

# **St. Bartholomew's Newsletter**

**February 2002**

## **The Rector's Choice**

*Rev. David Pollock*  
*Rector*

### **Dear People of St. Bartholomew's:**

We had a very productive annual meeting last Sunday. We gave thanks for the ministry on the Vestry of Ethel Ollivierre, Dave Carvey and Bill Fitts and our out going Senior Warden Harry Bennett. They will be sorely missed and contributed greatly to our growth this year. We now have a new Senior Warden, Jim Craig and four new Vestry persons, Judy Elliston, Irene Spurge, Bob Kelly and Cynthia Phillips. George Leigh, our Junior Warden was re-elected. They bring an array of gifts and talents that will only enhance our growth. The new vestry along with the outgoing ones will meet February 16th at the College of Preachers on the Cathedral Close, for a planning day to begin to tackle the great opportunities that we face as a growing parish. Great days are in store for us.

February 13<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. For forty days we will focus on our preparations for Easter. We will examine ourselves, we will study the scriptures and we will pray for God's guidance of us in our continuing Christian pilgrimage. Lent is the time for us to take on special obligations to deepen our faith. If you do not already come to one of our weekly Bible studies, I encourage you to attend during Lent. In fact, we are adding one more at 10 am Sunday morning in the undercroft. We will study the readings that are assigned for that Sunday and therefore deepen our knowledge of scripture and our understanding of our belief. The other opportunities to study the Bible are Monday evening from 7:30 pm until 9 pm and Wednesday morning at 10 am. There are also opportunities to pray and worship a little extra this Lent, 11:00 am Wednesday, if you are free in the daytime, and 8 pm on Wednesday evening. Both are Holy Communion with a brief homily.

The real opening event of Lent happens the evening before, Shrove Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. A pancake supper will be served from 6 to 8 pm. It is a wonderful time for the whole family to gather for food and fellowship. It is also a good time to invite your friends and neighbors to experience the love and joy of this community. I look forward to seeing you there. Lent is the time for us to be in church each Sunday. If we are to be true participating members of this church, we need the support of each other in worship. I look forward to seeing you this Lent as we corporately deepen our faith.

*Peace and love in Christ,*  
*David*

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

The Annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, February 12, 2002.

This is one of our biggest events of the year and is always a great way to have our final indulgence before Lent.

## **Committee of Counters Needs Your Help**

The Committee of Counters is appealing for new members. The Committee assists the parish Treasurer by counting and recording the offerings each Sunday. This is an important function that strengthens internal controls over the parish's finances.

Counters work in pairs for about an hour after the last service on Sunday. The current number of counters requires that counters work about two Sundays per month. Our goal is to reduce this to an average of one Sunday per month, but we need your help to achieve this goal.

If you are interested in helping, contact Walt Mathieson at (301) 482-1984, Barbara White at (301) 258-9173 or leave a message at the Parish Office (301) 948-8201.

**Ladies Guild  
Monthly Meetings**

**The Ladies Guild monthly meeting: Monday February 18, 2002 in the undercroft at 12:30 PM; We will be serving a dinner for the Lions Club on February 28; Note paper featuring a picture of St Bartholomew is available for \$7 a package. We also have Marion Kaye vanilla and black pepper as well as Rada knives for sale. Please inquire of any member or Barbara White, President. (301-258-9173) Plans are being made for the annual Azalea Sale in May. The Guild will have a float in the 110th Anniversary parade on May 18, 2002. Route 108 will be closed within the Town from 11 A M to 4 PM for a House Tour and other activities including a Fun Run organized by our own Amy Costa. St Bartholomew Church is a part of the House Tour that day. Plan to be in Laytonsville on May 18, 2002.**

**Diocesan Convention**

Stevie Grimes and Deborah Howard represented St. Bartholomew's at the Annual Diocesan Convention held at the end of January. Highlight of the Convention was the election of a new Bishop. The Very Rev. John B. Chane, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego, California was elected to be the Eighth Bishop of Washington. He will be installed on June 1, 2002. He flew in from San Diego to address the Convention on Saturday, January 26. In the biographical information that he provided to the Diocese he said, "I have concerns about the somewhat flat-lined growth of congregational membership within the diocese. The fact that the population of the Washington Metro area has increased over the past decade and yet more than half of the congregations in the diocese declined in membership raises some real questions." Both Stevie and Deborah thought that he gave a very good talk to the Convention.

In other matters, two new congregations were accepted in the Diocese — Saint Phillip the Evangelist Parish in Washington, D.C. and St. George's Glen Dale Parish.

Our Rev, Pollock was elected to be the Clerical Deputy to the General Convention.

**Your Vestry**

**Behind the scenes and always active, your Vestry is constantly looking for ways to improve St. Bartholomew's and to keep it running smoothly, and to perform its mission. The full Vestry consists of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, nine Vestry members, and the Rector. They are assisted by the Treasurer and the Registrar who may or may not be Vestry members.**

**In 2001 the entire Vestry went to the College of Preachers for a full day retreat on the Cathedral grounds. This gave us a chance to meet the Rev. Dr. David Pollock and to get to know each other better. From this we developed a framework for the activities of 2001. On February 16 the Vestry will hold its second retreat — again on the Cathedral grounds. This will give us the opportunity to review last years activities and to plan this years. This year, those members of the Vestry whose term expired in January will also participate to maintain continuity.**

## Wardens Words

Hello fellow Saint Bartholomew's parishioners.

