



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# THE CALL

*Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!*

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✧ February 2019

## *Reverently Speaking*

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

Luke 4:18-19

Dear People of St. Andrew’s,

Early in his ministry, Jesus went to his hometown synagogue in Nazareth on the Sabbath and was asked to read the biblical text for the day. He read from Isaiah 61:1-2. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:18-19).

If you compare Jesus’ rendition of two verses from Isaiah 61 to the verses as they appear in Isaiah, you’ll see that Jesus stopped short of reading the full passage, which contains the line “[to proclaim] the day of vengeance of our God.”

After reading the text, Jesus tells the congregation, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing,” and in so saying, he seems to be declaring that the parts of the two verses he *did* read comprise a kind of mission statement about his work. The fact that he left out that other part suggests that he didn’t see his work as proclaiming the Lord’s vengeance.

Last year in the U.K., a poll of more than 2,000 adults showed that the majority of respondents linked religion and violence in their view not only of history but of this present age. In short, the survey found that although 61 percent of people believe the teachings of religions are essentially peaceful, 70 percent think that most wars in world history have been caused by religions and religious extremists.

It may be some small comfort to know that only 8 percent think religions are inherently violent, but that comfort is likely blown away when we learn that 47 percent think the world would be more peaceful if no one were religious! It’s just like that old John Lennon song, *Imagine*. “And no religion, too....Imagine all the people living life in peace.”

But drawing on this study, Robin Gill, an emeritus professor of Applied Theology at the University of Kent, acknowledges that there are passages in religious texts that, when handled badly, lend themselves to a violent interpretation. Nonetheless, he argues that Muslims, Jews and Christians can and should read those passages in a way that builds peace rather than violence. Commentators on the study say that it is a challenge to all religious people to denounce religious violence and handle their sacred texts with care.

We should note that the assumption that most wars are caused by religion is not borne out by a study of history. Gill’s report says, “It is not obvious that either of the World Wars that blighted the 20th Century were directly caused by religious factors, ... In addition, of the four dictators in the 20th Century most responsible for killing millions and millions of people (including their own citizens) — Stalin, Mao Zedong, Pol Pot and Hitler — three were committed atheists and Hitler’s religious beliefs were by no means conventional.”

*(continued)*

And according to Philip and Axelrod's three-volume *Encyclopedia of Wars* (published 2008), there have been more than 1,700 wars fought in human history. Of these, the authors include only 123 of them (7 percent) as being related to a religious cause.

That said, the causes of wars are never simple and seldom straightforward, and religious motivations may be involved in the mix of reasons people go into any war. In any case, the attacks of 9/11, which the extremist Muslim perpetrators declared were motivated by religious views, have fed the misperception that religion is behind most wars and that the world would be more peaceful without any religions.

Still, any amount of religious violence is harmful, and when it is perpetrated by Christians, it makes Jesus' mission statement in Nazareth sound like fake news.

It would seem that the folks in the Nazareth synagogue that morning weren't much interested in handling their sacred texts with care. They wanted those texts to say what they believed, rather than believe what those texts said. And used that way, the texts became justification for attempted murder.

We need to approach our Scriptures with faith *and* intelligence. If Jesus left out the vengeance stuff, maybe we should, too. Retribution and vengeance — it's just not part of the church's mission.

We should read the Bible with a peaceful intent, putting the texts that can be used to support violence into a context consistent with the overall message of Scripture and one that does not bring shame to the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



### **Shrove Tuesday March 5th**

5:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Children's Chapel

6:00pm Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall

(hosted by St. Andrew's Youth)

6:45pm – 7:30pm Lenten Series begins (page 7)

### **Wednesday, March 6th Service times at St. Andrew's:**

7:30am Holy Eucharist (Rite One) in the Chapel

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Rite Two with hymns)

7:00pm Holy Eucharist (Rite Two with choir)

*All services include imposition of ashes.*



## New Director of Children's and Youth Ministries



The Rector is pleased to announce that Victor Van Pelt is the new Director of Children's and Youth Ministries, effective January 16<sup>th</sup>. He will be responsible for all facets of Christian Education for our children and youth. This will include leadership of the youth group as well.

