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CROSSTOWN

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



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Confirmands, their mentors, and teachers gather with Bishop Smith at the Great Vigil of Easter. Photo by OLIVIA NORMAN

Our In-Person Life Is Returning, at Long Last

The Very Rev. Stephen B. Morris, Dean

One of my favorite Easter hymns is “Now the green blade riseth” (Hymn 204). The first verse is: “Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.” And I love to hear Dwight play it on the organ.

All four verses speak to life rising forth



from darker, buried places. Life lain dormant springing forth into action. And the action is lovely and life-giving.

When we sang it as a communion hymn in church on Easter, I was especially moved. I looked at the Cathedral, full of life-giving love, for the first time since the Covid pandemic began. Our “in-person life” that had lain dormant for these past several years was like wheat that springeth green. It’s back!

Look around the Cathedral these days and you will see many groups that either did not gather at all during the pandemic, or did so on the Zoom platform, once again meeting in person. The staff and the Chapter continue to explore ways in which to invite back people who have not yet returned in person. Believe me, we want desperately to see you again ...



and not on a computer screen, but face to face.

We have so many newcomers who found their way to the Cathedral during Covid. As much as we can all be together and renew old acquaintances or make new ones, our faith community will be strengthened.

Our Pentecost Parish Picnic returns on June 5 (Story, [Page 6](#)). In addition to good old fried chicken and the pot-luck contributions that you bring, there will be representatives from various ministry guilds so we all might find a place to renew our commitment to serve.

But mostly, the purpose of this gathering is to have fun together ... in person.

I’ve really missed that these past few years. Haven’t you?

We Celebrate the Season of Easter for a Full 50 Days

Easter Sunday is a single day, but the season of Easter lasts a full 50 days — this year from April 17 until the Day of Pentecost on June 5.

Look around the Cathedral for the signs and symbols of the season. The Paschal Candle burns at the altar during services to symbolize the risen

ALLELUIA!

Christ, the fire of the Holy Spirit, and the pillar of fire that led the Israelites out of bondage. More on the Paschal Candle, [Page 5](#).

We say “Alleluia” once again. Joyful music and colorful flowers have returned, and the altar hangings and vestments are white.

During Easter Season we read from the Book of Acts rather than from the



Even the organ was decorated with flowers for Easter services. Thank you, Flower Guild, for your skill and artistry! Photo by LOIS BRYCE RICCIARDI

Old Testament. We hear the stories of Jesus’s appearances to his disciples and others and of the start of the spread of what became known as Christianity throughout the world.

Easter Season includes the major feast of Ascension Day, on May 26, when Jesus ascended into heaven. This day is set in scripture: Acts 1:1-5, 10-11. On this day we acknowledge that Jesus is no longer here, bodily, on earth, limited to one place or one time. We recognize him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, seated in glory with the Father, and accessible everywhere, all the time, to everyone.

The season ends on June 5 with Pentecost (“50th Day”), regarded as the birthday of the church. That’s the day we hear about the mighty wind and the tongues of flame as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. We’ll have more to say about Pentecost next month.

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The 50 Days of Easter

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50 FACES OF THE CATHEDRAL

An Easter Series

Please visit spcathedral.org/50-faces, or our Facebook page, each day during Easter season to view “50 Faces of the Cathedral.” You’ll meet 50 individuals or families and hear their thoughts on what draws them to St. Peter’s.

Canon Williams Accepts Endowed Chair at Georgetown

I am thrilled to announce that I have accepted the Isabelle A. and Henry D. Martin Chair in Medieval Philosophy at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where I will begin teaching in August of this year.

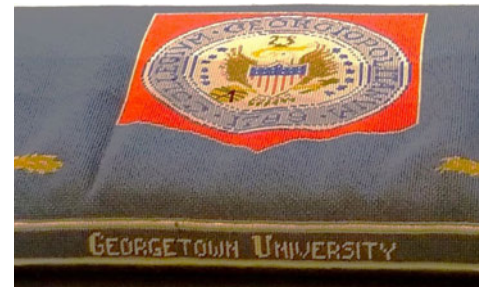
The Martin Chair is one the nation’s pre-eminent positions in medieval philosophy, formerly held by the distinguished Jesuit scholar Father Mark Henninger, S.J. The chair involves the usual faculty duties of teaching and research, and it also funds conferences and other initiatives.

Georgetown is in many ways a dream job for me; it’s a strong department with a deep commitment to the Christian intellectual tradition. I look forward to being at an institution where the kind of work I do in philosophy is central to the department’s mission.

I will continue to live in Tampa for at least two more years—commuting in the first year and on sabbatical in the second—so I will remain active at the Cathedral. I’m glad that I don’t have to wrench myself

away from the Cathedral quite yet.

