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Dear Friends,

In 1965, a Spanish artist named Fernando Calderon came to visit an old friend at St. Andrew's on his way to California where he was scheduled to be part of a prominent exhibition. Unfortunately, his paintings did not arrive in time for the show. His good friend, the Rev. Canon Charles A. Shreve, offered to host the exhibition of his paintings in our newly built parish hall.

While Mr. Calderon waited for his paintings to arrive, Canon Shreve commissioned him to paint the striking murals in our church's sanctuary for a dollar a day! The acrylic paint he used was leftover house paint found in the church basement. It was one of the first kinds of acrylic paint developed, and this paint has now begun to crack and flake after more than forty years.

So in February this year, the Vestry voted to restore the murals at a cost of \$28,550.00, using the church's reserve funds. The restoration of the Twelve Disciples painted on either side of the chancel, and of the Four Gospel Writers on either side of the nave will begin on July 7th and continue for about five weeks.

Renaissance Restoration Studios, Inc. of Kearny, NJ has been contracted to clean the murals, repair the deterioration, and consolidate the pigment layer, renew the faux finishing to match the existing decor of the church, and add a sealant, among other details.

This investment to preserve our church's heritage was researched and considered for over 18 months by the Mural Restoration Committee, led by parishioner Dr. Matthew Chow and committee members David Morris, Bill and Nancy Pearce, Dick and Allie Weidener, Vivien Chow, and myself.

As we prepare for our church's fiftieth anniversary in 2010, we look forward to accomplishing this restoration in time for the celebration.

Faithfully,

Peggy +

The Rev. Margaret Hodgkins
Rector

***Join us for the Agape Supper
on Maundy Thursday in Holy Week
April 9 at 6:30pm
Please bring soup, bread, cheese or fruit.***

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION

SUNDAYS

**April 5: Palm Sunday
HOLY WEEK BEGINS (see schedule below)**

8am-Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15am-Bible Study with the Rector

9:45am-Sunday School (PreK-Grade 6)

10am-Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir

Join the Palm Procession which begins with the blessing of the palms
in the parking lot at gate on driveway exiting to South Street
(In case of rain, Palm Procession begins in the Parish Hall)

11:30am-Palm Frond Cross Workshop in Parish Hall

April 12: Easter Day

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

8am-Festive Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10am-Festive Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Special Easter Music and Choir Anthems

11:30am-Easter Egg Hunt

April 19: 2nd Sunday of Easter

8am-Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15am-Bible Study with the Rector

10am-Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir

April 26: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Passion & Purpose Sunday

8am-Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15am-Bible Study with the Rector

9:45am-Sunday School (PreK-Grade 6)

10am-Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir

11:30am-Forum, "Godly Play" with Joyce Kern

Midweek Eucharist every Wednesday at 11:35am
(Timed so that nursery school parents & teachers can join us.)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES & EVENTS

April 7	<i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i> Stations of the Cross Choir Practice	7:30pm 8pm
April 8	<i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i> Eucharist Scripture Study Group	11:35am 1:30pm
April 9	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Agape Supper in the Parish Hall Holy Eucharist, Hand & Foot Washing with Reservation of the Sacrament & Stripping of the Altar	6:30pm 7:30pm
April 10	<i>Good Friday</i> Ecumenical Service - Faith Lutheran Service for all ages - St. Andrew's	Noon-1pm 4pm
April 11	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Prayers The Great Vigil of Easter	9:30am 8pm
April 12	<i>Easter Day</i> Festive Eucharist Easter Egg Hunt	8am & 10am 11:30am

Please bring bells to the Easter Vigil & Easter Day services.

MINISTER OF MUSIC TO RESIGN THIS SUMMER

After seventeen years of service to St. Andrew's Church, Howard Dreizler has resigned from his position as Minister of Music, effective June 30, 2009. A truly gifted musician with a great breadth of knowledge across the spectrum of musical styles and composers, Howard has served our choir and congregation with diligence and generosity. He will be greatly missed in this leadership role.

Fortunately, we will not be saying goodbye to Howard because he will continue to serve at St. Andrew's Church and School as Finance Administrator. A search for his successor is being planned. Please join me in honoring Howard's accomplishments and contributions to our parish.

