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Dear Friends,

Early on the first Easter morning, as the day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. Jesus was not there. To their amazement, the tomb was empty!

An angel appeared to them and said, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised."

Fifty years ago, the Easter Gospel was read at St. Andrew's for the first time from an improvised altar on a porch of an old white house in Murray Hill. The house had just come into the possession of the Diocese of New Jersey on Good Friday! No one knew how many people would come to that first service, but as an act of faith, three hundred chairs were stacked on the porch, ready to be placed on the lawn after the dew departed.

Early on that Easter morning in 1960, our founding vicar, the Rev. Canon Charles A. Shreve, must have felt disheartened when he awoke and saw the rain. But by 11am, the hour set for the first service, the sun had shone forth, and the lawn was dry. Two ancient cherry trees flanking the altar had burst into bloom. All three hundred chairs were needed. Indeed, 33 people had to stand! Truly it was an Easter to remember.

We give thanks for our 50th Easter in this intimate sanctuary set back on the lawn amidst the gardens and flowering trees of our campus. The words from the collect for the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church in *The Book of Common Prayer* express the gratitude we feel:

*Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the
dedication of this house of prayer:
We give you thanks for the fellowship
of those who have worshipped in this place,
and we pray that all who seek you here may find
you, and be filled with your joy and peace.*

Quick Links

For more information on St. Andrew's Church, please visit our website at:

www.standrewschurch.org

In the faith and hope of the Resurrection, may the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Peggy+

The Rev. Margaret Hodgkins
Third Rector

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION

Sundays

April 4: Easter Day: The Feast of the Resurrection

8am-Festive Holy Eucharist, Rite I
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR J2A CLASSES
10am-Festive Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir
Baptism of Helen Ana Del Piano; Flowering of the Cross
11:30am-50th Anniversary Easter Brunch in Parish Hall

April 11: 2 Easter

8am-Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15am-Bible Study with the Rector
9:45am-Sunday School (PreK-Grade 5)
10am-Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir
The Rev. Mike Cassell is Guest Preacher
11:30am-Forum "Food for the Poor" with the Rev. Cassell
6pm-Senior Youth Group Meeting

April 18: 3 Easter

Passion and Purpose Sunday
8am-Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15am-Bible Study with the Rector
9:45am-Sunday School (PreK-Grade 5)
10am-Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir
11:30am-Forum with Life Coach Tina Gertsch
6pm-Junior Youth Group Meeting

April 25: 4 Easter

8am-Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15am-Bible Study with the Rector
9:45am-Sunday School (PreK-Grade 5)
10am-Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir
Early Communion
6pm-Senior Youth Group Meeting

**Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays in April at 9:30am,
except for Wednesday, April 7**

FIFTY YEARS OF FAITH

Short Historical Notes on the First 50 Years of St. Andrew's

The Canon, Calderon, and the Evangelists

The murals in the St. Andrew's chancel and nave are justifiably our pride and joy. Very few churches in America have anything to compare them with in artistic merit.

In 1956, a young Spaniard named Fernando Calderon turned up in Rome, a penniless art student. Canon Shreve, then Rector of the American Church in the Eternal City, was impressed with his talent, and gave him room and board at the rectory for a year while he completed his studies.

With the passage of years, Calderon became celebrated and highly successful. He was chosen to come to America to represent Spain at the Spanish Pavilion at the 1964 New York World's Fair. Canon and his wife Patt Pickens invited the visiting artist and his wife Marly to stay with them in the St. Andrew's rectory, and it was during this visit that the paintings of the Four Evangelists were painted in the nave of our church.

Though he spoke no English, Calderon was so moved by a Feast of Lights service here at St. Andrew's that he asked in Spanish for a wall so that he could paint a picture.

Canon gave him the four columns on the side walls of the nave, and suggested he paint the four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The artist was inspired by the idea and beginning at 10pm, he commenced painting with an artistic intensity that kept him furiously applying paint to the walls until 4am. The paintings were already about half completed! He slept for two days and then resumed his work at a slower pace, concluding the four panels in two weeks.

Fernando Calderon and his wife made two subsequent visits to the St. Andrew's rectory. On each visit he painted something beautiful for Canon and Patti. The first time, he painted the murals of the apostles in the chancel, and on another visit, he painted the huge Nativity scene in the parish hall. More on those works of art in a future column.

(This eNET column will appear monthly during this 50th anniversary year.)

