



The Desert Wind

Our Mission: To Celebrate the Life-Changing Love of Christ Through Worship, Teaching and Outreach

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Childcare provided from 8:30 a.m. until Noon in the Nursery

8 A.M.

Holy Communion

9 A.M.

Sunday Café - Discipleship Forum

10 A.M.

Holy Communion with Children's Chapel during Ministry of the Word
Coffee Hour following the service

11:15 A.M.

Christian Education for all ages

Sunday Café - Discipleship Forum for Adults

WEDNESDAY

NOON

Holy Communion
Healing Service

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St. Anthony Begins Discovery and Visioning Process, Identifies 'Core Values'



By The Rev. Dorian Mulvey and the Vestry

"You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be read by all; and you show that you are a letter from Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human heart."

These words were written by the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth. In the ancient world, letters of recommendation were used to praise and introduce friends and acquaintances to others. Paul uses this letter writing convention to describe the transformed lives produced by the Spirit. While God's Ten Commandments were originally inscribed on stone tablets, in Christ God has written a letter of love directly on the hearts of believers.

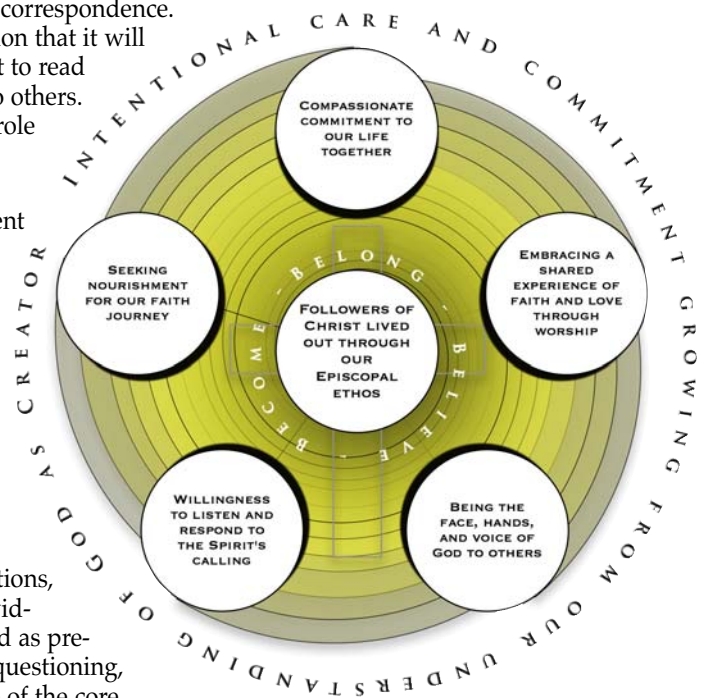
This is both gift and challenge. The gift comes from our understanding of the intimate and precious nature of the correspondence. The challenge comes from our recognition that it will take effort and commitment on our part to read this love letter and reveal its contents to others. Paul understood that this was the true role of a church community — to be letters from Christ for one another.

As Rector and Vestry, we recently spent a weekend on retreat, reflecting upon the love letter that God has written on our hearts as a community in Christ. We took with us the thoughts and comments shared by each of you during our annual meeting, thoughts that express your experience of Christ's presence at St. Anthony, your recognition of Christ's presence in each other, and your desire to serve Christ's presence in the world today.

Out of our prayers and guided reflections, greater clarity was brought to our individual understanding of the values we hold as precious. And through further reflection, questioning, and dialogue a profound, shared image of the core values emerging at St. Anthony began to take shape. Words and physical images seem to be inadequate tools for fully capturing the essence, depth, and breadth of the letter of love that God has written on our hearts. We have, however, begun to crystallize a visual depiction of our evolving, shared heart.

At the core of our being, we share an understanding of life as **followers of Christ that is guided and formed by our Episcopal ethos**. These customs, attitudes, habits and beliefs are inseparable from our identity and it is from this center that our values emerge.

We then articulated five core values, each representing a quality which we hold dear as guiding our sense of being and living our faith:



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Preview:

Journeying Through Lent & Holy Week

March 20—Lenten Quiet Morning

9 a.m.

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Lent is a time for self reflection and confession — "for what we have done and for what we have left undone." Join us for a quiet morning reflecting on God's call for justice in the world. In a series of meditations we will examine the words of the prophets interpreted from our current day perspective as we explore what God requires of us. The morning will conclude with a service of prayer for peace and justice.

March 28—Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8 and 10 a.m.

We begin our worship in the courtyard with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, complete with the waving of palms. But all too quickly shouts of welcome are replaced with cries to crucify him. The Chalice Players will provide a dramatic rendering of the Gospel and the people and actions that led to Jesus' death.

April 1—Maundy Thursday

Dinner at 6 p.m., Worship at 7 p.m.

We begin with an Agape meal—a testimony to Jesus' commandment of love. Please sign up at church to bring food or to help with set-up or clean-up. Following our meal we will move to the sanctuary for a meditation of the events of the Passion seen through the lens of Psalm 23 and to participate in the tradition of footwashing. Holy Eucharist follows and the evening concludes with a stripping of the altar as we prepare our worship space and our hearts for the depths of Good Friday.

April 2—Good Friday

Noon Day Service

Good Friday is a day of sorrow, darkness and tragedy. These feelings are a part of our human existence. On Good Friday, we share them with God. On this day we are separated from the holy. This is as low as it gets. Yet even still we call this day "good" because of what we believe happens in three short days. A series of prayers and hymns will help create a sacred space where we can meditate on the enormity of Christ's sacrifice and gift of salvation. Communion is offered from the reserved sacrament.

Stations for Sacraments—6 to 10 p.m.

