Diocese of Central Florida

Leadership News Items for the Month of August, 2019

From the Bishop’s Office:

I am delighted to announce that The Reverend Scott Holcombe has accepted the call to serve as the next Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Central Florida. He brings to this position over forty years’ experience in parish ministry. Currently the rector of St. David’s by-the-Sea in Cocoa Beach and a member of the Diocesan Board, Scott’s final Sunday with the congregation of St. David’s will be September 1. Plans for a service of installation will be published as soon as they become available. Your prayers for Scott and La Nora are greatly appreciated during this time of transition.

Ordinations in August:

God willing and the people consenting
The Right Reverend Gregory Orrin Brewer, Bishop
will ordain
The Reverend Rebecca Bridges Watts
to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ’s One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 906 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas
AND
The Reverend Sara McCracken Oxley
to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ’s One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
on Friday, August 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Church fo the Ascension, 4950 S. Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando, Florida

Receptions follow the services
Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy: Red Stoles

Bishop Brewer’s August Visitations:

Sunday, August 18, a.m.
St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Clermont

Sunday, August 25, a.m.
St. Edward’s Episcopal Church, Mount Dora

To access Bishop Brewer’s Visitation Schedule online, go to the diocesan website www.cfdiocese.org Scroll down and click on “Bishop’s Visitation Schedule”

Lay License Renewals

Information about Lay Eucharistic Minister License and Lay Eucharistic Visitor License renewals for Advent 2019-2022 will be distributed to all clergy in charge of congregations later this month
Conference on Ministry – Saturday, August 24 at Church of the Messiah, Winter Garden

The Commission on Ministry is presenting the Annual Conference on Ministry at Church of the Messiah, 241 N. Main Street, Winter Garden, 34787 on Saturday, August 24th 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rectors, Vicars and Clergy in-Charge of congregations, please consider with care those you might encourage to attend this conference. Who in your congregation has demonstrated leadership gifts and who has a passion for leading and equipping God’s people? Who has the heart of a deacon? Who is struggling with a call to ministry and unsure what form that ministry might take? Who is already clear about a call to ordination and who are you prepared to support in continuing discernment? This Conference is for them! and is required for all aspirants to ordained ministry.

To register, contact Ellen Ceely at: eceely@cfdiocese.org or call her at (407) 206-4434

REGISTRATION opens August 5th for Annual Clergy Conference: October 21-23

The Annual Clergy Conference, Monday October 21 – Wednesday, October 23, will be held at Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center, 1601 Alafaya Trail, Oviedo, FL 32765. The Conference begins with check in at 3 p.m. Monday and ends after lunch on Wednesday. Keynoter for the conference is Hans Boersma, Ph.D. and Chair, Order of St. Benedict Servants of Christ Endowed Professorship in Ascetical Theology at Nashotah House. Dr. Boersma, a prolific and internationally noted theologian, is also a Research Faculty member at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia. Prior to joining Regent College in 2005, Boersma taught for six years at Trinity Western University in Langley, B.C. after serving in the local church as pastor. Along the way, Boersma has emerged as a leading voice among Protestant and evangelical theologians exploring and appropriating the riches of the Catholic tradition. He is the author, co-author or editor of thirteen highly regarded academic books and numerous scholarly articles, focusing especially on the intersection of sacramental and ascetical theology. His latest book Seeing God: The Beatific Vision in Christian Tradition received Christianity Today’s 2019 Theology and Ethics book of the year award. MORE information available at: https://www.hansboersma.org/about

Attendance at the Clergy Conference is mandatory for all parochial priests (Rectors, Vicars, full-time Assistants, Priest-in-Charge and priest overseeing diocesan facilities and serving as full-time chaplains). If you are a parochial priest and unable to attend, you are asked to contact the bishop’s office directly.

REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH for Parochial Priests only. Please call Guest Services at Canterbury at (407) 392-9138 or EMAIL: info@canterburyretreat.org
Registration will open up October 14 for Deacons, non-parochial and retired priests and seminarians.

