

# THE ADVENT CHRONICLE

***Our Purpose: Love God, Love One Another and Make Disciples***

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## **Weekly Events**

**Sunday: 10:00am** Sunday School  
**First Sunday** of the month is  
Healing Segment 8 & 10am

**Tuesday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. Vestry** Meet at  
5:30pm

**Wednesday:** The **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** 9  
to Noon is **Advent Food Pantry**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Episcopal Church Women**  
(ECW) at 10:00am  
**Choir Rehearsal** at 3:45pm

**Thursday:** 9:30am EOF –Exploring  
Our Faith

**Friday:** 12pm **Stations of the**  
**Cross Only in Lent**

**Saturday: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** of the  
Month **DOK Meet** at 10:30am  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Evan's Breakfast**  
**Fellowship** at 8:00am  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Clean-up Day** at 8:00am

## ***A MESSAGE FROM FR. BARRETT***

The Lord be with you!

I don't know about you, but I am glad that Christmas Eve and Christmas Day don't fall on Sunday and Monday every year. The altar guild was confused. The choir was confused. Some days I was confused! Now the calendar has another unusual convergence of dates in 2024. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> is both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday! That's right the romantic day for lovers and the beginning of Lent fall on the same day! Even worse, Valentine's Day originates with a pagan holiday! This is a strange convergence indeed!

I am sure you all know about Lent, but maybe not so much about Valentine's Day or its namesake, St. Valentinus. The Roman Catholic Church attributes this saint to at least three traditions. One is that Valentinus was a priest in Rome. The Emperor Claudius, believing that single men made better soldiers, outlawed marriages of military age men. Valentinus defied him and continued to marry young lovers in secret. For this crime he was beheaded. Another tradition is that the same man befriended Christian prisoners and tried to ease their suffering. While ministering to them, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and wrote a note "from your Valentine." This is still a traditional greeting on Valentine's Day.

Anyway, once again his penalty was death. The third tradition is that Valentine, Bishop of Terni, also executed by Claudius, is being honored. The saint's death is placed at around 270 AD.

Like Christmas, the Church borrowed a pagan holiday and made it a Christian festival on the calendar. Romans celebrated Lupercalia on the ides of Feb. (2/15). This was a festival honoring both Faunus, the god of agriculture, and Romulus, the legendary founder of Rome. The two holidays existed side by side until the end of the fifth century when the Church banned the celebration of Lupercalia.

Valentine's Day was very popular in the middle Ages, especially in England and France. Feb. 15 was considered the beginning of the birds' mating season. So it was associated with romance and love. Written greetings became popular after 1400, colonists carried the tradition to North America. In the 1840s Esther Howland, known as "Mother Valentine," began mass producing valentine cards. Today the exchange of cards numbers over 145 million and is second only to Christmas cards.

The Bible has been described as "love letters from God." The most powerful Valentine in history came from God in the Passion of our Lord and Savior. God said "I love you" to humanity in the most explicit statement of sacrificial love ever known. So in a few weeks we turn to the season of Lent and contemplate Jesus' walk to the cross. Please be with us for the whole season and our worship.

Father Barrett

This year we will observe soup suppers and Lent at Holy Faith in Dunnellon in partnership with their congregation. ASH WEDNESDAY will be here at Advent. The remainder of the midweek worship with soup supper will be at Holy Faith. Our theme this year is "Guided to the Cross."

Feb. 14            Ash Wednesday-Eucharist and imposition of ashes. Noon and 7Pm AT ADVENT

Feb. 21            Worship at 4PM with soup and fellowship following worship AT HOLY FAITH  
Topic "Guided to Hope"

Feb. 28            Worship at 4PM with soup and fellowship following worship AT HOLY FAITH  
Topic "Guided to Love"

March 6            Worship at 4PM with soup and fellowship following AT Holy FAITH  
Topic "Guided to Peace"

March 13            Worship at 4PM with soup and fellowship following AT HOLY FAITH  
Topic "Guided by Trust"

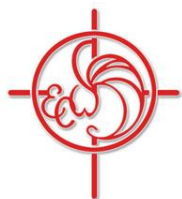
March 20            Worship at 4PM with soup and fellowship following AT HOLY FAITH  
Topic "Guided by Perseverance"

## Holy Week Begins March 24 ALL WORSHIP AT ADVENT

March 24	Palm Sunday Worship at 9AM
March 28	Maundy Thursday Stripping of altar Worship at 7PM
March 29	Good Friday Passion of our Lord Worship at Noon and 7PM
March 30	Observance of the Easter Vigil Worship at 7PM
March 31	Easter Sunday worship at 9AM

### Stations of the Cross

We will observe the Stations of the Cross every Friday AT ADVENT at Noon beginning Feb. 16



### Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

We are having Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance for sale on Sundays. The Pancake Supper consists of pancakes, sausage applesauce, regular and sugar free syrup, coffee, tea and water. Come on out and enjoy the supper.

