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Senior Warden Report

How are we doing?

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, that's a question many of us have been asking ourselves and one another during this time of transition, and there is no one right answer. It all depends on your perspective. It would be easy to dwell on the negatives, so I'll mention some of them up front: total attendance has fallen off; the number of families pledging is down, the search process seems to be taking forever, and there is uncertainty about what our new rector will be like. We can choose to sit around and wring our hands about how awful it is and whose fault it is – or we can choose to look at the positives and move forward as the People of God in this place we call St. Andrew's. When things are not as we think they should be, the pull toward the negative is strong – and we can fall into feeling that we are victims (it's not my fault!), helpless to make a difference, or seek to place blame. God didn't create us to be or do any of these, but to reflect His love as we reach out to one another and the world around us! If we've fallen into any of these traps, it is time to wake up and move beyond it.

Let's take this in stages. First of all, a lot of what we see as negative is normal for a parish in the interim time between rectors. Not pleasant or easy – but normal. We have been reminded of that on several occasions this year by Bishop Smith, Canon Robertson, and Canon Greeley. Some folks with particularly strong attachments to a rector will fall away some time after he or she leaves because "things are just not the same". We tend to take a "wait and see" attitude when it comes time for long-term commitments such as pledging, involvement in committees, and taking on new responsibilities – and this has been fueled in part by things that have nothing to do with our being in this interim period, such as continuing dialogue over the ordination of Bishop Gene Robinson, blessing of same-sex unions, and the various movements which the media in particular see as schismatic for the Episcopal Church. The rector search process has become more complex than in years past, and the "norm", if there is such a thing, is around 12-18 months now. For a parish with needs as diverse as ours, it takes longer, but we are on track.

Next, let's take a look at some of the good things happening at St. Andrew's. Just since the first of this year:

- A small but greatly successful **Parish Retreat** at Chapel Rock in mid-January. We were blessed to have Canon Chuck Robertson, the diocesan Canon for Congregational Development and Growth, as our facilitator. It was also a wonderful opportunity for a core of parishioners from our 8:00 and 9:00 services to meet, work with, and get to know a core of parishioners from our 11:30 service. Language was much less of a barrier than anyone could have imagined. We heard a lot of positive messages about St. Andrew's and its future during that weekend – a message taken to heart by many and shared with those who could not attend.
- A good turnout for "Festival 2005", our **Annual Parish Meeting** at the end of January, with Canon Robertson as a special guest. His message was positive, affirming, and encouraged us to focus on our strengths, our diversity, and look to the future. We elected a new team of **Vestry** members, a new **Junior Warden**, and **Delegates** to Diocesan Convention. We allocated \$6500 in **Parish Tithe** funds for outreach to organizations championed by members of the parish and in proportion to votes cast at the meeting. This is noteworthy in that it has been some time since we distributed parish tithe funds, and allocated them in a whole new way.
- A great **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** (how many years has it been since we had one of those?) to prepare us for Lent.
- A series of **Lenten Classes** led by Fr. Channing to reaffirm our faith and prepare candidates for confirmation.

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- Guest clergy to share the Gospel in ways that helped us think outside ourselves and about the needs of others: The **Rev. Carmen Guerrero**, Canon for Peace, Justice and Hispanic Ministry; and The **Rev. Tom Chesterman** from Food for the Poor Ministries in March.
- A full **Holy Week** schedule of services, rich in the traditions and liturgy of the church, culminating in jubilant **Easter** celebrations at all three services. This year, we split out the baptisms and first communions that were integrated with our bilingual Holy Saturday **Easter Vigil** service into separate elements, restoring the solemnity of the Vigil that had been overwhelmed in the past few years.
- Lots of **Baptisms** and **First Communions** on Easter Eve, Easter Day, and the first Sunday of Easter.
- We welcomed **Bishop Kirk Smith** and his wife Laura (and of course Dexter, the Bishop of Buckeye) for the official Visitation on April 10. Bishop Smith celebrated mass at the 9:00 and 11:30 services, presiding over a **Baptism**, 16 **Confirmations** and 3 **Reaffirmations**. We enjoyed his insights during a Parish Forum between services, and in a meeting with the Vestry following the 11:30 service. He encouraged us not only to stay on track in the greater scheme of things, but to be willing to try new things and make changes to keep things fresh as we go through the remainder of our interim period.
- Our **St. Andrew's Website** is up and running at <http://www.standrewsglendale.org/> with new content being added weekly. An electronic version of this newsletter will be posted to the web.
- The **Rector Search** has reached an important milestone – a change in emphasis. Much of what has taken place after receiving the lists of potential candidates and their Church Deployment Office profiles has been designed to filter out and reduce the numbers. Now the emphasis is on enabling the best of the core candidates to “bubble up to the top”.
- ...and many other good things for which there is insufficient room to list!

