

THE GOOD NEWS

**Holy Faith Episcopal Church
6990 South Federal Highway
Port St Lucie Florida 34952**

**A congregation of many
nationalities worshipping
together in joy.
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**This *GOOD NEWS* is
especially for**

You

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Services

Sunday

**8 am. Rite I with music
10 am Rite II with Choir
Noon Rite II Spanish
Sunday School at 10am and noon**

Wednesday

**10am. Holy Communion and Healing Service.
6:30pm – Bible Study**

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Leadership
Vestry

Wayne Griffin, Senior Warden (1/2014)
George Cleary Junior Warden (1/2014)
Bonnie Claren (1/2015)
Aquinda Toppin (1/2015)
Juan Gomez (1/2013)

Olga Chavez (1/2013)
Janet Clarke (1/2013)
Elias Jansen (1/2015)
Carmen Mendoza (1/2014)

Treasurer: George Adams
Assist. Treasurer: Fay Edwards Taylor

Recording Secretary: Susan Adams
Parish Coordinator: TBA

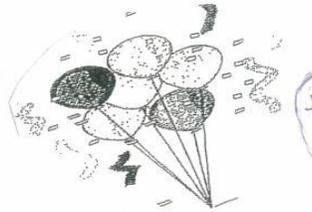
Ministry Chairs

Acolytes – Ginny Williams
Aurora Mata
Activities – Aquinda Toppin
Adult/Youth Ed. – Terri Mullins
Carmen Mendoza
Altar Guild – May Thomas
Jocelyn Newport
Organist/Choir Director – Susan Adams
Music/Choir Director/Spanish – Miguel Pena
Buildings & Grounds – George Cleary
Coffee Hr. – Aquinda Toppin
Daughters of the King – Ethlyn Moody
Outreach – Jennifer Gardener
Vision – TBA
Ushers – Martha L. Hovsepian
Leo McCalla
ECW/St. Margaret's Guild/Happy Talk – Janet Clarke
Youth Group – Bonnie Claren
Cecilia Escorbore

Publicist - Allan Anter
Florists – Paula Smith
Chalice – Linda Crossett
Aurora Mata
Lectors – Linda Crossett
Maria Pueblito Barrios
Counters – TBA
Men's Group – Trevor Sangster
Thrift Shop – Ethlyn Moody
Web Mistress - Carole Gooden
Finance – Wayne Griffin
Newsletter – Editor-in-Chief – 464-4570
Editor – Arlene Mighty
Pastoral Care – Shirley Heath
Stewardship – TBA
Search - Terri Mullins

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/02 Jean Campoli
Phillip Stephenson
Adam SanMiguel
2/09 Ana Shaw
Nicholas Avelleneda
2/14 Dennis Moody



2/15 David Schenandoah
2/22 Patricia Moore
2/25 Olga Chavez
2/26 Yannely Barrios
Barbara Nott
Barbara Lyons

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2/08 Allan & Doris Huggins
2/14 Kenneth & Barbara Nott



2/15 Bill & Bonnie Claren

ON THE CHALLENGE OF LENT

Some thoughts from Father Bill

Lent comes quite early this year, Ash Wednesday being February 22. Lent is meant to be a season of fasting, commemorating the fast of our Lord which he undertook for forty days and forty nights after his baptism. The Church has never fasted for forty consecutive days, as Sundays are considered feast days, each being seen as a sort of little Easter. And perhaps many who fast do so no more strictly than do Muslims during Ramadan, who only fast during daylight hours, but have a good meal before dawn and a sumptuous meal after sunset. But for many Christians a Lenten fast often means giving up a luxury item or two. I was once curate to a Vicar whose Lenten fast meant giving up his cigar and snifter of brandy after dinner!

But how does this all compare with that fast of our Lord in a lonely place away from any community, in the wilderness? As we read the story, particularly in the Gospels we ascribe to Luke and Matthew, the period of fasting that Jesus underwent was not so much a matter of giving up something as preparing to take up something, and I have always been grateful to a young curate of my youthful days, who had been a POW during the Second World War, who taught me and the other members of the Church Youth Fellowship to take up some sort of spiritual challenge each Ash Wednesday, and not to give it up on Easter morning but to incorporate it into our daily way of life. After a while you begin to realise that you have indeed given up some things that you should have given up anyway, since they can no longer be fitted into your schedule.

