernandez

Rene J. Morissette

Fernande Palazzo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 29 - Peter Maccaro

April 2 - Shauna Dalrymple

April 4 - Jameson Falk

April 5 - Beverly Brown

April 6 - Jody Bowes

April 8 - Sarah Ratcliffe



April 9 - Charlie Currie

April 9 - Elaine Morissette

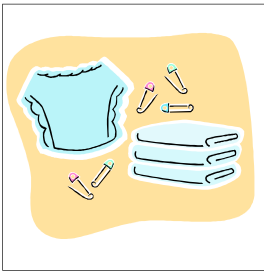
April 9 - Julia Rourke

April 23 - Alex Wunderlich

April 24 - Lloyd Campbell

April 25 - Cassandra Milo

UNDIE SUNDAYS IN LENT



Once again Communities Together will collect small children's underwear, diapers and pull-ups during Lent. Last year there were 20,000 items collected! What a wonderful ministry and so many of you participated to make 2010 the best year yet. Let's see if we can even do more! The agencies that benefited

from the collection in 2010 are: Neighbors In Need; Family Services; Bread & Roses; Lazarus House; SiSePuede; *Manos Felices!*-Hancock Courts; Women's Resource Center (YWCA); Salvation Army; Emmaus House and Pregnancy Care Center.

ST. ANDREW'S FUNDRAISER COMING

Beginning March 12th and continuing through March 27th, St. Andrew's will be conducting a fundraiser to supplement our general budget. We'll be selling Butter Braid pastries which are a light, flaky frozen pastry containing mouthwatering fillings like cinnamon, cream cheese and various fruit flavors. The pastries are a hand-braided sweet dough base containing over 25 light, airy layers and 100% real butter. When ready to use, you simply

thaw, let rise and then bake. An icing packet is included. Great for breakfast, dessert and special occasions. The pastries will be delivered on the weekend of April 9th, just in time for your Easter Brunch! The cost is \$11 per pastry. Everyone can help support our fundraiser and add to our general budget by purchasing a couple of pastries. We'll have samples available and will be taking orders on the Sundays during the

campaign, as well as during our St. Pat's dinner. If you won't be around on those days and would like to place an order or have questions, you can leave a message in the office and someone on the fundraising committee will be in touch.



*If anyone would like to join the **Altar Guild**, we would love to have you. We need your help. Please see Gail Ratcliffe if you are interested and she will be glad to give more information.*

HAITI NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Fundraiser For The Sisters of St. Margaret's Haitian Relief Work

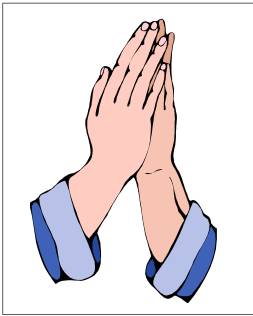
Dinner, Raffles, Silent Auction, Live Music
Saturday, April 2
6:00-8:00 p.m.
\$10 per person; \$15 for couples

5 minute walk from Park Street Station

The Church of St. John the Evangelist
35 Bowdoin Street; Boston, MA 02114

RSVP on or before Weds., March 23 to:
haitidinner@gmail.com

LENTEN PRAYER



Grant, O Lord, that by the observance of these days in Lent, we may grow in companionship with Christ, and that by sharing his sufferings we may come to know the power of his resurrection; this we pray through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen

(Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Praying Our Days)

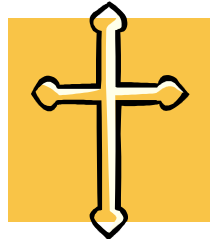


Please consider helping out with the coffee hour ministry and take a turn providing cookies or pastries.

The sign up sheet is on the door connecting the downstairs parlor and kitchen.

PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYER LIST

Please notify the church office if you or someone in your family is ill or hospitalized. In addition to keeping you in our prayers, our Pastoral Care team would like to send one of its members to visit you and bring communion.



We plan to refresh the prayer list quarterly this year. Please contact the office 978-689-0463 or admin@standrewsmethuen.org if you wish keep someone on the list or add someone new.

