

Bartholo Newsings

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-----Vicar Message-----

Grace, Peace, and the Love of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you.

We start our season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Lent is that time of the year when we take time to reflect inwardly on the progress we have made in our relationship with our Father. We know that His Love for us overflows when there is sincere repentance and love for Him on our part. Unfortunately it happens that we do not approach the Father believing that He lives and that He is the absolute ruler of all His creation, everything seen and unseen, forever from beginning to no end. We were created out of dust and to dust we will return.

We know there is no death to those that accept the Father's great forgiving act that was given to all in His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is at the center of Divine Love. From Divine Love we are able to know what real love looks like and how God expects us to love Him. Have you ever given thought to what another person expects of you when you say, "I love you?" It is a complicated issue since everyone is brought up with their own definition of love. God makes it clear by taking on human form and showing us what love looks like in God's eyes. Without the example of Jesus Christ we would not know what love is.

Congratulations to Jane Woodward for her election to the Mission Board. We are very fortunate to have Jane and Pete as members of our church. I am excited to work with the Board in 2017 as we work for all the members of our church. Please talk with your Board members if you any ideas on things we can do to make everyone's experience at St. Bart's a pleasurable and spiritually rewarding experience.

Looking forward to serving pancakes Shrove Tuesday and seeing everyone start Lent by attending one of our two services on Ash Wednesday. Let us all make Lent a special time to be drawn into a deeper love with our Lord.

Much love to all 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 March 19th.

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Highlights from the St. Bart's Annual Meeting

2/19/17

- **Mission Board Election** Thanks to Joe Scianimanico and Wes Marston for their dedicated service for the last 3 years. Your newly elected Mission Board member is Jane Woodward. The Mission Board consists of: Fr. Lance, Vicar, Charles Jones, Senior Warden, Richard Swann, Junior Warden Gregg Pelfrey, Cherie Harris, Carol Griffin and Jane. Annette Jones serves as Clerk and Gail Dispenza is Treasurer. The Clerk and the Treasurer will remain in these positions and do not have to be elected members of the board.
- **Convention Delegates Election** St. Bart's, as a Mission Church, is entitled to 2 delegates. The delegates elected to attend the 2018 Diocesan Convention will be Peter and Gail Dispenza. This year's (2017) delegates are Charles and Annette Jones, chosen last year.
- **Youth Report** Cherie Harris, Youth Director, reported on our Youth programs and encouraged all members of St Bartholomew's to support and participate in the youth activities.
- **Treasurer's Report** Thus far 2017 pledges are down from the last two years. Donations drop of in the summer so 2 months expenses are kept back as reserve in the checking account. Congratulations to the congregation for raising \$5000.00 for Wells for Life! The current budget is posted on the bulletin in the parish hall. If you would like a copy emailed please contact Charles Jones at jactiones@aol.com.
- **Annual Parish Report** Fr. Lance began his seventh year with us on Feb. Our mission church participates in Diocese programs, has an active Sunday school and Youth program, Have two services each Sunday: 8am and 10am, and celebrate a complete church year including the Great Easter Vigil. We baptize and confirm and also reach out into our community.

Note: Should you desire more information, a complete copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church can be found posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



Hostess List for March



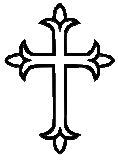
Mar 5 -- Pot Luck

Mar 12 - Cornelia

Mar 19 - Stephanie/ Gregg & Sharon

Mar 26 - Jane/ Carla

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



Mew-sings from the Senior Warden..... Charles Jones 386-454-8585

Father Lance spoke about the Seven Deadly Sins in his sermon on February 20th. As you can see, his sermon sent me into my research mode. If perchance you do not have them in your memory bank, they are (in Christian tradition): pride, envy, anger, lust, gluttony, avarice and sloth (PEALGAS.)

To combat these sins, Fr. Lance also mentioned the parallel virtues as defined by Plato and Aristotle and adopted by the church fathers:: humbleness, kindness, patience, chastity, temperance, charity, and diligence. The theological virtues are faith, hope, and love (charitable love agape) as defined by Saint Paul.

I never doubted that you knew them and try to avoid the Deadly Seven and practice the Virtues, but I thought you might find it interesting to see them all listed in one place. The following I see as a literal interpretation:

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy---meditate on these things."

Philippians 4:8 NKJV

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RIDDLE: I can be long, or I can be short.
I can be grown, or I can be bought.
I can be painted, or left bare.
I can be round, or I can be square.
What am I?

Why Facebook, Twitter, and a Website?

Today, people have very busy lives with work, church, children and extracurricular activities. So, Social Media is today's instant messaging of people getting together, debating, discussing ideas and connecting with others even in their pajamas.

