



# A Chosen Generation

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2024

## From Our Priest-in-Charge

*By The Rev. Natalie Blasco*

It feels to me like we are just barely out of the Christmas season and yet here we are just about to enter into the season of Lent. I guess it is true that time flies when you're having fun.

In the past, St Peter's has joined in the observance of Shrove Tuesday, so we have decided to revive the tradition. It wasn't a hard choice to make, given that I love pancakes and I love bacon but many have asked me what Shrove Tuesday is and what does the word shrove even mean.

Shrove Tuesday is celebrated on the last day before the season of Lent begins. This year it falls on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. It is also called "Pancake Tuesday", "Pancake Day", or "Fat Tuesday". Because Lent is, traditionally, a time of fasting and prayer, the practice of getting rid of all the rich foods that would not be consumed during Lent developed. Those foods were things like butter, cream, milk, sugar and eggs – hence the making of pancakes. There are still many people who partake in the practice of fasting during Lent, some to greater extent than others.

The word "Shrove" is derived from the Germanic word "shrive", which means absolve. Apart from ridding their pantries from the foods they would not eat, faithful Christians also had the custom of going to Church the days before Lent to confess their sins and seek absolution. Therefore, the three days before Lent are called the season of Shrovetide.

The season of Lent is a 40-day period which begins, this year, on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and extends through to Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Now, if you've done the math, you'll notice that period is a total of 46 days, not 40. The Sundays during Lent (6 in total) are not counted in that 40-day period. That is because, as the church of Christ, we celebrate the Resurrection every Sunday of the year, not just on Easter Sunday.

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## Mark Your Calendar

- 2 7:00AM Church Yard Sale
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- 4 9:30AM Worship Service
- 7 6:00PM Bible Study
- 11 9:30AM Worship Service
- 12 11:00AM Vestry Meeting
- 13 **SHROVE TUESDAY**  
10:30AM ECW Glory Circle  
6:00PM Pancake Supper
- 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:**  
12:00PM & 7:00PM  
8:30PM Spanish
- 15 March Newsletter Deadline  
11:30AM ECW Grace Circle
- 18 9:30AM Worship Service
- 19 **PRESIDENT'S DAY**  
Church Office CLOSED  
6:30PM ECW Prayer Circle
- 21 6:00PM Bible Study
- 24 8:00AM Core Outreach
- 25 9:30AM Worship Service

## CHURCH STAFF

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**The Rev. Natalie Blasco**

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**TBD**

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## From our Priest-in-Charge

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I hope that you will participate in the activities of Shrovetide and Lent. It is a time of repentance and renewal; a time to strive to become better versions of ourselves in this world and for our faith and our reliance on God to grow in every way. On Ash Wednesday, I will invite you to be a part of that process with these words:

*“Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was*

*also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.*

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, 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.”*

Book of Common Prayer,  
Pages 264-265

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

# St. Peter's Annual Yard Sale

By Leslie Oxford, Children's Ministry Director

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual yard sale is scheduled on Friday and Saturday, **February 2** and **3**. We need items to sell, so please bring your items to the Church during the month of January.

We also need volunteers. Please see Leslie Oxford after Sunday service if you can help or call/text to 904-705-8064 or email [leslieoxford91@gmail.com](mailto:leslieoxford91@gmail.com)



**GARAGE SALE**

7am - 12pm

Fri. February 2nd  
&  
Sat. February 3rd

at St. Peter's Church  
(5042 Timuquana Road)

**PROCEEDS SUPPORT  
OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!**

**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT**

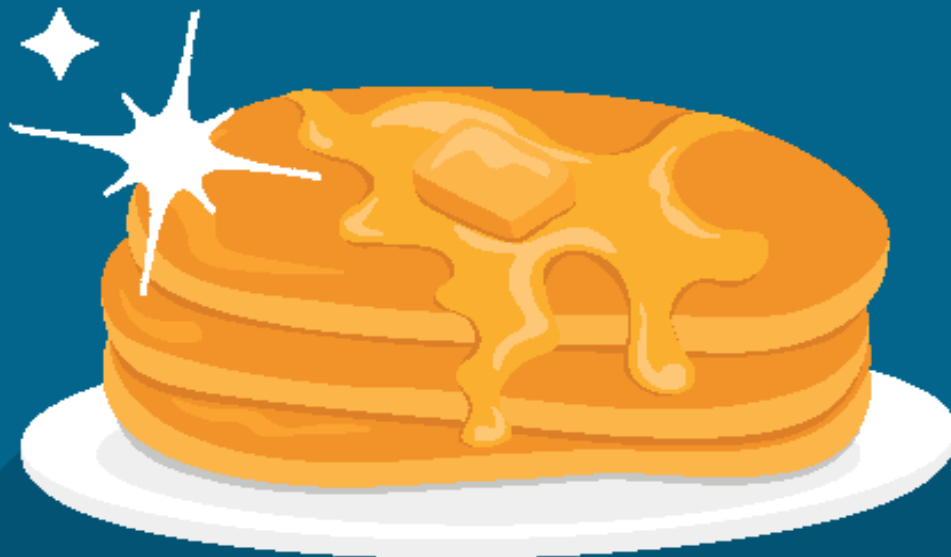
Join us on  
**Sunday  
February 18**  
at 9:30AM