Victor was born in Brooklyn N.Y. While there he was a member and leader in the N.Y.C. Guardian Angels, a volunteer group that stopped crime in parks and subways. He attended Word of Life Bible Institute and is an alumnus of the class of 1986. After Word of Life, Victor joined the U.S. Navy and served for 5 ½ years as a sonar technician in Mayport, FL. After the Navy, in 1992, Victor served as the Youth Minister at San Pablo Baptist Church where he and his Youth AWANA program won the state Bible Quiz several times. In 1995 Victor served as Youth Pastor for Spirit of Fire Ministries in Jacksonville Fl., an

inner-city ministry where he was able to teach and train youth to practice evangelism in their neighborhoods.

In 1997 Victor returned to the military, this time the U.S. Army, and served as a tactical satellite communications operator/maintainer based out of Ft. Gordon, GA. When not deployed, Victor served as Children's Pastor at Fountain Gate Worship Center in Augusta, GA. In 2003 Victor left the Army and came to Tampa to see what God had in store for him next.

While here Victor began volunteering at University Community Hospital where he eventually became a chaplain and has been so for 15+ years. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Religious Studies in 2009 and his Master of Divinity in 2011 from Logos University in Jacksonville, FL. He has also completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and several units of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) here in Tampa. During the past three years, Victor has worshipped at Grace Episcopal Church in New Tampa, where he worked with the children and youth on a volunteer basis.

Victor has two children: Naomi (age 13), and Calvin (age 11), who are involved in AWANA, karate, Jiu Jitsu and mixed martial arts. Victor enjoys reading, spending time with his family and good friends, Star Wars and super hero movies, laughing and volunteering. He is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Shriners International.

## VESTRY CLASS OF 2022 NOMINEES

Five new vestry members to be elected at Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

### Irene Baker



I was received into the Episcopal Church (from the Roman Rite) in 2004 at St John's Lafayette Square and was an active leader in their Capital Campaign. Upon moving to Tampa, I found St Andrew's in the summer of 2012 and transferred my membership from St Augustine's in Southwest Washington, DC, soon thereafter. I am currently on the Lector Rotation and enjoy supporting our Outreach efforts and stepping up wherever there is a need to be filled (e.g., Mrs Claus and coffee hour supporter).

I have served on St Andrew's Vestry as an appointee and then in a full elected term, during which I was Chair of the Helping Hands Committee.

Professionally, I have widely diverse experiences at international, national, state and local government levels and as a seasoned member of the Intelligence Community. I have been blessed to receive recognition for Lifetime Achievement in support of Special Operations. I bring to the table passion for support of our music program, our children/youth programs, a desire to expand our community involvement, leadership, executive management and strategic negotiation skills.

I would be privileged to share my eclectic talents for the good of St Andrew's and the Tampa community!

### Jennifer Smith

Greetings fellow parishioners! My name is Jennifer Smith. I was born and raised in Florida and have been coming to St. Andrew's for over 15 years, 9 of which I have served as a Sunday School teacher.



I graduated from the University of South Florida with a degree in Humanities in 1996. I've lived in Seminole Heights for the past 15 years.

I am a Human Resources Generalist at Dermatology Medical Partners. I am SHRM and PHR certified and am a self-proclaimed "HR Nerd".

I have 2 sons, Ethan 13, who serves as an acolyte, plays bells in the Bell Choir and is a member of the Children's Choir and Wyatt 7, who is a member of the Cherub Choir.

I was raised Catholic but was looking for the right church fit. From the moment I first stepped foot into St. Andrew's I have always felt welcomed and immediately knew that I had found my forever church home. It would be my honor to serve on the Vestry and give back to St. Andrew's all the wonderful things it has given me over the years. Thank you.