Facebook's stated mission is "To give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected." St. Bart's Facebook page www.Facebook.com/stbartshighsprings is a way to reach a large number of people by sharing our thoughts, organization news and connect directly with individuals through direct messaging.

Please contribute your updates, photos or events. Keep it short, keep it light. The more interaction our Facebook page gets the more exposure St. Bart's is getting. This is good. St. Bart's Facebook page is not part of nor represents the Episcopal Diocese of Florida position. The page is solely for the purpose of those that associate with St. Bart's to communicate, as is our Twitter account-- address is: www.twitter.com/saint_barts.

One of the main purposes for St. Bart's website www.stbarts-highsprings.org is to inform our membership of upcoming activities, events and other news pertaining to St. Bartholomew's and our surrounding community. Also, our website will help to inform potential visitors what our church is

all about and what wonderful loving members we have. This will help a visitor/newcomer become acclimated to St. Bart's and feel welcomed.

With all this in mind, please share your thoughts, comments and engage in discussion. Photos or videos are a great way you can share with others. Your contribution will show the community that after one hundred and twenty-two years, St. Bart's is still a vibrant house of worship. Please contact me if you have any questions. You do not have to have a computer to share.

Jane Woodward

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NOTE: Episcopal Summer Camp

Summer camp registrations are now being accepted at Camp Weed.

Lesson Plans **Lessons for March** *Decorative flourish*

March 1st: Ash Wednesday: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 103; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

5th: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

12th: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 12-17; John 3:1-17

19th: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

26th: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

RIDDLE: You throw away the outside
And then cook the inside
Then you eat the outside
And throw away the inside.
What is it?





**Pictures from
Chili Cook-off**

"Willie", our entertainer, Ben, our M.C. and Cherie, Youth Director



Congratulations!
 Two of our three winners at the Chili Cook-off: Nancy Brewer and Sharon Scianimanico.
 Our third winner and winner overall, was Chad (no picture available.)



As you can see, we had a Full House for the Chili Cook-off.



RIDDLE: Only one color, but not one size,
 Stuck at the bottom, yet easily flies
 Present in sun, but not in rain,
 Doing no harm, and feeling no pain.
 What am I?



March Birthdays

- 16 – Lisa Rhan
- 16 – Alex Scianimanico
- 21 – Cole Diepersloot
- 23 – Jane Woodward

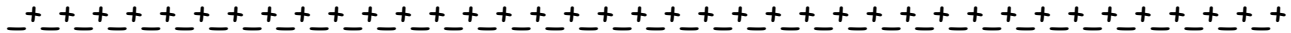
Anniversaries in March

- 6 – Richard and Cornelia Swann
- 8 – Ken and June Hornby



Congratulations to Each of YOU! If your name does not appear here, please contact your Editor to have it added for next time.

RIDDLE: I'm the start of nothing
And the end of sun
And I'm also in the number one
What am I?



Reverend Sandy Tull
"Saving Nemo"
APRIL 21 - 23, 2017



The Reverend Sandy Tull was ordained in 2005 and worked extensively with the diocesan Commission on Prison and Related Ministries. She later served as Priest in charge of the Church of the Epiphany in Jacksonville.

"Saving Nemo" is the theme for this spring retreat. Join us as we meet to learn, enjoy and grow spiritually

Where: Episcopal Camp and Conference Center

When: April 21 – 23, 2017. **REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY.**

How: Send your completed form to Andrea Geiger with a \$75 non-refundable deposit (or pay in full). Make checks to: **ECW, Diocese of Florida. Registrations are due April 7, 2017.**

What: Bring your bible, snacks and beverages to share for social hours and wear comfortable clothing. Why: This is a gift you give yourself that is spirit filled, relaxing and a time to meet and make new friends.

RETURN THIS PORTION BELOW WITH DEPOSIT

REGISTRATION: This information will be used in the Retreat Handbook (Please print and double check) Name:

_____ Name for name tag if different _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Church _____

Lodging preference: Price includes 2 nights, 6 meals and workshops.

	Single	double	triple	quadruple	
Motel:	\$275	\$195	\$175	\$160	
Ravines:	\$285	\$200	\$180	\$165	
Other:	Cabin:	\$175	Commuters	\$100	Sat. only \$60

Roommate(s) or Cabin Group: _____

Special requests: _____

Workshop choices: Your choices are on the back of this form.

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Make checks payable to ECW, Diocese of Florida

send to: Retreat Chair: Andrea Geiger, 4394 Raggedy Pt. Rd., Fleming Island, Fl. 32003. Any

questions: phone 904-838-3003

Below are your workshops for the spring retreat weekend. Please indicate by number your workshop choices on the front sheet. You may also use this time to explore the camp or just relax.

