

MINISTRY CATALOG & EVENT GUIDE



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Boca Grande, FL



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Welcome!

Dear friends and members of the St. Andrew's family,

We are thrilled to present our Church Program and Event Catalog for the 2023/2024 season. At St. Andrew's, we believe that nurturing spiritual growth and fostering a sense of community are essential aspects of our faith journey. To that end, we have curated a diverse range of programs and offerings designed to enrich your spiritual life and bring our community closer together.

Whether you prefer to join us in person at our beautiful church or participate from the comfort of your own home via Livestream, we have something for everyone. Our catalog features a variety of engaging activities, including enlightening lectures, thought-provoking book studies, enriching small groups, and deep-dives into the scriptures with our Bible studies.

To access more information about each program, including schedules, topics, and registration details, please visit our website at www.standrewsbocagrande.org. On our website, you will also find an abundance of resources about our outreach ministries, volunteer opportunities, and our worship schedule. It's a hub where you can explore all the ways you can get involved in the life of our parish community.

We invite you to explore this catalog, mark your calendars, and embark on a journey of spiritual growth and community connection with us. St. Andrew's is not just a church; it's a family, and we look forward to having you as a part of it.

Thank you for being a vital part of our vibrant and loving community.

Peace,

Michelle⁺



2022 luncheon with Mother Michelle and past Senior Wardens.

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January – December
9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Simplified 30-minute liturgy for prayer, hope and healing
January – April
11:00 a.m.



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The office will be closed in observance of all major holidays.

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“Faith and ...” Lecture Series



Discover the profound wisdom that lies at the intersection of faith and various aspects of our daily lives with our “Faith and...” lecture series.

Join us as we delve into meaningful conversations with leading thinkers, bestselling authors, business leaders, philosophers, artists, and theologians of our time in a casual atmosphere.

This year’s series includes ...

- Faith and Mindfulness
- Faith and Science
- Faith and the Environment

MINDFULNESS IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Doro Bush Koch

Thursday, January 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Most of us won’t experience what it’s like to have people we love, members of our family, criticized and ripped apart in the name of political theater. As daughter and sister to two U.S. Presidents (41 and 43 respectively), Doro Bush Koch knows that experience well, and the tremendous stress that goes with it. She was first introduced to mindfulness by her sister-in-law, best friend, and now business partner Tricia Reilly Koch, as a way to cope with campaign-related stress. The lessons she learned and employed on the campaign trail helped her cope in the moment, but even more importantly helped her to identify her calling to help others learn to do the same. Doro will be sharing stories, experience and wisdom learned along the way.

Wife to Bobby Koch and mother of four, Doro founded the wellness company BB&R, with her sister-in-law Tricia. She is the author of the book *My Father, My President: A Personal Account of the Life of George H. W. Bush* (2006) and co-chair of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.



BB&R

BRIGHT, BOLD & REAL
HEALTH & WELLNESS LIFESTYLES

SPIRITUALITY, DEPRESSION, AND RESILIENT LIFE

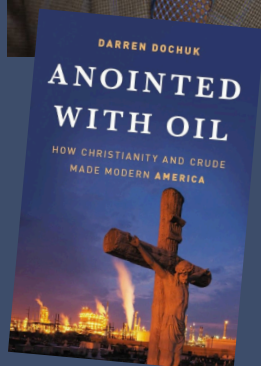
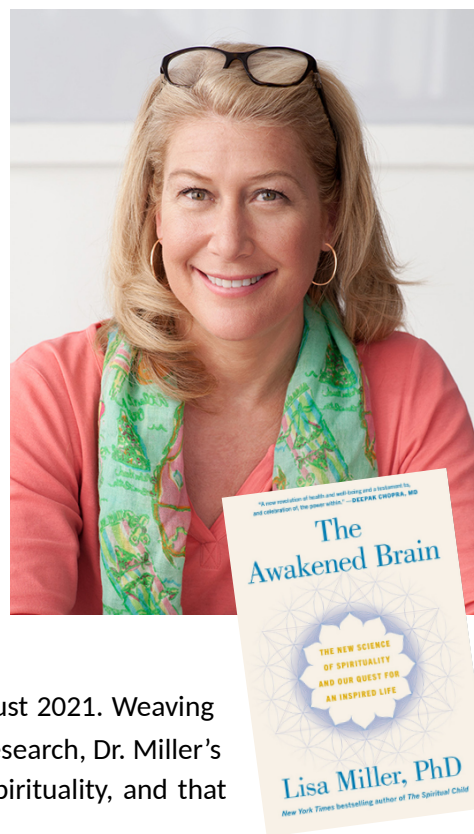
Lisa Miller, Ph. D.