### L. Gray Sanders



Gray is a Tampa native. After leaving Florida for school, undergraduate at Washington & Lee University with a term at Oxford University, and law school at the University of Florida, he returned to Tampa & began attending St. Andrew's in 1994.

He previously served 3 times as a member of the vestry (including a term as Senior Warden) and is a current board member of the St. Andrew's Foundation.

Gray is a shareholder in a Tampa law firm (Barbas, Nunez, Sanders, Butler & Hovsepian) and also has been an Assistant City Attorney with the City of Tampa since 1992. Among other community activities, he is a member of the Tiger Bay Club of Tampa, the Tampa Bay Committee on

Foreign Affairs, Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla, Merrymakers, the University Club of Tampa, and Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club.

Gray and Catherine live on Davis Islands, with their son Ward (a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Tampa Day School). As a family, the Sanders like to travel & to snow ski, & they enjoy spending time in Cashiers, North Carolina, & Port St. Joe in Florida's panhandle.

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### George Levy



I have been a Tampa native for 57 years, having graduated from Leto High School in 1975. I hold a M.S. in Structural Engineering degree from the University of South Florida since 1980 and a registered Florida Professional Engineer License (PE) in structural engineering since 1984.

I am the Owner and CEO of Florida Pre-Fab Inc., a commercial metal building manufacturer and pre-engineered steel building supplier. We design and manufacture steel buildings for the Central Florida, Caribbean, Central America and South American markets. I was born in Havana, Cuba and came in 1961 to the USA when my parents immigrated, fleeing the dictatorship of Fidel Castro and his communist regime.

I am the father of three daughters, Kelly (35), Karen (33) and Dorothy (29), whom I love very dearly. All my daughters have completed their college studies at their chosen universities. I have (1) granddaughter (Mackenzie) and (2) grandsons (Tristan and Gavin) with a third grandson on the way in Atlanta. I reside at the Channelside Towers Condominium located in downtown Tampa with my loving fiancée, Rosemary Graf.

I have been an Episcopalian for over 38 years, having attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Tampa for 25 years prior to relocating to St. Mary's, Tampa for 8 years and the recent 5 years at St Andrew's. I have had the privilege of serving on the Vestry, Stewardship Committee, Every Member Canvas Chairman, Fathers Ministry, Capital Campaigns and Angel Tree with my years at St. John's. I also served on St. Mary's Vestry as Junior Warden in addition to their Endowment Fund Director, Men's Ministry and Stewardship Chairman. I also served on the Vestry here at St. Andrew's as Junior Warden from years 2015 to 2018. I will serve as God's will directs me and as St. Andrew's needs me.

### Ingrid Muellerleile



Ingrid was born in the Black Forest of Germany. She emigrated with her parents to Canada, where they lived a number of years in Toronto. After many years with Pan Am as a Flight Attendant, based in various cities around the world, she left to start a catering business in Virginia. She continued her catering business after moving to Florida, specializing in wedding cakes.

She raised 2 children as a single mother in Tampa. She joined Northern Trust 21 years ago, where she serves as an Executive Coordinator.

Ingrid grew up in the Lutheran faith, and has embraced the Episcopal faith at St. Andrew's, where she attends with her fiancé, Bill Peterson.

### Anita E. Ramirez



Anita Ramirez, CHCC, is President of her company, AER Consulting, Inc., providing services to physicians in analyzing existing practices, identifying and rectifying problem areas, and new practice start-ups. Anita has been an active member of St. Andrew's for over 10 years. She attends 8:00 AM service and has served as a lay eucharistic minister for several years and has attended various programs sponsored by the Church through the years. Her son, David, daughter-in-law, Amy, and grandchildren, Anabel and David Henry, are also active members of the church.

Anita is a recognized leader in the community. She is listed in the 1989 Who's Who of Women Executives, the 1997 International Who's Who of Professionals and in the 1976 Outstanding Young Women of America. Throughout her career she has held numerous civic and social organization presidencies in the greater Tampa area, such as: President, South Tampa Chamber of Commerce; President of the Gulf Coast Executive Women in Health Care, President, National Association for Female Executives; President, Mental Health Association Board of Directors; President of ACTS Board of Directors; and President of Network of Executive Women. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Tampa Bay, Inc. She is a member of the Centre Club of Tampa and was chosen 2009 Member of the Year and serves on the Board of Governors of the Club. Mrs. Ramirez was a finalist for the 2010 TBBJ Executive Business Woman of the Year.