The only way to accommodate all or most of the clergy needing overnight space is by making double-occupancy rooms required. If there is someone specific you wish to share a room with, you may request that when you make your reservation. Canterbury will do its best to accommodate your requests. If you have limited mobility, please inform Guest Services when you register so that you may have a ground floor room.

ICS Live Classes Resume – 2 classes Saturday September 14th at Diocesan Office

Saturday, September 14
Grace, Law & Covenants in the Old Testament
The Rev. Tom Phillips, Priest-in-Charge, Incarnation, Oviedo, Instructor
In this course we will take a deep dive into the Old Testament and examine several critical passages of scripture that set up and inform the way God deals with Israel in the Old Testament, and the way he still interacts with us today. We’ll dig into the covenant of grace God made with Abraham in Genesis 12-15, and look into Abraham’s inclusion in it through faith. We’ll then turn to the covenant of law God made with the Israelites in Exodus 20-24 at Mt. Sinai. We’ll spend the day wrestling through critical questions about the relationship between God’s grace and God’s law.

Syllabus – on ICS website http://icscourses.org
**Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership** The Rev. Dr. Rob Strenth, Deacon, Holy Cross, Sanford, Instructor

Using the book *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry* by Ruth Haley Barton, Deacon Rob will invite us to an honest exploration of what happens when spiritual leaders lose track of their souls. Topics to be discussed will cover: responding to the dynamics of calling; facing the loneliness of leadership; leading from your authentic self; cultivating spiritual community and, discerning God’s call together.

**Syllabus** – on ICS website [http://icscourses.org](http://icscourses.org)

Live Class days begin with Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m. Coffee is available throughout the day. There is a 45-minute lunch break. Cost $35 per day (non-credit) or $45 per day (ICS credit). Classes are held at the Diocesan Office, 1017 East Robinson Street, Orlando, FL 32801

**REGISTER ONLINE** or CALL The Ven. Kristi Alday, Dean of ICS at (407) 423-3567 x303

**MORE information at:** [http://icscourses.org](http://icscourses.org)

**ONLINE CLASSES** available anytime

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**Stewardship Workshop, Saturday, September 28th at Church of the Messiah, Winter Garden**

The Diocese is sponsoring a Stewardship Workshop on Saturday, September 28th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Church of the Messiah, 241 N. Main Street, Winter Garden, 34787. This day of teaching and sharing is designed to provide parishes with the tools necessary for promoting stewardship and generosity. We invite all churches to send clergy and key lay leaders; the **Workshop is required for all Aided Parishes and Missions**

Our goal is to help your stewardship programs and to help your congregations thrive. Please direct any questions regarding the Workshop to The Reverend Phyllis Bartle at phlealss@aol.com

Cost is $10 for lunch – payable at the door. To CONFIRM your ATTENDANCE, email Erick Perez at eperez@cfdiocese.org or call him at (407) 423-3567

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**Mark your calendars for these Coming Events:**

**Thurs, Aug 8, 10 am** Celebration of Holy Eucharist with Confirmations/Receptions, Bishop’s Oratory, Diocesan Office

**Sat, Aug 10, 9 am-2 pm** DOK – Quarterly Meeting at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, 1000 Bethune Drive, Orlando, 32805

**Sat, Aug 10, 2 pm** Ordination to the Priesthood, The Rev. Becky Watts at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, College Station, Texas

**Tues, Aug 13, 6:30-8 pm** Second Tuesday Ecumenical Healing Service, Church of the Ascension, 4950 S. Apopka-Vineland Rd, Orlando, 32819

**Fri, Aug 16, 7 pm** Ordination to the Priesthood, The Rev. Sara Oxley at Church of the Ascension, Orlando

**Sun, Aug 18, am** Bishop’s Visitation – St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 574 W. Montrose Street, Clermont, 34711