When I was a child, my friends and I would play a game called “which would you rather?” I offer you that same choice now. Which would you rather:

- Dwell on and get mired in the short list of the negatives? or
- Focus on and build up the list of the positives as we move forward together into the future?

You know what choice I've made... Have you made yours?

*In His Peace,
Peter*

¿Como van las Cosas Aquí?

Mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, esta es una pregunta que muchos de nosotros hemos preguntado unos a otros durante este tiempo de transición, y no hay una sola respuesta correcta. Todo depende de su perspectiva. Sería fácil morar en las negativas, así que mencionaré algunas de ellas al principio: la asistencia total ha caído; el número de familias haciendo compromisos para soportar la iglesia ha caído, el proceso de la búsqueda parece tomar demasiado tiempo, y hay incertidumbre sobre que tipo de persona será nuestro nuevo rector. Podemos sentirnos tristes y preocuparnos sobre que difícil todo es - o podemos mirar los positivos y movernos adelante como el Pueblo de Dios en este lugar que llamamos San Andrés. Cuando las cosas no son como pensamos que deben ser, la atracción hacia la negativa es fuerte - y podemos caer en el pensamiento que somos víctimas, incapaces de hacer una diferencia, o tratar de poner culpa. ¡Dios no nos creó para ser o hacer estas cosas, sino para reflejar su amor unos a otros y en el mundo en que vivimos! Si hemos caído en cualquiera de estas trampas, es tiempo para despertar y de mover más allá de ellas.

Tomemos esto en etapas. Primero, mucho de lo que vemos como negativo es normal para una parroquia durante el tiempo del interino entre rectores. No es agradable o fácil - pero es normal. El Obispo Smith, y los Reverendos Robertson y Greeley, nos han recordado de esto en varias ocasiones

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este año. Alguna gente con amistad particularmente fuerte a un rector por fin salen de la iglesia después de que el rector se va porque las "cosas no son iguales – han cambiado". Algunos toman una actitud de "esperar y ver" cuando viene el tiempo para hacer compromisos a largo plazo tales como promesas de mayordomía, participación en comités, o adquirir nuevas responsabilidades - y esto ha sido magnificado en parte por cosas que no tienen nada hacer con nuestro ser en este período del interino, tal como el diálogo que continua sobre la ordenación del Obispo Gene Robinson en el estado de New Hampshire, discusiones sobre la bendición de las uniones del mismo-sexo, y los varios movimientos que la prensa consideran como cismáticos para la iglesia episcopal. El proceso de la búsqueda del rector ha llegado a ser más complejo que en años pasados, y la "norma", si hay tal cosa, ahora es alrededor de 12-18 meses para conseguir un nuevo rector. Para una parroquia con necesidades tan diversas como las nuestras, toma más tiempo, pero estamos en pista.

Próximo, nos daremos cuenta de algunas cosas buenas que han ocurrido en San Andrés desde el principio de este año:

