

# St Andrew's Episcopal Church Newsletter The eNET

## Celebrating 50 Years! 1960-2010

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## ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATES IN STYLE!

In April, we really celebrated the 50th anniversary of our church! The very first service was held at St. Andrew's on the lawn Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960. Had we known it would be such an unusually warm early April Easter, we would have had an Easter service outdoors to commemorate that first service! We celebrated our 50th Easter at St. Andrew's with a beautiful and delicious brunch after the 10 o'clock service. Over 80 people enjoyed the delicious egg casseroles and other brunch foods. Two beautiful banners announcing our anniversary, designed by our senior warden, Tom MacDonald, were hung from the light posts at the entrance in time for Easter Sunday and will remain there for the rest of the year!

Only three weeks later was our Anniversary Celebration weekend! On April 24, 125 current and former parishioners attended an Anniversary Dinner at the Murray Hill Inn. We enjoyed good food and fellowship as well as a slide show of our 50-year history! Rev. Peggy shared a history of our parish and Bishop Cancell shared his thoughts about St. Andrew's with us. It was great to see the decades of St. Andrew's history that were represented by the attendees that night and we were blessed to have a number of founding members in attendance.

Sunday morning, we celebrated with a Festival Eucharist for the anniversary of our church. In addition to praying special prayers for our church, four young children celebrated early communion. The choir beautifully sang Randall Thompson's "Alleluia" and a beautiful benediction. Unfortunately, rainy weather prevented us from concluding the service outdoors as planned so we had a "virtual" dedication of the beautiful dogwood tree planted on the front lawn in honor of the church's anniversary.

At the dinner Saturday night, Bob Ashmun gave us an update on the campaign to grow the endowment fund by \$50,000 in recognition of the 50th anniversary. On Saturday night, unmatched gifts totaling \$23,500 had been received. By Sunday, the amount had reached \$25,000 -- the amount a very generous anonymous donor had agreed

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

[www.standrewschurch.org](http://www.standrewschurch.org)

to match! What a wonderful way to provide for the next 50 years and beyond.

We wish to thank the 2010 Committee and others who helped in any way with the tremendous amount of work that has gone into the celebrations. The committee will be taking a well-deserved break for now, but we plan to organize a couple more ways to celebrate our anniversary before the year is over!

Amy Evans and Carolyn Glatz, Co-Chairs 2010 Committee



Bishop Councill, Amy Evans, Rev. Peggy, and Carolyn Glatz at the 50th anniversary dinner at the Murray Hill Inn on April 24.

## WORSHIP AND EDUCATION SUNDAYS

### May 2: 5 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  
5:30pm-Contemporary Service

### May 9: 6 Easter

Mother's Day  
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

### May 16: 7 Easter

Rite 13 Service  
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-Junior & Senior Youth Group Car Wash to Benefit Relay for Life  
6pm-Junior & Senior Youth Groups, Farewell Party for Brian at Rectory

**May 23: Pentecost**

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  
1:30pm-Junior & Senior Youth Groups Attend Baseball Game

**May 30: Trinity Sunday**

8am-Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:15am-Bible Study with the Rector  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY, J2A CLASSES OR YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS  
10am-Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir

**Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 9:30am.**

## DOGWOOD DEDICATION PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for our 50th anniversary here at St. Andrew's, for the blessing of parish life; for the joy of Christian community. We dedicate this young Cornus dogwood tree in your Name, as a symbol of new life and growth. May it thrive and bloom each Easter season in the very place on this South Street lawn where the first service took place at St. Andrew's on Easter Sunday in 1960. In the center of each blossom we see signs of the gift you gave to us of your life: the crown of thorns in the center and the shape of the cross in its four petals. With thanks and praise to You for your steadfast love and presence with us, we dedicate this 50th anniversary tree.

In Christ's Name, Amen.

*(Dedication given by Rev. Peggy on April 25, 2010.)*



## FIFTY YEARS OF FAITH

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

#### Patti Meets a Preacher

Both Canon Shreve and his wife Patti had a large influence in the early years of St. Andrew's Church. We are fortunate to have some of their family members living in the New Providence area, and were delighted to have a number of them present at the St. Andrew's 50th Anniversary Dinner, held at the Murray Hill Inn on April 24.

I'm sure some people wonder how Canon Shreve came to know his wife Patti. Patti was a famous singer who enchanted America with her singing, coast to coast, five nights a week on the NBC Network, in the golden age of radio; made movies and recorded records; sang on Broadway, alone and with her two sisters; and sang in

the Rainbow Room, Copacabana and many other well known supper clubs in the country! The Canon referred to his meeting Patti as "the best miracle God ever did for me."

