

## ***Dates to Remember***

**March 28** Palm Sunday **Service Starts at 8:45am**

Noon – Easter Egg Hunt and ECS Basket Auction at St. Andrew's

**March 29** 7pm Evensong with Prayers for Reconciliation at St. John's

**March 30** 7pm Stations of the Cross at St. John's

**March 31** 7pm Celtic Evensong at St. John's

**April Food Collection -**

**April 1 Maundy Thursday:**

6 p.m. Agape Meal at St. Andrew's

8 pm Stripping of the Altar and Overnight Vigil at St. John's

**April 2 Good Friday**

7:30am Morning Prayer to end the Overnight Vigil at St. John's

11am Stations of the Cross at St. John's

7pm Service of Tenebrae at St. Andrew's

**April 3 10am** Community Easter Egg Hunt & Blessing of Easter Foods at St. John's

**April 4 Easter Day**

**April 9-10** Deanery Youth Group Lock-In at St. Andrew's

**April 10 10am** Youth Pancake Breakfast at St. Andrew's to benefit Community Missions

**April 11** Jeff Edmister will preach

12:30pm Jeff's Discernment Group at St. Andrew's

**April 14** 7pm Vestry Meeting

**April 16** Bishop's Gala to benefit ECS

**April 18** Jeff Edmister's last Sunday

**April 22-24 Pastor Judith+ away for Continuing Education**

**April 25 6:30pm** *Sundays Live at St. Andrew's:*

*Wilde and Whacky Women of the Bible*

Performed by Karen Cassidy & Kevin Clark

**April 28** Set-up for Rummage Sale

**April 30-May 1 Rummage Sale**

**May Food Collection -**

**May 1** Deanery Youth Group "Feet or Famine Walk" for Community Missions

**May 3** 7pm Covenant Team

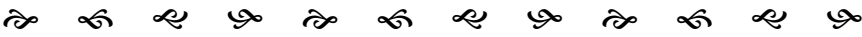
**May 5 6 p.m.** Deanery Council Meeting-St. John's Youngstown

**May 9** Mother's Day Brunch

**May 12** 7pm Vestry Meeting

**May 15** 9-3 – Diocesan Conference: Celebrating Mission

**May 23** Pentecost – Wear **RED!!!**



## *Your Priest's Perspective*

*This day I have begotten you.* [Psalm 2:1]

This April and May include the 50 days of Eastertide, from Easter to Pentecost. These 50 days are really a single feast, a single festival of resurrection.

Since living in Western New York I have found it more difficult to *see* this festival of resurrection, but I have experienced it more deeply. As the cold lingers, and green returns ever so slowly to our fields and gardens, it takes imagination and faith to celebrate the bursting forth of new life. At the same time, I find my own heart quickening with new excitement at the promise I glimpse as the days lengthen and the crocuses peak through the mud.

I think for most of us resurrection is often incremental in this way, discovered in hindsight. Day by day, we watch for signs that our faith is true. We keep our eye on the cross, and we forget about the empty tomb. We listen for God to say what we want to hear, and we don't recognize the Christ who appears to us in our daily walk. We protect ourselves from the dangers of a hostile world, and we don't notice the wind of God's grace sweeping through the rooms of our lives or the flames of love lighting the minds of our companions.

During this 50-day festival, God gathers us in Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are given—again-- the opportunity and the grace to become a new Body, a living sign of God's ever-renewing peace. May the joy of this new life fill each and all of us.

*Judith+*

## **Thank you and Godspeed to Jeff Edmister**

Jeff Edmister will end his internship with St. John's and St. Andrew's on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Since August 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeff has taken part in our congregational life to discern whether he is called to be ordained a deacon. He has served at the altar as a liturgical minister and in our kitchen with our suppers; he has preached, and he has both led and participated in our reflection groups. He has met with a discernment group that includes members of St. John's and St. Andrew's to talk about his faith, his aspirations, and his growing understanding of how God is working in his life. With this group, Jeff studied what it means to be a deacon in the church, and with them he reflected on how he might serve the church in this role.

A deacon, it is often said, stands at the threshold of the church, welcoming outsiders and sending the faithful to serve Christ in the world. The deacon embodies and exemplifies the servanthood of the church, reminding us of our responsibility to our community and to integrate our secular obligations with our worship and our shared faith.