The Rev. Peggy Hodgkins

APRIL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Senior Youth Group

April 5 Senior Youth Group meeting with dinner, 6pm
April 7 Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary, 7pm
April 19 Senior Youth Group meeting with dinner, 6pm

Junior Youth Group

April 7 Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary, 7pm
April 26 Junior Youth Group meeting with dinner, 6pm

Friends are always welcome at Youth Group activities!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPIRIT

Spring is here!

There is a rebirth that we all sense at this time of year, with the spring blossoms and awakening of the earth from the cold winter months. In this season of the church year we will share the meaning of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. The symbol of the Easter egg means "new life," and the butterfly represents "resurrection" and that Jesus is "alive." There will be church events during this time that are published in the weekly reminder and on the eNet so that you may come and participate with our church family. Welcome!

Upcoming April Events

April 5: Palm Sunday-Make a Palm Frond Cross after church service in the parish hall.
April 12: Easter Sunday, 10am service-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY ONLY with staff; children's "Flowering of the Cross"; children may bring a flower for the cross. EASTER EGG HUNT will follow the 10am service, rain or shine; bring a basket!

Youth Service

I want to thank the teachers, children, parents and office volunteers for all their efforts in making our Youth Service on March 15 such a success! It was a time of sharing together in so many ways as readers, ushers, acolytes, bakers, singers, designers and bulletin assemblers! There was even a Godly Play story for the sermon called "The Ten Best Ways," performed by Rev. Peggy and myself. The children helped by holding large posters created by Carolyn McGhee for us to use. It was a youth service for all ages!

Teacher Appreciation

My appreciation to all the winter term and spring term teachers for serving God and doing his good work in the Children's Ministry. You are building a foundation every Sunday for the children and the church by sharing your time, efforts and talents in our classrooms.

Godly Play Display

On **April 26**, there will be a Godly Play forum, display and a video shown made by the founder and storyteller Jerome Berryman. I would like to start a Godly Play Storytelling Team to visit the classrooms and tell a Bible story from the Godly Play lesson plans. Any person who loves to tell stories can participate and will love using the sacred story sets that are a part of the lesson. Stop by to see and hear about this popular curriculum.

Children's Easter Cards for Mariners

We made 33 bright and colorful Easter cards for Mariners On-the-River! The Seamen's Institute sends gift packages with the cards tucked inside to mariners who are away from home, family and children. This is an outreach project that goes around the world! Thanks Everyone!

Noah's Nursery Notes

We are very happy to see so many children and parents using the nursery on Sunday mornings! Please note that on **Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday**, Sandy Davies' sister and a student assistant will be in the nursery for childcare during both 10am services. Parents, you are welcome to stay with your child if necessary at any time.

Joyce Kern, Director of Religious Education

TREASURY TALKING POINTS

- February 2009 showed improvement financially for St. Andrew's from January 2009.
- February income finished at 101% of our budgeted target: \$30,337.64 vs. budget of \$29,984.77.
- Year to date 2009, income is behind by \$4,914.50: \$56,055 vs. budget of \$60,969.50.
- February expenses finished over-budget by \$542.29: \$35,240.53 vs. budget of \$35,782.82.
- Year to date, expenses are over-budget by \$2,520.28: \$82,532.46 vs. budget of \$80,012.18.
- Net Income is off target by \$8,081.76: -\$25,457.78 vs. budget of -\$17,376.02.

David Hasenkopf, Treasurer

THE 4th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & TOY SALE

Donations of gently worn clothing, costumes, shoes, coats, toys, etc. are needed. Please no clothing with holes, stains, or any undergarments. Volunteers are needed to sort and price. Please contact Sandy Davies, Diane LaPara, Carolyn Glatz or Carolyn McGhee. Start your spring cleaning early! Drop off has begun in the Carriage House garage. The sale will take place on **May 2 from 9am-5pm.**

WHAT THE BROTHERHOOD MEANS TO US

Here at our parish of St. Andrew's in New Providence, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has meant lifting up the power of men. When men get together monthly in our parish hall to share eggs and sausage, they also enjoy just hanging out in the company of other men who share the faith. The group tries not to become an extension of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, but I have to admit that when we want to get something done, it's the Brothers we call upon, because they follow through on church requests. In January, they split wood from fallen trees on our property. In February, they merrily flipped pancakes for our annual Shrove Tuesday supper. At a recent funeral with an overflow attendance, they coordinated parking for our many visitors. And this Lent they organized a Monday night Bible study on Ephesians, a celebration of church life. They are a unified group, good friends, and always there to lend a hand. We have been greatly blessed here by our chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Rev. Peggy Hodgkins (written for Diocesan newsletter of the Brotherhood)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD LEADERS!

