



March 9, 2023

🌸 **Services at St. Andrew's** 🌸

*Allegheny County's COVID level is "low risk" on measures set by the CDC.
Masks indoors are optional.*

This Sunday, March 12

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

10:00 am: Children's Chapel Upstairs

Children join their parents in the church at the Peace

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist in the Church (see below)

This service is live-streamed on [Facebook](#), posted on [YouTube](#)

The **bulletin for the live-streamed service** is on our [website](#)

5:00 pm: Contemplative Eucharist in the Church



Coffee Hour in Brooks Hall

All are welcome to join us in Brooks Hall tomorrow for **Coffee Hour after the 10 am service**. This is an opportunity for all of us to **greet each other** in person and to **introduce ourselves** to people we haven't met yet.



Wednesday, March 15

12:00 noon: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

🌸 **Lent at St. Andrew's** 🌸

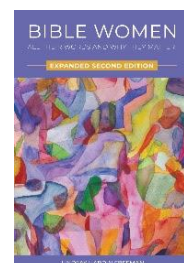
Lenten Book Studies via Zoom

Women's Book Study

Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Beginning **February 23**

Dr. Katie Phelps Walsh will lead this Thursday evening study. Pick a book up in Brooks Hall on Sunday or in the Church Office during the week (\$15 suggested donation). Sign up [here](#).



Lenten Book Study with Fr. Chris

Mondays 7:00-8:00 pm

Beginning **February 27**

Fr. Chris will lead this Monday evening study. Pick a book up in Brooks Hall on Sunday or in the Church Office during the week (\$15 suggested donation). Sign up [here](#).

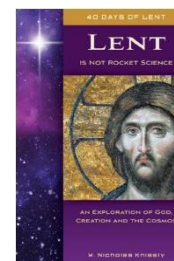


Lenten Meditation Study with Growth in the Spirit Group

Wednesdays 9:00-10:00 am

March 1 through April 5

The Wednesday morning **Growth in the Spirit** reading group, led by Wes Rohrer, will focus on a small set of daily meditations, **Lent is Not Rocket Science: An Exploration of God, Creation and the Cosmos** by W. N. Knisely. This book can be purchased through Amazon or other outlets. All are welcome to join them for a different perspective on Lent: how modern science and our Christian faith can and should be integrated, each tradition complementing the other. Sign up [here](#).



Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent



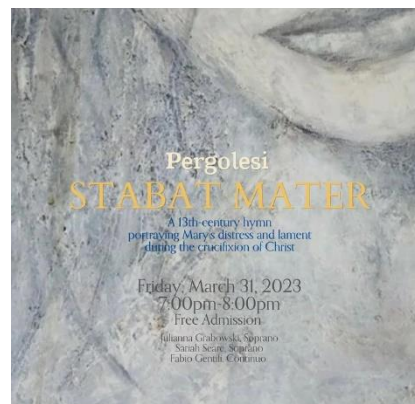
Join St. Andrew's and parishes across The Episcopal Church for Lenten Bible study connecting the Easter Vigil readings to the practices of the Way of Love. Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, this study will encourage us to reflect on salvation history; walk toward the empty tomb; and embrace the transforming reality of love, life, and liberation.

We will meet **Sunday mornings in Brooks Hall** from **9:00 - 9:45 am, February 26 to April 2**. The Bible study will be led by Fr. Luke (lukezerra@standrewspgh.org).

Stabat Mater, Mary's Lament

On Friday, March 31 at 7:00 pm we will present *Stabat Mater*, a 13th century hymn portraying Mary's distress and lament during the crucifixion of Christ. This 12-movement setting by Pergolesi is often performed in Lent.

Sopranos **Julianna Grabowski**, rejoining us from New York, and **Sariah Seare** will be performing, along with **Fabio Gentili** on harpsichord.



