



The Anchor

April 2011

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow MA

Walking the Labyrinth at St. Andrew's

Solvitur Ambulando ... It is solved by walking.

St. Augustine

There are a variety of ways to think about a labyrinth. It is a sacred pattern which has been in use by many civilizations and cultures from ancient times. It has been associated with the Christian Church since at least 350 A.D., and can be found in cathedrals and churches across Europe dating from the Middle Ages. It can be a path of prayer, a walking meditation, and a means of encountering God. Some see it as a metaphor for life's journey. Though circuitous, its path follows just one route — there is only one way in, and one way out.

The Labyrinth comes to St. Andrew's from Saturday, April 9 through Thursday, April 14. It will be set up in the Chapel during that time, and a variety of opportunities will be available to experience walking the labyrinth, either individually, or in the context of a liturgy. All are welcome — please come experience the labyrinth!

Labyrinth Schedule

Saturday, April 9	
Orientation Session	4 p.m.
Holy Eucharist	5 p.m.
with labyrinth walk	
Sunday, April 10	
Rite-13 & J2A	4:30 p.m.
Monday, April 11	
Labyrinth Open	9 a.m.-2 p.m. 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12	
Labyrinth Open	9 a.m.-2 p.m. 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13	
Labyrinth Open	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Taize Prayer Service	7 p.m.
Thursday, April 14	
Labyrinth Open	9 a.m.-noon



Hints and Reminders

- Come with an open mind and heart.
- Consider bringing a notebook or paper with you ... you may find that you wish to write about the experience.
- No shoes will be allowed on the labyrinth ... please dress your toes accordingly!
- Please keep noise and conversation to a minimum around the labyrinth in consideration for other users.

Web Extra: Additional introductory information and labyrinth resources can be found on the parish website: www.St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org

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Fr. Derrick and Barbara Jarry will be around at various times to answer questions. In addition, introductory materials will be available in the Chapel.

Welcome to our New Rector!

Fr. Derrick Fetz begins his ministry at St. Andrew's on April 1; his first liturgies will be on April 2 and 3. Fr. Derrick, his wife Jamie and their dog Vivi have moved into the Rectory, and are exploring the community. Please be sure to introduce yourself to the Fetzes ... and don't forget your nametag!



Transition Notes:

Reflection from the Senior Warden

I have to admit it is a little surprising to me, now that we're here, that we've actually arrived at this point – the end of our “transition.” Two whole years have passed since our previous rector, Fr. Larry Provenzano, was elected Bishop of Long Island. Our interim rector, Fr. Jeffrey Fishwick, came, walked with us, and departed. The Search Committee searched, discerned, and initiated the relationship with our new rector, Fr. Derrick Fetz, who starts his journey with us this month.

At times, in the past two years, the transition time seemed to stretch on forever. I wondered how we would ever reach the end. Now, it seems to have passed in the blink of an eye – God's time is elastic. We should all be proud of how we have travelled during this time. As a community, we've grown and changed and wrestled and celebrated. We are not the same community we were two years ago. We have truly lived into the truth that “the people *are* the church,” and that ministry is something we all have a role in. We have grown stronger, and we have become more flexible. This has been a time of grace.

Now, as we step into a new chapter, my prayer for us is that we remain open and flexible; that we continue to build on our solid foundation. The important role that each of us plays does not diminish because we have a new rector. He is here to support and encourage us as we continue in our journey of faith. *Being* the church today and in the years to come requires that we each become more intentional about how we live the Gospel, and creative about the way in which we work as a Christian community. I look forward to entering this future with all who are part of the St. Andrew's community – I hope you will join me.

Faithfully,

Wende

Easter Flower Memorials

Enclosed with this issue of the *Anchor* you will find an envelope to be returned if you wish to make a donation for the flowers at Easter.

Your gift may be given in thanksgiving or as a memorial. The deadline for submitting your donation is Monday, April 18, if you wish the name to be included in the Easter bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Jan in the Parish Office at 413-567-5901.



The Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter

- Palm Sunday Eve** 5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
 April 16 & 17 *This liturgy recalls both the jubilation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, as well as the sorrow of the Passion. Blessing and distribution of palms and a choral reading of the Passion.*
- Monday & Tuesday** 7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer
 April 18 & 19 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- Wednesday** 7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
 April 20 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
- Maundy Thursday** 7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer
 April 21 5:30 p.m. – Supper, Foot Washing and the Holy Eucharist
This liturgy begins with a shared meal, remembering the Passover meal shared by Jesus and his disciples. The ceremony of the washing of feet recalls Jesus' mandate to "love one another as I have loved you," and is followed by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The liturgy concludes as all assist in silently stripping the church in preparation for Good Friday.
*An **Overnight Vigil** follows – sign up for an hour-long shift in the Narthex.*
- Good Friday** 12:00 noon – The Way of the Cross
 April 22 *A devotion to the Passion of Christ which recalls the events at the end of Jesus' life from his condemnation to his burial. During this liturgy, we will move around the stations on the inner perimeter of the church. **For the hours from 1-3 p.m. the Church will remain silent for private prayer and meditation.***
- 7:00 p.m. – Prayer Book Liturgy
A liturgy which includes the celebration of the Word, including the Passion narrative; the Solemn Collects and the Veneration of the Cross.
- 8:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service
A reflective and ancient monastic service of sung readings with use of light and shadows. Schola Nova, a choral group devoted to sacred choral literature, will perform.
- Holy Saturday** 7:45 p.m. – The Great Vigil
 April 23 *Our Easter Vigil has its roots in the practice of early Christians who kept watch in the hours of darkness ending at dawn on Easter to hear scripture and offer prayer. It includes the Lighting and Blessing of the New Fire, the stories from the Old Testament of how God saved his people in ages past, Baptisms and renewal of our own Baptismal Vows, and the celebration of the first Holy Eucharist of Easter.*
- EASTER DAY** 10:00 a.m. – Festival Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
 April 24 *Followed by our outdoor egg hunt for the kids.*



Important Dates

April 1: Fr. Derrick Fetz begins his ministry at St. Andrew's

April 5: Lenten Program: *God in America* 6:30 p.m.

April 9-14: Lenten Program: Labyrinth Week (see page 1 for details)

April 16: Parish Clean Up Day — 8:30 a.m.

April 17: Palm Sunday (**Church School will meet**) (see page 5)

April 18-23: Holy Week (see page 3 for details)

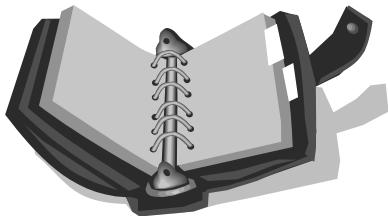
April 24: Easter

May 7: Best Bloomin' Plant Sale

May 8: Mothers' Day Breakfast hosted by SAMS

May 14: Yard Sale at St. Andrew's (see page 5)

June 12: Sundae Sunday & Carwash (end of Church School)



Study Day Explores Anglican Covenant

All are invited on Friday, April 15, 2011 to either Church of the Nativity, Northboro (beginning at 10 a.m.) or St. Mark's Church, East Longmeadow (beginning at 7p.m.) for a presentation and study of the history and content of The Anglican Communion Covenant.

The Study Day will be led by the Rev. Dr. A. Katherine Grieb, Professor of New Testament at Virginia Theological Seminary and one of the Covenant's authors.

In preparation, Professor Grieb asks us to reflect upon this question: "What attitudes, actions, habits, and dispositions will best work to strengthen the 'bonds of affection' that bind us together as the people of the various provinces of the Anglican Communion? Or, to frame it less positively, "what will drive us further apart?" The idea for the Covenant came out of the Windsor Report, and a Design Group was formed in 2006. For details of the history of the Covenant's formation, please go to <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/commission/covenant/index.cfm>

The Episcopal Church is asking each Diocesan deputation to gather information prior to the next General Convention in 2012. The deputation of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts is developing a process for input, and the Bishop has urged each congregation to undertake study to aid with feedback.