Thursday, February 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Lisa Miller, Ph.D., is Professor of Psychology and Education at Columbia University, Teachers College and is Founder of the Spirituality Mind Body Institute, the first Ivy League graduate program in spirituality and psychology.

Dr. Miller is a foremost scientist on spirituality across the lifespan, with her work published in top research journals including JAMA-Psychiatry, American Journal of Psychiatry, and the Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. Her innovative research has focused on quantifiable effects of spirituality in health, resilience and thriving, and an overall sacred and joyful life. Her clinical and consultation work focuses on spiritual awareness and spiritual growth.

Dr. Miller's latest book, *The Awakened Brain: The New Science of Spirituality and Our Quest for an Inspired Life*, was published in August 2021. Weaving her own deeply personal journey of awakening with her groundbreaking research, Dr. Miller's book reveals that humans are universally equipped with a capacity for spirituality, and that our brains become more resilient and robust as a result of it.



EXPLORING AMERICAN OIL AND RELIGION

"Anointed with Oil: How Christianity and Crude Made Modern America"

Dr. Darren Dochuk

Thursday, March 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Dochuk will chronicle North America's age of oil — in particular, crude's inseparable relationship to Christianity. Dochuk finds that since the Civil War-era discovery of oil, Americans have consistently claimed black gold as a spiritual blessing, a sacred burden and an emblem of national identity and mission in the world.

Darren Dochuk is the a professor of History at the University of Notre Dame, a Faculty Fellow at Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and Co-Director of the Cushwa Center. His research and teaching deal primarily with the United States in the long twentieth century, with emphasis on the intersections of religion, politics, energy, and environment. He is the author of, *"From Bible Belt to Sunbelt: Plain-Folk Religion, Grassroots Politics, and the Rise of Evangelical Conservatism"* as well as editor/co-editor of several books including: *Beyond the Culture Wars: Recasting Religion and Politics in the 20th Century United States*, *The Routledge History of the Twentieth-Century United States* and *Politics in the 20th Century United States*.

NEW

THE TABLE

Join the conversation

We are thrilled to unveil a brand-new small group experience that is designed to deepen our faith, foster relationships, and extend a warm invitation to all! Welcome to "THE TABLE."

WHAT TO EXPECT

Once a month at "THE TABLE," we will gather in the Chapter House for breakfast. Following our meal, we will have the privilege of listening to a guest speaker who will inspire and equip us to grow in our faith journey. These speakers will bring unique perspectives and insights to enrich our spiritual journeys. After the presentation, we will have dedicated time for fellowship, reflection and sharing. This is an opportunity to connect with one another, ask questions, and mine our spiritual depths.

JOIN US

We invite you to join us at "The Table." Whether you're a long-time member of our community or someone seeking to explore faith for the first time, there's a seat for you here.

Please mark your calendars, invite your friends, and come hungry—both for a delicious breakfast and a deeper connection with God and fellow believers.

We can't wait to share this journey of faith, unity, and outreach with you at "The Table." See you there!



PROTECTING OURSELVES AGAINST FRAUD

Erin Mace, CFE

Monday, November 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Mace will be teaching our community how to be good investigators. When a call, email, or piece of mail comes in, she will show how to quickly investigate the legitimacy of what is presented. She will show what to do if you have been a victim of fraud and how to report suspected fraud so that it can be shut down. Mace will provide examples of the latest scams and fraud schemes circulating today. The goal of this first TABLE presentation is to help us be less anxious and more in control of potential fraud.

Mace is a Certified Fraud Examiner and the director of corporate relations for Youthful Aging based in Sarasota.

A MOST TOLERANT LITTLE TOWN

THE EXPLOSIVE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL DESEGREGATION

Rachel Louise Martin, Ph.D.

Wednesday, January 24 at 8:30 a.m.

As a New York Times Editors' Choice, a featured Nonfiction Book to Read this Summer, and a New Yorker Best Book of 2023, Dr. Martin's work has captured the hearts and minds of readers across the nation.

In "A Most Tolerant Little Town," she masterfully weaves together the voices of over a dozen perspectives to create a kaleidoscopic portrait of a small town navigating a tumultuous turning point in American history. This presentation promises to be a spellbinding journey, delving into a forgotten chapter of civil rights history and offering a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by those at the forefront of social change. Clinton, Tennessee, a town you may not have encountered before, will leave an indelible mark on your heart and mind. Join us as we explore the profound connections between faith, history, and the resilience of communities.