[Friday Dinner Series](#)

DINNER SERIES

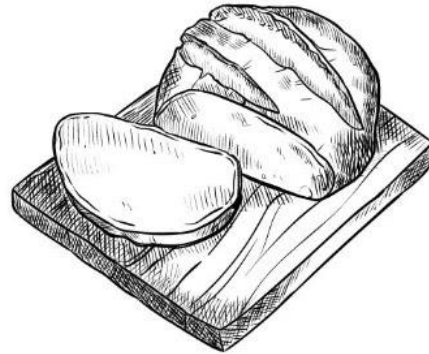
FRIDAYS IN LENT | 6:00-7:00 PM
BROOKS HALL

Lent is a time for reflection about the basics of Christianity. We invite you to a dinner series exploring what it means to be the Body of Christ. Each week we will share a light meal and hear a brief reflection, centered on the Baptismal Covenant, and what being the Church in today's world might be. Join us for this time of food, fellowship, and reflection.

February 24

Rev. Chris Cole

"Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?"



March 3

Dr. Derek Pitard

"Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?"

March 10

Rev. Luke Zerra, PHD

"Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whoever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?"

March 17

TBA

"Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?"



March 24

Rev. Moni McIntyre, PHD

"Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?"

[Sign up here for dinners](#)

🌸 Holy Week and Easter 🌸



2023
HOLY WEEK
April 2 - April 9

April 2 | Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist | 10:00am

Monday in Holy Week
Evening Prayer | 7:00pm

Tuesday in Holy Week
Evening Prayer | 7:00pm

Wednesday in Holy Week
Tenebrae | 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday
Holy Eucharist | 7:00pm

Good Friday
Proper Liturgy | 12:00pm
with Musical Meditations
and Stations of the Cross

Saturday | Easter Vigil
Holy Eucharist | 8:00pm

April 9 | Easter Sunday
Holy Eucharist | 10:00am

🌸 Around St. Andrew's 🌸

Parish Meeting on March 19

On **Sunday March 19**, the Wardens and Vestry will host a **parish meeting in Barley Hall after the 10 am service**. They will share plans for the parish survey and the beginning of the search process, the interim period between the two rectors, and will answer any questions you may have.



🌿 A Message from Our Junior Warden 🌿

Last Sunday, March 5, **our Junior Warden, Thatcher Montgomery**, shared this message with the congregation:



"First, we wish Father Chris and Alex well in the next chapter of their journey.

"Next, we acknowledge our loss and the emotions that go with that, and put our arms around each other. Continue to walk in Love, and stick together as one St. Andrew's parish family. We reset and look up, knowing that we have climbed this hill before. While we know that it is not easy, we know also that together, we can do it.

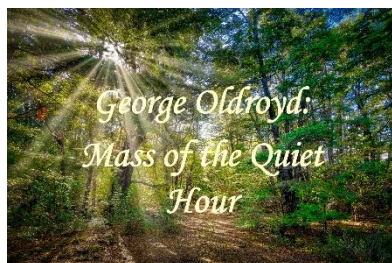
"With many new members and families in the parish, we will be refreshing of our parish profile. We want your voice to be heard, so we are aligned on priorities as we launch our search for our next Rector. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey when it is released. Additionally, the Vestry will soon nominate a search committee to lead us through the process. We would like to move forward in earnest to maintain our momentum.

"In the interim, Father Luke will be taking on additional responsibilities and we will be receiving support from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Our Sr. Warden, Marty Federowicz, is meeting with Bishop Ketlen and Cannon Kim Karashin from the Diocesan Office on Monday. Additionally, our Parish Administrator, Shawn Brooks, will expand his role to keep day to day church operations functioning well.

"We recognize that change, especially one of this magnitude, is never easy. If you need support through this transition, your Wardens and Vestry are here to help. Please connect with me or Marty, if needed.

"As we move forward together, we will continue to keep you informed."