1. Janet Robinson, Altar Guild Chair, has selected Anglican Prayer Beads for her workshop. She will teach the meaning of the beads and participants will make a set to take home.
2. Gloria Zittrauer, DOK Chair, will provide canvas and yarn for needlepoint crosses. If time permits several may be made.
3. Dee Dugger, ECW board member, is planning an African Bible Study for her ladies. It is very important to start this session on time to complete the study. Please remember this when attending.
4. Linda Wilcox, Diocesan ECW President, will be meeting with our ECW Presidents to discuss plans for the coming year.
5. Susan McDonald, ECW President, St. Mary's, Green Cove Springs, will lead her group in painting silk scarves. You may keep your scarf or if you wish - donate to a cancer patient or one of our retreat ladies will deliver these to a cancer facility.
- 6.

SPECIAL NOTES

We welcome small babies to accompany their mothers to the retreat. However, we are not able to provide child care. We request that a baby sitter accompany mother and child. It is better for the babies and the adults if the babies are in rooms other than cabins. Please have your baby stay with sitter when mother attends workshops and meals. (We hope this will help little ones stay on their schedules and Moms close by if needed). Please advise the registrar if you are bringing a little one.

And on Saturday afternoon we will have:

Siwok Ministries and St. Mark's bookstore if you wish to shop, and the Episcopal Center will again provide life guards for those who would like to enjoy the

kayaks and canoes.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS WILL BEGIN AT 9:30 a.m.

I look forward to seeing you for this special weekend. Safe travels!

Andrea Geiger ECW Retreat
Chair

RIDDLE: When you have me, you feel like sharing me.
But, if you do share me, then you won't have me.
What am I?





Children's Activities and Family Fellowship



Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services:

March 5 th :	Ben Cherie	March 19 th :	No Sunday School
March 12 th :	Ben Betty	March 26 th :	Cornelia Sherry

Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

- ~ Wed. March 1st – No Youth Group (Ash Wednesday)
- ~ Wed. March 8th – Youth Group at 7pm
- ~ Wed. March 15th – Youth Group at 7pm
- ~ Sun. March 19th – No Sunday School (Spring Break)
- ~ Wed. March 22nd – No Youth Group (Spring Break)
- ~ Wed. March 29th – Club 326 at 7pm

KUDOS to Cole Diepersloot—for making the Dean's List at U of FL for the Fall!
Way to go, Cole!



Chalice Bearers/Acolytes - March

3/1 - Wes/ Sam

3/5 - Gregg/ Zach

3/12 - Annette/ Gabby

Lay Readers - March



3/1 Ash Wednesday -
 12 noon - Ben Hill
 7 PM - Debra Wright
 Betty Anne Ayers

3/5 - Carol Ellis
 Margaret Palmer

3/12 - Annette Jones
 Beth Treese

3/19 - Wes/ Sam

3/19 - Charles Jones

Evelyn Walden

3/26 - Margaret/ Gabby

3/26 - Sam Shiver

Debra Wright

Born an Episcopalian

Submitted

Each Friday night after work, Ole would fire up his outdoor grill and cooked venison steak. But, all of Ole's neighbors were catholic...And since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Friday.

The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks wafted over the neighborhood and was causing such a problem for the catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The Priest came to visit Ole, and suggested that he become a catholic. After several classes and much study, Ole attended Mass...and as the priest sprinkled holy water over him, he said, "You were born an Episcopalian, and raised an Episcopalian, but now you are catholic."

Ole's neighbors were relieved, until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood.

The Priest was called immediately by the neighbors and, as he rushed into Ole's yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement. There stood Ole, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat and chanted: "You vuz born a deer, you vuz raised a deer, but now you is a walleye."

Answers to the Riddles: 1- Fingernails, 2-Corn on the cob, 3-A Shadow, 4- A Secret, 5- An Egg, 6- The letter "N"



**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Easter Lilies Order Form**

Name _____

Telephone number _____

Number of **Easter Lily plants** ordered at a cost of **\$10.00**

each _____. **Check or cash must accompany order.**

Make checks payable to "St. Bartholomew's" and put "Easter lily" in memo line.

Turn completed form in to church office or mail to:

PO Box 906

High Springs, FL 32655

Is your plant in honor ? _____ or in memory ? _____

Name of loved one _____

Thank you for your order. These Easter lily plants will be used to beautify our sanctuary during the Easter Holiday. You may take them home afterward to plant in your flower garden.

Please be careful to write clearly when filling in your form so that your loved one's name can be read correctly at Easter. Turn in, along with your check or cash, to Carol Griffith or Nancy Brewer. If neither is available, leave in Fr. Lance's office.
