

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



Our Bishop Audrey Scanlan is coming!

I invite you all to be with us this Sunday as we celebrate our time with our bishop, Audrey Scanlan, who will worship with us, confirm members into the Episcopal Church, share a sacred time with our young people, spend time with our vestry members -- and be here for you! She is our chief priest and pastor and in that role, wants to know you. I am already certain I'll be bubbling over with joy at the glorious time we'll have on Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you all there!



Our Bishop's Blog

Each week our bishop writes a blog for us. This week it contains incredible insight into the offering of prayer. She shares her own varied and meaningful practices of prayer, while invites us to ponder our practice and meaning of prayer.



Here's a line she writes which speaks such truth:

"The gift of prayer creates a union between us, the person for whom we pray, and our loving God. It is holy and real and transformative. It is the language of caritas— loving kindness. Speak some today."

To read Bishop Scanlan's blog, please [**click here.**](#)



Confirmations this Sunday

We are blessed that the following people will be confirmed in their faith in the Episcopal Church this coming Sunday: Emma Eshleman, Cameron Gilbert, Bramley Hawkins, Della Hawkins, Shannon O'Donnell, Zachary Rhodes, and Laurel White. Dolly Koehler will be making a Reaffirmation of her faith (at 90 years young!) So much to celebrate!



Keeping you in the loop!

To read the latest newsletter and to learn how you might be able to contribute your gifts to the nurture of the wonderful residents, please [**click here.**](#)

The Episcopal Home February Newsletter

The Episcopal Home is not only adjacent to our property, it also holds a large part of our heart. Many of us give our energy, time, and care to the residents there because we believe in their mission to provide excellent personal care to the residents and their families, enhancing their physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual wellbeing.



Youth Mini-Mission Events

Once again, we need to cancel the winter hike and bonfire due to the rainy weather. UGH!



This YMME is part of our year-long study of our relationship and stewardship to God's creation, our earth.

Next YMME is for everyone! And it's inside so no rain date needed! Let's make this a parish event.

Our next YMME is coming up very soon -- **next Sunday, February 18th at 5 p.m. at church.** It's a potluck so bring your favorite thing to eat/share and get ready for some real inspiration. We will be hearing the captivating story and seeing photographs of a "thru hiker" of the Appalachian Trail -- someone who hiked the entire length! That's pretty impressive. And I bet that experience changed his relationship with the earth -- and usually when our relationship with the earth changes, so does our relationship with God. They just are connected!



The Daily Cup: A Project in Gratitude

One of our parishioners and vestry member, Sarah Wilson, has created this meaningful, inspiring, and (I believe) life-giving Group on Facebook where you are invited to reflect and share your experiences with gratitude.

This group is a place to share positive experiences with daily gratitude practice, get encouragement with inevitable life struggles, and create a community around gratitude practice.

This group encourages the daily practice in writing down or mindfully listing the things you are grateful for. It can sound easy, but believe me, this can be hard soulful work!



I am certain your spirit and heart will be shaped for the better for engaging in this practice.

To join the group, please **click here.**



Lent is right around the corner



Shrove Tuesday Party 2/13 at 5:30 p.m.

This coming Tuesday take a trip to New Orleans (our PLC) for Mardi Gras , great food, great music and a whole lot of fun.

We will start at 5:30 with the burning of the palms, then come inside for some down home Louisiana cooking with a Dixie land beat. When you think you can't eat anymore, the Beignets, hot and loaded with sugar and Cafe' Au Lait will come out of the Cafe Du St. Andrew's.

Come early, stay late and let the good times roll.



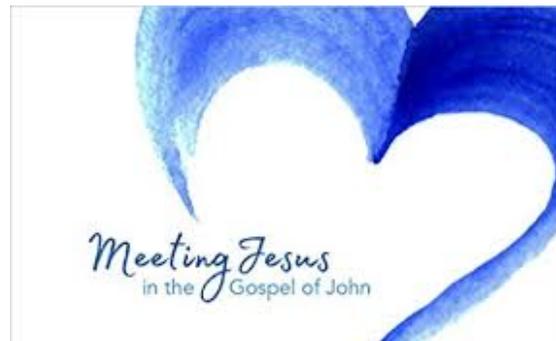
Ash Wednesday Services

10 a.m. The Episcopal Home

11 a.m to 1 p.m. - Ashes to Go in downtown Ship.

