



# The Communicator

The monthly newsletter of Calvary St. Andrew's Presbyterian Parish, Rochester, New York

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## Holy Week and Easter Services

**Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m. Dinner @ Worship**

**Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service**

**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.**



Let God pollinate your life with joy !!



## Celebrate Christ's Resurrection at CSA

Easter reminds us to hope, to love, to believe in God's vision of a just and decent world for all of God's people. Jesus' resurrection was God's "yes" to life and a "no" to the domination systems of the Roman government that crucified Jesus.

As we gather for worship we proclaim that same hope that God's love

can make a difference in our lives and in the world. God's world is filled with justice, adequate food, housing, health care for all. As we celebrate Easter Christ invites us to renew our commitment to God's vision.

On Easter Sunday day at 10:00 a.m. we'll join with Christians throughout the world to

celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The choir has prepared special music for the day, under the direction of Donald Tirabassi with Brian Soule guest musician.



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## Pastoral News and Notes

Mary Trabert underwent knee surgery in March. This surgery is the second one on the same knee within the last few months. Please keep Mary in your prayers.

Sandra Ehman has recovered from her shoulder surgery, thanks be to God.

Lindsay Jonasse and Jim Pardee are to be thanked for the major Feng Shu of the sanctuary by creating new energy flow which makes our spiritual space more pleasing for visitors. Have you noticed how clean and

organized the office is these days? Or the neat choir area? How about polished piano and organ? CSA sends a special thanks to Pat Soule who has taken on the tasks of filing, cleaning the office and choir areas. What a gift!

Speaking of gifts—on March 21<sup>st</sup> it was our pleasure to baptize Roman Arthur Maldonado, son of Fabian and Teisha (Cuthbert) Maldonado.

The Mission trip to Turkey leaves May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup> as participants

walk in the footsteps of Paul. Bob Day, Jim Lesch, Susan Hartley, Judy Hay, Maureen Metzler, Lindsay Jonasse and Janita Byers will be going on this great adventure.

Russ and Marjorie Roth are expecting their first child in August. The CSA congregation was delighted to hear the news and celebrates this great moment with the Roth family.



## Calvary St. Andrew's Youth News

Mission Madness Hits CSA April 24<sup>th</sup>

Every year CSA hosts a team of youth and adults from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley who roll up their sleeves to make a difference. A group is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

We need help at CSA to host them and to organize the projects and tools. Reverend Hay will be here, but we need at least three other people to help in equipment detail and hospitality. Please notify Rev. Hay if you are willing to be a part of this great mission opportunity.

Our youth will be participating by going to other locations to serve in mission. If you'd like to

go with them, please contact Russ Roth to serve as an advisor. Youth Hit The Lanes And The Canal

Youth and parents are invited to go bowling on April 11<sup>th</sup> immediately after church. We'll have a bite to eat at church then hit the lanes at Bowl-A-Roll on Jefferson. It's a great opportunity for fellowship and fun.

On April 18<sup>th</sup> after church Russ Roth is leading the youth on a bike trip on the canal. Interested adults please contact him to assist in the supervision and in accompanying the youth on the ride.

Our youth attended the Urban Presbyterians Together youth event at New Life on March 19<sup>th</sup> with over 50 youth from the eleven Presbyterian congregations. The youth got to meet with their counterparts in other urban churches, played games, and listened to musician Gordon Clarke and storyteller Almata Whitis.





## News from the Emergency Food Cupboard

Ginny Weisel celebrated her 40th birthday earlier this year with a party where people brought gifts on behalf of the food cupboard. The food cupboard thanks Ginny and Marsha Reed for their generous support.

The Boy Scout Food Drive is fast approaching. It occurs Saturday March 27th. We hope to acquire over 100 boxes of food for this food drive.

Our grant writer has been extremely busy having prepared and mailed out 6-grants during February and March. We are trying to expand the role in the community that the food cupboard plays, and Jean Hawkes has been a big help in leading this effort.

Barbara Mitchell will be making up Easter baskets and handing them out just before Easter. Great thanks to Barbara

and Sharon Hoffman who will be helping.

The Tuesday morning produce has been slightly smaller in recent weeks as we have had 4 people go to Florida for extended vacations. Thankfully, Barbara Mitchell and Bob Riemer have volunteered and helped out during this time.

