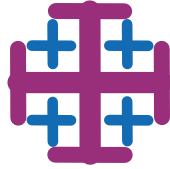


# The Messenger - April 2014

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Parish Mission Statement:

*As members of St Andrew's Episcopal Church, our mission is to:*

*GROW spiritually, rooted in Scripture and Sacraments,*

*BRING the love of Jesus Christ into the local and wider community*

*WELCOME all into the healing and worshipping family of Christ's Church*

## Good News from Fr Mike

Lent is half over and I hope and pray that it is a holy one for you. The Essential Jesus has been a real blessing as witnessed by the powerful sharing in our weekly Bible studies. Jesus is the very center of our faith and we are meant to encounter Him in ever deeper ways as we journey in faith. If you have not begun, might I suggest you do so now. You will not be disappointed.

Holy Week is almost upon us. Allow me to invite you to celebrate the fullness of our salvation, as we encounter the Lord's love poured out for us in the cross and resurrection. Please check the calendar for all services and events of Holy Week and try to be in attendance, not at just one, but at all the Holy Week and Easter offerings.

## Christian Education offerings for all

Church School - Sundays at 11:00AM

Adult Bible Studies:

Sunday morning Bible Study - 11:00AM - Essential Jesus

Sunday evening Men's Study group - 7:00PM (and occasionally at 5PM for dinner out)

Wednesday morning Bible Study - 9:30AM - Gospel of Matthew

Wednesday evening Bible Study - 6:45PM - Essential Jesus (preceded by 5:30PM Eucharist)

## From the Office:

Each time Fr James Brisbin picks up items collected for the Burmese (The Albany Refugee Resettlement Ministry), he says thank you. Fr James would like everyone to know that our efforts have been greatly appreciated by the community and "paid off huge in making the apartments of the newly arrived refugees real homes." Presently there is a faith story from Stay Htoo on the home page of the Diocesan Website ([www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org](http://www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org)) - check it out.

We continue to collect good clean clothing, household items, VCR's and tapes, disposable diapers, and furniture. If you have any questions about donating an item, call Gail at the office. If you have furniture that needs a pick-up, that can be arranged.

Again thank you for your support!!

**From the Wardens:**     *Thoughts from Marji Edgar:*

First on the agenda is to give a big 'Thank You' to Janet Godfrey for the several projects she has completed around the Church. They include repairing the wall by the Sacandaga Road door and cleaning the wood paneling in the front stairwell. Both look so much better and make the front entrance much more inviting to those who are coming in that way.

We are now just past the middle of the Lenten season, and Easter is not far away. Holy Week is the most important week in our Church year. Please try to participate in as many services as you are able. Here is a reminder of a few services with the full list on the address page of the newsletter.

Saturday, April 12 after the 5PM Eucharist – pizza will be served and part two of the movie Jesus of Nazareth will be shown.

Saturday, April 12, 5 PM and Sunday, April 13 at 8:00 AM and 9:45AM - Palm Sunday Services

Thursday, April 17 6 PM Seder Dinner

Friday, April 18 9:30 Village Cross Walk starting at the First Reformed Church- Ballston Avenue  
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross; 7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 19 5:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20 8 AM and 9:45 AM Easter Services

Wishing you all a blessed Easter.

**Please note** – For monthly Vestry minutes and Finance reports, see copies posted on the bulletin board outside the office. As a member of the Parish, you are always welcome to visit Vestry meetings. Next meeting – Thursday, April 10 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

Contact your Wardens: Marji Edgar (370-1725; medgar2@aol.com)

Simone Rockwell (370-3412; srockwe2@nycap.rr.com)

Vestry members for 2014 – Deb Battista, Christine Bissonette, Chris Crouse, Steve George,  
Karen Jarosz, Rhonda Krutz, Wes Lavery, Claudette Mayer, Jeri Vincent

## **ECW – Episcopal Church Women - Spring Bake Sale**

SUNDAY, APRIL 6th between and after services will be the Spring Bake Sale.

Since we are having only two fund raisers a year to support our ministry, we hope that many (most/ all) of you will help us by baking and buying items. There will be a few non-food Easter items for sale also as we clear up our inventory. We need bakers and buyers!

## **ECW (Episcopal Church Women) gatherings**

The next luncheon will be April 9th at noon in the lounge. They are always on the second Wednesday of the month. All you need is a sandwich to share or your own lunch if you prefer. Dessert and beverages are provided by volunteers on a rotating basis. It is a time to socialize and enjoy ourselves and all women of the parish are invited to come anytime. We'd love to see you there!

Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

## **Take Note - Calendar Highlights**

Please check the calendar and watch the Sunday bulletin for additions to the schedule, especially Holy Week services and events.

Fridays in Lent - 5:30pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 6 - Bake Sale

Saturday, April 12 - after 5PM Eucharist - Pizza and movie "Jesus of Nazareth" Part 2

### **Holy Week Services ----**

Saturday April 12 (5PM) & Sunday April 13 (8AM & 9:45AM) - Palm Sunday Services

Monday, April 14 - 7AM Eucharist

Tuesday, April 15 - 7AM Eucharist;            11AM Eucharist

Wednesday, April 16 - 11AM Eucharist;    5:30PM Eucharist

Thursday, April 17 - 11AM Eucharist

6PM Seder Dinner (reservations required)

Friday, April 18 - 9:30AM Village Cross Walk - starting at First Reformed Church on Ballston Ave

Those participating walk (or drive) from Church to Church in the Village. At each stop there is a Bible reading and a Pastor's reflection.

3:00PM Stations of the Cross;

7PM Good Friday Liturgy Eucharist

Saturday, April 19 - 5:00PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20 - 8AM and 9:45AM Easter Services

Items to put on your calendar --

Saturday, May 31 - 11AM Ordination Service at the Cathedral - Ray Rockwell for the Diaconate

Friday to Sunday, June 6 to 8 - Diocesan Convention at Camp of the Woods

Saturday, June 14 - Chicken BBQ

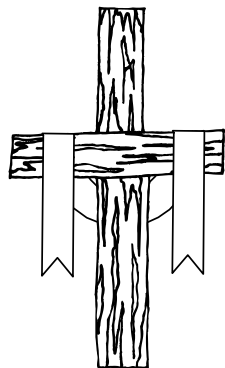
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