GUEST SPEAKER:  
Crystal Parks  
*President*



# Shrove TUESDAY

Pancake Dinner



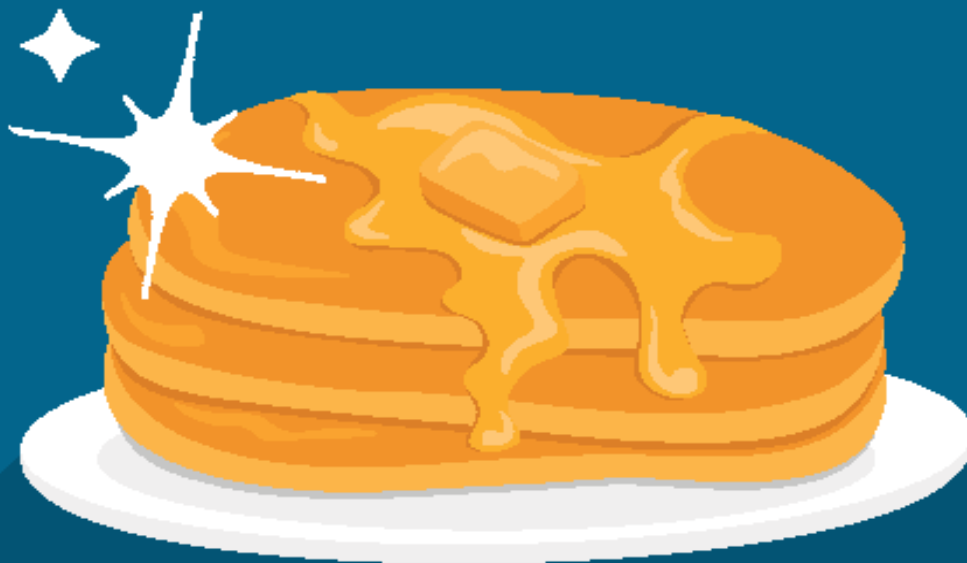
● TUES. FEB. 13 6PM ●

Join us at the St. Peter's Episcopal  
Church for a traditional Shrove Tuesday  
pancake dinner and fellowship.

● FREE PANCAKES ●

carnaval  
**MARTES**

Cena de panqueques



**MARTES. FEB. 13 18:00**

Únase a nosotros en la Biblioteca de San Pedro para disfrutar de una tradicional cena de panqueques y compañerismo el martes de Carnaval.

**PANQUEQUES GRATIS**

## PFP Grand Opening

By *Yamoni Napoleon, Executive Director*

Our opening day on Saturday, January 13 was a success and we were able to serve over **50** families! This would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers, donors and board members. It was a joy to serve and meet so many families and we are grateful to everyone who volunteered with us that day.

We look forward to serving more members of our community on February 10 and the 24!

Reminder: Clients may visit once per month on either the **2<sup>nd</sup>** or **4<sup>th</sup>** **Saturday**.

### St. Peter's



Senior Warden  
**Virginia Pillsbury**

Junior Warden  
**Collin O'Hara**

Clerk  
**Linda Boyd**

Treasurer  
**Tina Griffin**



## 2nd & 4th Saturday

### 12:00-2:00 PM

 [positivefamilypivot@gmail.com](mailto:positivefamilypivot@gmail.com)  
 [positivefamilypivot.com](http://positivefamilypivot.com)

 904-383-7135  
5042 Timuquana Road Jacksonville, FL. 32210

## ECW Glory Circle

By Ann Weeks, Glory Circle Leader

At our Tuesday, January 9 meeting the Glory Circle hosted a lunch in honor of Jane Yingst's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Jane had been our leader for many years and a member for much longer. We had 11 people present including Mother Natalie. We sang the Happy Birthday song and had a beautiful cake with yellow roses to mark this very special occasion. Among those present

was Wendy Weise, our most recent leader, who is leaving for a new life adventure in the United Kingdom to be near her family. Others included Linda and Katharine Boyd, Jeanne Wright, Peggy Elmore, Lori Prevatt, Bettyanne Owens, and Jane's caregiver who took pictures for us.



