



## *St. Andrew's Tidings*

### *Message from Margaret*

There is one book in my library that I use for almost everything. It is *Liturgy for Living*, by Charles Price and Louis Weil. They maintain that the practice of “Lent” dates all the way back to the fourth century. The “season” started out as a spiritual “tithe” (forty days, or nearly one-tenth of the year) that the soon-to-be baptized underwent to prepare them to enter the sheepfold of the New Israel at Easter. It climaxed the years of teaching and training they had undergone to become Christians.

When infant baptism pretty well replaced adult baptism, “Lent” as a season of self-discipline and preparation, shifted to the whole congregation. All of the baptized—not just the baptismal catechumens—were called to renewal and rebirth during Lent. Everyone in Christ needed time to “tighten” things up—to “re-goal” themselves according to life in the Holy Spirit.

Furthermore, the practice of a forty-day fast had plenty of precedent in Scripture. Moses had spent forty days on the mount in preparation to receive the “still small voice” of God; and Jesus had spent forty days and nights in the wilderness seeking the will of God for his life, while also doing battle with “purposeful evil,” or the Devil.

None of us has a quarrel about the need for renewal. None of us contest the need to “re-goal” on the things of God versus staying stuck in all sorts and conditions of pathologies. So what sort of “self-discipline and preparation” should we aim for in this penitential season. What kind of “tithe” will we make for the forty days and forty nights of Lent? The answer, of course, is the individual’s task to work out in fear and trembling.

Blessings and love to you for the keeping of a Holy Lent.

*Margaret+*

# *Mardi Gras Fun and the Royal Court*



*Thank you, thank you to all of you who made our Shrove Tuesday celebration such a success. We had a record crowd. Many thanks to those who decorated, cooked, and cleaned up. It was a wonderful prelude to the Ash Wednesday Service, which also hosted a large number of people. But most of all, thank you to those of you who participated in the King and Queen contest. You are all royalty! M+*

### ***Hot off the press!***



The St. Andrew's Centennial Cookbooks have arrived! Each adult member is asked to purchase *at least* two cookbooks to give as gifts or to sell to friends, family, or neighbors. The cookbooks cost \$10.00 each. Make your checks out to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with "Living Stones" in the memo line. The cookbooks will be available for purchase each Sunday in Byrne Hall. All proceeds go to the Living Stones Capital Campaign Fund.

*Sunday is Rector's Discretionary, so please be generous with your contributions.*

*St. Mary's Guild*

*When: Tues. March 11 at 10 a.m.*

*Where: Home of Gene Sapp  
1409 Deer Ave.*

*Program: Sheila Leto Scott talks about her News Herald  
column "On Coming Home"*

*Hostesses: Ann Bruce, Margaret Lee and Mary Davenport*

**New Parish Directories**

**Thank you to everyone who helped us publish our new directory by having your pictures taken and updating your contact information. If you would like an extra directory they will be available for \$6.00 each which covers the cost of printing. If you have not picked up your copy, please do so from the church office. If you are not in the directory please submit your contact information and we will publish an addendum to include anyone omitted. If there is a change in your information, please WRITE out the new information so a correction can be made.**

*If you want to give flowers during Lent, we will use pale purple or white.*



# **BASIC NWFL, INC.**

*Panama City, Florida 32401*

## **Donations Needed**

**Body washes/soap (male/female)**

**Women personal hygiene items**

**Basic household cleaning supplies**

**Laundry detergent**

**Bleach**

**Toilet tissue**

**Paper towels**

**Air freshener**

**Deodorant (male & female)**

**Shampoo & conditioner**

**Toothpaste/toothbrushes/Mouthwash**

**Razors (male & female)**

**Lotion & powder**

**Hand soap**

**Dish detergent**

**Towels & wash cloths**

**Socks, gloves, hats (appending cold weather)**

**Blankets**

**Basket will be in Byrne Hall for collections**



## **OUR FEATURED ARTISTS THIS MONTH**

**CAMILLA JIMMERSON AND THAD COFER**

**Our artists this month are two of our members, Thad Cofer and Camilla Jimmerson. Thad works with iron, and has displayed some beautiful iron work. Camilla is a talented sculptor and a number of her works are in the gathering space. Refreshments will be in the narthex to make it easy for you to grab a cup of coffee and visit with our artists. Thanks to artist, Colleen Green, for helping with the display.**

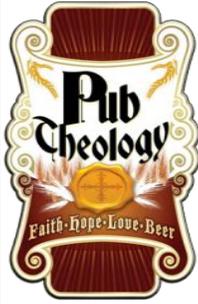


**PILGRIMS TO CURSILLO MARCH 13-16**

**BOB AND TONI BANKS, CAMILLA AND JERRY JIMMERSON,**

**DAN FINLEY, RAY WISHART**

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



*Bring a  
Bible-no  
experience  
necessary!*

**A grateful thank you for all the prayers for our grandson Brett in the Army. He is now back in the good old USA. We are so grateful for our St. Andrew's family. Mary & Art Wimpenny**

*Please keep the following in your prayers : Daniel, Doug, Eli, Kyle, Bob, Sean, Tim, Libby, Marilyn, Sue, Michael, Kyle, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Colleen, Ryan, Joy, Jane, Anna, Michela, Doris, Helen, James, Maggie, Pat, Judy, David, Jerry, Amy, Julie, Frances, Henry, Lena, J.W., Harold, Wendy, Sandy, Charley, Danette, Pam, Eric, Robert, John, Toni, Sandie, Barbara, Deborah, Stephanie, Steve, Jane, Joy, Colleen, Ryan, Joni, Linda, Jeremy, Lauren, Rebecca, Margaret*

*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, Joseph, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan*