



April 2011



## A Message to the Parish by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

We are about to enter a powerful and sacred time: Holy Week, which will form and inspire our faith, however much or little we get into it. These events of Jesus' life with us and for us illuminate who we are as God's people and who God is for us. Each year we remember these holy events, not just as what happened in history but also as participants with Jesus here with us now.

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams speaks to this: "Each year, the church renews its understanding of itself and its world in the process, the story, of the Christian Year. Above all, in Holy Week and Easter, it takes us inexorably through a series of changing relationships, shifting perspectives, that cannot be rushed: it leads us through the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, which is the centre and wellspring of what we are. We can't do this with selected highlights, saving time; this is a contemplation, a feeding, that requires our flesh and blood, our patience, our passion. It requires that things are done to us, that we allow ourselves to be changed and enlarged."

I urge you to participate in as many of our Holy Week and Easter services (listed in this Newsletter) as you can. Some may be familiar – try some that you have not been to before. Let the words and prayers and memories of Jesus' experience connect with your own life and journey.

In preparation for these holy days, keep reading the Lenten devotional booklet we have distributed. (If you are behind or have not started, don't rush or be anxious. Simply read the portion for whatever day it is and reflect on that.) Reading one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) is also an excellent way to prepare for Easter. I am happy to sit down with anyone to talk confidentially about your spiritual journey.

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Please think about who you might invite to share these holy events with you. We all have friends, neighbors, and even family members who would welcome a no-pressure invitation to something that might be spiritually meaningful for them. Also, as of today, our Good Friday Noon Ecumenical Prayer Service will include Assemblies of God, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and United Methodist co-sponsoring churches.

We have this Lent been considering God's guidance and purpose for our lives and parish. Our Holy Conversations team is off to a good start in guiding our discernment as a parish. The Sunday Bible stories have been dramatic and insightful. Our musicians are in good form (and tune). Thank you all for sharing in this Lenten journey. Thanks be to God!



**Celebrating Fr. Ed Sterling's  
90th birthday.**

## **Thank You!**

By The Rev. Ed Sterling

Shrove Tuesday,

March 8, 2011

Dear Family of St. Andrew's,

The love and appreciation you have given me calls for more response than words can express, but know that my heart is bursting with gratitude and love for you.

Besides the beautiful, joyous observance you made of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and the splendid one of my 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary, your loving kindness goes back a long way.

It began when Margaret and I joined a mission congregation in transition in 1980. When Margaret was stricken, you were there. When I had multiple bypass surgery, you were there; and for three other surgeries since then. Through you, the ECW and the rector and vestry and very many individuals, you have expressed your appreciation in material ways as well as words from your heartfelt feelings. I feel that I have received much more than I have given, even more. Besides companionship on the pilgrim way, I have enjoyed the awesome privileges of serving at the altar and giving pastoral care.

Remembering the past, conscious of the present and looking towards the future, I would share with you a sense of the stream of generations ever approaching the fulfillment of God's plan for that realm of perfect love, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithfully and thankfully,

Fr. Ed

## Senior Warden Musings

by Ken Rhodes

Spring is almost here, despite the considerable rain we have received in the last few weeks. One of our “traditions” here at St. Andrews is what is known as “Spiffing Day”. Once or twice a year, we invite all members to clean up and fix up our grounds. Buildings and Grounds Coordinator Bill Brice and I have worked up a list of tasks and projects.

We invite all members, young and old, to join us on April 10 after the 10:00 service to tend the various projects we have in mind. The winter can be hard on the planted areas and many can help with repairing the flower beds and other green spaces. Chores like window washing and floor cleaning are always needed. Many of the hedges need trimming back for the coming year. Some of the pews need some attention and some of the wood needs protective measures. These and many more projects are available for all members to help us with. If you are unable to join us on the 10<sup>th</sup>, select another time convenient to you and use your considerable talents, inspiration, and perspiration to keep the building looking good.

We do have a few tools on hand but you are encouraged to bring your own tools like pruners, rakes, clippers, hoes, and the like if you can. We often run out of room in the yard waste barrels so we encourage taking home some leaves for your compost bins.

Please join us for this fellowship and community building opportunity. You will see volunteers from 10 to 90 years old and will feel good inside for days afterward.