This year, let me suggest another form of spiritual discipline. If things go the way many of us praying that they would, we should be welcoming a new Rector before year's end. That is by no means an absolute certainty, but we hope it is. At this point in the search process, we can have no idea what will be the actual strengths and weaknesses of the person who is being called to this ministry, since we do not know who that person might be.

What we do know, or should know, is what are our own strengths, spiritual and otherwise. I say "should know" since many of us have not undertaken a period of spiritual self-analysis. Surely it was just such an analysis to which Jesus submitted himself during that sojourn in the wilderness.

In the story as it has come down to us, the evangelists introduce the figure of the Tempter, and we see in their narratives how Jesus dealt with the various temptations with which he was faced. If we undertake a similar period of self-discipline we might well find that we shall be faced with some serious temptations. For some of us it will be the temptation to do more than we should or are able to do – and those temptations may well come out of the minds and mouths of others. For some of us it will be to do less than we should – and that is where the advice of my sometime curate would come in.

Each of us has been drawn to Holy Faith, and we might say with a great deal of spiritual accuracy that it has been God who has called us here, no matter who we are. So the prayer for each of us might be well be along these lines: Why did God call me here? What am I doing here? What should I be doing here? I cannot tell you what the answers to those questions should be, but I am ready to listen to you tell me the answers that you believe you have received. I can tell you that you might well be surprised by what God has in mind for you. He might even be calling you to the priesthood! I had one parishioner who went through this spiritual self-analysis and he came to realize that God was indeed calling him to the priesthood. What neither he nor I appreciated at the time was that God was calling him to be the Vicar of that very parish once he became a priest. Who knows? One of you reading these words might indeed be the person that God is calling to be our Rector, not this year, but in the not too dim and distant future!

PASTORAL CARE

Thy Will Be Done

adapted from the Poems of
Helen Steiner Rice

Do you want what you want when you want it?
Do you pray and expect a reply?
And when its not instantly answered, do you feel
that God passed you by?
Well, prayers that are prayed in this manner
Are really not prayers at all,
For you can't go to God in a hurry
And expect Him to answer your call...
For prayers are not meant for obtaining
What we selfishly wish to acquire,
For God in His wisdom refuses
The things that we wrongly desire.
Don't pray for freedom from trouble,
Or ask that life's trials pass you by.
Instead pray for strength and for courage
To meet life's "dark hours" and not cry
That God was not there when you called Him
And He turned a deaf ear to your prayer
And just when you needed Him most,
He left you alone in despair....
Wake up! You are missing completely
The reason and purpose for prayer,
Which is really to keep us contented
That God holds us safe in His care.
And God only answers our pleadings
When He knows that our wants fill a need,
And whenever "our will" becomes "His will"
There is no prayer that God does not heed.

Submitted by Gwen Horne

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## HAPPENINGS AT HOLY FAITH

On January 8, the Annual Meeting was held. Five new members of the Vestry were elected. Bonnie Claren, Elias Jansen and Aquinda Toppin each for a three year term; Carmen Mendoza for two years and Juan Gomez for one year. Wayne Griffin will continue in his role as Senior Warden. George Cleary as Junior Warden. The new Vestry appointed Susan Adams to be the Secretary of the Vestry. George Adams as Treasurer. Fay Edwards Taylor will continue as Assistant Treasurer. Vestry meetings will now be held on the Third Wednesday of each month.

On February 4<sup>th</sup> the Vestry and the Priest in Charge will meet for a familiarization workshop, starting at 10am with a celebration of the Eucharist and then adjourn to the Parish Center for the next step of the meeting and for lunch.

On Sunday February 5, Holy Faith and the Nation will be participating in Souper Bowl Sunday. On this day, food and monetary donations will be collected to feed the hungry. All donations made at Holy Faith will be sent to Mustard Seed Ministries, who for decades have provided for the hungry. Please remember those less fortunate than ourselves and be generous with your donations.

On Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, three Services will be held. 10am, 5pm, and 7pm. Ashes will be imposed at all three Services.

Please bring you palms from last year to be burned for Ashes for this year.

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NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

A Grant Proposal was written by Wayne Griffin and submitted to the Bishop for his approval.

The request is from UTO for \$30,000 to assist with the replacement of the roof.

A letter of approval was received from the Bishop and the application, along with all supporting documents, were sent to UTO.

If no other approved proposal is received, Holy Faith will be the main contender for the Grant. If we receive this Grant, then we would only need an additional \$35,000 to replace the roof.