- Un **Retiro Parroquial**, pequeño pero con gran éxito, en el Campo Chapel Rock en el medio de Enero. Fuimos bendecidos por tener el Padre Chuck Robertson, el Canon diocesano para el desarrollo y el crecimiento de congregaciones, como nuestro guía. Era también una oportunidad maravillosa para un grupo de feligreses de nuestros servicios de 8:00 y de 9:00 juntarse, trabajar con, y familiarizarse con un grupo de feligreses de nuestro servicio de las 11:30. Los idiomas eran mucho menos de una barrera que cualquier persona habría podido imaginarse. Oímos muchos mensajes positivos sobre la Iglesia de San Andrés y su futuro durante ese fin de semana - un mensaje llevado al corazón por muchos y compartido con los que no podrían asistir.
- Muchos participaron en el "Festival 2005", nuestra **Reunión Anual de la Parroquia** al fin de enero, con Canon Robertson como huésped especial. Su mensaje era positivo, afirmando, y animado nos para fijarnos en nuestras fuerzas, nuestra diversidad, y dar la mirada al futuro. Elegimos a nuevos miembros del **Concilio Parroquial** (vestry), un nuevo **Guardián Menor**, y de **Delegados** a la convención diocesana. Asignamos \$6500 en fondos del **Diezmo Parroquial** para organizaciones patrocinadas por miembros de la parroquia y en proporción con los votos en la reunión. Esto es significativo en que ha sido una mucho tiempo desde que distribuimos fondos del diezmo parroquial, y fueron asignados en una manera nueva.
- Una buena **Cena de Panqueques para el Martes de Carnaval** (¿cuántos años ha sido desde que tuvimos unas de estas cenas?) para prepararnos para la Cuaresma.
- Una serie de **Clases de Cuaresma**, con el Padre Channing, para preparar los candidatos para confirmación.
- Cleros huéspedes para compartir el Evangelio en maneras que nos ayudaron a pensar fuera de nosotros mismos y de las necesidades de otros: La **Reverenda Carmen Guerrero**, Canon para paz, justicia y el ministerio hispánico en febrero; y el **Padre Tom Chesterman** del ministerio para el alimento de los pobres en marzo.
- Un horario completo de servicios para la **Semana Santa**, ricos en las tradiciones y la liturgia de la iglesia, culminando en celebraciones jubilosas el **Domingo de Pascua** en los tres servicios. Este año, separamos los bautismos y de primeras comuniones que fueron integrados con nuestro servicio bilingüe de la **Vigilia Pascual** el Sábado Santo en años pasados, restaurando la solemnidad de la Vigilia.
- Muchos **Bautismos** y **Primeras Comuniones** el Sábado Santo, el Domingo de Pascua, y el primer domingo después de Pascua.
- Dimos la bienvenida al **Obispo Kirk Smith** y su esposa Laura (y porsupuesto Dexter, el "Obispo de Buckeye") para la Visitación oficial el 10 de abril. Obispo Smith celebró la misa en los servicios de 9:00 y de 11:30, con un **Bautismo**, 16 **Confirmaciones** y 3 **Reafirmaciones**. Compartió ideas con nosotros durante un foro de la parroquia entre los servicios, y en una junta con el vestry después del servicio de 11:30. Él nos animó a mantenernos no sólo en pista en el mayor esquema de cosas, sino de también hacer nuevas cosas para mantenernos vivos durante el resto de nuestro período del interino entre rectores.

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- Nuestra **Sitio Electrónico de San Andrés** en la red es funcional en <http://www.standrewsglendale.org/> con nuevas cosas añadidas cada semana. Una versión electrónica de este periódico será puesto en la red en nuestro sitio.
- La **Búsqueda del Rector** ha alcanzado un punto importante - un cambio en énfasis. Mucho de qué ha ocurrido después de recibir las listas de candidatos potenciales y de sus perfiles de la oficina del despliegue de la iglesia se ha diseñado para filtrar y para reducir los números. Ahora el énfasis está en permitir al mejor de los candidatos de la base "burbujear hasta la tapa".
- ¡...y muchas otras cosas por cuales no hay suficiente lugar para detallar!

Cuando yo era niño, mis amigos y yo jugaron un juego llamado "¿qué prefieres?" Les ofrezco la misma oportunidad de escoger hoy. ¿Qué prefieren:

- ¿Morar en y ser enlodados en la lista corta de los negativos? o
- ¿Fijarnos en y hacer crecer la lista de los positivos, mientras movemos adelante juntos en el futuro?

Ustedes saben que yo he escogido... ¿Han ustedes escogido?