Robert Lauterbach  
Emergency Food Cupboard  
Coordinator



**Note:**  
The deadline  
for the May issue of  
The Communicator  
is  
Sunday, April 18  
Please send news items  
and photos to  
[lvicker@sjfc.edu](mailto:lvicker@sjfc.edu)



### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**April 10 th 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

**Calvary St. Andrew's Presbyterian Parish**

Corner 68 Ashland Street/95 Averill Avenue

**Angel Sponsor \$50 Family Sponsor \$25 Individual sponsor \$8  
Child Sponsor \$ 4**

**Proceeds to support CSA's Urban Ministry**

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## Strategy Report

Three teams are being constituted to follow through with our strategy adopted at the annual meeting. Sue Porter has been heading the team to examine how we can improve our reaching out to new people and ways to follow-up. If you would like to be part of that exciting team please contact Sue.



The second team is with our Food Ministry. Robert Lauterbach met with all of the volunteers to gain their in-put in improvements in the food ministry and to ask them to serve as an advisory board. Several grants have been written and submitted to defray costs of the food ministry.

The third major thrust is Development headed by Paula

Morisey with support from our consultant Jean Hawkes. The team gathered with pumped up energy to increase the funds raised at the spaghetti dinner plus greater visibility and increased proceeds from the auction.



## DDSO: Developmental Disabilities Partnership

A new partnership has evolved with the local DDSO branch that assists people living in group homes with jobs in the community. Through supervisor Rob Newell CSA has become a beneficiary of the program to give clients work in the community. Seven guys and another supervisor accompanied Rob to CSA after the big February snowfall. The team shoveled all the snow from the

driveways and sidewalks. That big job did not deter them but emboldened them to say, "Give us more work."

The team reappeared the next week and has taken on the difficult task of cleaning the food cupboard. With mops, brooms, and good spirits the team tackled the project of cleaning the food cupboard area.

The team is excited to help the community and have been great spirits to have within our church facility. As the spring weather breaks the team will begin the systematic cleaning of the church property from the winter debris.

## Pledge for Bartolo, DR Mission

Bartolo, the Coordinator of the 17 agricultural nurseries, is pictured here . He motorcycles among them all, works with the farmers involved, teaching organic production methods, grafting of the citrus, avocado and coffee trees, planting on hillsides against deforestation, building green houses and

starting tilapia ponds.

If you would like to join others from CSA making a pledge to support Bartolo's \$325/mo. salary, contact Alison Clarke, [accompost@gmail.com](mailto:accompost@gmail.com), or 244-2711.





# What the Bible Says, or Doesn't Say, about Homosexuality

CSA, in partnership with the Divinity School, Third Presbyterian, Lake Avenue Baptist and St. Luke's St. Simon sponsored a lecture on the biblical perspective on homosexuality. Dr. Daryll Lance gave a spirited lecture entitled "What The Bible Says Or Doesn't Say About Homosexuality". The bottom line- it says nothing or very little. Jesus did not mention homosexuality. It is a modern construct not coined until the time of Oscar Wilde.

Dr. Lance reviewed the Genesis text on Sodom and Gomorrah that has been used against homosexuality. Dr. Lance contends, along with other key Biblical scholars, that the text is not about homosexuality but a male rape. The rape demonstrates power and conquering over the two visitors. Rape has been used in the same way as a weapon today in Bosnia, Kosovo, Sudan and in other places of war.

Seventy-five people attended the lecture held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The next major event co-sponsored by the team will be the visit at St. Luke's and St. Simon's Episcopal Church with Bishop Eugene Robinson on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The event begins with Evensong service of worship with Bishop Robinson as the key presenter. He's the first openly gay bishop in the Episcopal Church.

CSA is looking for at least ten folks who will go to the lecture that is open to the public. (See flyer below.)

**Thursday, April 29th, 7:00 PM**


## Evensong With Bishop Gene Robinson


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The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire is the first openly gay bishop in The Episcopal Church. Bishop Robinson will preach during the service. Bishop Prince Singh of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester will also participate. Afterwards, Robinson will speak further and answer questions from the congregation. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend. Bishop Robinson has been interviewed by secular media icons such as Jon Stewart and Rachel Maddow. He was a candidate for Bishop of Rochester in 1999.





## Time for a new car?

### **DONATE YOUR OLD VEHICLE TO CSA**

Calvary St. Andrew's Presbyterian Parish has a vehicle donation program.  
Donate your old car.  
We get a donation...and you get the tax refund.

All information is on our web site: [www.calvarystandrews.org](http://www.calvarystandrews.org)



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and follow the simple instructions.