Rick Anderson

50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Don't forget to RSVP for the 50th Anniversary Dinner at Ponte Vecchio Ristorante in the Murray Hill Inn on **Saturday, April 24!** We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPIRIT

Children, Nature and God

In an article I read about children, parents were advised not to over-"program" their child. Let a child have some free time to play, to develop imagination, to discover the ability to plan or manage play activities and a time just to BE a child. Childhood is the only time in their life that they can be children! Educators encourage parents to take their child out or let their child go outside for at least an hour a day. Let children sense the beauty and wonder of nature! There is a benefit to being in nature: increased attention span, less obesity, stress reduction, and a sense of wonder about God's creation. Childhood is a time to treasure the moments in life as a child for life. Albert Einstein as a child loved to spend hours looking up at the sky and the clouds!

Easter Happenings

Come and join us on Easter Day: Flowering of the Cross, by children at 10am Service; NO Sunday School, Nursery Care only; Easter Bag Gifts and Easter Sunday 50th Anniversary Brunch.

SPRING TEACHER SIGN UP FOR YEAR 2010-2011...COMING UP!

Spring is Teacher Sign-up time! Sign up to serve God by teaching about His Love and His Word in our important ministry to children. You may sign up as a co-teacher, choose a term or as many as you desire. A Teacher Sign-up Chart will be located in the front entry area from **April 18-June 13**. At this time the Sunday School classes are filled with teachers for next year! We have excellent leaders guides and support to help you teach the children their lessons. Thanks!

Godly Play Class Doorperson and Storyteller Team Sign Up

This year the Teacher Sign-up Chart will include a place for a Godly Play "Doorperson" to be with the Godly Play class for a term in order to provide continuity with our visiting Storytelling Team. Doorpersons do not tell the stories in class. Also, I will have a schedule of dates for Storytellers.

Early Communion Class

Your child is invited to Early Communion classes to be held on **Wednesdays, April 14 and April 21**, from 3:30-4:30pm with a lesson, activity and refreshments. Early Communion will be on **April 25** at the 10am service. Grades 1-5 are invited to attend and learn about the Eucharist and bake communion bread for the service. Sign up by email or on the bulletin board at church.

"The Beauty of God's Creation" Sunday School Nature Program-May 16

At this annual event, teachers and children will plant flowers in the round white containers by the front entrance of the church on the red door terrace. Children will learn about plants, the beauty of nature, learn about creation, conservation, and how we can be a part of Earth Day, every day in God's world!

Outreach Report

Good News Coins: We collected \$105 in coins to send our gently-used teaching materials to Theresa, a missionary in Cambodia, in June. Theresa visits our church when in the US and is a cousin of Frances Bellack. She thanked the children in a letter, posted on the bulletin board, and sends blessings to all at St. Andrew's!

Easter Cards: Thanks to the children who made 25 Easter cards for mariners away from home! They'll be distributed through the Seamen's Institute.

Joyce Kern, Director of Religious Education

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Youth Group Events

Easter Sunday, April 4: No J2A Classes, Contemporary Service or Youth Group

Sunday, April 11: Senior Youth Group Meeting, 6-8pm

Sunday, April 18: Junior Youth Group Meeting, 6-8pm

Sunday, April 25: Senior Youth group Meeting, 6-8pm

Diocesan-wide Events

April 9-11: The Senior (12th Graders) Retreat at the Convent of St John Baptist in Mendham from 7pm Friday, April 9 to 10am Sunday, April 11.

April 21: Youth Ministry Adult Workshop with Randy Grieve from Holy Cross Monastery: "Teenage Spirituality". (Anyone interested in going with me?)

May 14-16: Spring Youth Event in Lebanon, NJ (6-12 graders).

For additional information on the Diocesan-wide events, please contact Brian, Rev. Peggy or www.newjerseyyouth.org.

Blessings,
Brian

RISEN INDEED

I must confess right here and now that Easter is my favorite season of the church year. From a practical perspective, it has it all over Christmas in that there really aren't presents to buy. Easter baskets and Easter candy are fun and easy things to buy...no anguishing over whether the recipient will like the gift...I mean, like, who doesn't like Peeps? Who doesn't like Easter dinner and Easter music and rising again? Easter is rejoicing, it is triumphant, it is a mountaintop experience. In Winston-Salem, where I lived for eleven years, after Easter Sunrise service in God's Acre (next to Home Moravian Church and behind Salem College), you are just waiting to hear, "The Lord is risen!" so you can respond "He is risen indeed!" Easter is full of so much activity in Winston-Salem that Easter Monday is a holiday because folks are too tired from all their rejoicing to get up for work the next day!