*En la Paz del Señor,
Pedro*

Junior Warden Report

Our church home is a beautiful place. You only need to look around and see that there are many things about the campus that make up the genuine beauty it offers. There are donated items such as the benches surrounding the tree in the courtyard to items used during service such as the Censer. But there are the other donations that are given in service of the church itself and that is time and talent. Both are needed and necessary to keep our church home looking and operating at its best.

There are many people that donate their time to ensure that things are getting done. Landscaping could not be accomplished without the talents of a couple of families. There is even people that do small odd jobs around the church that generally would not get done unless they do them on their own time. Why? Love of God and Jesus, love of the church and love of the people within it. That is why our church is such a beautiful place.

But yet, there are so many things that need to get done that the call goes out to ask that people step up to fill those positions. There is a need for electricians to fix some lighting issues that exist in the parish hall. There is also need for air conditioning oriented people that can maintain the units. There is even room for plumbers and carpenters for various small jobs that need attention. There is even room to back up those that already do service in the church to give them breaks from doing the jobs they already do. One ongoing project that has started and is nearing completion is the installation of the new drinking fountain in the church hallway by the Godly Play room. The drain for the fountain had to be completely re-designed which called for major work to be performed to the existing piping. Without the know-how and time spent doing the install, it would not get done without hiring someone.

Very soon, a sign up sheet will be circulating the church asking for your help. Please consider signing up and indicating what you can do to help. The work around the church is a lot of fun and satisfying in so many levels and a great way to fellowship. What a beautiful church campus we have, help us maintain it and keep it healthy.

In his peace
Darrin Scarpitto

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Name our Newsletter

Our newsletter needs a name so what better way to name than to have our parishioner's submit suggestions. Please submit your suggestions and anything you would like to have published in the newsletter to Lois Crosland via email: newsletter@standrewsglendale.org or give them to her at Church on Sunday morning.

High School Lock-in for graduating Eighth Graders

Jary & Diane Engels

On Saturday, May 14, the youth group at St. Andrew's hosted a lock-in for the eighth graders that will be joining our class in the near future. It was held in the parish hall and started around 6:00 PM.

Those who planned on taking part in this event were encouraged to bring music of their choosing so that every teen can become accustomed to the tastes of their peers. Other activities during the lock-in included:

- A live band performance
- Pie (and marshmallow) eating contests
- Music
- Movies

Other activities were held during the lock-in. We invited any eighth graders currently attending St. Andrew's to join us for a rockin' good time. Everyone brought something to sleep on, their toothbrush, (we attended church the next day) and a few dollars just in case, but all the food was provided.

High School Activities on Sunday Morning

Jessica Engels

You've probably noticed that around the time of announcements or passing of the peace the high school kids come into the church. That's because every Sunday we start out in the youth room. A different teen prepares a song and sermon for the rest of the youth group every week; we read the Psalm and the Gospel, and discuss our understandings or opinions. Afterwards we hold our own "prayers of the people" where we share what's going on in our lives, and everything said in class stays there and we don't ridicule anything said, or pass judgment. It's a fun, friendly environment and we invite any high school aged people to join us.



Teddy Bear Ministry

John Schartow

The "Teddy Bear Ministry" started in Buckley, WA or in Los Angeles, CA. We've heard both. It has spread across the country with many churches, synagogues, and civic groups donating huggable stuffed animals to police and fire departments. They are given to children in stress in case their house has burnt, or their parents have been arrested or they have been abused, etc. They are also given to elderly people, rape victims and anyone the police or firefighters feel that could benefit from an animal to hug. We have also donated them to the Phoenix Police Dept. Family Advocacy Center. This is an ongoing outreach program. The stuffed animals should be new. We have had to discard some that were worn or musty smelling from being stored in attics, basements, etc.

The folks to whom we have donated have been very appreciative. The blessed Easter bunnies, ducks, etc. were very appreciated.