Anita has been featured in several local and national publications and has appeared on many local television programs. She was on the adjunct faculty of Hillsborough Community College from 1976 to 2000 teaching courses on medical office practices and procedures, office automation, supervision, leadership training and customer service.



**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 10, 11:45 am**

following the 10:30am service  
to hear Annual Reports and elect 5 new Vestry members



***Make a Pledge for 2019***

Please return your pledge card for 2019 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year!

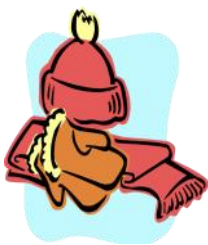
**\*\*\*Ushers Needed for the 10:30 Service\*\*\***

Ushering is open to men and women of the Parish. The ushers serve on a rotation with each Usher assigned a certain Sunday of the month to serve. Through attrition we have three openings and we can always use additional volunteers to fill in as needed.

If you have questions, or if you are ready to volunteer, please contact Frazier Carraway at [fcarraway@saxongilmore.com](mailto:fcarraway@saxongilmore.com).

**THE SEASON:** As the temps cool, we tend to have more homeless visitors for our daytime lunch program, and many are seeking the bare essentials. Their needs are *warm coats, sweaters, hats, mitts or gloves, blankets and scarves*. Used or new will do; men's are most needed. *Also small hotel toiletries: soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc.* Please leave your gifts on the back island in the kitchen.

Thanks, and know these blessings are appreciated!



**Donations to  
Saint Andrew's  
Foundation**



**Anne Scott Anderson Knight**

*In Loving Memory of  
Helen Martin*  
**Robert and Ellen Clark**

*In Loving Memory of  
Almeria Wright*  
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Anne Clark*  
**Robert and Ellen Clark**

*In Loving Memory of  
Henry Brown*  
**Bonnie Judy**

## Tuesday Evening Lenten Series

Our annual Lenten series will begin this year on Shrove Tuesday, **March 5th**, and continue weekly **through April 9**.

Each evening begins at **5:30pm** with **Holy Eucharist in the Children's Chapel**.

A **potluck supper** follows at **6pm** in the Parish Hall and the **program begins at 6:45pm**.

The presenter this year is The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams. He is an Episcopal priest who happens to be a Professor of Philosophy at the University of South Florida and Canon Theologian at St. Peter's Cathedral in St. Petersburg.

**March 5: The theory and practice of heresy** – (hosted by St. Andrew's Youth) "Is heresy hot, or are you just burning me at the stake?"

**March 12: Heresies about the Trinity** – "Don't believe everything you read in *The Shack*"

**March 19: Heresies about Christ, Part I** – "Dan Brown is a tad behind the times"

**March 26: Heresies about Christ, Part II** – "Without confusion, without change, without division, without separation"

**April 2: Heresies about the Church** – "No, your bishop does not have cooties"

**April 9: Heresies about salvation** – "As the Pelagians do vainly talk"

5:30pm	Holy Communion, Children's Chapel
6:00pm	Potluck Supper, Parish Hall
6:45-7:30	Lenten Series Program

## *Thanks to those who have pledged for 2019!*

Chris & April Adams  
Thomas & Elise Akins  
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Patrick & Allison Allman  
Irene & Peter Baker  
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Christopher and Maureen Watson  
George Western  
Jack Wheat  
Erich & Chelsea Wieloszynski  
John & Pat Wolfe  
Betty Wood



# Adult Christian Education

## Sunday mornings at 9:30

### ***Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World***

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, anxiety disorders are reaching epidemic proportions. We are tense. Why? Change is one reason. Sociologists speculate the world has changed more in the last thirty years than it has in the last three hundred. Every day seems to bring new change and threats. We also face personal challenges - job loss, cancer, divorce, addiction, bankruptcy. Add to personal challenges those of a global nature imported into our lives every few seconds thanks to smart phones, TVs, and computer screens.