### February 7, 2024 Food Pantry Schedule

Pickers:	Pat Birmes/Stella Bender
Floater:	Charles Pratt
Runner:	Lesley Ciullo



## **Holiday Food Baskets**

We are thrilled to report that the money fronted for Christmas has been fully repaid.

Easter is just around the corner, and it's time to begin thinking about Easter Baskets.

If tradition follows and it usually does, we will be requested to supply the same number (136) of baskets as we did for Christmas. Gift cards in lieu of the actual turkey went over very well and we will do the same from here on.

We do not know the particulars as of this writing.

Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> will be our kick off date.

My guess is that we will be making delivery on or about (Wednesday) March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Whatever you can do to support this ministry will be greatly appreciated.

I feel in my heart that sponsoring this ministry is extremely rewarding and satisfying, THANKS to all that participate and help to make it successful.

Yours in Christ

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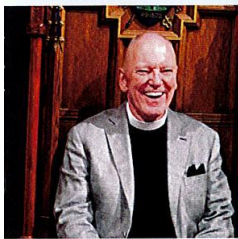
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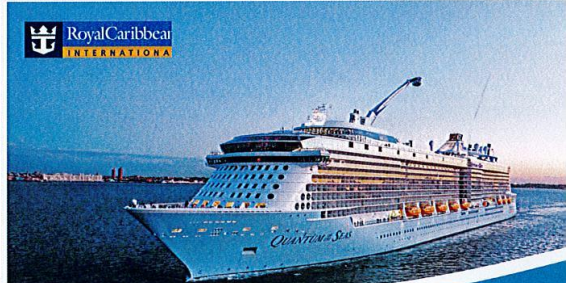
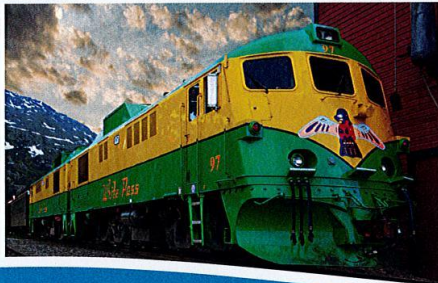
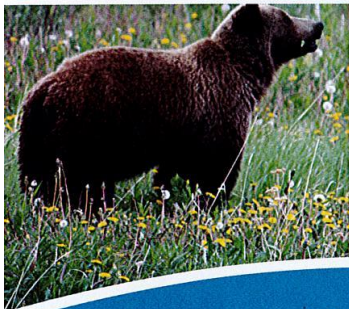
# Join Fr. Paul E. C. Hamilton, Priest-in-Charge Church of the Holy Faith, Dunnellon, Florida Alaska Glacier Cruise

## May 6 - 13, 2024

7-Night Cruise Aboard the Quantum of the Seas  
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## May 6 - Seattle, Washington, USA

4:00 PM Departure

If you arrive in Seattle early enough in the day, try to visit the Space Needle. Built for the 1962 World's Fair, it offers a breathtaking 360-degree view of Seattle, Elliot Bay and the Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges, including Mt. Rainier.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: YOU MUST BOARD THE SHIP AT LEAST 2 - 3 HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE.**

## May 7 - At Sea

## May 8 - Icy Strait Point

11:59 AM Arrival / 9:00 PM Departure

Icy Strait Point is one tiny port that's big on the Alaskan wilderness and Native culture. Opened a decade ago by the Huna Tlingit Native Alaskans, it's easily one of the best spots in the region for fishing and whale watching. Dive into Native Alaska culture at a tribal dance show or pay a visit to Hoonah, Alaska's largest Tlingit village. If you want to venture over to the wild side, go on a guided nature hike through nearby rainforests or hop into an ATV and explore the backroads of Chichagof Island. At the end of the day, you can take in forest views while soaring high above the trees on the longest zip line in the world. No matter what kind of Alaska adventure you're craving, you'll find it in Icy Strait Point.