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Search Committee Report

Ed Comtois, Chairman

The Search Committee has been meeting on a weekly basis. We began our search with thirty-five (35) candidate profiles. After reviewing all the profiles, that number was reduced to eleven (11). After further review, it was determined that two (2) did not match the St. Andrew's profile. Letters were prepared that would advise those who did not meet our profile, thanking them for their interest in our search. Letters were prepared and sent to those individuals who did meet the St. Andrew's profile. Letters were sent to the nine (9) potential candidates, along with a copy of the St. Andrew's Profile and the CD depicting life at St. Andrew's. All the letters were mailed on April 25th. We have started receiving and evaluating their responses. We will then be contacting the candidates who responded to our letter to obtain more information about them. In the interim we have formulated questions that will be asked of the candidates who have shown an interest in St. Andrew's. Your Search Committee has invested many hours in the search process for a new Rector and we ask for your patience during this crucial time. We don't have a definite time line for completion of this process other than the fact that we are striving to accomplish our goal as soon as possible.

The St. Andrew's Prayer Chain

Louise Bowles



Anyone who is in need of prayer or would like to ask prayer for another, may do so by emailing Prayers@standrewsglendale.org, or by leaving the prayer on the written Prayer List found on the podium in the Narthex on Sundays.

If you have a computer and would like to become a praying member of our E-Mail Prayer Team, please contact Louise Bowles, Prayers@standrewsglendale.org

St. Hilda's Guild

Barbara Fabre

St. Hilda's Guild is still alive and well. After our Jingle Bell Boutique in December, we took a well-deserved rest. During Lent we met, made, and learned to use Anglican Rosaries. We met again on Tuesday May 10th to work on pre-mature baby clothes for our Cherub Ministry. Keep your eyes and ears open for the next meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.



On-going Ministries

Barbara Fabre

The Travel Ministry (also know as the Sticky Fingers Ministry) is still active. We collect small shampoos, soaps, conditioners, deodorants, body lotions, etc. that you get from the hotels and motels while you travel. These toiletries go to the homeless people in our valley through the St. Vincent De Paul Transient Authority. There is a small suitcase in the parish hall for your contributions.

The Teddy Bear Ministry has been going full bore since its beginning 3 years ago. We collect New or like-new stuffed animals, which are given to children in crisis by the police, firemen and paramedics. The Bring a Bunny to Church drive this year yielded over 135 bunnies for this ministry. Thank you!

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The "Ladies" of St. Andrew's

Barbara Fabre



St. Andrew's very own Red Hat Society has hit the ground running! After a very successful tea in March we started our group with over 25 "Red Hatters". On April 23rd we attended a luncheon along with 150 other "Red Hatters" at St. John's. The guest speaker gave us marvelous hints on how to shop for bargains. Yeah! On April 25th we celebrated National Red Hat Society Day by going to Mimi's Café at Metrocenter for lunch and lots of laughs. Up-coming events are a tour of the Wrigley Mansion, a Tom Jones Concert, and a trip to Scottsdale to Late Night Catechism. The Red Hat Motto is "Girls just want to have fun" and are we living up to our motto! The "ladies" of St. Andrew's is open to all women over 50 and those fast approaching 50. If you'd like more information about us please contact Rosey the Queen Mum (Barbara Fabre) or Princess Lullabell (Mary Lou Smith).

National Scrapbook Day

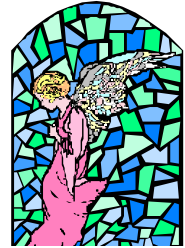
Barbara Fabre

Saturday May 7th was National Scrapbook Day and we had a fun day in the parish hall with several ladies working on various scrapbook projects and sharing lunch. A great time was had by all! There's talk of making this type of fellowship happen more often!

Stained Glass Window #5

Barbara Fabre

We've had many delays in the dedication of window #5. As of this writing, the newest dedication date is Sunday May 29th. This window is of the crucified Christ surrounded by Archangels. We hope to see you in church for it's unveiling.



Sunday School Awards

Corrina Willie



On Sunday, May 22nd the Sunday School Children received their awards at the 9:00 and 11:30 services. Between the services we served a picnic type lunch in the hall. The menu included hot dogs, chips, watermelon, desserts and drinks.

The teaching staff and families provided the donations to make this all possible. The last day of Sunday school class was May 15th.

Collecting Campbell Soup Labels:

The Scarpitto family is collecting **Campbell Soup labels** for the youth at church. All products purchased with **Campbell Soup labels** will be donated to our church youth groups.