Birthdays in April

1	JoAnn Bandeian
2	Judy Parker
3	Melissa Danehey
5	Douglas Crafts Mark Howland
6	Rick Sprinthall
7	Dan O'Malley Sam Sprinthall
9	Jennifer MacDonald
10	Denis Lussier
11	Christine Dolan
12	Laura Robichaud
13	Andy Fuentes
14	Jerry Rossi
16	Joy Brown
18	Patrick Flynn
19	David Howland, Jr. David Oliver
20	Victoria Lussier
21	Payton Colbert
22	Megan MacElhiney
25	Bryan MacDonald
26	Isabella Parisan
27	Kathleen Lovell
28	Matthew Armstrong Erin Dieterich
29	Jennifer Jester Sheila Potter
30	Matthew Stefanowicz Brandon Tencati

Anniversaries in April

7	Carol and David Howland
9	Karen and Rick Sprinthall
14	Robin and Bill Bliven
29	Tracey and Gary Martineau

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or does not appear, please contact the parish office.



Church School Notes

- **J2A and R13 will have their monthly Sunday afternoon meeting on April 10 at 4:30 p.m.** instead of April 3. This will be an opportunity for both classes to spend some time with Fr. Derrick, as well as to learn about and experience walking the labyrinth. Please plan to be there!
- **All Church School classes (Faith Flight, On the Edge, Rite-13 and J2A) will meet on Sunday morning, April 17 (Palm Sunday)** even though it is the first Sunday of spring break for Longmeadow (and other) schools.
- **All J2A youth are expected to assist with the Maundy Thursday liturgy and dinner** on April 21st from 3:30—7:30 p.m. If vacation travel plans do not permit participation, please be in touch with Sue Lussier so that she can adjust accordingly.
- The Diocese has **set the date for confirmation of our J2A class:** it will be held at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield on Saturday, May 12, 2012.



Yard Sale at St. Andrew's-May 14

As you all know the *Financial Peace* class has been meeting here at St. Andrew's for the last eight weeks. A couple of the goals participants are focusing on include saving and becoming debt free. So as a class we came up with the idea to hold a yard sale, here at St. Andrew's, to earn some extra cash to help reach our goals.

If anyone in the parish is interested in the yard sale or knows someone who might be interested please contact Adam or Sharlene Lape at love-kids24@msn.com or 224-1263. We will be renting out tables for \$5.00 each and this money will go directly to the church. You may keep the money raised from anything you sell of your own.

The other option is if you don't want to participate in the yard sale, but you have items that you would like us to sell, we will have a separate "St. Andrew's" table for donations. The money raised from the sale of those items will go to the church. We would like to have a volunteer to run the St. Andrew's table, so if anyone is interested in that, please let one of us know. **Please do not drop off items for this sale until further notice is given!**

As of right now we have a date of **May 14th** for the yard sale. Please give us a call or email us if you would like to join us.

Adam and Sharlene Lape

Thank You from Fr. Jeffrey Fishwick

Dear People of St. Andrew's:

The Spirit of the Lord was palpable at St. Andrew's on February 27th. I felt his joy — and I know it radiated out to all of us gathered! Thank you all for the wonderful gifts! We are looking forward to dinner at the Clifton Inn, and the generous purse will allow us to fly to Barbados over Thanksgiving! The photo that Jerry Houle took of all of us together with all that red really captures the moment! How special to have my family there along with the St. Andrew's community.

Please know that St. Andrew's will always have a special place in my heart. You will have my continued prayers as you begin your next chapter in Christ's ministry in Longmeadow.

*Peace in Christ Jesus,
Jeffrey*

St. Andrew's Needs YOU!: Ways to be involved in our work

There's something here for everyone ... please consider how you can be a part of our parish's mission and ministry.

Egg Hunt Helpers Needed

The Congregational Development Committee is looking for people to assist with aspects of our annual Egg Hunt following the 10 a.m. Easter Eucharist. We need people to:

- Help hide eggs at 9 a.m.
- Help hand out collection bags and man the doors following the service.

If you can assist with either of these jobs, please contact either Carla Gunn (c.gunn@comcast.net) or Lorie Dixon (jlgled@comcast.net).



Looking for some Fantastic Fun and Frolic?