## Parish Life

### April Birthdays

3	Brandon Koch Haley Morton
8	Barbara Devik
11	Holli Greer
12	Sandy Dick Dianne Thomas Abigael Wilhite
15	Ed Wolfer
22	Lynn Bourcier
23	Doug Strausbaugh
27	Annika Jeffers
30	Kelli Shillito

### April Anniversaries

9	Bill and Helen Abbott
21	Kurt and Cynthia Johnston
23	Wayne and Peggy Nelson
26	Phil and Beverly Hansen

# Holy Week and Easter

## at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Tacoma

### **Palm Sunday (April 17) – 8 & 10 am:**

Both services will begin outside around the Cross with the Liturgy of the Palms, then march inside for the Dramatic Reading of the Passion and Holy Communion.

### **Monday in Holy Week (April 18) – 1 pm:**

One hour review of the Easter stories in the Bible



### **Wednesday in Holy Week (April 20) – 12 Noon:**

Holy Communion (brief 35 minute service with homily)

### **Maundy Thursday (April 21) – 6:30 pm:**

Soup Supper, foot (or hand) washing, Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar, as we remember Jesus' last night with his friends.



### **Good Friday (April 23): Two Services**

**Ecumenical Prayer Service, 12 Noon**, presented here by a variety of neighboring churches. One hour service.



**Dramatic Good Friday Liturgy, 7 pm**, with music and experiential reflection on the Cross.

### **The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday, April 23) – 8 pm:**

A dramatic Easter service from early Christian times. We gather at dusk to light a great fire, bring in the Easter candle, hear stories of salvation beginning with Genesis, celebrate Holy Baptism and all renew our baptismal vows, shout out the joy of Easter and bring in Easter lilies. The Resurrection is proclaimed and a Festive Eucharist is shared. A reception follows.

### **Easter Sunday (April 24) – 8 & 10 am:**

Festive worship celebration with Choir. Nursery Care at 10 am. An Easter Egg hunt follows the 10 am service.



## Thoughts on Lent

by Cyndi Wolfer, RN, MSN, Parish Nurse

### Thoughts on Lent

By now the Lenten season is half over. The forty days of Lent provides us with a time to slow down, reflect on our Christian faith and prepare ourselves for the celebration and season of Easter. Lent is traditionally a time of prayer, reflection and fasting. It also gives us an opportunity to consider our relationships with our neighbors and the world, and find the resolve

to make them whole.

In personally reflecting on Lent I thought back to this past summer when Elise and I went to Ireland with our dance group. While there, we had the opportunity to climb Croagh Patrick, the Holy mountain of Ireland. In the year 441 St Patrick climbed the mountain near Westport, County Mayo, that now bears his name to spend 40 days in prayer and fasting there before embarking on his evangelization of the Emerald Isle. Croagh Patrick, or "The Reek" as it is also known, rises above the town of Westport to the height of 762 meters. It is an important Catholic pilgrimage destination. Each year nearly one million visitors, most of them pilgrims climb to the top. As an act of penance, many pilgrims journey up the mountain barefoot.

The day we climbed the mountain we got an early start (8 am) and were among the first people of the day to start the climb which takes about 2 hours up and 2 hours down. We purchased walking sticks at the bottom of the mountain to help us as we climbed the mountain. It is a steep rocky climb. As we got higher the view of Westport was beautiful. We were prepared with water bottles, snacks,

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walking shoes (I wish I had hiking boots) and warm clothes. Half way up it began to rain. At that point, I decided to turn back as the mountain was getting much steeper and I did not want to slip on the wet rocks. Elise made it to the summit and back down without any problems. I couldn't imagine climbing that mountain barefoot. Walking back down the mountain by myself gave me some time to reflect on my trip to Ireland and to stop and enjoy the view. In the next few weeks leading up to Easter take some time each day to reflect on Jesus' life of healing and sacrifice. Have a blessed Lent and Easter.

## St. Andrews Scholarships

The Outreach Committee is pleased to once again offer St. Andrew's Education Scholarships. The scholarships may range from \$100 to \$1000, and are awarded annually. Any currently enrolled, or potential, student is eligible to apply. Candidates may seek funding for course work in a high school, vocational school, college program, continuing education program, re-training program, or additional degree program. Priority consideration will be given to the St. Andrew's community.

