



# St. Andrew's Tidings

Sunday, April 21<sup>h</sup>, 2013

*Message from Margaret...*

Sister Joan Chittister, O.S. B., in "Seeing With Our Souls," writes: "Vision depends on an ability to evaluate the present. It's one thing to want a better future—a lot of people do. It's another thing entirely to recognize what's lacking in the present so that we can, as a people, focus our energies on creating the kind of future that includes what we yet need but do not have.

...Never confuse desire with vision. Desire has to do with what we want. Vision has to do with what we need." Sister Joan speaks so very well to the need to renovate our space. In earlier "Messages" the various needs have been spelled out, many of which the Commission has articulated such as handicap accessibility, a more intimate space, one that does not look like the '50's!, a chance to do more creative and spiritual worship, among others. Our renovation will give us what we need. Sister Joan also offers that doing more of the same isn't vision. It is simply the ability to tolerate the inadequacies of the present. It is at best a very mundane way to live. People with vision are never satisfied with what is. They carry within themselves a holy agitation that leads them always to want more than being mediocre in anything can ever offer.

I am excited with the Vestry and Commission's theme of "Living Stones for a Living Sanctuary." Author Annie Dillard has written a little book: "Teaching a Stone to Talk." This is what is meant by our theme. All of us share in being living stones in this place, with Jesus as the chief cornerstone. I am thrilled with what is about to happen in this wonderful space.

## Nave, Sanctuary, and Chapel Reconstruction

*The vestry has voted to sign the contract with Quina-Grundhoefer Architects and to move forward in full force with reconstruction of our nave, sanctuary, and chapel areas. Before the grand "Kick-off," which will happen on Pentecost, May 19<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at a WOW! On May 8<sup>th</sup>, and divide in to "Focus Groups" and everyone will have a chance to say what is important to you in a particular space or area. There will be focus groups on Capital Campaign and Financial Issues; Liturgy (clergy and servers); Music, Performance and Special Events; Pedestrian walk-ways, Accessibility; Aesthetics; Chapel area use; Advertisement; Altar Guild/Sacristy etc. If you are interested in serving on a particular group, please tell one of the Building Commission members.*

## ***LIVING STONES FOR A LIVING SANCTUARY***

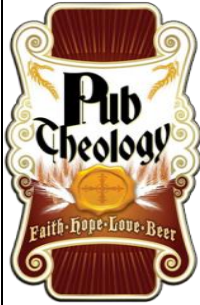
*In 1 Peter 2: 4-5 we read, "Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." From this comes the theme for our renovation kickoff: "Living Stones for a Living Sanctuary." Stay tuned to how this theme will be used as we begin our renovation. Please begin to pray each day this prayer written by Nancy Young for our project :*

*Heavenly Father, Gracious Lord, open our hearts that we may draw near to Christ, the chief cornerstone of our faith. Transform us so that, like Him, we may become living stones built into a living sanctuary. Form us, Lord, into a holy priesthood, a living spiritual house, that though the sacrifice of our lives and talents, we may show to others your goodness in calling us out of darkness into your marvelous light. Amen*

## ***Our New Gathering Space***

In order to begin making room for our church renovation, and to get a feel for how it might be, some of the pews have been removed to create a gathering space at the rear of the Nave. This gives us a chance to meet and greet those who leave quickly through the Narthex. Often we do not get a chance to greet those visitors. Today we begin a series of displaying art work from some of our parishioners. The first art show will be paintings of Vincent Pisani.

*Pub  
Theology  
Tomorrow  
Night  
6 p.m.  
"The Place"  
on Harrison*



*Bring a  
Bible-no  
experience  
necessary!*

## **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THE BISHOP'S VISIT SO SPECIAL!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHOIR, SUE WEBB, OUR CHOIRMASTER, MIRIAM GLADSTONE, OUR ORGANIST FOR EXQUISITE MUSIC; TO ALL THE SERVERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE; TO CAMILLA JIMMERSON AND LAURIE AYERS FOR A FABULOUS RECEPTION; TO VINCENT PISANI FOR THE WONDERFUL ART EXHIBIT; TO HALLMARK AND SHIRLEY AND BILL GOBAT FOR THE FLOWERS AND ALTAR; BONNIE JONES AND RAY WISHART, PHOTOS, AND OFFICE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF FOR ALL THE PAPER WORK, AND TO ALL WHO WERE BAPTIZED, CONFIRMED, RECEIVED, AND THOSE RENEWING THEIR VOWS. IT WAS A WONDERFUL DAY!**

**CONGRATUALTIONS TO: THOSE BAPTIZED: RAJSHEKHAR CHATTERJEA; THOSE CONFIRMED: RAJSHEKHAR CHATTERJES, SUSAN LEE DORAY EGAN, SARAH MARIA REEVES; THOSE RECEIVED: GAIL HARRIS, GAIL TAMBERINO, FRANK TAMBERINO, LINDA KENNEDY, MIKE KENNEDY; AND THOSE RENEWING THEIR BAPTISMAL VOWS: BELLE CASLER, AND ANNE ATKINS STALEY.**

*Please keep the following in your prayers; Lee, June, Brenda, Scott, Billie Kay, Savanna, Terry, Connie, Jonathan, Lisa, Tina, Jessica, Lora, Peter, Heather, Dee, Jewel, Sarah, Wendy, Keith, Hannah, Jazlea, Ann, Bruce, Judy, Amanda, Danal, Edward, Jarad, Kay, Joe, Jessica, Payton, Mia, Middy, MacKenzie, Emma, Irene, Maureen, Joey, Annette, Jay, Doris, Gail, Mary, Barbara, Travis, David, Dee, Bobbie, Cheryl, Alan, Pat, Maggie, Joan, Chris, Mike, Debbie, Hilary, Ava, Nan, Charlie, Fax, Toni, Jane, Elaine, Bobbi, Bobbie, Janet, David, JD, Rita, Lee Ann, Jean, Ruth Ann, Sandra, Nancy, Ann, Janet, Mike, Judy, Janet, Nancy, Jean, Britany, Mary, Sandra, Andy, Polly, Judy, Jonathan, Jessica, Emma, MacKenzie, Tina, Lisa, Lora, Connie, Middy, Kathy, Holly, Vincent, Sandra, Bev, Ann, Donna, Dirk, Cody, Jane, Tiffany*

*We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad; Jeff, Bowe, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Mike, Joseph, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan*