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The Season of Lent

Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP, pp. 264-265). The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word” (BCP, p. 265).

This year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd and continues through Holy Saturday on April 16th.

**NOTE:** There will be an **Ash Wednesday service - 6 P.M.**

The **Holy Week schedule is Thurs., Fri., Sat. services - all at 6 P.M.**

*Highlights from the St. Bart’s Annual Meeting*

*2/27/22*

* ***Mission Board Election*** *The Mission Board consists of: Fr. Lance, Vicar, Carol Griffin, Senior Warden, Joe Scianimanico, Junior Warden, Neil Boyle, Treasurer, Peggy Addington, Tom Crossman, Stephanie Hencin and Jane Woodward. Annette Jones serves as Clerk.*
* ***Convention Delegates Election***  St. Bart’s, as a Mission Church, is entitled to 2 delegates. Our delegates elected to attend the 2022 Diocesan Convention are Carol Griffin and Ruthann Swanson.. The alternate delegates are Alex and Kalynn Matisco.
* ***Treasurer’s Report*** Neil Boyle reported that based on our 2021 objectives, thanks to the generosity of our membership we have achieved many Board approved projects which include:
1. ***Memorial Garden -*** *$7,652. We are close to having this expense paid off.*
2. ***1254th Anniversary –*** *was hampered by poor weather but all who attended had a wonderful time. All expense for the 125th were paid directly to the vendors (invitations, signs, T-shirts, postage, food, children’s “gifts”, etc.) by donors. The few items paid from the St. Bart’s account ($2,481) were covered by donations specified for the event.*
3. ***Phase one of the Sanctuary renovation*** *has been completed which included: ground testing around church to assure our efforts would be effective followed by leveling the church which is ongoing - $11,341.*
4. ***Tree removal*** *was necessitated by nature’s ravages on the trees - $6,000.*

 *The total 2021 projects - $27,474.*

***Current bank assets*** *are $72,645. Our monthly expenses are about $6,500. Our General Operating Fund current balance carries a 6 month reserve. We are now in a position to designate future funds over and above that reserve to other Board approved initiatives.*

* ***Annual Parish Report***  Fr. Lance began his thirteenth year with us as this month (Feb). Even though this has been a difficult year our mission church came through COVID-19 spiritually strong, still with about 60 attendees and with six new members added. We are back to celebrating a complete church year including the Great Easter Vigil. We baptize and confirm and also reach out into our community and keep our focus on God in our lives. We are a Happy church family—let’s keep it that way!

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



As suggested above, one of the ways to prepare our minds during Lent is through **self—examination:**

*But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28*

*“How many are my iniquities and sins?*

*Make known to me my rebellion and my sin. Job 13:23*



Mew-sings from the Senior Warden……Carol Griffin 386-497-2292



**BELIEVE**

A verb with various meanings: to accept (something) as true; to accept the statement of (someone) as true; to hold (something) as an opinion; to think or suppose; to have faith, especially religious faith. (Dictionary by Oxford Languages )

We re-affirm our faith every Sunday by reciting the Nicene Creed. Both the Apostles and Nicene Creed begin with “I/ We believe”. They are a summary of our faith, God’s promises (covenant) with man and the doctrine of the triune God. The word creed itself comes from the Latin word credo, meaning “I believe”. A precursor to the Apostles Creed was in use in the 2nd century and was written about in a letter from Marcellus of Ancyra to Julius*,* the bishop of Rome. This creed is known as The Old Roman Creed\*\* (aka Old Roman Symbol). The Apostles Creed is used atbaptisms and daily worship. The Nicene Creed was created by the Council of Nicea in 325 and is used at communion. The history of the Nicene Creed and how it came about is an interesting read and I would recommend it to all, especially the history buffs. These creeds outline the foundation of our faith based on Biblical doctrines. As a lifelong Episcopalian, I find comfort in the church because of these fundamental beliefs. I can go to any Episcopal church and feel a direct relationship and connection because of these common beliefs. Some people feel restricted or bored with the liturgical or structed format of our service; but this is exactly what comforts me. Reciting the same words that have been said over my lifetime with family and friends as well as with other believers over centuries gone by.

As a side note - have you noticed that our “Believe” sign has gone missing? It was something we took for granted and then one day it was gone. However, our faith has not dimished. The sign will be replaced in the near future and I for one choose to “believe”, that whoever has the sign has found the true meaning of “Believe”. Perhaps they may even join us one Sunday.

*“Jesus said to him, ‘If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes.”**Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!’”* Mark 9:23-24 (NRSV)

\*\***The Old Roman Creed** (also known as Old Roman Symbol)

I believe in God the Father almighty;
and in Christ Jesus His only Son, our Lord,
Who was born from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
Who under Pontius Pilate was crucified and buried,
on the third day rose again from the dead,
ascended to heaven,
sits at the right hand of the Father,
whence He will come to judge the living and the dead;
and in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Church,
the remission of sins,
the resurrection of the flesh
(the life everlasting).