Would you be interested in spending time with our youth as a Journey to Adulthood leader? It's a fun and rewarding experience for all involved! Please contact Eileen Fairchild at either (908) 464-8799 or bobeikev@comcast.net for more information.

SUMMER TIME MEANS CAMP TIME!

Action Campers Begins in June

Chill of winter got you dreaming about the joys of summer?

It's time to begin thinking about enrolling your child in our wonderful summer day camp. We provide a fun-filled, enriching summer program which includes music, arts & crafts, water and sand play, sports and games, and special weekly entertainment. Our camp program is for the children of St. Andrew's Church & Nursery School as well as children from the surrounding communities. Our dedicated teaching staff is trained in CPR and First Aid as well as being trained under the requirements of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey for abuse awareness.

Action Campers runs nine weeks, starting June 8 and ending August 7.

Primary Campers - 5 Day Program
4 -7 year olds, from 9am-1:30pm

Wee Campers - 5 Day Program
3 year olds, from 9am-noon

Enrollments are now being accepted. For more information, please call the parish office at (908) 464-4875.

Looking forward to a fun-filled summer with your kids!

Terry Machin, Action Campers Director

GARDENING NEWS

Spring is here and GOSA gardening activity begins this month. Our Kick-off meeting took place on March 8, with 8 attending. Due to the economic situation and remaining funds in our GOSA account from 2008, we have decided not to hold our annual April Flower Fundraiser this year. Thanks for supporting GOSA in prior years!

Please join us for the next meeting on **May 3**. Our 2009 gardening calendar has been published. The Spring Parish-wide Garden Clean-up will take place on **Saturday, April 18**, and our Garden Gathering Clean-up and Flower Planting will be held on **Saturday, May 16**. We are seeking additional hands to help us on these days. With spring here, there is plenty to do around our landscaped grounds. Gardening experience is not required, just a desire to help make our church gardens beautiful this spring. Remember our GOSA motto: "WE can do it, YOU can help!"

Seeking Fountain Friends

We are seeking parishioners to help us maintain the Memorial Garden fountain. We will be getting the fountain back in operation soon after the long winter, and we will need help this spring and summer keeping the water in the fountain clean and free of debris.

If you like playing with water, we NEED you! PLEASE help us out. The look and sound of the fountain adds such a special touch to the St. Francis Memorial Garden, where many find solace. Please contact Rick for details. Thanks.

Rick Anderson, GOSA Co-chairperson

A STEWARDS WORK...IS NEVER DONE!

Tom Macdonald is Chair of the Stewardship Committee and he is looking for anyone interested in participating to contact him by email at tom@skylandgroup.com or by phone at (908) 665-1100. Thanks!

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH FORUM

**You are cordially invited to attend
our Third Community Interfaith Forum
PATHS TO TRUTH: "Practicing Charity"**

Representatives of the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain and Ba'hai traditions will come together for a public workshop series titled "Paths to Truth." This special presentation on "Practicing Charity" will tell the stories of the struggles and beliefs of each spiritual tradition in order to promote interfaith understanding among our diverse communities.

**Saturday, May 2
Why Islam Center
214 Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton Township, NJ
2:30pm-5pm
Refreshments will be provided**

For more information, please call Fr. Ed Murphy at (732) 881-6282

RE-EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

Co-sponsored by the Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights; Our Lady of Peace, New Providence; and St. Teresa of Avila, Summit.

**Location: Church of the Little Flower,
110 Roosevelt Avenue, Berkeley Heights
Parish Center Cafeteria
7:30pm-9pm**

For more information, please call (908) 464-1585 or www.lfbhjn.org

**April 15 Getting the Job You Should Want!
How to Figure Out Where to go Next in Your Career**

Using a simple in-class questionnaire of 28 comparisons, participants will help identify a career in which they'll flourish and be happy. Other topics include the Want Ad Analysis technique, a review of when to stay in a job even though you may be thinking of leaving or when you should change jobs or at least begin thinking about it. Final issue will review what makes a company a good place to work. Handouts include "Finding Your True Passion."