Offered during the quiet darkness of Good Friday evening this drop-in service invites participants to visit seven interactive stations to reflect upon the sacraments of our faith tradition. Led by the youth of St. Anthony's, this service also includes opportunities to participate in a Sanctuary Walk to reflect and pray at various places within the Sanctuary.

April 3—Easter Vigil & Holy Eucharist

7 p.m.

Our service begins at dusk in the courtyard with the lighting of the Paschal candle and continues into the darkened church. We hear the stories of God's saving deeds in history as a movement that brings us to the joy of Easter and Christ's resurrection. Through prayers and hymns we enter into that mystery that is beyond our understanding until the light of Christ burns brightly within our hearts.

April 4—Easter Sunday

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. with brunch following both services

Having journeyed with Christ throughout Holy Week, Easter morning takes on new meaning. Join us for festival Eucharist services as we celebrate the gift of the Resurrection. A special children's story will be offered at the 10 am service. Easter brunch is offered following both services.

At all Easter services bring along bells to ring during the singing of the Gloria

Please also see the box on the adjacent page, "From Ashes to Easter," for a description of our Wednesday evening Lent programs.

Discovery and Visioning Process, Core Values

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- **Compassionate commitment to our life together** — fostering our strong sense of community, connections, and relationships
- **Embracing a shared experience of faith and love in worship** — bringing us closer to God, using word, song, ritual and prayer as expressions of our faith
- **Being the face, hands and voice of God for others** — responding to our call to serve Christ in others by reflecting Christ's love to the world
- **Willingness to listen and respond to the Spirit's calling** — accepting the gift of God's guidance, discerning God's will, and proactively participating in God's work
- **Seeking nourishment for our faith journey** — continuously reaching deeper through spiritual practices to learn and grow in our faith

We envision our core values as being encompassed by the recognition that each of us is called to the **intentional care and commitment that grows from our understanding of God as Creator**. It is with grateful hearts that we recognize the abundance of God's greatness and respond by generously sharing in the care of those gifts.

As we begin to recognize the message and intention, the gifts and the challenges embedded in these words, we recognize, too, a need to address the very personal questions each of us must ask of ourselves as we grow into the fullness of the potential that God's love endows upon us. This is not a linear path of discovery, but one that spirals deeper and deeper into the heart of our being, drawing us closer to each other as we come to understand and live out God's purpose in our lives.

We imagined that God might open this discovery process by planting questions on our hearts, questions designed to bring us more deeply into the intimate relationship that God desires for us to **BELONG**, to **BELIEVE**, and to **BECOME**:

- o "Is St. Anthony a community where I might grow and deepen in my connections with others and with God?" This question stems from our deeply rooted desire to **BELONG**, to be a part of something larger than ourselves, to build relationships with each other and with God. Perhaps most importantly, it draws us into the recognition that belonging will begin a process of transformation.
- o Together, we can learn how to read this letter, exploring what God has written and how God's message shapes our core values. We can better understand and articulate what we **BELIEVE** by asking "What are my core values? What are St. Anthony's core values? And how do they align and support each other?" By sharing our questions and reflections with one another, we can grow in our understanding of what we are intended to be and what we are intended to communicate to others.
- o From here, we can **BECOME** God's letter for others. We make visible God's meaning by asking, "How can I as an individual and the St. Anthony community stretch to live more deeply into our core values?" God's love letter becomes alive and real, understood in ways that others can see, hear, and touch by our living out the meaning of God's message to us.

This discovery and visioning process can be transformative only if we put into

place some practical plans of the next steps to be taken as a vestry and as a congregation. We have begun the process of intentionally creating places for each of us to belong, to explore what we believe and to discern what we are called to become. If we are truly to live as a "letter of introduction" to God's love, it will be important for us to continue the transformative process.

Imagining what St. Anthony could become, the transformation that can and will take place and how we as a congregation adapt to this new religious environment is very exciting. We need to embrace the challenge of transformative change and realize that only churches that actively seek God's guidance through this transformational process will thrive.

As we begin to sketch out more of the details and logistics of how we can explore these ideas together, we invite your early feedback. Please share your initial response and questions with any of us. You can recognize Vestry members on Sunday morning by the ribbons on their nametags.

For convenience, we have also established a separate email box for this purpose. You may send your questions and comments to GodsLetter@st.anthony.net. The Vestry will read each submission and will consider your feedback as we plan our next steps together.

The letter God has written on our hearts is one that is intended to reveal the fullness of God's love and hope for us and the world. May we commit to reading and digesting this letter together and then with the Spirit as our guide to become this love letter for others.

From Ashes to Easter: Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Program

By Dorian Mulvey

On Wednesday evenings beginning February 24 — and continuing through March 24 — we will observe the season of preparation leading up to Easter. Each evening will begin with a simple supper in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m.

Taize Service: Feb. 24 and Mar. 3 and 24

On the evenings of February 24, March 3 and March 24, a Taize (ta-zay) service in the chapel will follow dinner. Taize is a simple yet powerful worship service of music, prayers and silence.

Fr. Vern Meyer: March 10 and 17

On March 10 and 17 we welcome a guest presenter, Fr. Vern Meyer, the Director of Programs for the Arizona Center for Theological Studies, an ecumenical center for learning, and a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. He will be presenting, "Of Palms and Passion — the Gospels of Holy Week."

March 10

The Passion Story of Luke's Gospel
A Meal; A Betrayal; A Trial; A Crucifixion; A death and burial surrounded by the grace and mercy and forgiveness of

God — A study of the Gospel of Passion Sunday from the perspective of Luke's Gospel.

March 17

How Good is Good Friday? — The Gospel of John

John's narrative of the passion is different from Luke yet familiar. How is death a victory? How do the words of Jesus to the Beloved Disciple and to the Mother of Jesus sound to us today — A study of the Gospel for Good Friday.