THE ART & POWER OF PARENTING OUR ADULT CHILDREN

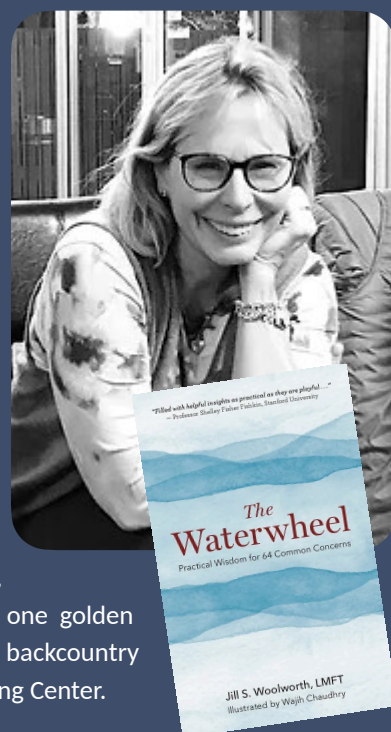
Jill S. Woolworth, LMFT

Wednesday, February 21 @ 8:30 a.m.

Raising young children is stressful and complicated but there is lots of help out there from books, in-person parenting groups, websites, school teachers, doctors, and seminars to Tik Tok videos. But once children reach adulthood, the instruction stops. Roles shift with a changing parent-child dynamic. Many parents find themselves still involved with financial and emotional dependence, talking to their kids everyday. As the saying goes, little kids, little problems, big kids, big problems. Helping young adults navigate their life is getting harder and more complicated.

How can we do this better, protecting our own stress levels, involvement, and helping them to be more resilient and confident?

Jill Woolworth is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist with 24 years of experience, author of *The Waterwheel-Practical Wisdom for Common Concerns*, grandmother of four, mother of three, mother-in-law of two, and owner of one golden retriever. She worked at the Greenwich Center for Hope & Renewal in backcountry Greenwich since its inception after a decade in Norwalk at the Christian Counseling Center.



Bible Studies



We invite you to embark on a journey of spiritual growth and camaraderie that promises to strengthen your faith and forge lasting connections with fellow believers. Our gatherings are a welcoming space where men and women of differing backgrounds and experience come together to explore the teachings of the Bible, share their personal insights, and support one another on their individual walks of faith.

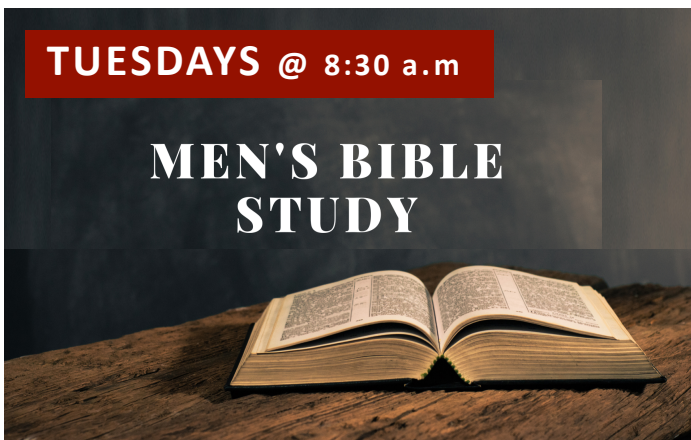
Whether you're a seasoned Bible scholar or just beginning to explore your faith, our groups provide an inclusive and nurturing environment for you to grow spiritually, build meaningful friendships, and deepen your understanding of God's Word.

We encourage you to join us and experience the power of faith-based fellowship firsthand. Together, we can strengthen our relationship with God and one another as we journey through life's challenges and triumphs. Come and be a part of something truly special at St. Andrew's Men's and Women's Bible Studies and Fellowship!

We meet in-person in the Chapter House, though Zoom options are available in order for everyone to be able to participate.

