

# Bartholomew's Newsings

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## -----Vicar's Message-----

*Grace, Peace, and the Love of Our Lord Jesus Christ Be With You!*

Hard to believe that we are already in February and wrapping up another administrative year in the church. Our annual parish meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of February in our parish hall immediately following the 10 am service. At the annual meeting we will elect new delegates for the Diocesan Convention to be held in 2018 and also receive annual reports on the state of health of our parish. Also don't forget that February 28<sup>th</sup> is our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

February is a special month for me because in February of 2011 I started my ministry at St. Bartholomew's. Six years have flown by so quickly that it really does seem like I just came yesterday to High Springs. The Holy Spirit is at work in our church. I feel the Lord's presence at St. Bart's especially in the kindness and love that I witness every week in our services and Bible Study. It is this presence that I have grown so fond of experiencing while worshipping with the great members of our church. We do have something special going on at St. Bart's.

Was I completely taken by surprise with our members raising \$5,000 in less than six months to support the installation of a well that will provide a village that is ravaged with sickness and death from the lack of clean water with good water. How wonderful that our hearts became united in this great cause to save lives and provide a better quality of life. I look forward to working with the mission board to find another project for us to work on that will improve our neighbors' lives either near or far.

Epiphany is a wonderful season for us to reflect on how real Jesus Christ is in our lives. As I say, Jesus is coming today and with that degree of faith and readiness we will be doing those good things that please our Father in Heaven. What makes Christ real for you? Is He revealed to you in prayer? In worship? In others? We have all had many Epiphanies to reinforce our faith in the living Christ. We need to always be ready for the next Epiphany. Don't be shy about sharing what has been revealed to you. Your revelation may help or even be connected to someone else that needs to hear the good news of the Father's salvation in His Son.

Please make Sunday worship a priority in your life. It means a lot to me and I know it will mean a lot to you. Much love in Christ, fr lance+



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### Editor's Note

. We hope you are enjoying the Newsletter and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

**Deadline for next issue is February 19th. Articles gladly accepted earlier.**

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In this newsletter you will find quotes from various folks:



"I pray that you all put your shoes way under the bed at night so that you gotta get on your knees in the morning to find them. And while you're down there thank God for grace and mercy and understanding."

~Denzel Washington, actor

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## ∞∞ Lessons for February ∞∞

**February 5th:** Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9, [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16];  
Matthew 5:13-20

**12th:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

**19th:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23;  
Matthew 5:38-48

**26th:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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"Faith does not come from striving; it comes from surrender."

~Bill Johnson

from his book *Experience the Impossible: Simple Ways to Unleash Heaven's Power on Earth*



"Never hope for it more than you work for it."

~Michelle Williams, singer



## Children's Activities and Family Fellowship



### Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

#### Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services:

February 5<sup>th</sup>: Cherie  
Betty

February 12<sup>th</sup>: Deb  
Ben

February 19<sup>th</sup>: Sheryl  
Betty

February 26<sup>th</sup>: Ben  
Cornelia

### Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

~ Wed. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – Youth Group at 7pm

~ Wed. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group at 7pm

~ Wed. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group at 7pm

~ Wed. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Club 326 at 7pm

We are happy to hear that **Taylor Dispenza** had a wonderful time at Happening January 20-22.

Happening is a renewal weekend for high school aged young people in grades 10 - 12. The Spring Happening weekend in April is the only weekend that allows 9th graders to attend. The purpose of Happening in the Diocese of Florida is to renew the spiritual life of high school students who attend in order that they may take their place in the ministry and leadership of the parishes and missions which sponsor them. It is a weekend experience of fun, games, sharing, surprises, and most of all, a time of spiritual renewal and empowerment.

HAPPENING #134 IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28 - 30, 2017

Candidate application deadline is April 5, 2017

Cost: \$120

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"Life has no limitations, except the ones you make."

~Les Brown, motivational speaker



## Hostess List for February



Feb 5 – Pot Luck

Feb 12 –Cornelia

Feb 19 – Nancy/ Betty  
Carol G.

Feb 26 – Marge/

Note: If you would like to volunteer to provide a light snack and drink, please contact Cornelia Swann 386-454-3505.

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### ASAP

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;  
You've got no time to spare,  
But as you hurry and scurry –  
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,  
"Quality time" is rare.  
Do your best; let God do the rest-  
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries  
Are more than you can bear.  
Slow down and take a breather.  
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.