The story goes like this:

When Canon Shreve returned to the States after his five years of ministry abroad, he looked up an old college friend who was, by this time, vice president of the Steel Company in Bethlehem, PA. He and his wife were very hospitable to the Canon and included him in their active social life. It was at these Bethlehem parties that Canon Shreve came to know Patti and her husband, Robert Simmons. They were a very attractive and popular part of everything that went on in Bethlehem, where they had retired from show biz to bring up their children on a Bucks County farm.

When Robert Simmons died, the Canon missed the pleasure of seeing Patti for about 6 months. And then, one evening, there was Patti at a party. It seemed as though she had just had a terrible winter. In addition to losing Robert she had been snowed in a couple of times at the end of a long country lane, the furnace had blown up, etc., etc. Cabin fever was at its height when she was invited to this party and she decided, on the spur of the moment, to go.

As it turned out, Patti and Canon Shreve were the only two unattached people at the gathering. She came up to him and jokingly inquired, "Are you married or engaged or anything?" The Canon replied "no" and she rejoined, "Well, let's be engaged for the evening." They both laughed over her suggestion and that was how it all began.

Canon Shreve was in the process of getting St. Andrew's off to a good start, and was living in the apartment on the second floor of the house with his mother and an old Swedish housekeeper, Hilda, who had been with his family since he was a young boy.

The Canon's car found itself automatically turning westward toward Patti's Pennsylvania farm on numerous occasions. He was hopelessly, irrevocably in love. As it turned out, the idea of being a preacher's wife was not an insurmountable hurdle to Patti. In fact, her younger children, Helen and David, thought the Canon was some kind of royalty who wore vestments and couldn't be arrested!

In a future column, the marriage of Patti and the Canon! Rick Anderson

*(Source for this article was a document titled "Autobiographical Articles, By The Rev. Canon Charles A. Shreve" which was printed in the St. Andrew's Net, September 1983 through June 1984.)*

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The 50th Anniversary weekend certainly was exciting for me. The celebration was so very nicely done; it is obvious a lot of thought and planning went into the dinner on Saturday and the worship services on Sunday. So much effort goes into such events...things the uninformed observer may not notice, like Rick Anderson bringing the keyboard over from church and setting it up and then hauling it back again. And Sarah Jane Vignali's beautiful golden flowers on Sunday for the golden anniversary. Efforts like that may go unheralded, but believe me, they are not unappreciated!

It was wonderful to have the Bishop in attendance on Saturday night, to sit almost next to him, and to see in what high regard he holds our church and our rector. His talk, and Rev. Peggy's, were so inspiring and make us realize how very fortunate we are to have such fine folks leading us.

And I know everyone appreciates the fine folks we have leading us in sung worship, and you know I mean the Saint Andrew's choir...didn't they do a wonderful job? They always do, but this time, I told them, they outdid themselves. We talked weeks ago about what they would sing for the celebration and there was unanimous agreement to do 'Ride the Chariot'. Then Randall Thompson's 'Alleluia' was mentioned and one said it was too difficult, but several others said "we can do it; we'll just have to work on it". Work they did, I can attest to that. It didn't seem so much like work in that it was done in a cheerful spirit, not

grudgingly. And didn't they do a marvelous job? I was so proud of them! Ralph and Margaret Miano came all the way from Florida and said there was no way they would have missed it.

I can only echo that sentiment. Thank you, choir, for loving St. Andrew's Church. And thank you, St. Andrew's, for all the love that comes back to us.

God is good, all the time. And all the time, God is good.

Musically yours,  
Doris Merrick



## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

On behalf of the staff and children of St. Andrew's, thank you to everyone who made Spring Fling such an enormous success. The words seem so small compared to the time, effort and generosity that made the evening so memorable. The evening generated approximately \$17,000 - truly unbelievable!



Thank you to Melissa Tassé for her amazing talent and organizational ability. Additional thanks go to Stephanie Beardsley, Nicole Bisaccia, Michelle Castagna, Debra Karrat, Jenn Kowitz, Lauren Pardo, Amy Pedulla and Catherine Sleath for all their efforts. Our class parents were so helpful with the class baskets and our clean-up crew got the parish hall back in working order. As always, Clarissa Walsh and Peggy Paton were invaluable, and Mr. Enrique was at the ready as his help was needed! It was a very proud night for our entire school community and our children will benefit directly. Freddy the Fire Truck will be here in September as well as all the classroom materials that people so kindly purchased for our classrooms. Spring Fling 2010 was certainly an event that will be talked about for a long time to come. Thank you again!