## May 9 - Skagway, Alaska

7:00 AM Arrival / 5:00 PM Departure

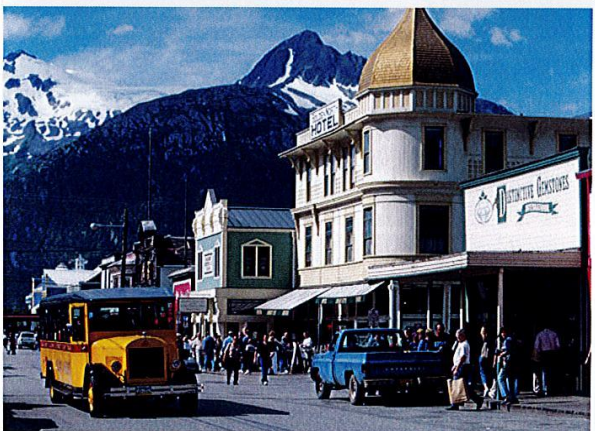
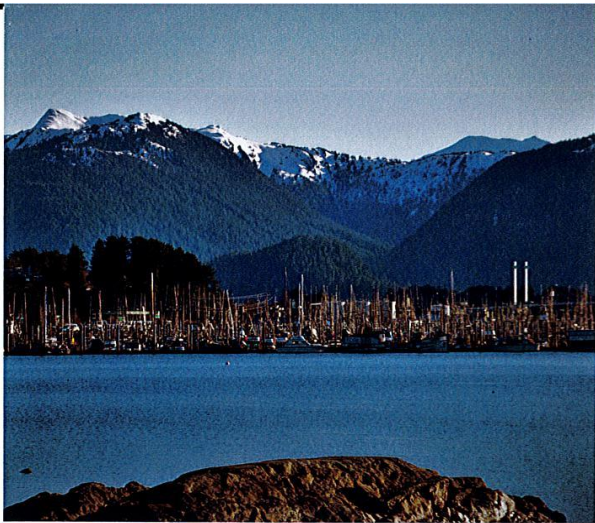
The tiny town of Skagway still looks like it did during the Klondike Gold Rush over 100 years ago. Today, it remains an outpost for a thrilling Alaskan adventure. An old-time streetcar ride along bustling Broadway Street reveals well-preserved buildings, including the state's oldest hotel. You can see engraved walrus tusks at the Corrington Museum or get lost in riveting historical reenactments around town. If outdoor adventure is more your thing, there are plenty of ways to amp up the adrenaline, from sledding with Alaskan Huskies on Laughton Glacier to rafting Lynn Canal, the longest fjord in North America.

## May 10 - Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier & Juneau

5:00 AM Arrival / 10:00 AM Departure - Endicott Arms & Dawes Glacier

1:00 PM Arrival / 7:00 PM Departure - Juneau

One of Alaska's lesser-known gems, Endicott Arm Fjord, marks the southern edge of Fords Terror Wilderness area. As you drift through its 30-mile-long stretch, you cannot help but be awed by the surrounding granite cliffs, mountain valleys and dozens of gushing waterfalls. Drifting icebergs, deep blue waters and a spectacular tidewater glacier only add to this natural spectacle's appeal. You cannot get to Juneau easily without a sprint by air or by sea. But once you arrive, you will find majestic views and rich culture in every corner. With its snowcapped mountains,





misty rainforests, massive glaciers and bounty of wildlife, Alaska's remote state capital is the perfect place to dive into nature. Framed by Mount Juneau and Mount Roberts, the city's picturesque downtown area offers historical bars, boutique shops and significant landmarks. For a taste of the local culture, visit the historic district and the Alaska State Museum. And for outdoor thrills, you can take your pick of activities ranging from whale watching in Auke Bay Harbor to tundra trekking over Mendenhall Glacier. You can even try your hand at gold panning in Last Chance Basin.

#### May 11 - At Sea

#### May 12 - Victoria

5:00 PM Arrival / 10:00 PM Departure

Victoria delivers a delightful blend of British pomp and outdoor adventure. Here, you can admire Victorian architecture at Craigdarroch Castle and eat your way around Canada's oldest Chinatown. Explore "Garden City" floral displays or go biking in the "Cycling Capital of Canada." From orcas whistling in the harbor to glow-in-the-dark scorpions at the Bug Zoo, Victoria has every adventure covered.