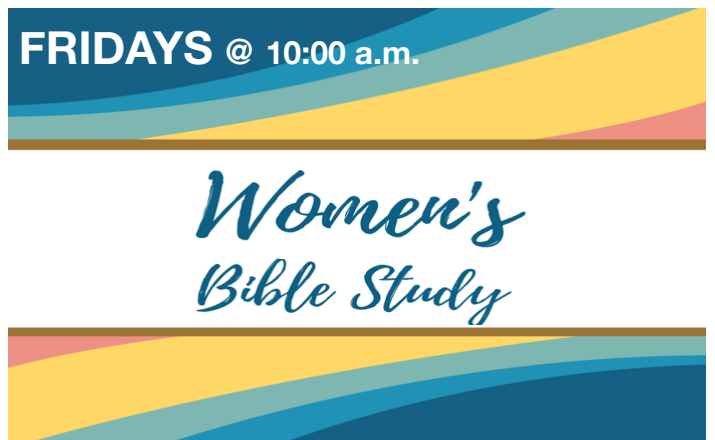
TUESDAYS @ 8:30 a.m.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



FRIDAYS @ 10:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study



Advent in the Garden

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
December 6, 13 & 20

Worshiping God in nature offers countless possibilities. Whether we take a walk along the beach, stroll through a park or relax in a backyard garden, God has things to say to us through his creation (Rom 1:20).

This Advent we will be experiencing worshipping **outdoors**. No organs, projection screens or complex liturgies...just a 30-minute outdoor experience where we can meet God in His great cathedral – creation!



Week 1 — Light

Using Van Dyke's hymn, Joyful, Joyful...we will investigate the theme of light in the wild and look at ways God's light nourishes us.

Week 2 — Roots

We will be considering "roots" and explore ways God may be grounding us in his love.

Week 3 — Fungi

This week we will reflect on fungi and the interconnectedness of our personal relationships with God, the world and others.

Lent with Vincent Van Gogh



Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.

February 20 & 27 and March 5 & 19

Join us for a simple lite supper and fantastic conversation.

Vincent van Gogh devoted his life to light. The light of creation, the light of painting, the light of God's grace – and the light in humanity, mind, body, and soul. The son of a Christian pastor, Vincent fervently set out to be a preacher and missionary himself, but his ministry eventually took the form of brush strokes and canvases: in just ten years of his short life, from age 27 to 37, he created more than 2000 luminous works of art – including nearly 900 paintings – shimmering with vitality, with passion, and above all, with light.

The word "Lent" refers to the "lengthening" light, the growing days that, in time, will coax the sunflowers to open, the wheat fields to rise again, and the irises to bloom. What better companion on our forty-day pilgrimage, then, than this apostle of light: an artist steeped in Christianity and yet open to learning from Buddhism, enamored with Jesus and at the same time adventurous enough to find God in mysteries, humility, and love, not certainties, arrogance, or privilege.

We will use the paintings and letters of Vincent van Gogh and Holy Scripture as our guide.

Maria Wirries

in concert

Monday, January 8, 2024

5:00 P.M.

in conjunction with our
MEMORIAL GARDEN REDEDICATION

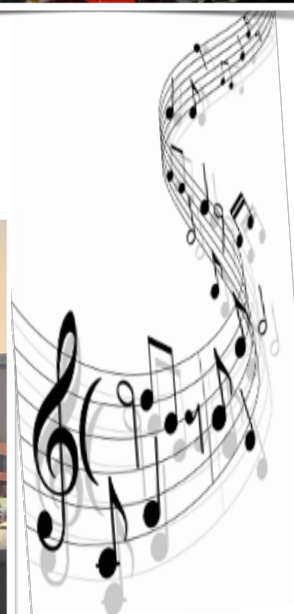
Maria Wirries returns to St. Andrew's for a special concert to help us rededicate our Memorial Garden.

Maria was born in Haiti and has spent her life training as a vocalist, songwriter, and performer. She studied musical theatre at Penn State University and since graduating has performed in multiple shows on and off Broadway, as well as recording an 8-song album and a 4-song EP of her original music.

Her range and versatility as a powerful vocalist and captivating songwriter make her a must see performer. She has made a name for herself as a solo performer, headlining shows at different venues around NYC and Florida. Her influences stretch across all genres of music including rock, pop, soul, country, hip-hop, jazz, folk, and musical theatre.



JOIN THE ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR TODAY!



Are you passionate about music and looking for a way to connect with our vibrant St. Andrew's community? We invite you to join the St. Andrew's Choir, where your voice can make a joyful difference!

Rehearsing Wednesdays at 4 p.m., our choir members harmonize beautifully to prepare for Sunday morning services and special holiday celebrations. Whether you're an experienced vocalist or a beginner, we welcome everyone to share in the joy of music and worship together. Come lend your voice to our inspiring choir family where a heart for singing and laughter are the key requirements.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES...