### ECW Glory Circle

Standing L-R: Bettyanne Owens, Peggy Elmore, Jeanne Wright, Wendy Weise, Ann Weeks & Lori Prevatt

Back: Linda Boyd and Katharine Boyd

Front: Jane Yingst (seated) and The Rev. Natalie Blasco



L-R: Wendy Weise, Jane Yingst and Ann Weeks

**St. Peter's  
Episcopal Church**

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

**February 14, 2024**

**Church  
Services**

**English**  
12pm  
7pm

**Spanish**  
8:30pm



**St. Peter's  
Episcopal Church**

**CENIZA  
MIERCOLES**

**14 de febrero de 2024**

**Servicios  
Religiosos**

**Inglés**

**12 p.m.**

**19:00**

**Español**

**8:30 pm**

## Saturday Core Outreach

By Virginia Pillsbury, Senior Warden

The Core Outreach Village is held in St. Peter's front parking lot the last **Saturday** of each month, from **8:00 to 10:00 AM**. The next Outreach Village is scheduled **February 24**.

This outreach aims at serving those in our community who are either experiencing homelessness or

struggling with other living needs in their lives.

**Volunteers are always needed.** All you need to do is come on the last Saturday of each month and share God's love with our community.

**VALENTINE'S  
DAY  
FEBRUARY 14**



Happy Valentine's Day!

*"Let all that you do  
be done with love."*

1 Corinthians 16:14 NKJV



St. Peter's Children's Ministry Director, Leslie Oxford  
also the Rakad Dance Camp Director



Loving and serving like Jesus!



St. Peter's Parishioners  
L-R: Jeanne Wright & Martha Foose

# Thank you to Saved2Serve

By Virginia Pillsbury, Senior Warden

Our longtime Parish Hall Kitchen refrigerator died a few months ago and we have been using a small refrigerator since then while trying to figure out how to obtain what we need.

Thanks to William Darnell of our

ministry partner Saved2Serve, we now have a brand new professional grade refrigerator and freezer - at no charge!

Thank you Saved2Serve for coming to our rescue!



## Episcopal



## Church Women

*All women are welcome to join the following monthly small groups.*

**GLORY CIRCLE:** Bible Study the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month, next meeting **February 13 at 10:30AM** in Room 100. Study Chapter 4 in Max Lacado's book, "3:16".  
**Contact:** Ann Weeks, 904.287.7103

**GRACE CIRCLE:** Bible Study the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, next meeting **February 15 at 11:30AM at the home of Linda Boyd.**  
**Contact:** Linda Boyd, 904.771.1814

**VIRTUAL PRAYER CIRCLE:** Intercessory prayer 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month via conference call. Next prayer circle **February 19** at 6:30PM.

- + Call: 408-418-9388
- + Access Code: 799 169 983
- + Password: 37299826

**Contact:** Ann Weeks, 904.287.7103 or [rowahw@aol.com](mailto:rowahw@aol.com)

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6*

## Rakad Fundraising Gala

By Leslie Oxford, Rakad Dance Camp Director & Choreographer

On Friday, March 1, join Rakad Dance Camp for a night of glamour and giving as we host an Old Hollywood-themed fundraising gala.

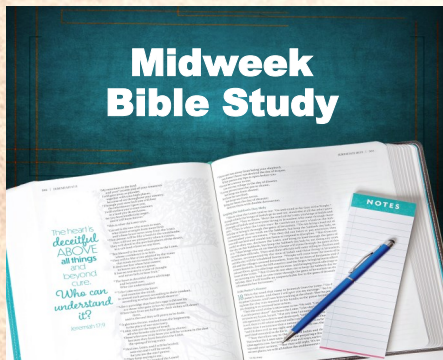
This event is a semi-formal fundraising gala to benefit Rakad Dance Camp. There will be dinner, dancing, door prizes, silent auction, and more!

Adult tickets (ages 13+) are available for just **\$35**, and children's tickets (ages 12 & under) are **\$25**. Tickets are available online until February 18.

Don't miss this opportunity to share the love and support the Rakad Dance Camp. Join the fun as we come together as we empower young girls through joyful movement. Let's dance the night away with our friends and make unforgettable memories.

For more information, go to **RakadDanceCamp.com**

We can't wait to see you there!