A Time of Reflection

Results of the Survey at the Annual Parish Meeting

By Mickey Greene and Becky Pearson, Vestry Members

At the annual meeting the congregation was asked to provide answers to three questions:

- 1) Name at least four core values that you consider to be essential to the identity of St. Anthony.
- 2) Rate how you believe the St. Anthony Church Community does in connecting those values to action and ministry.
- 3) What are the gifts you bring to St. Anthony and how are/could you use them to strengthen the greater whole?

Out of those in attendance, the vast majority participated in the survey to some extent. In fact, we had 153 responses. Thanks to all who took the time to reflect on the questions and respond. We had many great responses, and reviewed each and every response in detail.

Due to the fact that we asked each of you to come up with the core values, we had many varied lists that we had to categorize. But, after careful review and consideration, we believe that we interpreted the intention of most to a point that we could summarize the results. The core values of St. Anthony, based on the phrases mentioned with the greatest frequency, are as follows:

<u>Core Value</u>	<u># Responses</u>
Outreach both within the church family and in the community	60
Being a friendly and welcoming church	43
Worship both the worship service itself and a worshiping spirit	36
Youth/Children Programs and Family Focus	36
Church Community — Caring for one another	32
Christian Education	28

Based on the ratings of the core values, St. Anthony is definitely seen as a **friendly and welcoming church family**. There was no rating of those that listed this core value that was less than a six, with the average being almost 9 (on a 1 to 10 scale).

Outreach also ranked high by those that listed it, with the average being above eight. Most of the values listed by respondents were rated highly (>7).

The lowest rated core value that was listed was **Stewardship**. Of the seven who listed this or a similar phrase, the average rating was less than five. This could be expected with the continual news of our financial challenges, and also with the backdrop of the difficult economic times that many are facing.

Key positive comments, beyond just listing a core value, referred to how **friendly and welcoming** the church was, how **spiritual and Christ-centered** we were, and how **loving and kind** we were to each other.

Some of the comments reflected concerns about the direction the church is heading. These centered on the following concepts:

- That we are moving away from traditional Episcopal values and worship. This was reflected in four responses and included comments about the non-traditional music, non-traditional liturgy, and even holding the annual meeting during the service.
- That we focus too much on money, and at the wrong times. This was reflected in three responses. This comment included mention of the annual meeting during a service and just an overall concern "with what we don't have as opposed to being thankful for what we have."

In response to the third question, asking about what gifts you currently have and how you could use them to strengthen the church, many church members listed both their current activities and what else they might be willing to do. A majority of people put some answer to this question, with a number indicating their willingness to do more.

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Results of Survey

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Representative Comments from the Survey Responses:

“ I am new to St. Anthony’s — not yet a member, nor am I ready, but I am impressed with the acceptance that I have seen. I want to become more active and into membership in 2010.”

“ I am compassionate, loving and have a lot of faith in the church. I hope that my love of Christ as well as others is contagious. My faith keeps me at the church often and supporting St. Anthony’s financially as well.”

“ Everything St. Anthony’s does goes beyond what is asked of any church. I see every Sunday the benefits when I see new faces coming to worship with us. I see myself becoming a better person because I come to church and I can feel the love in the people who greet me.”

“ Strong faith in Jesus Christ, Love of Episcopal Church and its tradition, Desire and ability to serve others.”

“ We are an Episcopal Church — with long deep historical roots. We need to be that and not an entity trying to be all things to all people. Outreach will spring forth fervently from a strong church.”

“ St. Anthony provides me with a comfortable site to worship the Lord on a frequent basis, in addition to the belief that He is with me constantly. An uplifting jolt once a week here would be a bonus.”

“ Saint Anthony is losing their traditional Episcopal values. Is this the direction we want to take our church? Are there more changes coming that will bring us further from our Episcopal identity? My hope is that we will get back on track and back to the tradition prayer, service, music established by the Episcopal Church.”

After evaluating the responses one would conclude that St. Anthony is seen as a spiritual, Christ-centered, friendly, and family-focused church body. Parishioners like how we worship; like Christian education for both youth and adults; and generally feel the church does a good job at outreach, both to each other and outside the church. We see our church community as welcoming of all who wish to worship and grow in Christ. Fellowship opportunities are welcomed and several respondents indicated they wished we did more.

We were pleased with the responses given by all. We can see the common bonds of faith, worship, and community that bind us as an Episcopalian Church community. While St. Anthony has seen great change in recent years, and faces challenges in the near term, the survey showed us that we have a loving, caring, friendly body of members that will see us through. We also heard the concerns and disappointment of some, and will prayerfully consider these issues as we develop and implement faith and action around the core values that arise from the input here.

From your Vestry and Rector, again we say a heartfelt thank you for your candid response to the survey.

RITE 13, J2A, YAC — The Youth of St. Anthony

By Melody Taylor

Ever wonder what our youth are up to? All the members of our 6th-12th grade group are very active around St. Anthony. Here are some highlights of what we’ve been doing.

We were very busy in February ... First, we made Valentines for members of our congregation who we thought might enjoy a little surprise in their mailbox. We also held a presentation featuring a Fountain Hills High School student’s work with victims of domestic violence. We hosted the Souper Bowl Sunday event; thank you to everyone for bringing soup and joining us! Next was our annual pancake supper. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, cook, serve, and clean up ... and thank you to everyone who came for pancakes! Next, we enjoyed a fun-filled evening of karaoke!

We have begun our Wednesday night soup suppers and hope you can take an evening out to join us sometime. They begin at 6 p.m. and continue through the season of Lent. Our final event of February is our annual rummage sale on February 27. All of our fundraising events are to support our YAC mission trip and J2A pilgrimage. This year, the YAC members will be going to Belfast, Maine, to help people in any way necessary to fix up, paint or clean up their houses. The J2A group is working toward a pilgrimage during the summer of 2011.