I'd like to think that the beautiful spring-like weather we've enjoyed as I begin my first week as Senior Warden bodes well for the weeks and months ahead. But while the weather may not really mean anything for our church, the leadership of the Reverend Pollock and Harry Bennett over the last year, along with the hard work from so many people mean that Saint Bartholomew's begins this new year strong. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Harry for all that he's done to guide our church through difficult times. I'm counting on his counsel and support to continue the progress we've made. We have much to do, but with so much talent and energy within our church, I know that we can achieve anything we set out to do. I encourage everyone to read the reports from this year's annual meeting to see how much we accomplished last year, and how many people contributed to those efforts .

**My priority will be to strengthen our financial situation**

I see 2002 as a transition year for us to focus on where we want to go, and prepare for the future. The great progress we've made in the last year with Reverend Pollock as our guide demonstrates how important a strong and energetic leader is. We were fortunate that with the help of the Diocese we were able to call him to be our Rector. However to attract and retain people of this caliber we must be able to pay a competitive salary, which we are able to do today only with financial assistance from outside our parish. My priority will be to strengthen our financial situation so we can meet this challenge when that assistance ends next year. I think that we can best do that through continued growth of our congregation. We are in a great position to attract new families into our church, but it will take the efforts of everyone to be successful.

Toward that goal, the vestry, along with the recently "retired" vestry members will spend the day with Reverend Pollock at the College of Preachers at the National Cathedral on February 16, to consider the future of Saint Bartholomew's, and how we can generate the growth we need this year. I will report on the results of our retreat in the next newsletter.

I'd like to thank once again everyone who contributes so much to our church. It is your effort that makes our church run. I look forward to working with all of you in the months ahead.

*Jim Craig  
Senior Warden*

**Jim's  
Bio**

**Long Range Plan**

A Site Plan showing possible expansion of our church facility is attached. It's part of our application for water table and percolation tests recently submitted to Montgomery County and was distributed at the Annual Meeting.

The land area designated for sewage disposal and storm water management takes up about 1.5 acres of our 3.2 acres. This area could still be used for additional parking, playgrounds, soccer fields and the like. In the event city water and sewage ever appear, say in 10 years or more, this area would provide an opportunity for further expansion of our facilities.

What is permitted under this Site Plan would be the creation of a single facility where the proposed expansion shown would be attached to the current church and possibly to the rectory. By formula shown in the upper left corner, the permissible number of attendees on a given day would be 200, which is consistent with our planned growth to 250 families.

The new facility would be bi-level and include areas for worship opportunities, Sunday School expansion, meeting rooms, classrooms, and other functions. A lift would be included to provide handicap access. The approximate area of the expansion would be about 4,000 sq.ft.

Dave Carvey

**Results of Annual Meeting**

The following people have been selected for the positions of Wardens and Vestry Members:

Jim Craig	Sr. Warden	Judy Elliston	Vestry
		Robert Kelly	Vestry
George Leigh Jr.	Jr. Warden	Cynthia Phillips	Vestry
		Irene Spurge	Vestry

Congratulations!

**Pledge Cards and Envelopes**

Pledge cards and envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church for anyone wishing to pledge who has not done so yet. Or call the office at (301) 948-8201 and one will be mailed to you.

**Coffee Hour Sign Up**

Joyce Hatter has agreed to coordinate the 8:00 a.m. Coffee Hour. June Thomas has agreed to coordinate the 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour. A sign up sheet will be on the table going out the double doors to the undercroft. Please sign up.

**Pastoral Visits and Care**

The Rev. David Pollock is available for pastoral visits and care. If you know of someone who needs or wants pastoral care, please contact the church office or Dr. Pollock at (301) 948-8201.

**New Bible Study**

If you do not already come to one of our weekly Bible studies, I encourage you to attend during Lent, in fact, we are adding one more at 10 a.m. Sunday morning in the undercroft. We will study the readings that are assigned for that Sunday and therefore deepen our knowledge of scripture and our understanding of our belief. The other opportunities to study the Bible are Monday evening from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.

**Outreach Ideas**

I would like to invite anyone in the parish who would like to join with me in forming an Outreach Committee, to see how the recently budgeted \$4,000 can be given outside of our church for the benefit of the community both near and far. A number of ideas were expressed at our Outreach meeting on Sunday, January 13, 2002. Our next meeting will be on February 10. We have been blessed as a community and we need to share these blessings.



## Scheduled Activities

### Regular Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. The Holy Communion
  - 10:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation Class
  - 10:00 a.m. During Lent — Bible Study
  - 10:30 a.m. Junior Choir Practice
  - 11:00 a.m. The Holy Communion - first and third Sundays
- Morning Prayer - second, fourth and fifth Sundays  
Sunday School Activities are held during the 11:00 service  
Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hour follows both Sunday services

### Regular Weekly Schedule

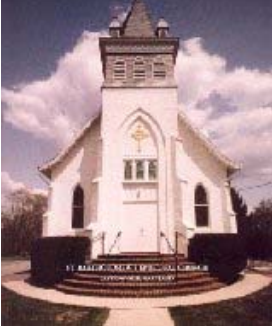
- Mondays 7:30** Bible Study —Book of Matthew
- Wednesdays** Morning Bible Study  
10:00 — 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesdays** Holy Communion Service — 11:00 a.m.

### Upcoming Events

- 2/10/2002 10; a.m. Altar Guild Meeting
- 2/10/2002 10:00 a.m. Outreach Meeting
- 2/12/2002 6:00 — 8:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 2/16/2002 Vestry meets at College of Preachers at the Cathedral
- 2/18/2002 12:30 p.m. Ladies Guild Pot Luck Luncheon 12:30 p.m.

### Each Wednesday in Lent

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 8:00 p.m. Holy Communion



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