Instructor: Lloyd L. Feinstein, president, Career Marketing Consultants of New Providence, NJ; co-author of *Career Changing: The Worry-Free Guide*, a book which has received wide acclaim including syndication by The New York Times, excerpted by The Wall Street Journal and Success Magazine, and selected as one of the top 10 career books by USA TODAY.

**April 22 Advanced Interviewing Skills: How to Gain
Control of Any Interview**

Are you getting job interviews but few, if any, job offers? If so, your problem may lie in how well you interview. This intensive workshop will cover the basics of the job interview from the perspective of the Director of Personnel. You will learn pre-interview strategies, how to handle stress and non-stress questions, how to sell yourself, how to avoid talking too much, how to take notes during the interview, how to maintain your concentration, ways of evaluating how well you did, strategies for "closing the sale," and much more.

Bring your pencil, pad and an open mind...you won't be disappointed!

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**April 29 Going Into Business for Yourself/How to Promote
a New Business**

This intensive workshop will investigate the questions should you go into business for yourself? And if you did, should you stay in business? In addition, major emphasis will be devoted to better management of your marketing and sales promotion efforts. Drawing on case histories and the experience of running a small business, this workshop will present a strategy for achieving your immediate business objectives. Understanding the balance between advertising/promotion and providing your product or service along with time-tested techniques will be the main focus.

Topics include: the 80/20 rule, revenue streams, traffic building, principles of advertising and writing direct mail pieces, yellow page advertising, track advertising effectiveness, and more. Bring copies of your marketing/promotion pieces for a free evaluation. Also, bring your pencil, pad and an open mind...you won't be disappointed!

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USHER NEWS

USHERING TAKES ONLY ONE LITTLE HOUR A MONTH!

Seeking adult and youth ushers for both the 8am and 10am services. Ushering is an important part of the service, but not a difficult task for anyone. Please help us out! We are flexible, and our monthly ushering schedule will fit your schedule. **GIVE IT A TRY!**

Please contact Les Medford (8am) at 582-4676 or Rick Anderson (10am) at 464-8911. Usher instructions are provided.

RECOVERY SUNDAY

**Recovery Ministries of the Diocese of New Jersey
is pleased to invite one and all to our 2nd annual
Recovery Sunday Celebration!**

**Sunday, April 19 at 3pm
Trinity Cathedral, Trenton**

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. George Councill
Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio

Bishop Hollingsworth is a true renaissance man whose hobbies and interests include music, antique car restoration and ice hockey (he plays goalie). Many of us were privileged to meet him as he offered himself to our own Episcopal search process in 2003. At that time he shared, "Perhaps my most significant spiritual experience has been 17 years of recovery as an alcoholic...Sobriety has been a vehicle through which God has taught me how little of life is within my power to control, how great is my responsibility for that which is, and how the rest I must surrender in trust to God. It's a learning that has yet to let me down." After more than two decades in recovery, Bishop Hollingsworth has a most compelling message of hope and new life to share.

**All are welcome:
recovering alcoholics, addicts,
family members, friends & advocates.
Come and be blessed.**

HELPING NEW JERSEY'S UNINSURED FIND MEDICAL BENEFITS

If you are without medical insurance, you are not alone. In the US, nearly 48 million people have no health coverage, including more than 9 million children. New Jersey ranks 10th among states for the highest percentage of uninsured residents, many of whom work full time, but can't afford coverage. In fact, eight out of 10 uninsured Americans are in working families. The good news is that there are resources available to help you find affordable health insurance.

People find themselves without insurance for many reasons: job loss, divorce, working in positions that don't offer health benefits, young adults just entering the workforce, the death of a spouse. The list is varied.

"Whatever the reason, finding health insurance can be difficult," said James Wallace, vice president for government affairs with Catholic Health East New Jersey. "But, there are ways to find it if you know your starting point." Here are some practical steps you can take:

1. Did you recently lose a job that provided health insurance? Under a federal law called the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), you have the right to maintain your health coverage, but you are responsible for paying the entire premium. Your former employer is required to tell you about your COBRA rights. Learn more about your rights to continue your coverage under COBRA by checking out the U.S. Department of Labor's Frequently Asked Questions about COBRA Continuation Coverage at:
http://www.regardinghealth.com/click/default2.asp?bmkEPM=4908&t=cus&i=22826&go=http%3A//www.dol.gov/ebsa/faqs/faq_consumer_cobra.html .