Join us in the Fellowship of

Long Meddowe Days

May 21st and 22nd

Long Meddowe Days are fast approaching, and this year St. Andrew's will once again have a presence on the Green and be a part of this much-loved tradition! Long Meddowe Days will take place Saturday May 21st and Sunday May 22nd and will again be sponsored by the Missions Committee. As in past years, we will be making and selling Cotton Candy and Popcorn. All profits from this event will go toward Mission and Outreach — and this year will support the 2012 J2A Pilgrimage. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for 2 hour shifts as well as to assist with set-up and take-down. Sign ups coming soon - save the dates.

Two Ways to Take Part in the Church Without Walls

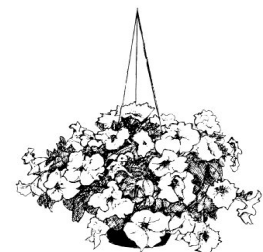
Please consider being a part of the CWW ministry in one or both of these ways:

- **Sandwich Making:** We need volunteers (families, individuals, groups, committees, etc.) to be responsible for one weekend's sandwiches — we take 90 sandwiches to Court Square each Sunday. This may be done at home or church; reimbursement for sandwich materials is available.
- **Help in Court Square on a Sunday:** We need volunteers to assist Core Team members in taking CWW food and equipment to Springfield, setting up, serving lunch and packing up.

A sign-up sheet for weekends through June may be found in the Narthex. Or, you may contact CWW Coordinator Karen Gladwin at CWW@St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org for additional information or to volunteer for a weekend.

Best Bloomin' Plant Sale — Saturday, May 7

Volunteers are needed to staff this fundraising event which supports the parish's ministry plan budget for 2011. Shifts start as early as 6:30 a.m., and run until 2 p.m. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex, or contact either Carla Gunn (c.gunn@comcast.net) or Lorie Dixon (jlgled@comcast.net).



One More Opportunity:

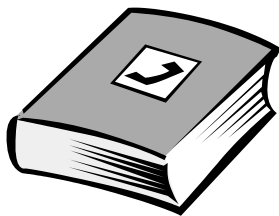
Clean Up Day: April 16

Bring your rakes and your garden gloves ... it's time for our spring outdoor clean-up, just in time for Easter! 9 a.m., Saturday, April 16.
Rain date: Saturday, April 23.



New Parish Directory to be Published

Draft copies of a new Parish Directory are available for review in the Narthex. Please take a look at your information, and mark any necessary changes by Friday, April 15. Copies of the new Directory will be available for personal use by parishioners by the end of April.



MISSION FUN CLASSIFIEDS

FOOD BANKERS

CARING INDIVIDUALS willing to provide food supplies for those in need. Non-perishable items should be placed in the hallway between the parish house and the church in marked bins for pick up by Open Pantry.

INDOOR FUN

WANTED: People who enjoy helping those in need. We need you and your ideas on the Mission/Outreach Committee. Need to be able to attend monthly meetings. For details contact Carey Lape at 413-224-1263 or by email at CDL1951@msn.com.

For additional information on these and other Mission opportunities, contact Carey Lape at 413-224-1263 or by email at CDL1951@msn.com.

THANKS

A big THANKS! to all those who have given to help those in need in Japan.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The Community Survival Center at 240 Main Street, Indian Orchard (413-543-3930) needs your help to support their programs. Contact them to make a contribution of time and talent.

SPECIAL EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS need your support. No experience necessary! You can be a part of the St. Andrew's Team.

- Diaper Duty Sunday—
May 8th (Mothers' Day)
- Long Meddowe Days—
May 21 & 22.

Campaign Statements to be mailed

The three-year payment period for the St. Andrew's Mission and Capital Campaign has come to an end. Statements will shortly be mailed to those who still have a balance on their pledges.

Your prompt attention to the statement will be greatly appreciated. St. Andrew's owes \$41,000 on our campaign line of credit, and it is tremendously important to our financial stability to hear from those on whom we are depending to repay this line. Treasurer Wally Rodger is available to discuss alternate arrangements (wallyrodger@cox.net or 860-668-8758). Questions may be directed to Jan Brega in the Parish Office (admin@st-andrews-longmeadow.org)

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Schedule

- Weekday Eucharist
Wednesdays at 7 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist -
Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sun-
days at 8 and 10 a.m.
- Parish Office will be
open 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday;
9 a.m. to 12 noon on
Friday.

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