

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ**  
**PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

## **The Last Sunday after The Epiphany**

Readings: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

[For readings see: [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)]

### **Worship Schedule**

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<b>9:30 am Eucharist</b> (in-person & livestreamed) <b>Coffee hour</b> (following the service)  <b>10:45 am – noon –</b> <b>Sunday School</b> on the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church		<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> on Zoom  <b>12:30 – 2 pm –</b> Body & Soul: <b>The Tuesday Book Group</b> on Zoom		<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> on Zoom		

Church YouTube Live Stream link for Sunday services:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@standrewsepiscopalchurch-n6936>

Church ZOOM link: <https://zoom.us/j/570270415>



## A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

**The Rev. Allison Moore**

Village Harmony is a singing group I love, and I am with them in Guadalajara, Mexico for a weeklong music workshop. But sometime during the first day of rehearsal, I was really wondering why I think it's fun to sing a cappella music in languages I don't know with people who generally have much more choral experience than I do. I was very frustrated.

Here are Insights from the three teachers that helped me remember why, by day three, I love this experience.

You have to know your own part very well, and work to be the best singer you can.

You also have to listen intently to all the other parts to see where you fit in and how all the other parts are as necessary as yours.

And, you have to understand the rhythm in your bones, because it is the underlying rhythm that unites everybody.

One teacher put it this way: rhythm Is the heartbeat of the universe, in all the varieties of cultural expression. Melody conveys emotions about a unique perspective on common human experiences. The lyrics engage the brain, so singers offer "heart and soul and strength and mind" to each other and their community.

Imagine Jesus' Transfiguration as a professional performance of the piece we are singing, giving us a glimpse of our goal. Then the teachers give us music and lyrics, pronunciation and rhythm, bit by bit, just as our prayer book and Scripture and worship and music teach us to pray and make good choices (or not!!). Each of us has to go practice and make mistakes and learn our parts in prayer and in our daily life. Jesus teaches and corrects and heals and loves so we root ourselves more firmly in the Rhythm of The Universe. Then we come together, strengthening and blending our unique voices, to make love incarnate in the world. Welcome to Lent!

And this trip is not all hard work. Today we went to the town of Tequila, toured a tequila factory, and sang with a group of school children who regaled us with Mexican folk songs. Fun!





## SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (February 15)

Officiant & LEM: .....Brenda Hush  
Lector: .....Julie Mazur  
Altar Guild: .....Valerie McAllister  
Usher: .....Martin Bend  
Organist: .....Janet Salt Frommer  
Live Stream Tech: .....Jane Conger

### FREE FRESH FOOD



This Sunday Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 pm.  
Volunteers needed. Please help as you can.

### FOOD COLLECTION

There is a basket at the entryway to the church where we ask that you place **non-perishable food items** for distribution to those who come by for Free Fresh Food as well as to Family of New Paltz.

### COFFEE HOUR

Sign up to do coffee hour on sign up sheet in the parish hall.  
Information on how easy it is to participate in this ministry is on the sheet and in the kitchen.



### FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

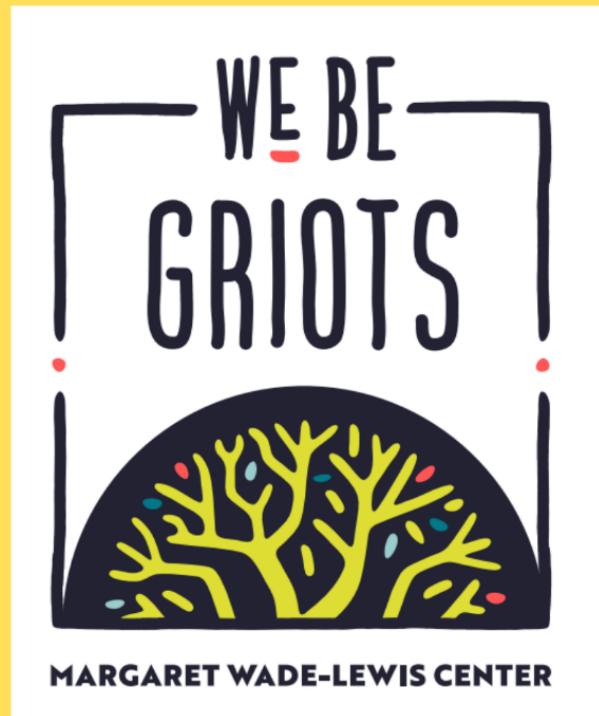
The Friends of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine is recruiting new members across the diocese and the annual meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, at 3:00pm Eastern DAYLIGHT! Time. The governors will be holding our Annual Meeting both in-person at Cathedral House on the Close as well as a "virtual" gathering on Zoom. Attendance is free for all those who would like to join us. Attendees who have renewed their memberships will be eligible to vote. To renew your membership please go to [our website](#) or contact John Rumely ([president@cathedralfriends.org](mailto:president@cathedralfriends.org)) or by phone: 917-327-4288. They have kept their renewal fees low to accommodate all who wish to join. Please RSVP by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY

This semester Allison and Episcopal Campus Ministry is working with Silver Hollow Audio, Black Lives Matter at School, and the Margaret Wade Lewis Center on a series of 8 podcasts centering Black Presence in New Paltz. The first episode will air February 4, 2026, hearing from SUNY NP

Professor Ceista Little-Quinn and the link will be at the [Margaret Wade Lewis Center website](#) on Feb. 4. Watch out for upcoming interviews with parishioners Prof. Heriberto Dixon and Brenda Hicks-Hush!!