All this and we still meet every Sunday morning for our regular classes: **Rite-13** for 6th-7th graders, **J2A** for 8th-9th graders, and **YAC** for 10th-12th graders. You also can find us singing in the choir, acolyting, helping in the nursery and Children’s Chapel, participating in Chalice Players and assisting around the church in many ways.

What Is Ruling Your Heart?



By Jill Kyler
Minister for Evangelism

I'm always surprised, although I know I shouldn't be, when a devotion that I read for the day mirrors what is going on in my life at the time. Today was one of those days.

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars. The good

man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks. (Luke 6:43-45)

I read this passage when I returned home from being with the children from the Ugandan Orphans Choir whom we at St. Anthony had the absolute blessing of hosting for four days. I have been struck by the children's loving behavior to me and to each other, by the huge smiles on their faces that radiate absolute joy and for their verbal gratitude for everything they see and do.

In the scripture reading there is an organic relationship between the roots of a plant and the fruit it produces. Christ is telling us that the same is true with people ... fruit equals behavior and the

roots equal the heart. In this way, the fruit is our words flowing from our hearts. I saw this metaphor come alive in our Ugandan guests.

I don't know what experiences led to these children becoming orphans; but it seems to me that whatever they were, it would give them good reason to be dispirited, distrustful and scared. But I have seen none of these in them. It made me wonder about their roots (their hearts), the parts of them we don't see or understand.

Being with these children has made me realize that people and situations don't make us say what we say ... even though we tend to blame others for everything that goes wrong in our lives. They merely provide the occasion where our behavior reveals the contents of our hearts. This passage says that our words are controlled by our hearts.

God can and will work heart changes in us and use us to produce heart changes in others that result in new words, choices and actions.

The few days with the children have opened my heart to the blessings that surround us each day, even the ones we might not view in a positive way. The deepest issues of the human struggle are not issues of pain and suffering, but the issue of what lies in our hearts; because what rules our hearts will control the way we respond to both suffering and blessing. What is alive in the hearts of these amazing children is the glory and love of the Holy Spirit that will come into our hearts ... if only we ask.

Lenten blessings,
Jill

Vestry Ministry Liaisons

Ministries at St. Anthony are divided into five large "umbrella" groups. Vestry members are assigned to each of these groups to help facilitate communication and provide support as needed. Listed below are the vestry – ministry liaisons for 2010:

Worship and Music

Vestry: Jeanne Paige and Jeff Roberts

Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Wedding Guild and Ushers

Christian Formation

Vestry: Stephen Cihak and Cyndi Sax

Sunday Café, Children and Youth Ministry, Chalice Players, Newcomer Ministry, Disciples Circle, Education for Ministry

Parish Life

Vestry: Kelle Hohl and Jay Murrillo

Arts Council, Avid Readers, Desert Diners, MOMOSA, Winter Residents/Seniors Group, Coffee Hour, Welcome Team, Office Angels, Parish Nurse, Connections for Challenging Times, Fellowship

Outreach Pastoral Care and Mission

Vestry: Mickey Greene, Rosemary Hansen, and Claudia Johnson

Open Hands and Hearts, Eucharistic Visitors, Healing Prayer Ministry, Prayer Chain, Walking the Mourners Path, Habitat for Humanity, MOSA, Vista del Camino, GO Ministry, Council Against Domestic Violence, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

Stewardship

Vestry: Becky Pearson and Mario Vassaux

Buildings and Grounds, Stewardship, Memorial Garden, Legacy Fund, Investment Management Team, Finance and Audit



Stations for Sacraments

An invitation to explore the two great sacraments and five sacramental rites of our faith tradition ...

Join the youth of St. Anthony on Good Friday, April 2, for a set of seven self-guided meditations in **Stations for Sacraments**. As you arrive — at any time between 6 and 10 p.m. — you will be greeted by members of our youth group and invited to travel to each station and pause to **read, reflect** and **respond** to our sacred rites of **Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Reconciliation of a Penitent, Unction and Ordination**. Writing materials will be available at each station to write your personal thoughts and also to leave notes and prayers for those who will follow you.

Each hour on the half-hour — 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. — two youth will lead those who wish on the **Sanctuary Walk**, pausing at various points within the Sanctuary to reflect and pray.

Please join us for this quiet and meditative opportunity to reflect — through light, water, oil and images — on some of our unique and richly traditional ways of celebrating our faith tradition.

If you would like more information, please contact Beth Hammond at bethhammond@st-anthony.net or 480.451.0860, Ext 13.

Reflections for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – Luke 22:14-62

Do you know Jesus today? Would you claim the face of Jesus as it surrounds you? As Jesus breaks bread and serves wine with the call to remember him, Peter immediately goes out and denies ever knowing him. As we share in the bread and cup of communion, and remember this Last Supper, do we know Christ in the world around us today?

Christ is there, in the faces and lives of those impoverished throughout the world, those struggling to live on the margins — those struggling to get by without access to clean water and adequate sanitation that would provide them with the basic necessities of living a healthy life.

The call in the act of taking the bread and the cup is to remember the death of Jesus that is to come — but to also remember who Jesus was, what Jesus did, and to respond. To live our lives responding to the call to care for the least of these, and those living in poverty throughout the world. Jesus declares this Passover meal is the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. We are called to live our lives seeking to serve Christ in all that we do. So, take, and eat. And take, and drink. And live lives that are remembrances. Know that Christ is in this world, and serve.

1. Look around your community, right outside our church. Where do you see the body of Christ, broken?
2. Look around the world — where do you see the blood of Christ being poured out? Would you recognize and claim Christ in our world today?