— The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams



Georgetown on our minds! This kneeler, with the Georgetown logo, was created by Lolly Webb, the mother of Virginia Rowell, in memory of Ginny’s father, Delmar Evans Webb, who graduated from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown. He was head of ushers and senior warden of the vestry when the Rev. LeRoy D. Lawson was called to St. Peter’s as rector in 1966. The “Georgetown” kneeler is at the altar rail on the south side near the lectern.

Examine the Rich Symbolism of the Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle has been standing, lighted, near the altar during services since Easter instead of in its usual place near the baptismal font at the entrance to the nave.

Each year at the Great Vigil of Easter — the night before Easter — we introduce a new Paschal Candle. “Paschal” means “pertaining to the Passover or Easter.”

The candle stands 39 inches tall and 1-15/16 inches in diameter. It is 51 percent beeswax, symbolizing the purity of Christ. At its center, of course, is the cross, and the date of each year represents God’s continuing presence among us.

The five clove-shaped pins represent the nails that wounded Jesus. Grains of incense are embedded in the pins, signifying the wounds in Christ’s hands, feet, and side. The fish are symbols for Christ.

At the start of the Great Vigil of Easter, when the Paschal Candle is blessed, the presider traces the designs on the candle with these words:

* **Christ yesterday and today:** the vertical line of the cross.

* **The Beginning and the End:** the horizontal line of the cross.

* **The Alpha:** the Alpha symbol of the beginning above the vertical line of the cross.

* **The Omega:** the Omega symbol of the end below the vertical line of the cross.

* **All time belongs to him:** the first numeral of the year in the upper left corner of the cross.

* **And all the ages:** the second numeral of the year in the upper right corner of the cross.

* **To him be glory and power:** the third numeral of the year in the lower left of the cross.

* **Through every age and forever, Amen:** the fourth numeral of the year in the lower right corner of the cross.

For the rest of the year, we bring the Paschal Candle and the baptismal font forward to the marble area when we celebrate baptism. At a funeral the candle stands beside the casket or remains. The candle is a symbol of the presence of Christ at these key moments.



Pentecost Picnic Returns!

Join us Sunday, June 5, after the 10:15 a.m. service for a potluck lunch, activities for all ages, and a Connection Fair.

The Cathedral will provide fried chicken; you're invited to bring a dish to share. While everyone is gathered in Harvard Hall, there will be ministry guides and a raffle highlighting the ways the Cathedral lives into its mission to bring the love of Christ to St. Petersburg and to be a place where people are drawn together by faith in God's love.

Pentecost, traditionally regarded as the birthday of the Church, falls 50 days after Easter. It's the day to wear red, the Pentecost color, and to hear the story of the rushing winds and tongues of flame that signified the presence of the Holy Spirit among Jesus's disciples.

It's been our practice to hold an indoor picnic on that Sunday to mark

Our 2017 Pentecost picnic was an occasion for food, fun, and fellowship.

the end of the program year and the start of summer. For the last two years we've been unable to do so. This will be a festive return of a popular event.

Whether you're new to the Cathedral or have been around for a few decades, this is an opportunity to connect with others and discover ways to get involved.



Please call the office (727-822-4173) to let us know when you are hospitalized or ill at home. Because of privacy laws, the only way we know you are ill is if you tell us. And please let us know when good health has been restored.

Visit our intercessory prayer web page (spcathedral.org/prayer), where you can find guidance on how to pray; view a prayer list that is updated weekly; send in prayer requests; or request a pastoral visit.

Celebrating the Season

Thanks to all who made our celebration of Easter a joyous event, with a full church on Easter Sunday for the first time in two years. Altar Guild members and friends created the palm crosses for Palm Sunday.



Our palm cross ladies



Eve Munkittrick at the egg hunt

The Flower Guild made the Cathedral brilliant with color. Our youth walked the Way of the Cross through downtown streets on the morning of Good Friday for the 47th time. Bishop Smith confirmed five young



Above, Millie Burnsed and Adam Burnsed as the thieves, Joseph Shideler as Jesus. Right, Milo Burnsed as Simon of Cyrene.

people at the Great Vigil. And there were eggs aplenty for our egg hunt on Easter morning.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE, JUDY STARK, and MICHELLE THOMAS



Diocese Elects Douglas Scharf as Our Next Bishop

The Very Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Southwest Florida on the third ballot in an election at the Cathedral on April 2.

You can watch a video message from our bishop-elect here: <https://vimeo.com/695849007>

Bishop-elect Scharf is rector of Good Shepherd Church and School in Tequesta, on the east coast of Florida. He is a 2004 graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and earned a D.Min. from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, with a concentration in Biblical interpretation and proclamation.