Professor Wesley Hill said the following about Anglican beliefs:

*“Anglicanism’s chief glory is to present and embody the faith of the church catholic—downwind of the Reformation, with a robust understanding of justification by faith in tow—in such a way that Anglicans may be confident that they are adhering to the same apostolic teaching and inhabiting the same ecclesial order as their earliest forebears in the faith did. . . . We are distinctive precisely by aiming not to be distinctive. Our theology is the theology of the early church, the era of the Fathers, the best of the medieval world and the Reformation—all set decently on the table in our prayer book and other formularies.” (*From an Article titled “Is There an ‘Anglican Understanding’ of the New Testament?”)

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**Extraordinary Godwink Link**

Eric Feller narrowly escaped death and was given a new life.

Dr. Louis Graber wondered if he had time to hear one more lecture at the Milwaukee conference and still make it back for duty in Omaha. He doubtfully looked at his watch. Meanwhile, in Omaha, it was a sweltering day. Eric Fellman, a college student, was working a summer job driving a contraption to spray weeds along miles of lonely railroad track. Suddenly the machine shut down.

“It must be that darn starter cable,” he said, climbing down from the machine, slipping underneath.

Then the unimaginable happened! The machine lurched. Eric was crushed. Someone at a railroad crossing spotted him in trouble and called 911. He got to the hospital, but before they could figure out what else could go wrong, something else went wrong. Eric’s liver burst. In most cases, a ruptured liver is fatal, it is very difficult to suture. But God had determined that this was not Eric’s time to go. At that moment, an extraordinary Godwink Link entered the room. Someone who was an unwitting messenger of a godwink to Eric. It was Dr. Louis Graber, just back from Milwaukee. And in case you’re wondering, he *did* take in that last lecture. It was about a new procedure—on treating a ruptured liver. In seconds, Dr Graber deftly followed his newly learned instructions, and Eric’s liver was repaired! Is that a godwink or what?

Eric and Joy were married the following year. Today, Eric works with the National Prayer Breakfast

A Godwink Link is someone who unknowingly delivers a godwink to someone else. God uses each of us as Godwink Links…and we rarely realize that we are being used to deliver joy to someone else. Do you have stories about that? Send ‘em along. I’m SQuire Rushnell. Good wishes and godwinks. Visit SQuire Rushnell's "Godwink Stories" on Beliefnet.



Another form of preparation during Lent is through **prayer**:

## *“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Matthew 26:41*

## *I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 17:6*

## *The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Psalm 145:18*



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**March March**

**3/6 - Gregg 3/6 – Charles Jones**

**3/13 – Annette 3/13 – Cherie Harris**

**3/20 – Neil 3/20 – Alex Matisco**

**3/27 - Gregg 3/27 – Debra Wright**



 **Lessons for March** 

 **March 6th:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11;Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; Romans 10:8b-13;

 Luke: 4:1-13

 **13th:** Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17—4:1;

 Luke 13:31-35

  **20th:** Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

 **27th:** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32



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**![MC900320406[1]]()**Have you noticed the young man that has been helping us all as we prepare for services on Sunday in the Parish Hall? He provides us with Hymnals and Prayer Books as we settle into our seats and then collects them after the service. They are neatly stacked; ready for the next Sunday Service. He is also a member of the weekly “cleaning crew” and does the thankless (and for some of us uncomfortable and painful) job of vacuuming the Sanctuary.

 **Our Angel without Wings for this issue is…Caden Harris** 

Yet another way of preparing your mind during Lent is through Reading God’s word and Meditating:

 *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” Timothy 3:16*

*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:8Yet faith comes from listening to this Good News—the Good News about Christ.” Romans 10:17*

A note from DOK

Greetings from St. Bartholomew’s Daughters of the King,

Our February meeting was extremely productive. We are working towards future projects that will not only highlight the presence of Saint Bartholomew’s in the community we are also  working on fun projects for the enjoyment of our congregation. We welcome all ladies to attend a meeting and experience the love, companionship and warmth derived from a gathering of like minded Christian women working to share the love of Christ through prayer, community and church projects. By attending a meeting you will experience heartfelt love, true friendship and joy as the presence of Christ abounds.

Please plan to attend our next meeting March 5 at 9:30AM. See you then!

Peggy

President, St. Bartholomew’s DOK

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**Birthdays in March March Anniversaries**

 1 – Adam Cason 19 -- Chris Ellison 19 – Jason & Rosina Dennis

 7 – Edgar Carrasco 23 – Stephanie Hencin

16 – Lisa Rahn 23 – Jane Woodward

16 – Alex Scianimanico 31 – Mason Ellison

19 – Melanie Davis

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

**As Easter will be upon us a short time after our next newsletter comes out, we are including an order form for Easter lilies in this issue. Please do not turn your order form in before March 13th.**

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**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, place the form in an envelope, and leave in the offering plate.