Hold these questions and reflection in your heart as you move to Good Friday. And remember.



Good Friday — Luke 22:63-23:56


Does Jesus stir you up? As you remember his walk with the Cross, and his death upon it, are you stirred up? That is the charge of Priests and Scribes — that Jesus causes a stir wherever he goes. Which he should still be doing today. This is a day of remembering — remembering that because we were unable to see, unable to live in right relationship with God's Planet and God's People, that Jesus died upon the Cross. But it is also a day that is a call to action — a day to remember that we should be stirred up by the life and witness of Jesus Christ.

Jesus dies in order to restore us to right relationship — so that we may live in the fullness of the Kingdom. The question to sit with today is whether or not we are doing that? Are we living in a way that the Kingdom of God gets revealed with the actions that we take? In a way that the Kingdom of God is being called into being more and more everyday? In the kind of relationality that should mean in this world of abundance, there should be none without access to clean water, and adequate sanitation? The stories and numbers from the world hold all the answer that we need.

On this Good Friday, Jesus is crucified once again. And once again we are called back into right relationship — to live so that others may live. Examine your life on this Good Friday, and seek the Kingdom of God in the world around you.

1. Where do relationships continue to be broken in our world? What can you do to live in a more Kingdom centered way?
2. What is the call of our faith in Christ crucified in response to the fact that there are still those in the world who thirst?

Prepare yourself for the resurrection. For the restoration of relationship. Be ready to act out of that reality.



Sunday Café Lenten Series

Exploring, Acknowledging and Responding to the 'Hurts' in Our World

By Deacons
Grant Gilfeather and Susan Cihak

This Sunday Café Lenten Series designed by Deacons Susan Cihak and Grant Gilfeather is intended to raise awareness about the "hurts" Christians find around them. Discussion will center on introducing these topics and starting a conversation.

February 28
Border Issues and Health Care for Impoverished Children (Part 1)

Introduction to and discussion of the concept of God's

justice — Deacon Grant Gilfeather and Deacon Susan Cihak

Comments on the origins and purpose of the Deacon's Field Trip to St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales — Deacon Susan Cihak and Deacon Grant Gilfeather

March 7
Border Issues and Health Care for Impoverished Children (Part 2)

Special guest speakers — Rosemary and Roger Viets — long time volunteers at St. Andrew's Children's Clinic including a short video presentation

March 14
Homelessness in Phoenix and the Valley

Special guest speaker — Scott Ritchey, Director of Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless in Phoenix

March 21
Poverty and Hunger in the Valley

Vista Del Camino speaker — Eugene Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Social Worker Coordinator, City of Scottsdale

Please come join us in exploring these pertinent topics.

There's Still Time to Register for a Cursillo Weekend

Cursillo weekends for both men and women will be held in March. The men's weekend will be March 4-7 and the women's weekend will be March 11-14 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Phoenix.

A Cursillo Weekend (Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon) is an inspiring and enjoyable weekend meant to renew and deepen a person's Christian commitment and ministry. The days are packed with activities, discussions, and the wonder of God's love.

For more info, contact the Rev. Grant Gilfeather at 480.391.1961 or g2feather@cox.net or Eloise Crosman at 480.551.2136 or ecrosman1@cox.net.



PARISH LIFE

Desert Diners

By Cindy Creamer



The end of our Fall/Winter session is quickly approaching, and your thoughts should be on signing up for the Summer Desert Diners session that begins in May. We usually meet once a month; it gives you a chance to get to know your fellow parishioners and have fun at the same time! **SIGN UP IS NOW!** Look for the sign-up bulletin boards in the Parish Hall, or email one of the Desert Diner coordinators that you would like to join a dinner group!

If you have any questions in the interim, you can always call one of the Desert Diners Coordinators:

- Debbie Aikins
DAikins@cox.net or (480-816-8505); or
- Cindy Creamer
mrsi54@cox.net or 480.283.8989.

We look forward to hearing from all of you!

Seniors & Winter Residents

By Barbara Ells, Covener

Our Senior & Winter Resident group was originally formed so that the winter residents and visitors could connect with others. Since then, we have expanded to include all seniors (whatever age), and we invite you to join us!

What has become almost a tradition is our spring gathering at Carolyn and Gene Welsh's home, and this year is no exception. Carol and Roland Harper are co-hosting this event March 21 at 12:30 p.m. You can bring salads, cheese and crackers, appetizers, fruit, deserts — whatever you want! Our hosts have hinted that they may do a ham. And, of course, please bring a beverage of your choice.

Please RSVP to Carolyn at 480.483.2230 or Carol at 480.451.0961, or sign up on the RSVP board at church. If you need a ride, we can arrange one. And feel free to bring a friend! This is a great way to introduce someone to St. Anthony!

Avid Readers Group to Discuss *The Sabbath*

By Eloise Crosman

Join Avid Readers on March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Comfort Room as Bill Burrill leads a discussion of *The Sabbath*, by Abraham Joshua Heschel and Susannah Heschel.

The book has been described as “a classic of Jewish spirituality” and a “profound meditation on the meaning of the Seventh Day.” Rabbi Heschel introduces the idea that Judaism finds its meaning in time and eternity.

If you can add it to your Lenten readings, perfect — or if you don't have time to read the book, come and enjoy the conversation!

MOM-OSA Holding Strong

By Karen Twibell

MOM-OSA has been enjoying our meetings and curriculum for the last month. On Valentine's Day, we were honored to provide the refreshments for the Council Against Domestic Violence Baby Shower. We also presented a check for \$400 (from the proceeds of our bake sale last fall) to A New Leaf, the organization chosen to speak and benefit from the event. Our group loves the theme — moms helping other moms — and these women and children certainly deserve the assistance.