In his internship, Jeff has begun to learn what this will mean for his own ministry. After he returns to his home church, Christ Church-Lockport, he will continue to study, to serve, and to explore opportunities for a new ministry in the community or in the Deanery.

We have privileged to be companions on Jeff's journey for these past few months. He has served with us with humor, grace and humility. He has preached eloquently from the heart about the transforming and forgiving love of God. We will miss him.

## Honduras Trip 2010

It was again a snowy start to my second trip to Honduras to spend time with the girls at Our Little Roses Home. After missing our first flight to San Pedro Sula we were re-routed through Miami and finally got to the home 10 hours later than planned.

After making our beds we were ready to collapse into them. The morning brought us to see the girls and meet the new ones who have come to live here. There are several new little ones, one just learned to walk and another is definitely still testing her limits. The older girls are there to supervise and guide the little ones. I am always amazed at the love and care shown to each girl by the others. Everyone has grown and developed over the year and some of the older girls now have an excellent command of English. My Spanish is better but no way can I say good.

Some of the older girls have moved on to what we hope is a good life. There are a few new ones to take their places. No one is forced to stay at Our Little Roses against their will. So there is a natural attrition of a few girls each year. However there is never a time when we are short of girls at the home.

We shopped the first day for our supplies and were able to get 44 *almohada de cami*, or bed pillows. The girls were delighted with the new pillows. Each pillow had the girl's name and the two churches name handwritten on them. It was just a hint at how grateful everyone was for your generosity.

Besides making arts and crafts with the girls, (we had many different projects) we were able to play, worship and treat them to a few special surprises. We took Sahlen's hot dogs down with us in our luggage for a hot dog supper, a pizza party with 22 Pizza Hut Pizzas (yes, even in Honduras), an ice cream sundae treat, a day for both the older and younger girls to spend time at the pool and a trip to the movies to see *The Tooth Fairy* (in Spanish), complete with a drink and a small popcorn for each girl. The older girls who went later in the week were treated to Sno-Cones after the movie. One of their favorite things. This was an extra treat that your money left over from the pillows provided.

Many of the girls are very talented artists. They do wonderful wood carving and with one of our group Rose Tyler, learned one-stroke painting. They have produced wonderful note cards that we are in the process of getting printed and will have for sale in the near future. All proceeds will go towards other fun and useful activities for the girls at Our Little Roses.

After hugs, many tears, our good-byes were said for this year. We already have a list of ideas for next year and will be busy all year providing for things the girls constantly need. Our fund raising events will continue so we can bring our WNY hugs and love to these precious girls. Thank you again for all your support in this mission.

Lois Carter

## Spring Rummage Sale

Time for our Spring Rummage Sale is getting very close. We must have more help for this event to continue happening. It takes two days to set it up and two days for the event itself including cleaning up after. There is plenty of time from Wednesday through Saturday for several people to help out for a bit. This is a parish event and there are jobs for each of us. There will be a sign-up sheet with times that you can select.

This sale provides a service to the community by helping us get our closets, etc cleaned and by giving others a chance to purchase items at a very reasonable price. Clean your closets, cupboards, etc and bring all the clean items in good condition to St John's during April.

## Deanery Youth Group 2009-2010

Join us for a year of fun,  
All youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are  
friends!



friendship, sharing, and faith!  
invited and encouraged to bring



### Niagara Deanery Youth Overnight Lock-In!

An event for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

Group

Spend time with friends & make new friends during an overnight filled with fun, games, faith and community service!

Where: St. Andrew's, Burt

Start: Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm (doors lock at 8pm)

End: Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm

\*Learn to make prayer beads for a Deanery-wide outreach

\*Help put on our: Community Pancake Breakfast

\*Closing Contemporary Eucharist Saturday @ 11:15am. Young & old are invited to worship with us!

\*If you are interested in attending please contact your Niagara Deanery Youth Missioner by Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> in order to receive your permission form.

- Sarah Harrington

Niagara Deanery Youth Missioner

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### Community Pancake Breakfast

Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>

9-10:30am @

St. Andrew's, Burt



Presented by your Deanery Youth Group

Goodwill offering proceeds to benefit:

Community Missions of Niagara Frontier

Join us afterward for our Contemporary Eucharist at 11:15am!