### Kindergarten Efforts for Haiti Relief - A Huge Success!

In an effort to assist with relief work in Haiti, our kindergarteners participated in a Read-a-thon which generated \$823! They also worked diligently to bake treats that were sold at the bake sale on our March 25 Pizza Night. Their efforts, combined with the

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SPIRIT

### Teacher Sign-up Time for 2010-2011

#### "Children are a Gift from God" (Psalm 127:3)

As a Sunday School teacher you have an opportunity to serve God and teach children, who are a "Gift from God". You can join a wonderful group of teacher volunteers who sign up each year! And you can use your gifts and talents every Sunday in classrooms, teaching children lessons to use for life as a Christian. Our Teacher Sign-up Chart is located on the bulletin board in the entry area until **June 14**. You can choose from three terms: Fall, Winter and Spring. There are excellent leaders guides from our various curriculums for your use. The Living The Good News Episcopal Curriculum, states: "We provide the lessons for class... YOU provide the LOVE.

#### Godly Play Class: Teacher Sign-up Chart

This is an exciting method of telling children Bible stories and parables. Stories are brought to life by using handcrafted figures called story sets. There are two class leaders:

**Storytellers:** The Godly Play Storytelling Team members have taken the workshop and are encouraged to sign up on the Teacher Chart for one term (or more if you would like). You will be asked to only tell about 4 stories for the term you signed up for on the chart.

**Doorpersons:** Will be with the class for a full term. Tasks include: greet the class, do an early 15-minute quiet activity, invite the children to the Godly Play room, and help with the resource activity that follows the storytelling.

A workshop for new Godly Play leaders will be held in the fall, date to be announced.

#### Pentecost Song

Children in Grades 1-5 will sing at the Pentecost Service with Doris Merrick. Practices are on **May 2** and **May 16** from 11:30am-noon. Your child can enjoy a snack in the parish hall and then join us at 11:30! On Pentecost, we will have regular Sunday School classes and join the service at the Peace. Please wear red on this day to signify the "tongues of fire" which represent the Holy Spirit.

#### Sunday School Program: "Children Caring for God's World"

Bring your child on **May 16** to participate in our nature program during regular Sunday School class time. All grade levels will plant flowers in the round white containers by the front entrance of the church on the red door terrace. The flowers will welcome people to our church from May until late fall. Each child will learn how we serve the church, sense the beauty of nature, and watch the flowers grow...while learning about conservation and taking care of the environment.

#### Children and Nature

A spring reminder that last year The National Wildlife Federation launched a program to encourage parents and educators to take their children outside for at least an hour a day. Let's have our children sense the beauty and wonder of nature, God's creation! There are many benefits to being in nature: increased attention span, less obesity, stress reduction, and a heightened sense of wonder.

Joyce Kern, Director of Religious Education

proceeds from Pizza Night, allowed us to donate \$1,347 to relief in Haiti through Episcopal Relief and Development. Thank you to all who offered their support and a special congrats to the kindergarteners. We are proud of you! Mary Donohue, Director



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Summer Schedule begins:



## June 20 - Father's Day One Service - 9am

### YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

The Senior and Junior Youth Groups are planning a car wash on **Sunday, May 16** following the 10am service. All proceeds will be donated to Relay for Life. We are also planning to attend a baseball game at either the Newark Bears or Somerset Patriots on **Sunday, May 23** beginning at 1:30pm.

#### **Sunday evening Youth Group Meetings scheduled through May 30:**

May 2: Junior Youth Group Meeting, 6pm

May 9: No Senior Youth group Meeting - Mother's Day

May 16: Senior and Junior Youth Group Car Wash after the 10am Service

May 23: Senior and Junior Youth Groups: Baseball Game, Bears or Patriots, 1:30pm

May 30: No J2A Classes or Youth Group Meeting - Memorial Day Weekend

#### **Diocesan-wide event:**

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

For info on Diocesan-wide events, please contact Brian, Rev. Peggy or [www.newjerseyyouth.org](http://www.newjerseyyouth.org).

Blessings, Brian Bussey

### YOUTH CAR WASH!



THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR YOUTH  
GROUPS WILL BE HOLDING A CAR  
WASH TO RAISE MONEY FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

**Sunday, May 16 at 11:30am  
in the church parking lot.  
Donations are welcome.**

All proceeds from this event will go towardsthe American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.  
Please help us fight to find a cure for cancer!

### GARDENING NEWS

Thanks to all our loyal parishioners who supported our 2010 Flower Fundraiser this April. We appreciate your support this year, and will be purchasing flowers and plants for the church gardens and containers in early May.

**GARDEN CLEAN-UP & FLOWER PLANTING - Saturday, May 15** from 9am-1pm. Please come out and join us for flower planting in the gardens. Nothing too heavy duty. Get out in the gardens with us for some fresh air in our over 50-year-old landscaped grounds.

We are seeking parishioners and friends who would like 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 landscaped church 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.

## TRINITY WALL STREET TO STAGE FREE CONCERT

Governors Island, in the middle of New York harbor, will be the setting for a free **July 4** concert by Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter Rosanne Cash, sponsored by Trinity Wall Street.

Trinity, which has maintained a chapel on the island since the mid-1800s, has hosted free summer concerts there since 2007. Previous Trinity concerts on Governors Island have featured Judy Collins, Janis Ian, Richie Havens, and Odetta, among others.



## REQUEST FOR PHOTOS CONTINUES

Thanks so much to those parishioners who loaned their personal photos and slides taken of past church events to the 50th Anniversary Committee members involved with the dinner digital slide presentation. Your photo/film media has been a very valuable resource as we remember, reflect and celebrate the first 50 years of St. Andrew's Church. Numerous photos/slides have been scanned and converted to digital media, not only for the slide show, but as a source of material to be included in our church archives, as well as in the new and improved St. Andrew's Church website. A number of churches have websites that contain a section detailing the history of their church, including photos. It would be meaningful to include a section on our church history in our website, especially in our anniversary year!

Although over 400 photos, slides and articles have been scanned into digital media, we continue to search and seek personal photos/slides that parishioners have in their collection pertaining to St. Andrew's events and activities over the years. If you happen to have photos lying around in an old shoe box, or tucked away somewhere, we would be delighted to borrow them for a short time to be scanned for the church history archives.

Please contact Rick Anderson, at (908) 464-8911 or [rick243@comcast.net](mailto:rick243@comcast.net), regarding any photos that you may have.

## UNIQUE ICON EXHIBIT AT THE CONVENT

The Community of St. John Baptist, a Religious Order of Sisters in the Episcopal Church, will mark the Feast of Pentecost with a special exhibit of a private collection of Icons that span over 300 years. The dates of this weekend show are **May 22 & 23**. Admission is \$10.

A special aspect of this premier exhibit is that it will be held within the Chapel of St. John Baptist, a fine example of French architecture. The chapel contains treasures such as a 16th century woodcut of the crucifixion and is an ideal setting.

In addition to the Icons, the weekend will offer discussions led by noted curator Dr. Corrado J. Altomare, a commemorative booklet, refreshments, Orthodox Vespers with Father Thomas Edwards of St. Gregory Palamas Orthodox Church of Glen Gardner, NJ.

This special exhibit will benefit the capital campaign of the Sisters, who are repairing and restoring their 100-year-old buildings. The convent is located in Mendham at 82 West Main Street.

For more information you may contact the convent or the event chair, Tim Carr, at (973) 477-0900.

## USHERS WANTED

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 (908) 464-8911. Usher instructions provided.



## 5TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & TOY SALE

Mark your calendars! The 5th Annual Children's Clothing and Toy Sale will be held on **May 21 and May 22** in the parish hall. 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 the church office at (908) 464-4875 with any questions. Donations can be dropped off in the Carriage House Garage.

## TREASURY TALKING POINTS

### St. Andrew's Church Operating Summary: January 1, 2010 - March 31, 2010

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Congregational Giving	60,201	57,177
Special Event and Fund Raiser Income	354	250
Outreach Income	6,423	1,700
Special Offerings and Gifts	32	0
Other Income	25,315	27,569
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>92,325</b>	<b>86,696</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>121,880</b>	<b>116,603</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(29,555)</b>	<b>(29,907)</b>

### St. Andrew's Church Balance Sheet: March 31, 2010

Assets 550,244  
Liabilities 149,289  
Equity 400,955

John Batzer, Treasurer

## CALLING ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Meet on **Saturday, May 22** from 9am-10:30am with Rev. Peggy and Denise Preston. All current Eucharistic Ministers, please attend to learn more about the meaning of our ministry, as well as how to make Eucharistic visits. Meet upstairs in the Rector's Room. Refreshments provided!

## PARISH MILESTONES

We welcome Helen Ana Del Piano, daughter of Michael and Rebecca Waite Del Piano. She was baptized at St. Andrew's on Easter Sunday, April 4.

## ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

May 18	Tuesday, 7:30pm Vestry Meeting, PL
May 19	Wednesday, 7:30pm Inquirer's Class, PL
May 21	Friday, Vestry/School Board Party - The Donohue's home
May 22	Saturday, 9-10:30am Eucharistic Minister Mtg., RR Children's Clothing & Toy Sale - PH
May 23	Pentecost Sunday - Wear RED for the Holy Spirit
May 30	Trinity Sunday (Memorial Day Weekend)
May 31	Memorial Day, Church & School offices closed.
June 5	Confirmation @ St. Martins, Bridgewater
June 13	Recognition Sunday, Last Sunday School, Ice Cream Social
June 20	Father's Day, Summer Schedule begins - one service 9am
Nov. 1	Eleven-Day Pilgrimage to South Africa w/Bishop Councill

(Key: PL=Parish Library; SR=Shreve Room, lower level; PH=Parish Hall; RR=Rector's Rm)

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Submissions may be edited.