We will only be meeting once in the month of March due to school spring breaks. That meeting will be on Thursday, March 18, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. with complimentary childcare beginning at 9 a.m.

We will be organizing a “Mom's Night Out” on Thursday, March 4. This is an opportunity for mothers to get the night “off, go out to eat, and share in each other's fellowship. We encourage everyone to bring friends in hopes of sharing MOM-OSA's wonderful ministry with others. If anyone is interested in joining us for the event or to learn more about MOM-OSA, please feel free to contact Karen Twibell at 602.705.1595.

Flower Guild

By Rosemary Viets

“The Amen of nature is always a flower.”

This quote by Oliver Wendell Holmes is a great way to think of the flowers you see so thoughtfully arranged each Sunday by the St. Anthony's Flower Guild. We are a small but enthusiastic group who takes turns arranging the flowers, contributing in our own small way to the beautiful worship space here at St. Anthony.

We hope you enjoy the flowers each week! Please consider making a contribution to the flower fund and dedicating the flowers to someone special to you. What a lovely way to express your thanks or love, celebrate an anniversary or birthday, or remember a family member who is no longer with us.

We have streamlined the process so it is now easier than ever to dedicate flowers. The suggested donation is \$40; a sign-up sheet and envelopes are available in the Narthex. Select which Sunday you would like on the sign-up sheet and write your name by the date. Take an envelope, fill out the enclosed card, and include your donation. Then simply place the envelope in the collection plate that is passed during the service.

We hope to see the sign-up sheet completely filled!

We prayerfully and joyfully arrange the flowers each week, and it would be wonderful to be thinking of your dedication as inspiration.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Viets at 480.474.3576 (work) or 480.540.6119 (cell).

Hospitality for Everyone

By Barbara Ells

St. Anthony provides a lot of hospitality! It may be most visible to you on Sunday mornings outside the church at 8 a.m. and at the Sunday Café after the 10 a.m. service ... and what a spread we see! But that's not where our

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Hospitality ends! The children also enjoy snacks during their Christian Education programs. MOSA (the Men of St. Anthony) enjoy a monthly breakfast and MOM-OSA (Ministry of Mothers of St. Anthony) gather twice a month. There are many lunches, soup suppers, pancake feeds, casual get togethers, ministry group meetings, receptions and events such as Caroling in the Courtyard. All these are a part of hospitality at St. Anthony.

How does all this come together? First of all, many of you are great cooks (and good shoppers) and bring wonderful goodies and treats. But what about the coffee, tea, lemonade, creamers, plates, napkins, cups, plastic silverware, baggies, plastic wrap, dishwasher soap, utensils, pans, etc. that are there for your use? All of this is necessary to support our hospitality time.

Several families, groups and individuals have been bringing the treats on Sundays and do the set up and clean up. So as not to rely on the same people all the time, we would like to encourage you to add your name to the list. We have changed the signup sheet for Sunday Café coffee hour to allow more people to sign up for each Sunday for two reasons — it is more fun to do it with someone, and it is less work!

If hosting the Sunday Coffee hour isn't your thing, but you do enjoy the coffee hour (or other hospitality times), can you help stock our cupboards with some of the items listed above? You will see a "flower" holder on the refrigerator door with simulated flowers indicating current needs for the kitchen. Take a flower, buy the item and return the flower and item to the party in the kitchen.

Not a shopper? We have added a "Thanks for Hospitality" basket at the Sunday Hospitality tables. You are welcome to support hospitality at St. Anthony by making a donation.

And don't forget the children's hospitality. Juice boxes, snacks, etc. are always welcome.

Hospitality is a time of connections and a part of one of St. Anthony's core values — Compassionate Commitment to our life together. Thanks to all for your wonderful support of our hospitality time at St. Anthony.

Men of St. Anthony

By Jon Bost

MOSA is off to another busy year with myriad activities, both inside and outside St. Anthony.

In January we made lunches for the men of the East Valley Men's Shelter. This is a well run group in Mesa that is part of **A New Leaf**, a not-for profit group dedicated to helping the homeless and at-risk people in the Valley. This is a fun activity; we set up an "assembly line" in the Parish Hall after our breakfast, and assembled 140 sandwiches and packaged them in 70 baggies with chips, etc. We did this in about 45 minutes and had a grand time doing it.

In early February we took dinner to the East Valley Men's Shelter. We brought ham and beans, rolls, salad and a desert, and served dinner to 70 hungry men trying to readjust themselves back into society. This was a very rewarding evening and we came away feeling that we had taken away more than we left.

At our regular February meeting we again made sandwiches for the shelter and made plans for helping the youth group with their spring rummage sale. We help to set up the tables and assist in "tear down" afterwards. We also made plans for the spring clean-up on March 27 (see article below).

Not everyone makes every activity, but there is enough stuff going on that you can always find something to your liking. Our meetings are generally the last Saturday of the month. We always start out with an informal breakfast at 7:30 a.m., some mediocre coffee, fishing lies, bad golf jokes, and sports discussions. We always plan an activity afterward, and are generally done by 9 a.m.

Give us a try one Saturday, and bring a friend! Come for the coffee and stay for the good feeling that comes with doing God's work.

Join Us March 27!

MOSA Spring Clean-Up

By Jon Bost

MOSA's annual spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, March 27. Activities start at 8 a.m. and will be done by noon.

This is our opportunity to spruce up our campus in preparation for Easter and

the coming seasons. Jay Murillo, our Jr. Warden, will head up activities and guarantees that there will be "something for everyone." So come early, stay late, and enjoy the morning with your fellow parishioners as we clean up St. Anthony on the Desert.