Anxiety just comes with life. However, as God's Word reveals, it doesn't have to *dominate* life. In this five-session video-based Bible study, Max Lucado looks at seven admonitions from the apostle Paul in Philippians 4:4-8 that lead to one wonderful promise: "The peace of God which surpasses all understanding." As he unpacks each verse, he shows how God is ready to give comfort to help us face the calamities in life, view bad news through the lens of sovereignty, discern the lies of Satan, and tell ourselves the truth. We *can* be anxious for nothing, and discover true peace from God that surpasses all human understanding.

Here is the rest of the lineup:

2/3 - Meditate on These Things

*This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.*

### ***Happy? What It is and How to Find It***

What's keeping you from being happy? Do you really have to lose weight or find a new job before you can say you're happy? No matter how hard we try, happiness can seem elusive. Even as we reach our goals, we set new ones, making happiness always out of reach. In this video study, Matt Miofsky, lead pastor of The Gathering United Methodist Church in St. Louis, helps us discover that contentment isn't dependent on the "things" of life. Instead, he'll help us see that happiness can be found in the value of our relationships, a forgiving lifestyle, living in the present, feeling gratitude, and learning to release control.

This four-week study uses basic theology and the words of Solomon.

Here is the line-up:

2/10 – Nothing Will Make you Happy

2/17 – The Art of Forgiveness

2/24 – Beyond the Circumstances

3/3 - A Way of Being

*This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.*

**Thursday morning Bible Study** began a new study on Jan. 10 at 10:30am in the library. The Gospel of John using N.T. Wright's study guide. "Nothing in John's Gospel is there by accident... And all the details in John are designed ultimately to come together. In these studies we discover the clues John gives that we might see even more clearly the reality of who Jesus is, the new creation He inaugurates and the difference that all makes." Please join us for this exciting study of Jesus through John's eyes!

Study guides are available at \$7 from Alice Prucha.

## **Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm**

### **Adult Inquirers' Class**

New to St. Andrew's and the Episcopal Church? Or just trying to brush up on the faith? Then join us for this seven week series exploring the Episcopal Church. We will use *Looking at the Episcopal Church*, a book by The Rev. William Sydnor. We will comprehensively cover the church's symbols, customs, practices, history, creeds, sacraments, and mission. This class is required if you wish to be confirmed or received into the church during Bishop Smith's visitation on Sunday, March 3rd at the 10:30 service.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

2/5 – The Holy Scriptures and Creeds

2/12 – The Church Year and Sacraments

2/19 – The Ordained Ministry and the Mission of the Church

2/26 – Ministry of the Laity

*This class, facilitated by the rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building*

# December 2018 Vestry Meeting Highlights

## RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese

\*As of 12/10/18, there was \$92,985 in ops account and \$109,110 in the parish reserve account. As of 6/30/18, there is \$19,379 in the Foundation's checking account – monies available to the vestry. We have another \$43,324 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 2.5% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2016 at their meeting on 2/8/16. We have another \$53,473 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2017 at their meeting on 2/21/17. We have another \$75,659 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 4% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2018 at their meeting on 2/21/18. And there was \$2,451,867 in the Foundation principal as of 12/10/18, down from \$2,596,448 on 9/30/18 - a decrease of \$144,581 over that period. Northern Trust has been in contact and is not concerned about the downturn. There is also \$103,437 in the Dan Curtis fund fbo St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$7,237 in grant money currently available (a combination of unused past distributions and the distribution for 2018).

\*Annual Stewardship Campaign – is ongoing. The third round of pledge cards went out 11/29. Currently, we have 118 pledges for 321K. There are still 55 pledgers who pledged 111K in 2018 whom we have not heard from for 2019. With that in mind, you will receive names and phone numbers of such people at the vestry meeting on Monday. I have attached sample copies of how to make your phone calls. *Please make every effort to attend Monday's meeting!* Postcard pledge reminders will go out on 12/18 and 1/8.