**1st & 3rd Wednesdays**

**February 7 & 21**

Starting with dinner  
at 6:00PM

**TOPIC: Genesis**

Contact: Virginia Pillsbury  
904-307-6808 or email  
[vpillsbury1126@gmail.com](mailto:vpillsbury1126@gmail.com)

Rakad Dance Camp Presents  
*Night with the Stars*  
March 1, 2024

Join us for a fundraising gala.  
A night of dinner, dancing, silent auction, & more!

Tickets go on sale until February 20th  
at [www.RakadDanceCamp.com/Gala](http://www.RakadDanceCamp.com/Gala)

# Three Kings Day Celebration

By Virginia Pillsbury, Senior Warden

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Peter's celebrated Three Kings Day for the first time and it was a fun success.

Even though wind and rain kept us from having the scheduled bounce house, those who came enjoyed games, hamburgers and hotdogs, popcorn, community resources, and a quilt

auction. The quilt auction will continue until Palm Sunday.

We look forward to hosting more events in our parking lot that will be of interest to our parishioners as well as our community neighbors.



Volunteers in place waiting for our guests to arrive.



Setting up the food station: Left - Rev. Natalie Blasco conversing with parishioners. Right with cap: Rev. Natalie's husband, Tony, and her nephew Michael the DJ.



Salsa Dancers  
L-R: Lita Hutcheson & Ann Weeks



Walter & Virginia Pillsbury's grandsons:  
Miles & Theo

## CHO Connect Lunch and Tour

By Miki McGarry, CHO Development Coordinator

CHO Connect is our new opportunity for you to join us for a round-table-styled lunch, tour and discussion around the vision and mission of Community Health Outreach.

If you want to volunteer, become a donor or corporate sponsor, or are looking for ways to engage your congregation, this is the perfect starting point!

Space is limited so reserve your seat now!

**Go to [chojax.org](http://chojax.org)**

click on 'Get Involved' and choose CHO Events

**Date:** Tuesday, February 27

**Time:** 11:45AM—12:30 PM

**Place:** 5126 Timuquana Rd.

**Phone:** 904.573-1333


### POSTAGE UPDATE



Effective **January 21** first-class forever stamps are now **68** cents.

Community Health Outreach of Jax  
presents

# CHO CONNECT LUNCH & SITE VISIT



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND LEARN ABOUT COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH!

Chat with our team and see the facilities where our patients and clients are served!

RSVP to [Miki@CHOJax.org](mailto:Miki@CHOJax.org)

# Thank-You-Note

Thank you everyone for the generous gift card but even more for the love and support during my tenure on Vestry. It was an honor to serve St. Peter's and a blessing to worship with such loving and faithfully devoted fellow Christians.

*Prayers and Love,  
Deborah Pruitt*

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By JoAnne Rodriguez, Church Office Mgr.



St. Peter's newsletter is published each month. It is e-mailed to all church members and mailed to those without computer access.

Deadline for article submissions are the 15<sup>th</sup> of each preceding month. Example: **MARCH** articles are **DUE: FEBRUARY 15.**

Who may submit articles and/or photos: The newsletter accepts submissions from all *Area of Ministries* and any member of the church.

**IMPORTANT:**

- All text should be in **Word** document form – please **NO PDF** files unless it's a created flyer.

- Do not embed art, photos, logos etc. into the document. Send them separately as jpg files.
- Do not use fancy formatting or use special fonts, colors, etc. All your formatting will be stripped out when the newsletter is created. Keep it simple.
- The newsletter reserves the right to edit as necessary.

Where to send your articles/photos/announcements: Send electronically (no hard copies, please) to: **newsletter@stpetersjax.org**  
St. Peter's *A Chosen Generation* newsletter is only as good as the content it receives, and that depends on the members. Don't be shy – it's easy, it's good exposure and it's FREE!

## FEBRUARY



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Gilbert & Wendy Weise ..14

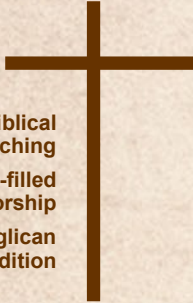
### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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- Sally Jackson.....4
- Ernestine Jones.....9
- Jeanne Wright.....16
- Jeannine Campbell.....17
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**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**February 14**

Service Times:  
12:00 & 7:00PM  
8:30PM Spanish



### St. Peter's Service Schedule

**9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

*Children's Ministry available  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month.*

**7:00PM MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each month.  
Starting with dinner at 6:00PM.*



### St. Peter's Business Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday | 9:15AM to 2:00PM

Closed Weekends/Federal Holidays

**904.778.1434**

Website: [stpetersjax.org](http://stpetersjax.org)

