

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

Worship Schedule

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

I was at a Rural and Migrant Ministry event last night, hearing stories of their work. Always inspiring, but what brought many of us to tears were the stories of emergency plans—what grownups children should go to when their parents have been taken? And [the account of](#) the packaging plant raid in September, 2025, in Cato, NY where an eyewitness told RMM that the agents said clearly: “White people go over here, you can leave; everyone else will come with us.” It took weeks to sort out who among those taken were actually undocumented, weeks of not knowing where loved ones had been detained or in what conditions. Legal representation provided both by the Diocese and Rural and Migrant Ministry is a concrete example of hope and love in action.

This Sunday is a family service, exploring Holy Week in word and deed, readings and actions. But we’re missing the long story of the “man born blind” from John’s gospel. “Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

As a mom becoming aware of how I have passed some of the blind spots of my parenting on to my children, I pray for mercy.

As a white woman who still struggles against racism, in part because of the blind spots in our history and culture and laws and practices, I pray for mercy.

As a cis woman continually learning about the plethora of ways of being human, I pray for mercy.

And I pray that Jesus’ healing of the man born blind (we never know his name!) may heal some of the blind spots in our common life, so that we may see and know each other more fully, and so our children and their children may see more clearly.

“Forgive us for our blindness; forgive us for our hardness of heart; forgive us for the arrogance of our comfort. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may be so touched at the quiet place in our hearts and lives that we may even dare to give ourselves, to give ourselves.” (Howard Thurman, in *The Centering Moment*, p. 53).

“Some female saints in *Great Cloud of Witnesses*, a book of saints in our tradition, continued from last week.

- **July 1st: Harriet Beecher Stowe**, Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896, whose writings and anti-enslavement work brought attention to the evils of slavery to the US, Britain, Europe, and Russia.
- **July 1st: Pauli Murray**, Priest, 1985. And activist, and lawyer, whose research laid the foundation for Brown v. Board of Education and later Ruth Bader Ginsberg’s work of women’s equality under the law. She was clear that work for racial justice and women’s justice were intertwined.
- **July 20th: Elizabeth Cady Stanton**, Liberator and Prophet, 1902, organized the first Women’s Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, NY and devoted her life to criticizing the church for its use of patriarchal doctrine and practices to oppress women, and criticizing society for “denying women equal access to professional jobs, property ownership, the vote,” and equal pay. She hesitated however to embrace racial equality.
- **July 20th: Amelia Bloomer**, Liberator and Prophet, 1894, was known for the pants that bear her name and for founding churches, libraries and school houses in Iowa.
- **July 20th: Sojourner Truth**, Liberator and Prophet, 1883, traveling preacher and fierce advocate for rights of African Americans and all women, not only white women (a critique of women’s suffrage movement).
- **July 20th: Harriet Ross Tubman**, Liberator and Prophet, 1913, who helped organize the Underground Railroad and led 300 black Union troops on raid to free over 750 enslaved people, the first American woman to lead troops into military action.

Adapted from an article Allison originally wrote for the [Reparations Commission’s Prayer Blog](#) in March, 2022.

FAMILY SERVICE

This Sunday, March 15 will be a family service focusing on Holy Week--why we do what we do.



EDNY Day Trip to the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington D.C.,

Saturday, April 18, 2026



Join the one-day round trip by coach bus to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. arranged by the Antiracism Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of NY

Buses will leave from two locations promptly at 5AM (gathering at 4:30AM):

The Cathedral of St John the Divine in Manhattan, 1047 Amsterdam Ave, 10025 and

Christ Episcopal Church in Tarrytown, New York at 43 South Broadway, 10591.

Buses will return between 11pm and midnight. The buses are ADA accessible. **Anyone under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.**

Due to a generous subsidy from the bishop, we have been able to set the fee at \$50 for bus transportation. The fee is **non-refundable**, unless the trip is cancelled for any reason, and then the full fee will be refunded to you. Entrance tickets are no cost.

The registration is a two-step process. The link below starts the registration process with a short questionnaire involving potential travel requirements. Once the questionnaire is completed an email will be sent to you with a link to finish registration and pay the fee.

Registration link and QR code: <https://bit.ly/4b1Nb1w>



If you have any questions, contact one of the following members of the Antiracism Committee: Zoe Moffitt: zoemoffitt123@gmail.com; 917.670.6392; Lauren Reid: lrrmink@gmail.com, Marcia Callender: my4jonquils@aol.com, Melissa Inniss: msistmenia@aol.com

We look forward to hearing from you and sharing this unique experience!

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Food is available for purchase at the **Museum Sweet Home Café** that celebrates the food of African American Culture from four different regions of the country: <https://s.si.edu/468K2L6>. Food is also available to purchase during the trip, at a stop on the way to and returning from Washington during the bus ride at an expressway food court. You can bring food and non-alcoholic drinks on the bus, but the museum does not allow people to bring food into the museum. Food is not provided as part of your travel fee for this trip

Visiting the museum: There are some tour guides for ASL, and some materials are printed in a few languages, including Spanish, but there is limited translation assistance at the museum. Contact Antiracism Committee members for arrangements. We will be at the museum for approximately six hours to see the exhibits and have lunch.

Buses and parking: There is parking for cars in Tarrytown near the church. There may be parking at the Cathedral, but it has not yet been confirmed.

If you require special accommodation or assistance on the bus, if would want to have ASL translation at the museum or if you will not be able to use an online payment system and need to send a check, or if you have other questions, please contact one of the members of the Antiracism Committee (on front of flyer):

More information about the museum: QR codes and written links: Link to the Museum website: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/>



Link to Smithsonian NMAAHC website, including Sweet Home Café



Link to PBS Gwen Ifill interview with Smithsonian director Lonnie Bunch when NMSSHHC opened in 2016: <https://to.pbs.org/3JTOGoS>.



ACTION CORNER

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

Actions for this week

As you may have seen in the Bishop’s Monday Morning note, EDNY is supporting the proposed “[Protecting Our Sensitive Locations Act](#)”, pending in the New York State Legislature. This bill prohibits immigration enforcement actions within 1,000 feet of a sensitive location (including places of worship, schools, health care facilities, and other places) except in exigent circumstances, such as the imminent risk of death, violence, or physical harm to any person.

Please join the Diocese by **signing on** to this [letter](#) of support and sharing it widely. This bill will go far toward restoring a sense of safety in our sacred spaces.

Bishop Matt Heyd sends Monday Morning Notes via email every week to anyone who wants to receive them; it highlights diocesan activities and includes the bishop's schedule. Sign up by emailing info@diocesenyc.org.





MARGARET WADE-LEWIS CENTER

The third episode of We Be Griots is out, featuring parishioner Dr. Heriberto Dixon, sharing his exploration of his Native American and Jamaican roots.

Here is the link:

<https://www.mwlcenter.org/podcastwbg>



BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

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

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

LEM :.....MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
Acolyte:.....Abby Brown
Lector:Charlene Wynkoop
Usher:Jane Conger
Altar Guild:Cathy Kelly
Organist:Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:Simons Family
Live Stream Tech:Charlie Burgner

COMMUNITY DINNER

Next community dinner is at the Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 – 7:30pm. Diners and volunteers welcome.



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.

CORNERED BEEF DINNER

Corned Beef Dinner

Drive Thru or Limited Dine-in

Sunday, March 15, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Lloyd United Methodist Church

476 New Paltz Rd., Highland, NY

Adults: \$15; Children: \$8.00

Reservations: 845-255-6447 or 845-691-7819 by 6:00pm, Thursday, March 12 (cash or check at pick up)

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week especially MaryAnn, Kappa, Martin, Valerie, Janet, Charlene, Dean, 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; Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 845-702-2552.



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

Tops Supermarket Food Ministry

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

Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center

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)

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, Jacob, Gisela, Miles.***