THE FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to many of you, we again were able to give food to six families in the Arlington Neighborhood each week. We have many faithful donors; it is such a help! As spring arrives, new needs will arise and we will strive to continue our weekly donations. As you shop, we ask you to re-



member these families and pick up one (or more) items on our list and bring it with you to church. It all adds up and is a great help! Each week we give the following to each family: Tuna, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, green veggies, yellow veggies, soup, peanut butter, jelly or fluff. In addition we purchase milk and bread, so a monetary

donation is also helpful. Thank you for your continued help! Bev Brown

COMMUNITIES TOGETHER LENTEN SERVICES

March 9th - Ash Wednesday - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Methuen. Homilist: Rev. Linda Kriel

March 16th - Forest Street Union Church, Methuen. Homilist: Rev. William Waters, OSA

March 23rd - First United Methodist Church of North Andover. Homilist: Rev. Jonathan Drury

March 30th - First-Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover. Homilist: Rev. Richard Knight

April 6th - West Parish Church, Andover. Homilist: Rev. Dr. A. S. Daley

April 13th - Lawrence General Hospital, Kurth Auditorium. Homilist: Staff Member

All services begin at 12 Noon with a light lunch following.

REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING/APPOINTED BY VESTRY

SENIOR WARDEN: Janet Ratcliffe

JUNIOR WARDEN: Charlie Currie

TREASURER: Jim Beagan

CLERK: Molly Ratcliffe

VESTRY: Lisa Storie, Beth Regan and Paula Campbell

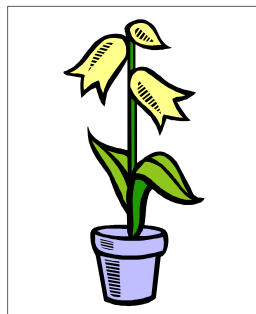
DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION: Richard Falk and Laura Walta

DELEGATES TO DEANERY: Jim Beagan and Betty MacKay

COMMUNITIES TOGETHER: Janet Ratcliffe, Molly Ratcliffe and Bev Brown

HISTORIAN: Dave Marsh

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



Those wishing to give to the Easter flower memorial fund in memory of a loved one, please have information to Gail Ratcliffe by April 17th, Palm Sunday.

ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST

Please join us for our annual Easter Breakfast between the 8am and 9:30am services on Sunday, April 24th.
Everyone is welcome.

Please call the office if you need additional information.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner



March 12, 2010 5:00 P.M.
\$12.00/Adults \$6.00/Child 5-12 years

Gift Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, Irish Sing-along
and Irish Stepdancers

Please contact the church office for further
information.

WITH THANKS TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

We gratefully acknowledge those parishioners who have pledged their financial support to St. Andrew's for the 2011 calendar year. Not only is your financial support critical to our well-being, your willingness to return your pledge card has been extremely important for planning and budgeting for 2011. This list will be updated to the extent any additional pledges are received. In the meantime, please contact Elaine Morissette if you have any questions on your pledge.

Donna Allbee	The Kelley Family
Dorothy L. Archambault	Norma Lee
Dora M. Atkinson	Elizabeth E. MacKay
James Beagan	Joseph W. Madden
Mark Bowes & Nina Abreu	John & Joanne Markavitch
Joyce Brearley	William McBride
Mary Ellen Briggs	Joanne & Ted McCraw
Beverly A. Brown	Krista McLeod & Matt McKeon
Blanche & Lloyd Campbell	Chris and Elecia Miller
Paula Campbell	Elaine M. Morissette
Valerie & James Carey	Lillian Hasbany Newcomb
Claire Cavanaugh	Harry Noorigian
Sharon Chase	Evelyn Ratcliffe
Carol Collopy	Gail Ratcliffe
Charles A. Currie	Janet Ratcliffe
Deb Donegan	Molly Ratcliffe
Mr. & Mrs. George F. Driscoll, Jr.	Beth Regan
Tom and Mary Durant	Bertha Rothwell
Patti Eldred	James D. Shirton
Jim and Carol Elliott	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sparta
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Falk	Lisa Storie
Elizabeth E. Feugill	Huib & Laura Walta
Dorothy Haney	Nancy & Reggie Weisenborn
George & Pauline Hargreaves	The Rev. Joseph W. Wilkes
Albert S. Harvey	Frank J. Worthy
Mr. & Mrs. L. Richard Hill	Doryce Wunderlich
Irene Hoyle	Karl & Deb Wunderlich

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HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS



April 17-- Palm Sunday services at 9:30 (Rite II with music)

April 21 -- Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm for Eucharist, foot washing, stripping of the altar and reservation of the Sacrament

April 22 -- Good Friday; quiet meditation from noon to 3pm; 7pm Eucharist from the reserved Sacrament and Way of the Cross

If you have an email address and are not currently on our email distribution list, please contact the office.

Distributing the Grapevine via email is a tremendous cost savings for us.

Thank you!

MARK THE DATE



- March 8th** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5pm - 7pm
- March 9th** Ash Wednesday noon time & 7pm Services
- March 12th** Annual St. Patrick's Dinner at 5pm in Church Hall