Resurrection and revival, both essential for the Church to remain relevant in this technological age. Connecting...with each other and with the Lord. Joining together to encourage and build each other up in our faith and to preach the Good News...through Word and Song and Godly Play. The Good News that Christ is Risen indeed! May our lives bear witness of what we believe and know to be true: that God is light and in Him is no darkness.

Too bad Easter Monday isn't a holiday in New Jersey.

Blessings,
Doris

Doris Merrick, Minister of Music

TREASURY TALKING POINTS

St. Andrew's Church Year-End Operating Summary: January 1, 2010 - February 28, 2010

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Congregational Giving	\$34,972	\$38,118
Special Event and Fundraiser Income	254	250
Outreach Income	4,700	150
Special Offerings and Gifts	12	0
Other Income	17,754	18,046
Total Revenue	\$57,692	\$56,564
Total Expenses	\$87,308	\$79,446
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	(\$29,616)	(\$22,882)

St. Andrew's Church Balance Sheet: February 28, 2010

Assets	\$543,754
Liabilities	\$142,899
Equity	\$400,855

John Batzer, Treasurer

REPORT FROM THE 226th CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

On March 5 and 6, Rev. Peggy, your wardens and Jan Miller attended the annual convention of the Diocese of NJ in Cherry Hill. Although there was much business to tend to, there were glorious moments to celebrate our purpose to "Go Forth for God", which was highlighted by Bishop Cancell's address and celebration of Eucharist with the Presiding Bishop. To add to the list of Bishops in attendance, we greeted The Rt. Rev. Luis Fernando Ruiz, Bishop of our Companion Diocese, the Diocese of Central Ecuador --a diocese that has seen a 28% growth in membership! On a sad note, Assistant Bishop Romero said his farewells, as he will be leaving his position in the Diocese at the end of April, as his grant expires.

On the business side, the Diocesan budget for 2010 was reviewed and there was much discussion on funding for an Assistant Bishop, and ways to avoid balancing the budget on the back of the Bishop.

Themes of the addresses by Bishop Cancell and the Presiding Bishop were mission and evangelism, to go beyond our comfortable churches and proclaim the good word of the Lord. Not an easy task for Episcopalians, however Bishop Cancell put this in words that will help us get started: *"But bearing witness, through our story, in our own words, to the Good News that Jesus Christ is alive and at work, changing lives - that is an act of faith."* I encourage you to read the Bishops' addresses on the Diocese website at <http://www.newjersey.anglican.org/>

St Andrew's was well represented at the convention. The Brotherhood of St Andrew's display included a slide show of pictures featuring our Brotherhood chapter preparing pizzas for the Super Bowl party and pancakes for Shrove Tuesday dinner. Our parish quilt piece, crafted by Carolyn McGhee and Jane Weltmer, was included on the Watchung Convocation quilt and displayed during the meeting. Of course, we cannot ignore Peggy's photo-op with the Presiding Bishop and sending greetings from the parish where she was confirmed in 1965! We have pictures!

In closing, words from Bishop Cuncell called us to serve:
"Get up, Get up, Get outta here!"

In faith,
Diane LaPara, Jr. Warden

LIFE COACH TO SPEAK AT FORUM HOUR

On **Sunday, April 18**, Tina Gertsch offers the forum after church at 11:30am on "What is Work-Life Balance?" Tina lives in Summit, works at Merck, and has a master's degree in organization development from Johns Hopkins University.

ST. ANDREW'S 5TH ANNUAL TOY & CLOTHING SALE

It's that time of year again! Start cleaning out your closets, attics and garages for the 5th Annual Toy and Clothing Sale - **Saturday May 22nd!**

We will accept the following items for sale: children's lightly worn clothing (infant to size 14), shoes and boots, children's and parenting books, videos, DVDs, games, Halloween costumes, baby furniture like cribs, carriages, pack-n-plays, exersaucers, swings, outdoor toys, and maternity clothes. We will NOT accept broken toys, toys with missing pieces, undergarments or stained/torn clothing. Sorting clothes by size and gender will REALLY help us a lot. Drop off items in the Carriage House Garage -- MUST BE PUT IN GARAGE, NOT OUTSIDE -- beginning on **Sunday, April 18**.

Volunteers are needed the week before the sale to help sort and price items, and to post flyers in the area. Any volunteer who helps for more than 2 hours will receive a 30% discount all weekend, plus have first choice at the Pre-Sale on Friday. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, all proceeds go to the Church with ten percent toward Outreach. Leftover items (although we hope to sell most of it) will go to local shelters. Thanks!