Discover Your 'Treasure' at St. Anthony

By Claudia Smith

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

This quote from Luke 12:34 came from a small booklet called *Our Daily Bread*, and was the Devotion for Wednesday, February 10. For some reason, it brought to mind an incident that occurred several years ago, just before St. Patrick's Day. When I went out to get our newspaper and pull in the trash container, something was missing ... and it wasn't *The Arizona Republic*.

I've heard of things like that around Halloween, but the morning before St. Patrick's Day? Perhaps it was a "leprechaun" searching for that elusive "pot-of-gold." Boy, was he looking in the wrong place! Some coffee grounds, banana peels, grapefruit rinds, discarded junk mail, lots of tissue from allergies, and rose bush clippings were some of the trash can's contents ... certainly, nothing of value.

It brings to mind that old cliché about one man's junk being another man's treasure — which is also reminiscent of the "art world": what is beautiful to one, may be unappealing to another. It's all in the eye (or heart) of the beholder. "Taste" in artwork is subjective, and rightly so. (Who would want it otherwise?)

But while we love, produce and gather different forms of visual art treasures during our lifetime, we need to keep in mind Luke's admonition. In *The Message—The Bible in Contemporary Language*, Peterson puts it this way: "Get yourselves a bank that can't go bankrupt, a bank in heaven far from bank robbers, safe from embezzlers, a bank you can bank on.

It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

OUTREACH



Pictured above (left to right): Mandy Rooney, Lori Flannery, Julie Bolton, Heidi Anderson (A New Leaf), Karen Twibell and Kathy Arairatnam.

A Special Thank You

By Gary Spedl

A great big *THANK YOU* to everyone who helped make our Valentine's Day Baby Shower such a great success!

Everyone enjoyed seeing all the cute clothing donations, and enjoyed the delicious refreshments provided by our Ministry of Mothers of St. Anthony (MOM-OSA). Heidi Anderson, of A New Leaf and Autumn House shelter, provided some great information about where our donations would go and how they would benefit our "little ones."

The event culminated with MOM-OSA adding a donation in the amount of \$400 to A New Leaf/ Autumn House (see photo above). What a blessing!

Thanks and blessings to all!

[Upcoming Opportunity on March 4](#)

Volunteer to Help Victims of Domestic Violence

By Gary Spedl

Want to help support victims of Domestic Violence? You'll have a chance on Thursday, March 4, when the St. Anthony Council Against Domestic Violence (CADV) will sponsor another Save The Family housing unit cleanup.

Save The Family is a non-profit agency that provides hope and rehabilitation to homeless families — 75% of whom are victims of domestic violence. Save The Family has 180 transitional housing units

that provide homes to families while they rebuild their lives. Families enter the Save The Family program and, after completing counseling, schooling and career/job training, graduate from the program and leave the transitional housing unit to go to their own home. When they graduate, the housing unit is cleaned and painted for the next family in need.

Everyone is invited to participate in preparing a housing unit for a family-in-need by being part of the group that will meet on Thursday, March 4, at 8 a.m. in the church parking lot. We will travel to the location in Mesa, where we will clean, paint and prepare a home for a family. We will work until about 1 p.m., but come and spend as much time as you can, leave when you must — everyone is welcome! You don't need to bring any supplies, as everything needed for the work is supplied by Save The Family.

If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact a member of the CADV so that you can be included in further information, or call Chairperson Eloise Crosman at 480.551.2136.

God bless you!

Habitat Home Dedication & Blessing Reser for March 6

By Deacon Grant Gilfeather

Over 30 St. Anthony volunteers have worked on the Daniel Hailegeorgis house since last November. Our volunteers were there for the first two weeks of construction (exterior and interior framing), and did interior painting in mid-January.

The entire project has been a partnership between Episcopal Habitat Coalition (13 churches) and Western Refining Company. And now all the hard work will pay off ... The Haile-georgis house will finally become a home for Daniel, Amelework, their two sons and baby daughter on Saturday February 20, at 9 a.m.

Please come and help the Hailegeorgis family mark this joyous event with short dedication and house blessing. If you are interested in seeing the "finished"

product, or curious about what Habitat is doing in the Oro Vista subdivision, please contact Carol Sheehan-Mathis at SHEEHAC@scottsdaleins.com or Grant Gilfeather at g2feather@cox.net. We will be carpooling from St. Anthony's parking lot at 8 a.m.

Carol and I are most indebted to the volunteer labor given by members of St. Anthony to make this dream possible for the Hailegeorgis family. Come join the celebration on Saturday, March 6!

Habitat for Humanity Build Scheduled for April 10

The Episcopal Habitat Coalition is now involved in building town homes in Surprise. St. Anthony has been assigned caulking and touch up painting on Saturday, April 10. We will be working with three other Episcopal parishes — St. Peter, Nativity, and St. John — to complete the tasks. The address of the build site is Building 8 at 16194 N. Desert Sage Street in Surprise.

No experience is required; you will be taught on the job. Caulking guns, paint and paint brushes will be provided, as well as snacks and lunch.

We will carpool from St. Anthony at 6 a.m. and return in the early afternoon. Students 16 years or older are welcome and can receive school community service credit for participating.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Carol Sheehan-Mathis at SHEEHAC@scottsdaleins.com or Grant Gilfeather at g2feather@cox.net.

Vista Del Camino Report

By Deacon Grant Gilfeather

Vista Del Camino is in need of donations for March and April. Shortages usually start now and extend through the summer into the late fall. The food bank is short on cases of water, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and cereal.

A donation basket labeled "Vista Del

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Do You Know the Answer?

Financial Trivia

By Barbara Ells

How does the money that we put in the plate every week get from the plate to the bank? First, right after each service the Ushers put the money in the safe. On Monday morning, two people take the money from the safe, open all the envelopes, record giving numbers on the checks, count all the money, copy the checks, and make up the deposit slip. Another person checks the deposit for accuracy, and then takes the deposit to the bank. It's that easy.