#### May 13 - Disembark in Seattle

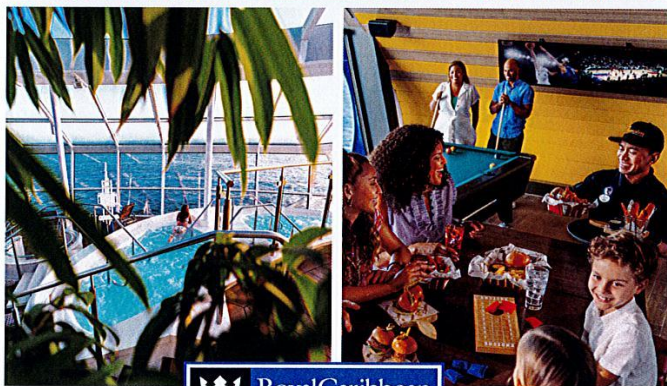
7:00 AM Arrival

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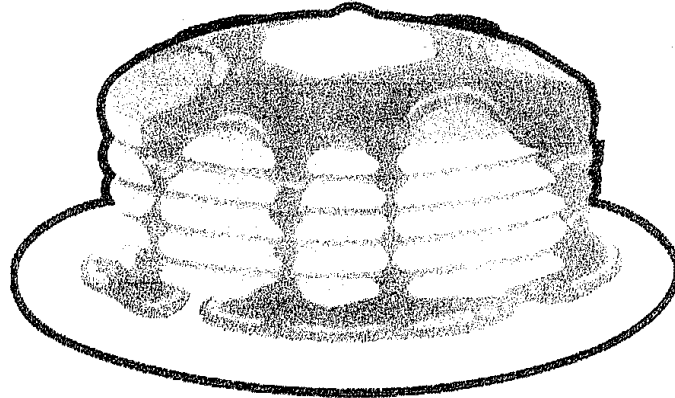
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**Drawing Sunday Feb 11, 2024**



# SHROVE TUESDAY



## PANCAKE SUPPER

February 13, 2024      5 to 7 pm

Holy Faith Church Fellowship Hall

\$7.00 per person

Pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, drinks

For ticket information contact:

Odum Smith

Or the Church office

(352) 489-2685

# **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

## **SOUP SALE**

February 11, 2024, 10am - 12:30pm

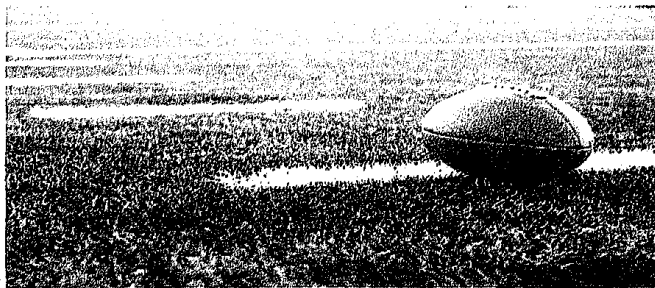
**Holy Faith Church Hall**

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## ***MILESTONES***

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect please contact the office and let us know– we want to include you with our blessings and best wishes on your special day.

### ***BIRTHDAYS***

Linda Menning	02/04
Norma Holecsko	02/12
Nancy Rodriquez	02/21
Gerry Baker	02/26
Carol Hill	02/28

### ***ANNIVERSARIES***

Art & Annmarie Farascioni	02/28
Al & Florence Sickle	02/2

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If anyone is interested in the Psalm 121 Ministry (Pray Warrior's) please speak to or call Alice DePerna at 352-489-1335

The Church is in need of Acolytes, Altar Guild helpers and Ushers. If anyone would like to volunteer or be a substitute please give Liz Herrick a call for Acolyte at (352) 291-4878 or e-mail her at [tinlizziehr@yahoo.com](mailto:tinlizziehr@yahoo.com), For Altar Guild, please call Lynn Johns at (305) 240-0163 or e-mail her at [lajohns1@comcast.net](mailto:lajohns1@comcast.net), Bonnie & Dick Purnell for Ushers. Call Bonnie at (386) 559-2491 or email her at [Purnell.bonnie@gmail.com](mailto:Purnell.bonnie@gmail.com) Call Dick at (727) 992-2397 or email him at [Purnell.rt@gmail.com](mailto:Purnell.rt@gmail.com)

### **Corrections**

If you see that an error was made, please let me know, so that I have the right info.  
Thank you, Lesley Ciullo

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## **Upcoming Events**

**February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 2024 EOF** – Exploring Our Faith at 9:30am

**February 03, 2024** - Daughters of the King Meet at 10:30am

**February 7, 2024** - Food Pantry at 9:00am

**February 10, 2024** – Bob Evan’s Breakfast Fellowship at 8:00am

**February 13, 2024** – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:00pm to 6:30pm

**February 13, 2024** - Vestry Meet at 5:30pm

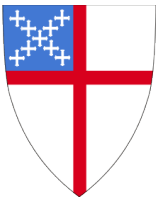
**February 14, 2024** – Imposition of ashes-worship at Noon and 7:00pm at The Advent

**February 16, 2024** – Start of Stations of the Cross at Noon – goes to March 22nd

**February 17, 2024** – Clean-up Day at 8:00am

**February 21, 2024-** Episcopal Church Women (ECW) at 10:00am





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