6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at St. Andrew's

In this, the church's holy spring, we ask you, O God to renew us. With a gentle breath, blow from our lives the dust of sin, and make us your people again. Lift us from guilt, and shame, and regret, to repair all we've broken, and give us the gift of repentance. With the lengthening days, stretch our hearts, too, to be ready for your risen life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Let's do this daily reflection together during Lent.

To learn about how to engage your children or youth with Ash Wednesday or the entire season of Lent, please [click here](#).

This article by Building Faith (created at Virginia Theological Seminary) has a whole host of

It's offered by SSJE (Society of St. John the Evangelist) and Virginia Theological Seminary and endorsed and encouraged by our Presiding Bishop (see below) and it's a way to deepen our walk through the season of Lent. Next week in my email I'll

meaningful activities for us all to walk closer into the heart of Lent - that returning to the draw of love, which is God.

[Here are a few topics of their articles:](#)

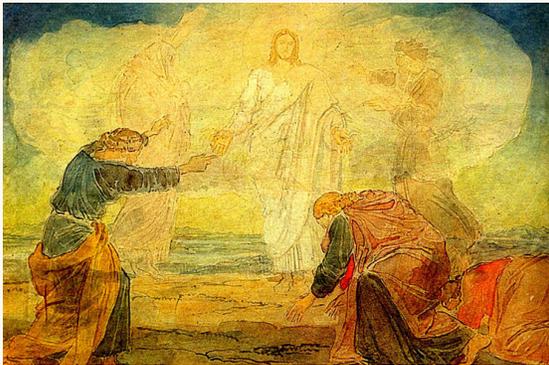
- Pancake Supper Survival Guide
- Ash Wed. bonfire at home
- Lent in a Bag
- Daily thoughts and practices for a glorious Lent
- Lord's Prayer Tracing Cross
- Creating a Lenten Prayer Space at home
- Lenten books and devotions for adults
- Guiding Teenagers through Lent: Give up on Giving Up?

focus on all our Lenten offerings, but here's something you could get started with right away next Wednesday.

For more information, please [click here:](#)



Preparing for Sunday



Bishop's Visit Last Sunday after the Epiphany (Texts of Transfiguration)

This Sunday is the Last Sunday after the Epiphany and the texts portray the story of the Transfiguration, when Jesus went up the mountain with his closest friends and was changed (transfigured), and affirmed in his identity, and came back down to walk into Jerusalem. We hear these texts always right before the season of Lent begins.

Worship Ministers

8 a.m.

Altar Guild: Christina Luo, Bill Gawors, Sue Davis, Samantha Davis

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Barbara Hutchins on

Celebrant & Presider: The Right Reverend Audrey Scanlan

Crucifer: Bill Gawors

Eucharistic Minister: Gary Lewis

Greeters: Katie Dodds and Gary Lewis

Lector: Donna Harpster

Prayers of the People Leader: Paula Knerr

Verger: Mike Stitt

10 a.m.

Acolytes: Matthew Briggs, Petra D'Annibale, Neiley O'Donnell, Alexander Smeltz, Julianna Swab, James Williams

Altar Guild: Christina Luo, Bill Gawors, Sue Davis, Samantha Davis

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

Celebrant: The Right Rev. Audrey Scanlan

Choir Director & Organist: Dr. Gerald Weale

Counters: Lori Horst and Larry Shillock

Coffee Hour Hosts: Ken and Melissa Dots on

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Grace Shearer and Andrew Smeltz

Greeters: Dan, Julianne, Andi and George Swab

Lectors: John Richardson and Ken Dots on

Vergers: Michael Stitt and Michael Rhodes (Bishop's Chaplain) and Bill Gawors

Youth Instrumentalists: Matthew Briggs, Alexander Smeltz, James Williams

Presenters: All those gathered

Those being Confirmed into The Episcopal Church: Emma Eshleman, Cameron Gilbert, Bramley Hawkins, Della Hawkins, Shannon O'Donnell, Zachary Rhodes, Laurel White

Those Reaffirming their faith: Dolly Koehler



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