"The only people who you should get even with are those who have helped you."

~submitted

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### Chalice Bearers/ Acolytes - February

2/5 - Annette/ Zach

2/12 - Gregg/ Gabby

2/19 - Margaret/ Sam

2/26- Wes/ Gabby

### Lay Readers -February



2/5 - Beth Treese

Carol Ellis

2/12 - Charles Jones

Debra Wright

2/19 - Margaret Palmer

Gregg Pelfrey

2/26 - Tracie Halbrook

Samantha Shiver

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"Bless me, Lord, as this day ends. Bless my family and my friends. Keep me safe all  
through the night. Wake me with the dawn of light.

~submitted



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The Diocese of Florida Older Adult Ministry announces there will be a **Celebration of Marriages of 50 years and more** at St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville and Holy Comforter, Tallahassee. The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard will officiate at the celebration at Holy Comforter; The Rt. Rev. Dorsey Henderson will be the officiant at the celebration at St. John's Cathedral. If you and your spouse will be celebrating 50 years or more of marriage in 2017, please consider participating in one of these celebrations, even if you have participated in the past. Contact Sarah

Singer at [ssinger@diocesefl.org](mailto:ssinger@diocesefl.org) or 904-356-1328 ext. 19 to submit your contact information for the invitation list by February 28. Invitations will be sent out to couples in early March.

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“Get on your knees and thank God you’re still on your feet.”  
~Maureen McCleery



Daughters of the King are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

If this sounds like something you might be interesting in, get in touch with Tracie for more information.

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**Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Catherine of Sienna Chapter, Daughters of the King, meeting after 10 AM service, called by President Tracie Halbrook.**



Worry brings stress. God brings rest.  
~submitted

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*February Birthdays*

- Feb 1 – Seth Diepersloot
- 7 – Ben Hill
- 9 – Dawn McKinstry

*Anniversaries in February*

- 9 – Jim & Peggy Addington
- 23 – Debra and Mike Wright



## 2017 Diocesan Convention

The theme for the 2017 Diocesan Convention will be "A New Day!" with the accompanying scripture, *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19.* There will be several locations where the convention will occur this year. Beginning with an opening worship service on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at St. John's Cathedral at 7:00 p.m., a day of conversation at the Episcopal School of Jacksonville from 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and will conclude following our annual business session on Saturday, March 25 at noon at the Jacksonville Marriott. The Right Reverend and

Right Honorable Dr. Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, will be the guest preacher and speaker for our convention weekend. Bishop Chartres has led a successful church growth movement in London and will share with us the milestones of this movement and will engage with us in our conversation about "A New Day!" of growth and evangelism for our Diocese.

**All members of our congregations are encouraged to join our convention delegation on Friday, March 24 for a day of conversation** about a new model of building vibrant congregations, to be held at the Episcopal School of Jacksonville, 4455 Atlantic Boulevard. We will hear from the chairs of our Diocesan initiative for Growth and Evangelism, The Rev. Rick Westbury and Mr. John Baker, and we will have

group conversations on a variety of topics surrounding our dreams for a new day in our Diocese that will lead to an exciting era of growth. To attend register at <http://convention.diocesefl.org/> Cost: \$40



***What:*** St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

**When:** Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 to 7pm (or when food runs out)

**Where:** St. Bartholomew's Parish Hall

**Why:** Shrove Tuesday is the traditional start of lent ....

This annual dinner is to benefit the youth ministry, specifically Vacation Bible School.

**Cost:** Pancake dinner tickets are sold for \$5.00 each, or \$20 for a family and may be purchased at the dinner. Meal includes regular or whole wheat pancakes, fruit, bacon, sausage and drinks.

Please let your family and friends know about our annual supper. Spread the word to your neighbors. It's always a fun time.

As in the past, we need assistants to cook the meat, mix the batter and help set up and clean up. Let me know if you can assist. Thank you!

Ben Hill



Most of us lead far more meaningful lives than we know. Often, finding meaning is not about doing things differently; it is about seeing familiar things in new ways.”

~Dr Rachel Remen, director of the Institute for the Study of Health and Illness

When there is nothing left but God, that is when you find out that God is all you need. Take 60 seconds and simply say the following prayer :



*Heavenly Father, please bless all my friends in whatever it is that You know they may be needing this day! And may their life be full of Your peace, prosperity and power as he/she seeks to have a closer relationship with You.*

*Amen.*