**Sat, Aug 24, 10 am-3 pm** Conference on Ministry at Church of the Messiah, 241 N. Main Street, Winter Garden, 34787

**Sun, Aug 25** Bishop’s Visitation – St. Edward’s Episcopal Church, 460 N. Grandview Street, Mount Dora, 32757

**Thurs, Sep 5, am** Ordination to the Priesthood, The Rev. Jared Jones at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy Upper School, Melbourne 32940

**Sat, Sep 7, 11 am** Ordinations to the Diaconate, Cathedral Church of St. Luke, 130 N. Magnolia Street, Orlando, 32801

**Sun, Sep 8, am** Bishop’s Visitation – Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 251 E. Lake Brantley Dr., Longwood 32779

**Sun, Sep 15, am** Bishop’s Visitation – Church of Our Savior, 1000 Jersey Lane, Palm Bay, 32905

**Sun, Sep 15, pm** Bishop’s Visitation – Bethesda Episcopal Church, Lake Nona [https://www.facebook.com/BethesdaLakeNona](https://www.facebook.com/BethesdaLakeNona)

**Tues, Sep 17-Fri, Sep 20** Bishop Brewer at Fall House of Bishops’ Meeting, Minneapolis

**Sat, Sep 22, 5 pm** Ordination to the Priesthood – The Rev. Jesse Lassiter, St. James Episcopal Church, 38 S. Halifax Dr, Ormond Beach 32176

**Sat, Oct 12, 6 pm** Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center Annual Dinner

**Sun, Oct 13, 10:30 am** Celebration of New Ministry & Installation of The Rev. Kathryn Jeffrey at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Eustis

**Sun, Oct 20, am** Bishop’s Visitation – St. James Episcopal Church, 204 N. Lee Street, Leesburg 34748

**Mon, Oct 21-Weds, Oct 23** Clergy Conference at Canterbury Conference Center [Registration required]

**Sun, Oct 27, am** Bishop’s Visitation – Church of the Good Shepherd, 221 S. 4th Street, Lake Wales, 33853

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**WEBSITES:**


  - Diocesan Website: [www.cfdiocese.org](http://www.cfdiocese.org)


  - ICS: [http://icscourses.org](http://icscourses.org)

  - Canterbury Conference Center Events: [http://www.canterburyretreat.org/](http://www.canterburyretreat.org/)

  - Camp Wingmann: [https://www.campwingmann.org/](https://www.campwingmann.org/)
Cathedral Concerts Downtown: http://www.ccslorlando.org/concertseries
Cursillo: http://www.cfepiscopalcursillo.org/
Diocesan Youth Events: http://cfdioceze.org/episcopalyouth/
Fresh Expressions – The Abbey Mission: https://www.theabbeymission.org/
The Inheritance House: https://theinheritancehouse.org/
CONFERENCE ON MINISTRY

SATURDAY, AUGUST, 24, 2019
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

COST: $10.00 PER PERSON

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH
241 NORTH MAIN STREET
WINTER GARDEN

PRESENTED BY THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY
FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN DISCERNING
THE DIRECTION OF THEIR VOCATION AS A CHRISTIAN
- POSSIBLE CALL TO ORDAINED MINISTRY
- MORE CLARITY ABOUT THEIR CALL AS A LAY PERSON

THIS CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL WHO SEEK ORDINATION

HEAR PRESENTATIONS FROM OUR BISHOP
AND DIOCESAN STAFF PRIESTS, DEACONS,
AND COMMISSION MEMBERS
COME GET ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

To Register: CALL the Diocesan Office
(407) 423-3567 or (800) 299-3567 ext. 317
or E-mail: ECEELY@CFDIOCESE.ORG
Stewardship Workshop

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$10.00 cost

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9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch provided

Call Erick Perez at the Diocesan Office to register 407-423-3567
Healing Hearts & Healing Hands
An Ecumenical Healing Ministry of the Order of St Luke in Central Florida

Ecumenical Healing Services
Second Tuesday of Each Month
6:30 pm at Church of the Ascension
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