Please see any of the members of the Scarpitto family if you wish to drop of your labels for this wonderful project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Tanya Scarpitto

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Altar Guild

Hope Warlick

The St. Andrew's Altar Guild is a group of men, women and youth who help in providing the important part of the Eucharist. If you have read Fr. Channing Johnson's book, "Our Building, Worship, and Organization", there is a description of the altar area that the altar guild helps in preparing the altar. There are the seven symbols on the front of our altar. Look for these symbols when you are in the church: Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Ordination, Holy Matrimony, Reconciliation of a Penitent and Unction.

There are several "special" services at St. Andrew's that the altar guild supports. These are: Baptism, Holy Matrimony, Requiem Mass, and Quinceañera's. In addition, we prepare for festival days like St. Andrew's Day, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, Easter Eve Vigil and Christmas Eve services.

If you are interested in trying out the altar guild service, summer is a great time to try out the team. Please contact Hope Warlick, Altar Guild Directress.

Acolytes/Servers

Hope Warlick

St. Andrew's Acolytes/Servers had a breakfast meeting April 30th. It was the first time we have had the 9:00 and 11:30 teams together.

This group of youth ministers are going to be recognized in their services, May 15th. Please let them know that you recognize their service to the Lord.

There will be an acolyte/server field trip to a west valley parish so they can see how other parish's acolytes do their service. This will be arranged during the summer.

There are three P's to service as an acolyte/altar server:

**Pnctuality
Pay Attention
Participate**

We have two senior acolytes at St. Andrew's. Mary Warlick, 9:00 service; and Miguel Carmona, 11:30 service.

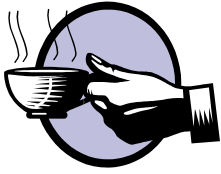
Upcoming events: Diocesan Acolyte Workshop and Festival September 10th

This will be a day for all acolytes in our diocese to take workshops in a variety of related topics and complete the day with a festival celebration. The celebration will have a procession of the acolyte parish's banners. This will be held at Trinity Cathedral.

9:00 Acolyte Mom - Hope Warlick

11:30 Acolyte Mom - Dulce Carmona

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Coffee
Hour Ministry
"Where The Family Gathers"

"Come over for a cup of coffee," we say to our friends. What we really mean is, **"Lets' spend some time together talking."** An invitation for coffee is synonymous with an offer for friendship; it means we want to take the time to get to know each other better. In our culture, drinking coffee together has somehow become one of friendship's building blocks, a small and casual ceremony that brings us closer to each other. ("Coffee Talk" by Ellyn Sanna). The St. Andrew's family comes together every Sunday after the 8:00 and 9:00 am services to fellowship with each other.

Our world loves coffee. People find drinking a cup of coffee to be a private ritual, a peaceful little space of time that give their day structure and significance. Even more, coffee is more than a simple beverage. The very aroma of fresh-ground coffee beans carries with it a whole bundle of feel-good sensations: warmth, comfort, friendship, relaxation, hospitality, intimacy ("Coffee Talk" by Ellyn Sanna). Please come and join us for a wonderful time and develop old and new friendships.

The Coffee Hour Ministry is a group of volunteers who come together each Sunday morning who prepare the coffee, water, juice, set out donuts, prep and set out vegetables with a dip and seasonal fruits. Ted Warlick (King of the Kitchen) heads up the Coffee Hour Ministry. If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry there is a sign-up sheet available in the parish hall during coffee hour or call Ted. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating three to four month cycle.

Ted Warlick (King of the Kitchen) Coffee Hour Ministry.



Do you know that conversation
Is one of the greatest pleasures
In life?" - Somerset Maugham

Supply Clergy

Lois Crosland

We have been quite fortunate that there is an excellent source of supply clergy available and that there are several bilingual priests in the mix in which we are able to choose from. We greatly appreciate all the service of Fr. Jerry Cook, Fr. Bob Welch, Fr. David Pettengill and Fr. Jim Eron and you will be seeing them around more during the summer months while Fr. Channing is off to the cool temperatures in Idaho.

Hospitality

Hope Warlick

St. Andrew's Hospitality has had an active winter and spring. We have had the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, a Hymn Sing a Long, A reception for Canon Carmen Guerrero, and a reception for Confirmation and Baptism. Thank you for supporting these events with your time and donations.