\*Thanksgiving Day Service – was on Thursday, 11/22 at 10AM. We had a nice group of about 57 thankful souls.

\*Fish Fry – was Sunday, 12/2 after the 10:30 service, served up by our Outreachers. Great food! Well done, Outreachers!

\*Foundation Meeting – was on Wednesday, 12/12 at 5PM. Northern Trust reps gave their report: Overall, our equities are down 3% for the year. We will stay the course and weather the correction.

\*Director of Children's and Family Ministry Search Committee – Jim will report. Candidate Victor Van Pelt will lead children's chapel on Sunday, 12/23.

Organist/Choirmaster Search Committee – Richard will report.

\*Next vestry meeting: **Monday, January 28th at 5:30p.m.** (1/21 is MLK holiday and church and parish building will be closed for tenting 1/21 until 1/24.)

## December 2018 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$166,798	\$48,210	\$545,740	\$578,522
<b>Expenses</b>	\$51,559	\$48,210	\$565,226	\$578,522
<b>Net</b>	\$115,239	\$0	(\$19,485)	\$0

## **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Peter Baker**

Rebate from Diocese will be about \$2600. Peter Baker made a motion that we divide the rebate between Youth and Outreach, 50% each. Ben Borsch seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Gray Sanders, Irene Baker, George Levy, Ingrid Muellerleile, and Anita Ramirez have agreed to run for vestry with the additional possibility of Victoria Klug.

Mutual Ministry Review to be conducted by the vestry. Peter will have the materials distributed through the office and collected by Peter. Peter will prepare the output. Peter has asked that Fr. Reese provide us with a 5-year plan.

Employment agreement for Fr. Reese was distributed. If you have comments about the Agreement, provide them to Peter Baker. When asked about possible sabbatical time, Fr. Reese said he will take the time in the summer of 2020.

## **JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Al Getz**

Tenting of church will occur on 1/21, rectory is already tented.

**Motion made by Al Getz for the Foundation to cover the \$16,400 expense of fumigation of the church. Vendor is Magnum Termite & Pest Control. Jim Morgan seconded and the motion was carried.**

We will continue to keep an eye on the leak in the church which seems to be intermittent.

Need to get some new tools and move others down to the basement.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – Piers Curry**

We are running in the red. Other income is down but we know we get a bump at year end. Contributions – pledge offerings are improving and the gap is closing. December is when we close the gap, historically. Running at 76-77% of budget.

Plate offering is up 115% over budget for the year. Special Services is up from where it was. Half of Ferguson choir donation is in and the other half is coming.

Joy McCann Foundation is due in December. That and Ferguson represent close to 10% of our Operating budget.

## **CHRISTIAN ED – Jim Morgan**

Pageant went well. Jeannette Taplow did a great job leading.

Parking lot event for dedication at Sacred Heart raised some cash.

\$240 of Christmas ornaments were sold on Sunday.

Victor Van Pelt is coming in this Sunday to interview. He is very interesting and comes highly recommended by his priest. He has 2 children and is a chaplain in a hospital setting.

## **OUTREACH – Richard for Holly**

Fish fryers are on deck for next year and have contributed fish to our event as well.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were excellent. The children and parents were so polite this year and very appreciative.

## **PARISH LIFE– Chris Capsambelis**

Chris reminded Vestry members to bring a side dish to Lessons & Carols party.

Dr. Smith has created another lovely crèche for the Parish Hall.

## **ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER SEARCH – Richard Ferlita**

Proposed Job Description is complete for organist role. Richard will publish it in January and see what we attract and if we want to move forward with someone to do it all or splitting it as before. The role will be circulated to AGO, AAM, Episcopal News Service, Yale Sacred Music and the National Church.

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## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5th ✕ 6:00pm



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#### Sunday Services

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Children's Church

9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
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