This is a onetime restricted grant and can only be used for the stated purpose.

The Parish Profile, which was submitted to the Diocese, was received and approved. There is one more step - a questionnaire to be completed - before names of prospective candidates will be furnished to the Search Committee for consideration.

The Stewardship letter and the Pledge cards were mailed to each Parishioner. To date very few pledge cards have been returned. In order for Holy Faith to function and pay its bill, we must know how much money we will receive. The approved budget for 2012 has an additional \$33,000 for the Rectors compensation for the last 6 months of the year.

Please prayerfully consider your pledges and return the cards as soon as possible.

Additional cards are in the Narthex or can be obtained from the office.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Sunday, February 5, 2012, as we prepare for the biggest sporting event in the country, we will also celebrate “Souper Bowl Sunday” by participating in the annual collection of cash and foodstuffs for the “Souper Bowl of Caring”. This is a national outreach program that Holy Faith has been a part of for over 10 years now. All proceeds from this collection are given directly to Mustard Seed Ministries. Everyone is asked to join our efforts to help us stamp out hunger in our community.

In preparation for “Souper Bowl Sunday” here are a few facts to consider.

- The number of Americans living in poverty is the highest it has been in 52 years.
- When the economy goes down, the number of people seeking help from the nation's food banks goes up.
- Donations to food banks slow down after the holidays even though the need never goes away.
- Over 48 million Americans, including 16 million children, live on the edge of hunger. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau data)
- Research shows hungry children have lower grades in school because they cannot concentrate.
- Since Souper Bowl of Caring began, more than \$81 million has been collected in cash and food from participants like you in all 50 states.

We invite you to give generously to our efforts on behalf of the “Souper Bowl of Caring” by contributing non-perishable foodstuffs, and helping us to fill our ‘soup pot’ at the door with lots of cash as you leave the church on Sunday, February 5, 2012. Remember, although this is part of a national program, all that we collect will be given to Mustard Seed Ministries and will be used locally.

Thank you for tackling hunger with us in 2012.

<http://www.souperbowl.org>

Carole Gooden

SERVERS SCHEDULE.....*FEBRUARY 2012*

<u>LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>FLORISTS</u>
<p>5. 8am - E. Francis</p> <p>10am - L. McCalla</p> <p>12. 8am L. Crossett 10am - B. Claren</p> <p>19. 8am - S. Heath</p> <p>10am - H. Walcott</p> <p>22. ASH WEDNESDAY 10am - L. McCalla 5pm - L. Crossett</p> <p>26. 8am - P. Feder</p> <p>10am - G. Williams</p>	<p>5. 8am - E. Francis V. Alleyne</p> <p>10am - D. Moehl G. Horne</p> <p>12. 8am - L. Crossett M. Upright</p> <p>10am - J. Stone I. Duncan</p> <p>19. 8am - S. Heath G. Adams</p> <p>10am - C. Inniss D. Moehl</p> <p>22. ASH WEDNESDAY 10am - H. Walcott B. Claren 5pm - L. Crossett M. Wisniewski</p> <p>26. 8am - P. Feder A. Anter</p> <p>10am - G. Horne J. Stone</p>	<p>5. 8am - Volunteers 10. am - “</p> <p>12. 10am - Volunteers</p> <p>19. 8am - Volunteers 10am - “</p> <p>26. 8am - Volunteers 10am - “</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>USHERS</u></p> <p>5. 8am - A. Francis E. Francis</p> <p>10am - L. McCalla U. McCalla</p> <p>12. 8am - A. Francis E. Francis</p> <p>10am - TBA</p> <p>19.8am - A. Francis E. Francis</p> <p>10am - TBA</p> <p>26. 8am - A. Francis E. Francis</p> <p>10am - TBA</p>	<p>5. I. Vaceannie D. Huggins</p> <p>12. M. Stephenson P. Simeon</p> <p>19. S. Heath E. Dixon</p> <p>26 to 3/25 Lent. No Altar Flowers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>COFFEE HOUR HOSTS</u></p> <p>5. DOK</p> <p>12. Men’s Group</p> <p>19. Vision Committee</p> <p>26. Choir</p>
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>			
<p>5. 8am - H. Walcott 10am - H. Walcott</p> <p>12. 8am - H. Walcott 10am - H. Walcott</p> <p>19. 8am H. Walcott 10am - H. Walcott</p> <p>26. 8am - H. Walcott 10am - H. Walcott</p>			

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A SUBSTITUTE