Working with Black Lives Matter @ School and Episcopal Campus Ministry



A podcast of stories  
of Black Presence in New Paltz  
8 episodes, beginning with Prof.  
Ceista Little-Quinn on Feb. 4, 2026  
Podcast link at the MWL website



**TOGETHER AT THE TABLE**

**COMES TO**

**ST. ANDREW'S**

**SHROVE TUESDAY**

**PANCAKE  
SUPPER**



**5-7PM**

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**FEB.  
17**

**163 MAIN STREET,  
NEW PALTZ**

**845-255-5098  
[standrewnp.org](http://standrewnp.org)**

**Volunteers needed (set up, serve, clean up)  
speak to Brenda, Jennifer, or Luba**



## ACTION CORNER

Steps you can take to work on justice. Ideas welcome!!

### Actions for this week

You may want to consider signing this petition, asking to revoke a recent Executive Order that went into effect on January 29, 2026 preventing Cuba, an island nation, from importing oil or any energy sources needed to survive.

Hospitals will face impossible choices, risking the closure of wards and the suspension of critical treatments. The most vulnerable—children, the elderly, and the sick—will bear the brunt of this cruelty.

Allison writes from Mexico, “On this trip one of our teachers is Wilmia Verrier, whose mom and grandmother are in Cuba. A few days ago her region lost all power, all schools in the country have been closed, and there isn’t enough unrefrigerated food for people to eat. Wilmia is very afraid for her family and country. She asks us to pray.

The petition is located at <https://www.letcubalive.info/>



## BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

The architect, Allen Ross, presented his findings to the church and they are moving forward in their feasibility study.

# Blessed Absalom Jones Celebration

**Saturday, February 14, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**  
**The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine,**  
**1047 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10025**

This meaningful service will honor the legacy of the Reverend Absalom Jones, the first African American priest ordained in the Episcopal Church, whose groundbreaking ministry paved the way for a more diverse and inclusive priesthood. He was declared a saint in 1973, with a designated feast day of February 13.

The celebration will feature worship, music, dance, and spoken word. The Moses Commission will also be announcing its preliminary findings.

Eucharist at 10:30 AM.

**Host:** The Very Reverend Winnie Varghese (Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine)

**Celebrant:** The Rt. Rev. Matthew F. Heyd (17th Bishop of New York)

**Preacher:** The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes (11th Bishop of Newark)

## Featured Performers & Youth Participants:

- The Absalom Jones Festival Choir
- The Christ Church New Brighton Community Youth Choir of Staten Island, directed by Jana Ballard
- Artists from Jazz House Kids of Montclair, New Jersey (Dr. Darrell Smith, coordinator / Christian McBride, founder)
- Dancers from the Jamel Gaines Creative Outlet Dance Company.
- POET GOLD, 2017 Dutchess County Poet Laureate
- Derrick D. Cross, Beatboxer/Spoken Word Artist of the Electric Company and Artist in Residence at New Jersey Performing Arts Center

If you are attending in person, please click below to register for the event. This Service will also be streamed live on the [Diocese's YouTube page](#).

You can [click here to donate](#) to the Absalom Jones Fund for Episcopal HBCUs

[\*\*REGISTER HERE\*\*](#)

**THANK YOU** to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week especially MaryAnn, Annette, Valerie, Jen, Jennifer, Janet, Charles, Cathy and Jane. Thank you to those who continue to help with the food pantry and the free fresh food project, those who tend to the grounds of the church and vicarage, and those who are helping with the live streaming of the Sunday service.

**Church Office Hours**  
**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays**  
**9:30 am – 2:30 pm**

*If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272 or by email to [standrewsrev@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsrev@gmail.com); Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or Martin Bend, Junior Warden at 845-423-9666.*



**ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.**

**SUNY Ulster Food Pantry**

**Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Thursdays, 12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**FREE FRESH FOOD!**

Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 1st Sundays: Reformed Church of New Paltz; 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church; **3rd Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**; 4th Sundays: Methodist Church; 5th Sundays: New Paltz Friends Meeting, 8 N. Manheim

**Sunday mornings:** Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.

Food & clothing always needed. **Clothes can be brought to Ascension of 9W after 9:30 on Sundays.**

**Andy's Peeps**

Online forum for St. Andrew's community  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

**Sunday School**

**First & third Sundays, 10:45 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church**

St. Andrew's Website ([www.standrewnp.org](http://www.standrewnp.org))

Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>)

***Our Parish Prayer List:***

We continue to pray for especially **Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Vickie, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Betty**.