The "King of the Kitchen" has been grateful to all the volunteers who have helped with all these events.

Please continue to support the Coffee Hour Ministry by your monetary donations.

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St. Andrew's Chancel Choir

Don Palm
Minister of Music



The “*Hallelujah, What A Savior*” sung by the adult or chancel choir at St. Andrew’s was an Easter message through song and narration. Our narrators were Dick Fields and Connie Kentfield who both excelled with conveying the glorious and profound scripture dialogue to the congregation. We have also been blessed with angelic flute and violin solos this year from Lauryn Hopper (flute) and Joanne Schartow (violin), which have woven musical continuity to our service. St. Andrew’s Chancel Choir maintains a core membership of 18-20 voices throughout the year, which is a number that a much larger church would harbor in the Phoenix area.

Outreach

Henri Auterino

St. Andrew’s has a broad commitment to ministries of compassion. There are two broad categories of folks we see to serve: the homeless and children. We are regular participants in programs to feed the homeless through prepared meals and the local school pantry. Each year we provide school supplies and personal hygiene products for people in need and Christmas presents for children in difficult circumstances. This is not an exhaustive list. We frequently respond to emergency needs and the shape of our ministries of compassion is constantly changing to meet the real needs of those served.

The committee is looking into ways to expand our ministries through association with St. Vincent DePaul, New Life Center and the All Faith Community Outreach and Resource Center for other ways to minister. More information on these will be forthcoming!

Our next ministry kick-off is “Back to School”. We will start this activity in June. In previous years, we have given children in our community a backpack FILLED with school supplies. We are looking for NEW ideas or suggestions in this area. Your input is crucial to it being a success. Please share your ideas as soon as possible by calling Henri Auterino or Elizabeth Teekasingh. You are welcome to join our committee!!!

Window On The First People

The Northeast Regional Parish is pleased to announce *Window On The First Peoples* Tour scheduled for September 29 – October 2. This year they will have Bishop Kirk Smith and Laura accompany them on a visit to the Ancient Ones and their descendents. The stops will be the Acoma (Sky City), Chaco Canyon, and El Morro and will end up at Good Shepherd Church, Fort Defiance.

In the last 10 years nearly 500 people have taken this trip into Navajo country to enjoy the beauty of the reservation, to worship at Good Shepherd, and to learn from the Native Americans.

If you would be interested in participating there are brochures in the narthex and we have been advised that the trip tends to fill up quickly.

For further information you can check out the website www.northeastregionalparish.org. Additional registration forms can be obtained by contacting Chloe Goings via email chloephx@aol.com.

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Birthdays

May 5 -- Sheryl Major
May 8 -- Ann Gianoli
 -- Enrique Ruiz-Esparza Jr.
May 13 -- Lindsey Scarpitto
 Henry Sullivan
May 18 -- Deborah Summers
May 23 -- Justin Higgins
May 28 -- Greg Bowles
 Neil Dobson
 Catherine Scarpitto

June 2 -- John Summers
June 3 -- Bryan Reynoso
June 11 – Kyle Dobson
June 12 – Jayson Auterino
June 15 – Don Murrow
June 13 – Bola Oluloro
June 18 – Paula Alvarez
 Cindy Brown
June 22 – Ed Comtois
 John Gianoli, Jr.
June 23 – Richard Spayd
 Elizabeth Teekasingh
June 27 – Channing Johnson

Anniversaries

May 13 – John and Terry Ruth
May 20 – Darrin & Tanya Scarpitto
May 25 -- Channing & Joyce Johnson

June 13 – Doyle & Leonora Lyddon
June 21 – Steven & Kathleen Higgins
June 25 – Karl & Louise Janish
June 29 – Bryan & Ruth Reynoso
June 30 – Henry & Natalie Sullivan

A FRIEND

The Corner Poet

A friend is someone who cares.
A friend is someone who will share
The laughter and the tears,
Will dry your cheek and calm your fears.

A friend is someone who will smile.
A friend will make it all worthwhile.
Will help to make each day brighter,
Will help to make the load a little lighter

When you are sad,
Nothing now, can be so bad.
Cause I am here to lend
A helping hand, to my friend.