You can also visit the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance at:
<http://www.regardinghealth.com/click/default2.asp?bmkEPM=4908&t=cus&i=22826&go=http%3A//www.state.nj.us/dobi/index.shtml>.

2. Did you recently lose your position because of jobs moving overseas due to increased imports? A federal law called the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act may pay 65% of the cost of your health insurance for up to three years. To learn more about this option, contact the Health Coverage Tax Credit Customer Contact at:
http://www.regardinghealth.com/click/default2.asp?bmkEPM=4908&t=cus&i=22826&go=http%3A//www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/06_04_program_kit.pdf.

3. Did you take early retirement? The same law that protects health coverage for those affected by trade policy may help you as well. Contact the Health Coverage Tax Credit Customer Contact at:
http://www.regardinghealth.com/click/default2.asp?bmkEPM=4908&t=cus&i=22826&go=http%3A//www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/06_04_program_kit.pdf.

4. Are you simply unable to afford health insurance? There are programs that provide health insurance coverage to people who can't afford to buy it on their own, depending on income and assets. In New Jersey, the main programs are Medicaid and NJ Family Care. To learn more, check out Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services at:

<http://www.regardinghealth.com/click/default2.asp?bmkEPM=4908&t=cus&i=22826&go=http%3A//www.cms.hhs.gov/>.

To learn more about children's health coverage, visit Insure Kids Now at:

<http://www.regardinghealth.com/click/default2.asp?bmkEPM=4908&t=cus&i=22826&go=http%3A//www.insurekidsnow.gov/>.

5. Do you have a serious medical condition or a disability? Again, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at

<http://www.regardinghealth.com/click/default2.asp?bmkEPM=4908&t=cus&i=22826&go=http%3A//www.cms.hhs.gov/> will guide you through your options under

those circumstances. In addition, protection and advocacy programs provide legal assistance and other services under all federal and state law to all with disabilities.

6. Are you looking for health insurance but just can't get it through your job? You may have to start looking for an individual health insurance policy in the private market. Learn your rights by checking out the Consumer Guides for Getting and Keeping Health at:

<http://www.regardinghealth.com/click/default2.asp?bmkEPM=4908&t=cus&i=22826&go=http%3A//www.healthinsuranceinfo.net/>.

7. Still can't find health insurance? Many local community health clinics may be able to help you get low-cost primary health care. Click here

<http://www.regardinghealth.com/click/default2.asp?bmkEPM=4908&t=cus&i=22826&go=http%3A//www.bphc.hrsa.gov/>.

People with no coverage also can get their necessary medications if they meet the financial requirements. Many pharmaceutical companies provide free medications to people who do not have prescription drug coverage. To learn more, visit RX

<http://www.regardinghealth.com/click/default2.asp?bmkEPM=6339&t=cus&i=28665&go=http%3A//www.rxassist.org/>.

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

St. Andrew's has a number of parish activities needing image media recordings, such as baptisms, special services, St. Francis Blessing of the Animals, fundraising events, Children's Time during the 10am service, Bishop's visit, Confirmation, Welcome Back Picnic, and other church events.

We are seeking active members of the parish who enjoys photography to take photos of various church events throughout the year, sometimes on a candid, impromptu basis. These images would be stored for use on posters, publicity, eNETs, our church website and St. Andrew's historical archives. If you have an interest, please contact Rick Anderson.

THE ST. ANDREW'S ENDOWMENT FUND CELEBRATES ITS FIRST BIRTHDAY

The St. Andrew's Endowment Fund is now one year old! The fund exists to enable the Parish to more completely fulfill its mission by developing its ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating fund. Distributions are limited to capital needs of the Parish, outreach ministries or grants, to establish seed money for new ministries, special one-time projects and such other purposes as are specifically designated by donors. Funds are invested in a balanced investment account at Vanguard.

One of the missions of the Endowment Board is to raise the awareness of the fund and encourage long-term planned giving by parishioners of St. Andrew's. Donations can be made by outright gifts of cash or securities, bequest through one's will or trust, or by naming the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary to retirement accounts or life insurance policies. Anyone interested in making a gift can speak to any of the board members: Bob Ashmun, Amy Evans, Dave Hannaford, David Morris or Tom Kelsey. All gifts or bequests should be made in the name of St. Andrew's Endowment Fund.

Elizabeth Jordan, *Editor*

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Deadline for May issue of the eNET is April 20.

Submissions may be edited.

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