## Thank You

For your generous contributions to the Deanery Chili Cook-Off to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development on February 21<sup>st</sup>. We raised \$610 at the dinner, and an additional \$170 in the Free Will Offering at the Evensong at St. Paul's-Lewiston on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. St. John's has also contributed \$450 to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for Haiti Relief.

For your generosity at our Soup & Bread brunch and bake sale to benefit ECS on March 14<sup>th</sup>: We raised \$103.



***Congratulations*** to Michael Pyskaty, who won Honorable Mention in the Middle School category of the national C-Span Student Video Competition. Michael's video, *Niagara's Fall*, was one of over 1000 entries. It can be viewed at [www.studentcam.org](http://www.studentcam.org).

## Altar Schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME	SERVICE	COLOR	MEMBER
April 4	EASTER DAY	9:00am	Eucharist	White	Jean Reid
April 8	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	White	Jean Reid
April 11	2nd Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Eucharist	White	Allison Carter
April 15	Anointing & and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	White	Allison Carter
April 18	3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Eucharist	White	Gail Freischlag
April 22	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	White	Gail Freischlag
April 25	4th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Eucharist	White	Millie High
April 29	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	White	Millie High
May 2	5th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Eucharist	White	Jean Reid
May 7	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	White	Jean Reid
May 9	6th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Eucharist	White	Allison Carter
May 13	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	White	Allison Carter
May 16	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Eucharist	White	Gail Freischlag
May 20	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	White	Gail Freischlag
May 23	PENTECOST	9:00am	Eucharist	RED	Millie High
May 27	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Millie High
May 30	TRINITY SUNDAY	9:00am	Eucharist	White	Jean Reid

*Sundays Live at St. Andrews*

Presents

*"Wild & Whacky Women  
of the Bible"*

*A humorous, musical look at 10  
women of the Bible*

*Starring Karen Cassidy  
w/Kevin Clark at the piano*

*Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.*

*Tickets \$5.00 a person*

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

## ***Covenant Team Meeting Summary***

**February 1, 2010**

**Present: St. Andrew's:** Doug Wintersteen (Warden), Jerry Harrington (Warden), Liz Depew, Judi Naylor, Bonnie Wintersteen, Cindy Harrington, Dorothy Cheasty

**St. John's:** Janet Hoffman (Warden), Denise Failla (Warden), Jacquie Rodgers, Millie High, Robyn Krueger

**Absent:** Lois Carter

### **Report from St. John's**

St. John's reported very successful fund-raising events in the fall: An American Gala Horse Performance; Applefest; Election Night Chicken & Biscuit Dinner; and a Swing Raffle. Half of the proceeds from Applefest were given to community outreach. The Schoolroom has been restored and refurnished.

### **Report from St. Andrew's**

St. Andrew's reported that the congregation has been busy with congregational and community events. The *Sundays Live* Performance Series presented *Daughters of Creative Sound* on January 24th. There are a number of new ministries beginning at St. Andrew's: a Prayer Shawl Ministry, *Generations* (parents of young children planning intergenerational activities), a Green Team, a new intergenerational musical group-The St. Andrew's Gospel Groove Band.

### **Discussion**

1. **Lent** - We will have 3 Lenten Reflection Groups this year:

Mondays, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. - "Learning Forgiveness" at St. Andrew's, led by Dorothy Cheasty & Jeff Edmister

Thursdays, 11:30am - Bible Study at St. John's. We will organize phone calls to invite people to take part in these groups.

2. **Holy Week** - We will again have contemplative services at St. John's on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday; on Maundy Thursday we will have an Agape Meal at St. Andrew's, and new services for the Stripping of the Altar and a more organized overnight Vigil at St. John's. On Good Friday we will have the Newfane ecumenical service at 8 a.m., Stations of the Cross at noon at St. John's, and a Service of Tenebrae at St. Andrew's in the evening, with arrangements for a joint choir. On Saturday we will again have the Community Easter Egg Hunt & Blessing of Easter Foods at St. John's.

