



Bob Gallagher and Michelle Heyne, leaders of the retreat, with St. John's Rector Susan J. Latimer .



Parishioners Quentin and Liz Nix



Michelle Heyne giving presentation

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Bob Gallagher in action



Bob Gallagher with a group of attendees



Participants attending the retreat

St. John's Hosts Lenten Retreat

St. John's was the setting May 25 and 26 for a Lenten Retreat, sponsored by the Charleston Episcopal Parishes and the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia. A mix of worship, silence, presentations, discussions and experiential activities, the event was led by Fr. Bob Gallagher and Michelle Heyne of Seattle, Wash., where Fr. Gallagher is an associate priest for Ascetical and Practical Theology at Trinity Parish. Both have written books on spiritual practices and are co-founders of Shaping the Parish.



Coming in Easter Season: Toward Authentic Community

*A small group experience
Led by The Rev. Susan J. Latimer, Rector
Pre-requisite: Lenten Series
or Lenten Retreat on Anglican Spiritual Practices*

I have been struck lately by the longing for authentic community that I hear expressed in many ways. Some people are familiar with the 12 step programs, and realize that these groups invite and nurture more honesty and self-reflection than most people find in their church community.

Others have experienced a taste of authentic community in a small group, but aren't sure how to translate that experience into another setting.

Building on the work of individual spiritual growth coming out of the Lenten Series/Lenten Retreat on Anglican Spiritual Practices, this small group (limited to 8) will explore together what it might take to build an authentic community of faith. Meetings will be twice a month for 4 months.

To enroll, attend the Lenten Series and/or Lenten Retreat, and then speak with the Rector.