Carolyn McGhee, Children's Toy & Clothing Sale Committee

GARDENING NEWS

Our 2010 Flower Fundraiser runs the month of April. We welcome your support this year. Funds collected in April will be used for purchasing plants, fertilizer, soil, mulch and tools to beautify the church gardens and containers throughout the seasons.

Garden Clean-up Day - Saturday, April 17, 9am-1pm

Please come out and join us for our first official garden work session this spring. Nothing too heavy duty. Get out in the gardens with us for some fresh air.

Garden Work Session & Flower-Planting Day will be Saturday, May 15.

We seek parishioners and friends to join us in the church gardens this spring. We are not professionals, just parishioners who enjoy gardening with a desire to beautify the lovely gardens and grounds. Come out and give us a try!

Remember our GOSA motto: "WE can do it, YOU can help!"

Please contact Joyce Kern or Rick Anderson, GOSA Co-Chairpersons, with questions.

PASTORAL CARE

Our thanks to Jenny Dallas and Michelle Harlan, who are the new co-chairs of our Pastoral Care Committee. If you would like to join them on this committee, please let them know.

The Pastoral Care Committee provides visits and support for the congregation, especially those who are homebound, or recovering from surgery or illness. Support will be in the form of meals, visits and cards.

In case of illness, surgery, a death in the family, or other pastoral needs or emergencies, please call the rector.

WANTED: USHERS!

HELP! Seeking adult men, women and youth ushers for 10am service. Ushering is an important part of the service, but not a difficult task for anyone. If you're currently not volunteering in a ministry to support the Sunday service or Sunday School, why not give ushering a try? Please help us out! We are flexible, and our monthly ushering schedule will fit your schedule. **GIVE IT A TRY!**

Please contact Rick Anderson at 464-8911. Usher instructions are provided.

BRING YOUR BELLS TO EASTER VIGIL!

As part of the Easter Vigil service on **Saturday, April 3** at 8pm, it is customary to ring bells during the "Gloria in Excelsis." Bring (and ring) your bells at that service. Be sure to wrap the clapper in your bell as it should not be allowed to ring until the "Gloria" begins.

GUEST PRIEST FROM FOOD FOR THE POOR

On **Sunday, April 11**, The Rev. Mike Cassell will be our guest preacher and celebrate the Eucharist at the 8am and 10am services. Father Mike is an Episcopal priest who has served in five dioceses. Most recently he was rector of St. Joseph Church in Boynton Beach, Florida. Now he gives his time on behalf of Food for the Poor, serving sixteen countries on an ecumenical basis, including Haiti. Food for the Poor builds homes (nearly 40,000), schools, hospitals, drug and alcohol rehab centers, and supports efforts to teach basic skills. They are focused on empowerment of people. According to Forbes Magazine, over 96% of every dollar they raise goes directly to projects that assist the poor.

PILGRIMAGE TO ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Fr. Rick Morley (Rector of St. Mark's in Basking Ridge) is leading a pilgrimage to northern England and southern Scotland from **June 25-July 4**. The pilgrimage will include sites of spiritual and cultural significance including Sunday worship at Durham Cathedral, the Holy Isle of Lindisfarne, Iona Abbey, Whitby Abbey, and the National Gallery in Edinburgh. For more information, a full itinerary, and details on prices, please see <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs064/1102612873149/archive/1102934173729.html> or you may call St. Mark's Church at (908) 766-9058.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS JOIN PRESIDING BISHOP AT CONFERENCE ON DOMESTIC POVERTY

Two leaders in the field of poverty alleviation will join Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori as keynote presenters at a special conference focusing on the Episcopal Church's response to the pervasive issue of Domestic Poverty, "Called to Serve: The Episcopal Church Responds to Domestic Poverty." The groundbreaking conference will provide an in-depth exploration of the nature of domestic poverty and the Church's role in addressing this ubiquitous national issue on **April 28-30** in Newark, NJ. For complete schedule and registration information, please go to: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/1905_113991_ENG_HTM.htm

EPISCOPAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applications are now being accepted for more than 60 scholarships available through the Episcopal Church. Earmarked for education and schooling for Episcopalians, funding for the scholarships is derived from numerous trust funds that have amassed over the years. The oldest scholarship trust fund, The Mary E. Hinman Fund, dates back to 1879. All materials - the list of scholarships, the guidelines, the application form and the instructions for filling out the form - are available online at: http://www.episcopalchurch.org/109539_110675_ENG_HTM.htm
The list of trust funds and scholarships is at: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/ScholarshipTrustFunds121609.pdf>
Deadline for applications is April 15, 2010.

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Submissions may be edited.