3. **Confirmation** - In the Fall of 2010 we will have a Confirmation class that includes youth from both churches. We will have separate Bishop's Visitations and confirmation services.

### **Looking Ahead: What's working and what's not?**

We spent considerable time discussing what the next phase of our covenant relationship should be. We are doing well with having separate and parallel ministries and supporting each other in our fundraising events, but there was consensus that we need to develop a working relationship in which we share our ministries more fully. It was pointed out that the Operation Christmas Child, the Acolyte Trip to Washington, D.C., and our Summer Eucharist *Christmas in August* to benefit Our Little Roses Orphanage have been highly successful. We agreed to participate together in a Green Team, comprised of members of both congregations that will meet regularly to share resources and ideas, assessing energy conservation and use at each church separately. We also agreed to explore developing a Prayer Shawl ministry at St. John's, and that the annual Loaves and Fishes service at St. Andrew's can be a joint service. Both Vestries will continue to explore ways in which the two congregations can share resources and work together more closely.

### **Say A Prayer**

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.' said his mother.

'I don't need to,' the boy replied.

'Of course, you do.' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house.' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'



## BEYOND OUR BORDERS

# A Lenten Letter from Episcopal Diocese of Haiti Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin

## The earthquake has not destroyed our hope in the future

March 5, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Seven weeks after we were hit by the 7.0 earthquake on the Richter scale, the situation is still very serious in Haiti.

As you know, many people were killed, perhaps as many as 300,000. Thousands and thousands of others have been injured. In the Church, we have lost many people. Millions of Haitians have no place to live; many are sleeping in the streets in tents, and some of them still have not found any shelter at all. All the infrastructure of the country, as well as all the key institutions of the Diocese, have been destroyed, especially in the capital of Port au Prince. The situation is very difficult.

Many of our famous churches are gone, especially Holy Trinity Cathedral, which was not only a place of worship, but a place of culture. The Cathedral was a very important institution for the whole country. Yes, it has been physically destroyed, but our faith is still here and our communities are still alive. The earthquake has not destroyed our hope in the future. Despite the difficulties we face, many of our parishes have grown larger since the earthquake, because more and more people trust our Church and are turning to us for help spiritually, socially and morally.

We are still a strong Church and we will continue to work with you in partnership to be able to build up the Kingdom of God on earth through evangelism, education, health care and our development programs. We will work together to preach a holistic Gospel so that human beings may become more fully human in the face of God.

We will have to rebuild all of our communities. We in the Diocese are working very hard to have a Master Plan to replace the physical structures of the Church, so that we may continue to serve Haitian people with the same love, the same care, and the same support that we have always shown. Our mission will not change. We pray that God will continue to give us strength to do all this work despite so many difficulties. We ask you to please be patient and wait for our guidance as we put together this plan so that we can determine how our resources can be used most effectively. Once we have made our decisions, we will announce the plan. To assist us in using all of our resources in the best possible way, and to provide the best accounting of donations, I ask all of our partners in traditional programs to resume sending donations through the Partnership Program. The fastest and safest way to do this is by wiring the money into the Partnership Program account; the Rev. Kesner Ajax, Partnership Program Coordinator, can provide that information to any who require it.

I am grateful for all of the support and assistance of the Church Center and especially of the Presiding Bishop and Primate, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. Her visit to us in February, even though it was short, gave us great strength here in Haiti, and I am deeply thankful for our time together. We appreciate very much the willingness of the Church Center to continue to work with us in the Master Plan to rebuild the Diocese.

In addition, I give thanks for the visit of the Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon, Bishop Suffragan of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, who is visiting right now on the Presiding Bishop's behalf. I also give thanks to all of the bishops and dioceses of The Episcopal Church for their prayers and support, and for telling our story. Some of them have been directly involved in supporting me and my wife, Edithe, during our difficult time; all of our family is especially thankful for this.

Special thanks must be given to Episcopal Relief & Development; all of us are grateful for its assistance and work in providing us food, shelter, water, medicines and all other forms of support to help us survive these difficult times.

In addition, it was very good to receive the Most Rev. Thabo Cecil Makgoba, Primate of Cape Town, and the Rt. Rev. Laish Boyd, Bishop of Nassau and The Bahamas, who are visiting at this moment. I also give thanks to all other bishops and archbishops of the Anglican Communion who have expressed their support to us.