For the last several years, Jeanette Luke and Shirley Cadwallader have shown up on Monday morning to do the counting of the money and preparation of the deposit slip. For several years, Bob Mitchell took the deposit to the bank; now Cindy Creamer does this for us.

On occasion, someone is on vacation, sick, or otherwise not able to help. We are currently looking for volunteers to either be a substitute or rotate with the above positions. The counting takes approximately two hours and is completed on Monday mornings. The deposit takes about one hour and is done on Monday afternoon (anytime). This is a very important function and, with the reduction in staff, is one place that we are looking for more volunteers.

If you can help, or would like more information, please call Barbara Ells at 480.614.8364 or drbrells@msn.com. We will begin training soon and hope you will be at the table.

Treasurer's Report

By Barbara Ells

They often say in the stock market, "As goes January, so goes the year." If that is the case at St. Anthony, we are in good shape. Our January giving was over budget and, as I write this article, February is looking good. Many thanks to all who give so generously to St. Anthony to support our programs and ministries!

Outreach

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Camino" is located in St. Anthony's narthex. Donations can also be dropped off at the church office during business hours.

On Sunday, March 21st at the Sunday Café Lenten series Mr. Eugene Munoz-Villafane, a Vista Del Camino social worker, will be our guest speaker to talk about the poverty and hunger in Scottsdale. His experiences and insights should provide everyone a better understanding of the problem.

Thanks to the generosity of St. Anthony and Mission Montessori School we have been able to take donations to Vista Del Camino every Monday for the past year.

Thank you again for your support of Vista Del Camino.

Contribute to Our Collection for the St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

By Deacon Susan Cihak

There is a new basket in the Narthex! We are collecting specific items for the St. Andrew's Children's Clinic. Right now we are collecting size 4 or 5 diapers. There also is a smaller basket for size 13 hearing aide batteries and children's eye glasses. Thank you so much. We will be delivering these items later in the spring!



Educating Parishioners about 'Walking the Mourner's Path'

By Catherine Gilbert and Deacon Susan Cihak

The *Walking the Mourner's Path* workshop comprises eight sessions of approximately 90 minutes each. To maintain the essence of a small group, the group size is kept to no more than 10 members, plus two facilitators and a clergy person.

All the sessions follow a similar format: open prayer, welcome, reading for meditation, review of reflection for the week called "Remembering," break, an exercise to discuss as a group, review of the following week's reflection and a closing prayer. All our sessions recognize that our program is Christ-centered. In this article we will briefly introduce the first four sessions of the workshop.

Session One is titled "Introduction." In this session, we introduce the purpose of *Walking the Mourner's Path* as a group-centered support system, and take steps together to make our sessions be a safe place to mourn (recognizing that we are in different stages of mourning). Group norms are established, which always include the importance of confidentiality and listening. Each participant shares with one other group member the person whom they are grieving. We then share these stories by briefly reporting what we have learned.

Session Two is titled "Standing Stones." In this session, each member of the group shares a picture of the person they are grieving with the group. Our discussion focuses on how that person has impacted our life, and what Standing Stone would bear witness to them. We dedicate our grief work to the glory of God and to the one who has died.

Session Three is titled "How We Learn to Mourn." We reflect on how we learned to mourn. First, we review and discuss our "remembering" for the week about how we mourned as children. Then, in an exercise we discuss how we mourned as a family. We hear also the story of how Jesus mourned for his friend, Lazarus.

Session Four is entitled "The Four Parts of Mourning." We discuss how we are affected by Grief and talk about the four parts of Grief and Healing: physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. This session challenges us to look deeper at how we are affected by our grief. We discover together that there is a wide range of emotions and responses to grief that we may not have been aware were associated with grief.

In addition to a closing prayer, we recite each week at the end of our session, "I place my hand in yours ... And together we can do what I cannot do alone."

These sessions are work. It is an honor to walk *The Mourner's Path* with each member of a group. We get to witness the incredible power of the Holy Spirit at work.



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Ugandan Orphans Choir

St. Anthony had the fantastic opportunity to host the Ugandan Orphans Choir during their 10-month tour of the western United States. They performed with songs and dances on Shrove Tuesday to an audience of over 140 people. The offering of \$1,302 collected during the event was directed to the AIDS Orphans Fund.

For more info about Childcare Worldwide, and the work they do to change the lives of children in third-world countries, go to www.childcareworldwide.org/choir.

The children and their adult chaperones were hosted during the week at the homes of Sandra and Eric Chin-Tung; Allen and Sheila Henry; Becky Pearson; and Gary and Bonnie Spedl. Lunches during the week were provided by the Wednesday morning EfM class; Jean and Jim Dunsing; and St. Anthony's Global Outreach ministry (the GO! Team). Thanks to Rodney Rascona for his photography.

Consider a Visit to Chapel Rock This Summer!

By Beth Hammond

This year's Chapel Rock theme is **Fun in the Forest**, and there are camps and weekends for campers aged 5 years through college age. A great opportunity to try camp for your first time would be the four-day Ankle Bitters Camp for 5-8 year olds with a parent also attending. Or maybe you would like to try the four-day Mini Camp for 6-8 year olds.

The children's camps will celebrate **A Safari to Pride Land** and the **Chapel Rocks!** program is for those in junior and senior high.

More information and registration forms for all these camps and more are available from Beth Hammond; contact her at bethhammond@st-anthony.net or 480.451.0860, Ext. 13.

You can also register online at www.chapelrock.net ... register by March 1 to save \$20 per camper per week!

It is Diocesan policy that no child be denied camp for financial reasons. Scholarship help is available.