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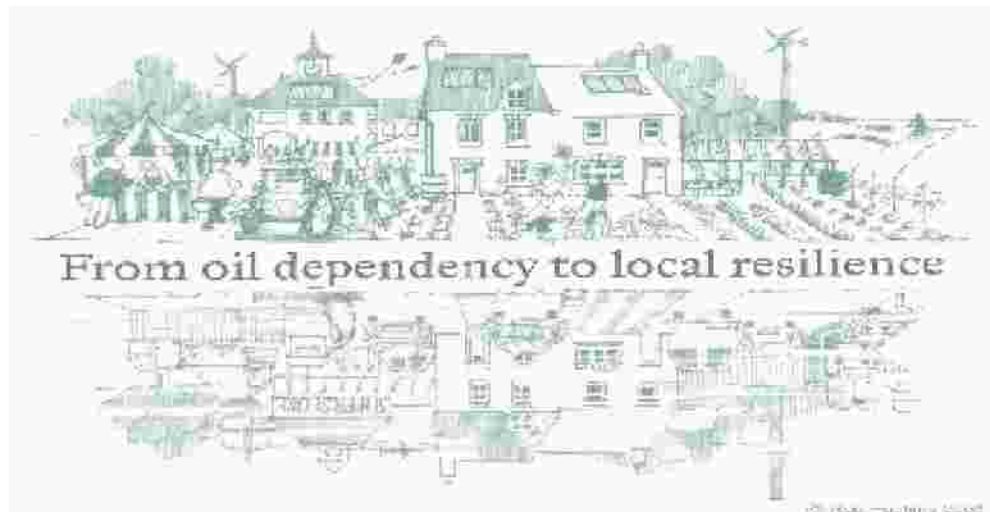
Rochester Regional Group's  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Forum –  
**Transitioning to Sustainable Communities**

**What does it mean? How can we do it?**

First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South

Earth Day, Thursday April 22, program 6:15 - 8:45 pm,  
Doors open 5 pm for networking, and food

Tina Clarke, certified Transition Towns Trainer presents the latest thinking on the “**Triple Challenge**” of Peak Oil, Climate Change, and Economic Instability. Network with local organizations, participate in facilitated discussion groups, and join forces for positive change! **FREE** and open to the public.



For more information visit <http://newyork.SierraClub.org/Rochester>, or call 585 234-1056



May Work Day  
 The Hospitality Team is sponsoring a church yard clean-up on May 16<sup>th</sup> after church. Bring your rakes, your shovels, paint brushes and join us for a good clean-up of our yard.



CSA's April Birthdays

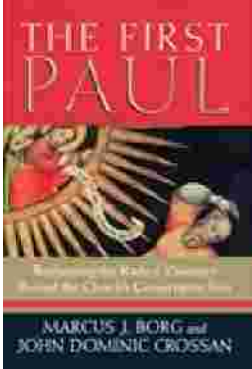
- 4 Rev. Anne Waasdorp
- 7 Lindsay Jonasse
- 9 Adam Metzler
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- 13 Henry Escalora; Stephanie Totin
- 14 John Burnett, Peg Donaghy
- 15 Thomas Lewis, David Hyman
- 16 James Rizzo, Susan Schliff, Marsha Reed
- 20 Maria Stein
- 26 Randy Edmunds
- 26 David Parker,
- 28 Sue Soule



## Four-pronged Approach to Lent a Success

In a bold adventure we shifted energy in the Lenten season for different venues as ways to build our relationship with God and it was a success.

Ginny Weisel and Andrea Holroyd co-lead a group on Sunday with the book by Martha Grace Reese on *Unbinding the Soul*. Learning to pray together, talk about faith and share in a small group takes courage and commitment. We're hearing comments like "What's next? I like the small



group." Studying scripture takes an equal amount of focus and commitment, as several people can testify who have been meeting weekly with Russ Roth to study upcoming lectionary texts. " I love coming to church and studying the Bible," Sally Winslow declared.

For others the rich discussion on the book *First Paul* by Crossan and Borg has opened new insights into Paul's writings.

For the three group members that are going to Turkey to Walk in The Footsteps of Paul the book has been inspiring and has excited even deeper interest in the trip. "Imagine being in Tarsus, or Ephesus and seeing first hand sights that would have Paul's landscape," Maureen Metzler told the small group.

The fourth approach was the Prayer Vigil that offered an opportunity for silent reflection and inward stillness. The session is looking toward the future and offering more opportunities for small group dialogue.