- Boys & Girls Club of Englewood
- Charlotte County Homeless Coalition
- Diocesan Youth Summer Camp - Dayspring
- Habitat for Humanity - Apostle's Build
- Hope for Haiti
- Seminary Education Assistance
- Senior Friendship Center
- S.O.L.V.E. Maternity Homes

2023/2024
RED BAG

October 15 - November 15
Senior Friendship Center

December 15 - January 15
Soldiers' Boxes for Valentine's

January 15 - February 15
Homeless Coalition Food Pantry

February 15 - March 15
Easter Baskets for Boys & Girls Club of Englewood

March 15 - April 15
Food Pantry




MEMORIAL GARDEN REDEDICATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 5:00 P.M.



The seeds of the vision for a Memorial Garden at St. Andrew's were planted by parishioner, Anne Wright, and nurtured by parishioners in the early 1990's. In 1994, with the support of the parish, this vision came to fruition through the hard work and dedication of "The Garden Committee." A semi-circular Memorial Wall was built with a matching semi-circle for seating and reflection. In 2009 the layout and landscaped design of the Memorial Garden were changed due to major renovations to the campus (church, offices, fellowship hall and rectory).

The Memorial Garden became a popular choice for the final resting place of loved ones. Three decades later it was clear that there would be no space left for adding plaques. An extension was proposed in 2019 and the Vestry established a Visioning Committee for this work, headed by parishioner, Don Farrar. And though a world-wide pandemic, Category 5 hurricane and changes in Lee County permitting slowed the progress of this project...we are excited, finally, to re-dedicate this space - - that it may once again be a tranquil resting place for loved ones, for our own weary souls and for visitors seeking a space to mediate and reflect.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMORIAL GARDEN DONORS

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Welcome Back Social

Sunday, November 12
at 5:00 p.m.



Join us for an enchanting evening of wine and hors d'oeuvres as we toast to new beginnings and the return to cherished friendships. Expect a warm and friendly atmosphere that reflects the spirit of our community. This event is all about celebrating each other and the connections that make our community special.

Dinners for 8 (ish)

Our In-Home Fellowship Dinners
Sunday, February 11
at 6:00 p.m.

"Dinners for 8" allows you to get to know the people you worship with every Sunday at St. Andrew's. Share your own life experiences, learn about others and engage in meaningful conversations in a friendly, relaxed environment. Members of our church community will be hosting a Dinner for 8 (ish) in their homes, where each person/couple participating is asked to contribute to the meal.

If you'd like to host a dinner, please let us know by January 28th. If you'd rather join as a guest, sign up by February 1st to be matched with a host. We will carefully match hosts and guests into small groups, ensuring a diverse mix of church members.



GUEST PREACHERS



THE RT. REV. WILLIAM MOSTERT

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Bishop William was born and raised in Kimberley, South Africa. He attended St. Paul's Theological College in Grahamstown and was ordained in 1985. In July he retired from his position as bishop of the Diocese of Christ the King (Johannesburg, Southern Africa).

Bishop Mostert was a good friend of the late Nobel Peace Prize winner, Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu joined him in the efforts of peace and reconciliation in South Africa.

Bishop William is married to Ursula, they have two adult children and five grandchildren. He is an avid sports fan having played soccer, rugby, tennis, and cricket.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL VISIT
WITH
THE RT. REV. DOUGLAS FEDERICK SCHARF

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Bishop Scharf was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Southwest Florida on April 2, 2022. Prior to his 2022 election, Bishop Scharf was the Rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and School in Tequesta, FL since January 2017. Bishop Scharf earned a D. Min. from Emory University, Candler School of Theology (2018) with a concentration in Biblical Interpretation and Proclamation.



Mother Michelle presenting our new Bishop
with the "bishop's ring" at his consecration
on September 24, 2022

GUEST PREACHERS

THE REVEREND JAY SIDEBOTHAM

Sunday, January 28, 2024



Fr. Jay is the Founder and Senior Consultant of RenewalWorks. His expertise is on renewing and strengthening churches and has traveled widely within the Anglican Communion leading workshops. His experience as rector of Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, IL, where he led the congregation through a period of sustained focus on spiritual growth and renewal informs the work he now does.