Choral Eucharist on March 19



On **Sunday, March 19, at the 10 am service**, we will have a **Coral Eucharist featuring George Oldroyd's Mass of the Quiet Hour**. This work is quintessential for the middle of the Lenten season of preparation for Christ's Passion. Our choir will sing Oldroyd's most famous Eucharist setting, beloved for its swooping melodies and lush harmonies.

Easter Flower Offerings

All contributions for Easter flowers are greatly appreciated! **Offering envelopes are available at the entrance to the church**, and completed envelopes can be placed in the nearby collection box.



Memorial and Thank Offering designations will be printed in the Easter service leaflet, so **please print carefully** on the offering envelope.

Checks may be made payable to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Please write Easter Flowers on your check memo line.

Taste of Ministries



Have you ever thought you might like to participate in one of our ministries, but you don't know much about it? We are offering the **opportunity to check out ten of our ministries** over the next few months through our "**Taste of Ministries**" program.

Taste of Ministries is divided into **three phases** - Lent, Spring, and Early Summer. Ministries spotlighted during the Lenten phase are **Parish Cares Ministry, Grounds Crew, and Outreach Ministries.**

Descriptions of the offerings for Phase 1 can be attached. Links to Sign-Ups for each ministry are here:

Parish Cares Sign-Up:

Contact Jane Parkhurst, jparkhurst21@gmail.com

[Sign Up for Grounds Crew](#)

[Sign Up for Outreach Projects](#)

Donations of Easter Candy and Plastic Eggs

St. Andrew's will hold an **Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day after the 10 am service**. Children in the Highland Park neighborhood will be invited to join us for this fun annual event.

The Church School is collecting **bags of individually wrapped pieces of candy and plastic eggs** for the Easter Egg Hunt. All candy should be able to fit inside plastic eggs and can be dropped off **between now and Palm Sunday**. **Collection bins will be inside Brooks Hall.**



🌸 Lenten Outreach Drive 🌸

Collection for EECM Food Pantry

During Lent, Outreach Ministries will be collecting **non-perishable foods and dry goods** for the **Food Pantry at the East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM)**.



In a recent newsletter, EECM reported:

"Pantry visits skyrocket by 120% since October...Stubborn inflation has made essentials nearly impossible for the food insecure. Costs for eggs, milk, cheese, and other food have doubled and even tripled in price. Since October, long lines are formed daily outside the EECM Pantry"

EECM appreciates all non-perishable foods and dry goods donations. **A "shopping list" of foods that are particularly requested is attached.**

We will be passing out our traditional **"blue bags"** to use **for returning EECM donations**. Shopping lists will be in the blue bags. We will have bags and shopping lists **available in the narthex and in Brooks Hall**. And of course, if you don't happen to have blue bags, you're welcome to bring in your donations without them.

Bins for donations will be **in the narthex, in Brooks Hall, and on the porch**. Donations will be accepted through **Sunday, March 26**.

🌿 Around the Diocese 🌿

Prayer & Share with the Beloved Community



The Beloved Community Initiative invites you to join us as we come together to pray for healing, reconciliation and racial justice. This **online prayer and discussion event** is offered at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. The next session will be held **via Zoom on Wednesday, March 15, at 7 pm**. The link to join can be accessed [here](#).

Parish Email List

Would you like to receive this *Weekly Update* by email,
and also occasionally receive other email notices from St. Andrew's?

If so, please **send your email address** to our Communications
Coordinator at communications@standrewspgh.org,
and you will be added to our distribution list.

You can opt out at any time. It's the best way
to know what's happening in and around the parish!

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Donations for East End Cooperative Ministry Feb. 22 — March 26

Non-perishable Foods and Dry Goods Particularly Requested:

FOOD ITEMS

- Rice
- Condiments
- Cooking oil
- Boxed meals
- Pastas
- Prepared sauces
- Soups
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Teas
- Coffee

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper
- Reusable grocery/tote bags
- Diapers and baby wipes
(many of the 500+ families they serve have infants)

Please check the sell by/use by dates
No glass containers, please!