Application packets are available in the church office (564-4402) and must be completed according to the instructions contained inside the packet. Funds will be disbursed in May of 2011 for educational programs taking place between June 2011 and May 2012.

## **Made for Goodness**

by The Reverend Martin Yabroff, Rector

### **Made for Goodness And Why that Makes All the Difference**

**by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu**

I am reading this new book by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho, which Bishop Rickel has recommended as his Lenten book for our diocese to read. (He is blogging about it at [http://www.bishoprickel.com/bishop\\_rickels\\_blog](http://www.bishoprickel.com/bishop_rickels_blog))

Desmond Tutu and his daughter write out of their rich experiences as Anglican/Episcopal priests, married persons with children, and activists in local and international witness for justice and peace. Their central argument is that we as human beings are made by God for goodness. We are fundamentally good, and are given by God the freedom to do evil, to sin, to deny our goodness. The book addresses the reality of evil, discussing such questions as where God is when we suffer or fail, and how to face evil. What makes all the difference, they say, is God's love for us and our basic goodness.

The book is very biblically grounded, offering a good counterpoint to other Christian teachers who argue for our basic human fallenness and sinfulness. It is also very realistic – the Tutus speak frankly of the challenges and difficulties of living a Christian faith in complex and ambiguous situations.

Each chapter ends with a beautiful reflection/prayer, resonant with Scripture (especially the Psalms). There are discussion questions in the back of the book. If there are any in our parish or larger community who would like to meet a few times to discuss this book, please let me know.

If you order it on Amazon, remember to go first to St. Andrew's website, then click on the Amazon tab – for this book and for anything you purchase on Amazon via our website, St. Andrew's will receive a donation from Amazon. Desmond Tutu will be speaking at the Tacoma Dome on May 13. See you there.

- Martin

## **“The Heart of the Matter” Preparing for Holy Week with**

**The Rev. Herbert  
O’Driscoll**

Please join us on Saturday, April 16 from 9:30am to 3pm at Trinity Parish, Seattle (609 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue), The Rev. Herbert O’Driscoll, one of the leading preachers and teachers in the Anglican Communion today, will lead a series of reflections on “The Heart of the Matter” in preparation for Holy Week. Registration fee is \$25 for the event, which includes lunch. You may register by emailing the church office ([office@trinityseattle.org](mailto:office@trinityseattle.org)) by April 12. Free parking is available in the Skyline Garage, located on the corner of Columbian and 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Church Directory Changes**

**Barbara Devik**

**Kristen Mellis**

**Michael Taft**

**The Rev. Jacque Smith**

Please contact the Church Office for their addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Mothering Sunday 8/10 Holy Eucharist 9:15am Endowment Meeting ECW Bake Sale 4:30pm Soup, Bread and Bible	4 1pm Bible Study  7pm Lenten Study 7pm Alanon	5 10:30am AA  7pm AA	6 Noon Eucharist  6:30pm Youth Group	7  7pm Glory and Praise Choir Rehearsal	8 10am-2pm Weaver's Guild	9
10 8/10 Holy Eucharist  Spring Cleaning Sunday	11 1pm Bible Study  6:30pm Alzheimer's Group Meeting 7pm Lenten Study	12 10:30am AA  1pm Finance  7pm AA 7pm Vestry	13 Noon –Eucharist  12:45pm ECW  6:30pm Youth Group	14  7pm Discernment  7pm PFLAG 7pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 Palm Sunday 8/10 Holy Eucharist  Noon Confirmation Class	18 1pm Bible Study  7pm Lenten Study 7pm Alanon	19 10:30am AA  7pm AA	20 Noon –Eucharist  6:30pm Youth Group	21 Maundy Thursday  6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	22 Good Friday  Noon-Ecumenical Prayer Service 7pm Good Friday Service	23 Holy Saturday  8pm The Great Vigil of Easter
24 Easter 8/10 Holy Eucharist	25 NO Bible Study Office Closed  7pm AA	26 10:30am AA  4pm AA Dinner 47th Anniversary at St. Andrew's	27  5pm Youth Group 5-7pm Food Bank	28  7pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30

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