

# ANDREWGRAM

News for and about members of St. Andrew's Church/Somerset Parish  
Princess Anne, Maryland

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## Advent Lessons and Carols a Success

With more than 200 people in attendance, last Sunday evening's Ecumenical Advent Lessons and Carols was a great success.



Ministers from 10 area churches participated by reading lessons, while choirs from St. Paul's Church, Marion Station; Grace Church, Mt. Vernon; St. Elizabeth's/Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Churches; Metropolitan United Methodist Church; and the choir and string band from Holly Grove Mennonite Church contributed many wonderful musical offerings during the candlelight service.

A collection taken up during the service for the Seton Center resulted in more than \$740 being raised. The money was presented to the sisters of the Seton Center at the reception following the service where participants enjoyed hot mulled cider and spiced tea and cookies at the Parish Hall.

A great amount of thanks is given to our chief musician Taylor Harvey who devoted many hours coordinating and practicing with many of the choirs and providing excellent organ music that evening. An additional thank you is given to John and Penny Nicholson, Ginny Green and others who coordinated and contributed to the beautiful reception after the service. Thank you also to Carroll Lentz, Nan Sartorio, John Nicholson and Nancy Stade for their help as ushers, and to Callie Taylor, who served as crucifer for the service.

## New Spiritual Resources Available Online

The Diocese of Easton is making available on its website ([www.dioceseofeaston.org](http://www.dioceseofeaston.org)) two new online spiritual resources:



First, an online Advent calendar originating from the Diocese of Washington, with a daily meditation, music, and artwork.

Second, from Virginia Seminary, "Devo-to-go," a collection of podcasts written and presented by clergy and lay people from throughout the country. These digital meditations are meant to help Christians move along their own spiritual journey toward the Light, to help people listen for how God might be speaking to them today.

"With the emergence of new technologies like iPods and other portable media players," said the Rev. Lonnie Lacy ('06), assistant rector of Trinity Church in Statesboro, Georgia, "people are now more connected to the digital world than ever before. At the same time, they're increasingly isolated from God and one another. Devo-to-Go is our attempt to bridge the gap - to stage a meeting between the advent of personalized media and the Advent of the Christ who comes to make us one."

Launched last Advent with great success, Devo-to-Go was followed by a Lenten series that gained a surprisingly large international following. Continued Lacy, "We think that such committed listenership points to a basic hunger on the part of many people for daily connection with God that is thoughtful, accessible, and relevant to their everyday lives."



## Greening of the Church

You are invited to participate in St. Andrew's Greening of the Church for Christmas immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Service on Sunday, December 23rd.

David Howell has graciously volunteered to coordinate this year's decorations. The Hospitality Committee is providing food and drink for volunteers. You many want to "dress down" that Sunday if you are interested in helping. Many hands make light work. Consider being part of this Christmas tradition.

## Nominations for 2008 Vestry



At the Somerset Parish Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, January 20, parishioners will be voting to elect three new members of the Vestry. At that time, Senior Warden Allan Green, and Vestry-members Henry Brooks and David Warren will all be completing their terms. A Nominating Committee has been constituted by the Vestry which will present to the parish a slate of candidates for new members of the Vestry prior to the Parish meeting. Allan Green is chair of the Nominating Committee. If you have a suggestion for a nominee, please contact Allan soon. The Committee must complete its work by the first week of January. The Bylaws state that a nominee must be at least 16 years old and a baptized, confirmed member of the parish who has been active in the parish for at least the past year. A vestry-member serves a three year term.



## Poinsettia Orders Due December 16

All orders for Christmas Poinsettias must be turned in to Ginny Green by Sunday, December 16. You can drop off or mail your orders to the Parish Office any day this week or put them in the alms basin this Sunday.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/16 VESTRY MEETING, PARISH HALL, 7:00 P.M.
- 12/18 EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING, PARISH HALL, 5:30 P.M.
- 12/18 ADVENT EDUCATION SERIES AND POTLUCK DINNER, PARISH HALL, 6:30 P.M.
- 12/21 DEACON DAVID MICHAEL'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, 6:00 P.M. (REHEARSAL 3:00 P.M.)
- 12/23 GREENING OF THE CHURCH, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, DIRECTLY AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE
- 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 8:00 P.M.
- 12/30 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS HOLY EUCHARIST, 8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.
- 12/30 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 1/1 FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME HOLY EUCHARIST, 12:00 NOON
- 1/6 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST, 8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.
- 1/13 HOLY BAPTISM
- 1/20 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### Ministers for this week's service are:

#### LECTORS

Deborah Parker and Richard Kirby

#### INTERCESSIONS

Carroll Lentz

#### ALTARGUILD

Ginny Green and Dee Muir

#### USHERS

John Nicholson and Nancy Stade

#### COFFEE HOUR

Nan Sartorio

# Anatomy of an Ordination to the Priesthood

On December 21, our Deacon Pastor, David Michaud, will be ordained at St. Andrew's Church to the Sacred Order of Priests by the Bishop of Easton, the Rt. Rev. James J. Shand using the Liturgy of Ordination in the Book of Common Prayer. An ordination is done in the context of Holy Eucharist, but the begins differently than a typical Sunday service. The presider at an ordination is the Bishop. Because the priesthood is a collegial order, the Bishop is joined at a priest's ordination by fellow priests or presbyters in the laying on of hands. It is a festive occasion. Because Deacon David's ordination takes place on the Feast of St. Thomas, the color of the day is red in keeping with this major feast day, but the new priest is allowed to wear festive vestments given the occasion. Since it's not every day that a priest is ordinand, below is listing of what happens at an ordination from beginning to end.

Procession	The solemn procession which begins at the back of the church and concludes at the chancel includes the servers, choir, all vested clergy present, the preacher, the presenters, the ordinand, the deacon and the Bishop.
Presentation	The ordinand is formally presented by the people to the Bishop for ordination. The Bishop from his chair close to the congregation questions the ordinand and has him sign a statement of loyalty to the church.
Prayer	The assembled congregation, through the Litany of Ordinations, prays for the ordained.
Ministry of the Word	Scripture passages appropriate for this occasion are read, a sermon is preached and a profession of faith is said.
Examination	The Bishop, from his chair, explains the duties of a priest and asks a series of questions to the ordinand about taking on these responsibilities.
Consecration	The Bishop invites all other presbyters to join him in laying hands upon the ordinand. After singing Veni Sancte Spiritus and praying, the Bishop consecrates the ordinand as a priest.
Symbols of Priestly Ministry	The new priest is vested for the first time in priest's stole and chasuble, and is given a Bible and a chalice and paten. The Bishop then greets the new Bishop and invites the congregation to greet the new priest.
Celebration of Holy Eucharist	The new priest is invited to the altar table to join the Bishop in celebration of Holy Eucharist.
Blessing by the New Priest	After Communion, the new priest is asked by the Bishop to give his first blessing upon the congregation.
Procession	The Deacon dismisses the people and the servers, choir, vested clergy, preacher, new priest, deacon and Bishop process to the back of the church

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