Fr. Jay currently serves as the Associate Rector at St. James, Madison Avenue in New York. He has also served at St. James' Parish, Wilmington, NC; St. Bart's, New York City; St. Columba's, Washington, DC; St. Luke's, Durham, NC; and St. Martin's, Providence, RI. He is well known for his cartoons about church life and his animation work on the television series *Schoolhouse Rock!*

THE REVEREND TIMOTHY E. KIMBROUGH

Sunday, February 4, 2024



Fr. Timothy is the newly appointed director of the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies and the Jack and Barbara Bovender Professor of the Practice of Anglican Studies at Duke University (Durham, NC). He was previously Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, TN and Rector of Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill, NC.

An accomplished theologian and liturgist, Kimbrough is also a gifted musician. His musical compositions are included in *The United Methodist Hymnal*, GBGMusik's *Global Praise* series, *Psalms for Praise and Worship: A Complete Psalter* (Abingdon Press), *Sweet Singer: The Hymns of Charles Wesley* (Hinshaw), and most recently in a volume entitled *A Theology of the Sacraments Interpreted by John and Charles Wesley*.

We are excited to be hosting a series of guest preachers this season. These are some of the most gifted preachers of our time. Please join us in welcoming them and experiencing the transformative power of their words. You won't want to miss.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE AT 4:00 P.M.

Ugly Christmas Sweater – Christmas Pageant – Scavenger Hunt

Join us for a fun-family oriented service. Go on a scavenger hunt in your home for the following items. Then put on your favorite “Ugly” Christmas sweater and bring all the items with you to the service.

- A tea towel or bath towel
- Homemade pageant costume of your choice
- Something blue
- Something in the shape of a star
- A paper crown
- A picture of someone you are missing this Christmas
- A gift to donate to a child (book, toy or puzzle)
- A can of food or box of cereal to donate



CHRISTMAS EVE

7:30 P.M. MUSICAL PRELUDE

8:00 P.M. CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Our Candlelight Musical Prelude and Worship service are not be missed. Broadway phenom, Maria Wirries will be with us along with gifted musicians: Kat Baloff on violin, Jordan Tenev on cello, and Seth Wertz on piano. This live performance promises be festive and joyous perfectly setting the tone for our candlelight service at 8:00 p.m. Come and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Eve

Worship Times

Family Service	4:00 p.m.
Candlelight Musical Prelude	7:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service	8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Our Christmas Morning Service celebrates the birth of our Lord. All the fanfare of the shepherds and angels present on Christmas Eve gives way to a quieter more sedate experience on Christmas Morn.
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with musical accompaniment on piano.



Don't forget to...
Spring Forward

Sunday, March 10

LENT

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| • Ash Wednesday Service
w/ Imposition of Ashes | Feb. 14 | 12:00 & 5:00 p.m. |
| • Wednesdays in the Garden
(Morning Prayer) | Feb. 21 & 28 and
March 6, 13 & 20 | 11:00 a.m. |

HOLY WEEK

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| • Palm Sunday | Sun. | March 24 | 9:30 a.m. |
| • Evening Prayer | Mon – Wed | March 25 – 27 | 5:00 p.m. |
| • Maundy Thursday | Thurs. | March 28 | 5:00 p.m. |
| • Good Friday | Fri. | March 29 | 1:15 p.m. |

EASTER

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| • Easter | Sun. | March 31 | 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. |
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ASH WEDNESDAY

THE BEGINNING OF LENT

WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year are burned to create ashes which will be imposed on the faithful's foreheads.

WHY USE ASHES

Since the Old Testament, ashes have been a symbol of repentance. Imposing it upon the faithful's forehead is a reminder and an invitation to repent, and follow God.

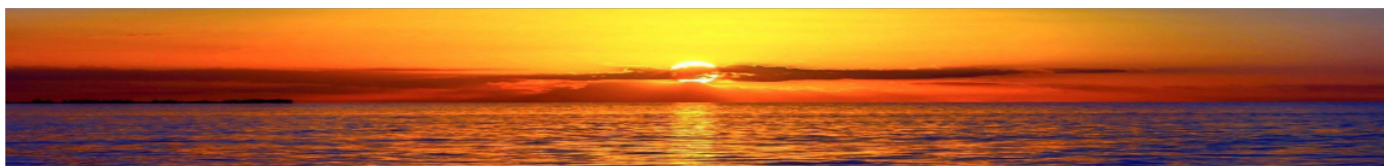
WHAT IS LENT

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

PRAYING

FASTING

ABSTINENCE



For More Information ...

For links and additional details about the programs listed in this catalog — as well as the many other opportunities to participate in the life of our parish community, please visit our website at: www.standrewsbocagrande.org

On our website, you will discover more about our outreach ministries, volunteer opportunities and worship schedule.



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