The earthquake of Jan. 12 was our baptism; now is our new creation. In this new creation, we pray to all work together, and we ask that you give us the time we need, first to care for our people, then to rebuild the Kingdom.

In this Lenten season, the season of repentance, conversion and intense prayers, we ask you to remember our Diocese and all the people of Haiti in this difficult moment. We also ask you to continue to support us by your prayers and your gifts, so that by Eastertide, we will be able to sing together with great joy, "Alleluia! He is Risen!"

I bid you my blessings for this holy season.

Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin  
Episcopal Diocese of Haiti

## Reader Schedule

<b>Service Date</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Prayers of the People</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>C 1st Acolyte</b>	<b>2nd Acolyte</b>
April 4 Easter Day	Robyn Krueger	Sharon Rhodes	Jeff Edminster	Gail Freischlag			
April 11 Easter 2	Kirsten Rodgers	Jacque Rodgers	Jeff Edminster	Sharon Rhodes			
April 18 Easter 3	Allison Carter	Robyn Krueger	Keith Rhodes	Robin Schulmeister			
April 25 Easter 4	Justin Naylor	Kirsten Rodgers	Sharon Rhodes	Allison Carter			
May 2 Easter 5	Robyn Krueger	Allison Carter	Jacque Rodgers	Mike Kerwin			
May 9 Easter 6	Kirsten Rodgers	Sharon Rhodes	Janet Hoffman	Keith Rhodes			
May 16 Ascension	Jacque Rodgers	Kirsten Rodgers	Allison Carter	Gail Freischlag			
May 23 Pentecost	Janet Hoffman	Robyn Krueger	Keith Rhodes	Sharon Rhodes			
May 30 Trinity Sunday	Justin Naylor	Jacque Rodgers	Sharon Rhodes	Robin Schulmeister			

**If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, please find a replacement, or contact Pastor Lee!**

**Thank you!**

## Lessons

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>April 4 Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Isaiah 65:17-25</b>	<b>118:1-2, 14-24</b>	<b>Acts 10:34-43</b>	<b>Luke 24:1-12</b>
<b>April 11 Easter 2</b>	<b>Acts 5:27-32</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>Revelation 1:4-8</b>	<b>John 20:19-31</b>
<b>April 18 Easter 3</b>	<b>Acts 9:1-20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Revelations 5:11-14</b>	<b>John 21:1-19</b>
<b>April 25 Easter 4</b>	<b>Acts 9:36-43</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Revelation 7:9-17</b>	<b>John 10:22-30</b>
<b>May 2 Easter 5</b>	<b>Acts 11:1-18</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>Revelation 21:1-6</b>	<b>John 13:31-35</b>
<b>May 9 Easter 6</b>	<b>Acts 16:9-15</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5</b>	<b>John 5:1-9</b>
<b>May 16 Ascension</b>	<b>Acts 1:1-11</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>Ephesians 1:15-23</b>	<b>Luke 24:44-53</b>
<b>May 23 Day of Pentecost</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-21</b>	<b>104:24-35b</b>	<b>Romans 8:14-18</b>	<b>John 14:8-17</b>
<b>May 30 Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Romans 5:1-5</b>	<b>John 16:12-15</b>

## Outreach - Community Missions

Just a reminder.....We will continue to fill personal hygiene bags for Community Missions. Travel size items are just right for this purpose. Items needed are: shampoo, deodorant, soaps, Kleenex packs, razors, shaving cream and combs. The local dentist's office supplies toothbrushes and toothpaste. We also include a few children's bags with coloring or activity books and crayons.

A basket is located in the back of the sanctuary for those of you wish to donate to this worthy cause or you may hand them to one of us. . .

Millie High  
Jean Reid  
Mary Gamble



### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

We served over 55 pancake dinners and raised \$248.00 for Episcopal Community Services.

Thank you for all the donations (flour, sugar, eggs, milk, juice - time and talents). Thank you to Mary Gamble for making the applesauce, it was delicious. Thanks to all of the helpers who made the dinner run so smoothly. Thank you to cooks and the clean-up crew.

Denise Failla