He is a familiar face in our diocese, hav-

ing served as associate rector of Church of the Holy Spirit, Osprey, and for more than nine years as rector of Holy Innocents,

Valrico. He served a term as president of the Standing Committee in this diocese and was twice elected as a deputy to General Convention.

“We will pray for our bishop-elect,” Dean Morris said the day after the election, “and we welcome him to what will one day be his cathedral with open arms, and we hope and pray — I hope and pray — that he grows to accept and love us just as

we are, as much as we accept and love us just as we are.”

The next step in the process is for the

bishop-elect to receive consents from a majority of Standing Committees and bishops. Since a bishop serves not only the diocese but the wider church, he or she must obtain approvals from a minimum of 56 Standing Committees and 56 bishops. This takes place during a 120-day period that started shortly after the election.

The bishop-elect will be ordained and consecrated on September 24 at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

Father Scharf will become the sixth bishop upon the retirement of the Right Rev. Dabney T. Smith.



Book Study, Movie, Jazz Vespers Will Honor Lawyer-Priest Pauli Murray

During May and June we will learn about and celebrate the life of Pauli Murray (1910-1985), the first Black woman priest in the Episcopal Church. She was a lawyer, a poet, and a queer civil rights and women's rights activist. The Episcopal Church includes Murray in its calendar of saints and remembers her on July 1.

Murray's legal writings directly influenced Supreme Court justices Thurgood Marshall and Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Her life, including discussions of what we would now call her nonbinary sexuality, has been documented in a movie, *My Name Is Pauli Murray*, which we'll show on Sunday, May 15, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., followed by a pizza supper and discussion from 6 to 7 p.m. The movie is also available on Amazon Prime.

On Wednesdays, May 11 and 25, we'll



The Rev. Pauli Murray

have a pot-luck dinner from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in Harvard Hall followed by a discussion from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. of Murray's memoir, *Proud Shoes: The Story of an*

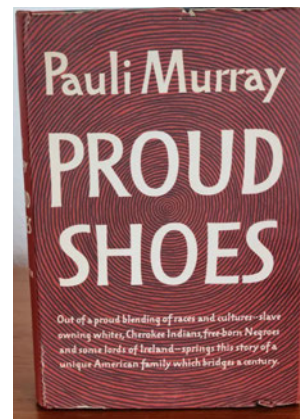
American Family, which chronicles the lives of Murray's maternal grandparents.

Her grandmother, Cornelia Smith, was the daughter of a slave whose beauty incited the master's sons to near-murder. Her grandfather, Robert Fitzgerald, was the son of a free black man who married a white woman in 1840. *Proud Shoes* offers a revealing glimpse of our nation's history. Visit spcathedral.org/beloved-community for more information and registration.

Then on Sunday, June 26, at 5 p.m., local jazz great David Pate will join other jazz musicians and vocalist Jen Logan for the Pauli Murray Jazz Vespers in the Cathedral.

Saxophonist Pate is the longtime director of jazz studies at the Pinellas County Center for the Arts.

Our guest preacher at that service will be the Rev. Nikki Seger, associate at St. Boniface, Sarasota. We'll have further details next month.



One Potato, Two Potato, Three Potato, YOU!

The Outreach Committee will host a Baked Potato with Fixings lunch for the teachers and staff at Campbell Park Elementary School on Wednesday, May 4, as part of the school's Teacher Appreciation Week. We can still use some volunteers to make this event a success. Can you spare two hours? Sure you can. Reach out to Susan Darrow (sdarrow99@me.com) for information and/or to volunteer.



MicroGrants

Partnering With People of Potential



Microgrant Program Supports Work of Local Nonprofits

The Outreach Committee is now accepting applications for microgrants of \$200 to \$750.

If you volunteer at or otherwise support nonprofit organizations that work to transform the lives of the vulnerable through food, health, education, relationship-building, and inclusivity initiatives, please let them know about our microgrant program and encourage them to apply.

In the first cycle, \$2,500 will be available for awards that are expected to range between \$200 and \$750. Applications will be accepted between May 1 and June 15. Awards will be made in early August.

For information about the program and the application, see spcathedral.org/grant or speak to Penny Roen (pennyroen@gmail.com).

Outreach Opportunities

This Month's Request: School Supplies for Refugees

The Outreach Committee will collect school supplies for adult and child refugees who have come to the Tampa Bay area from a variety of countries. They have specifically requested:

- Composition books (the ones with the black-and-white covers)
- Wide-ruled, three-hole notebook paper
- Crayons
- Pocket folders
- Glue sticks
- Pens and pencils
- Colored markers (thick and thin)



Please bring your donations to the Cathedral on Sunday mornings or during office hours during the week.

Assisting refugees in the Tampa Bay Area

Recently the Cathedral was asked to help meet emergency needs for food and clothes for refugees. If you would like to be added to the list of people notified about urgent needs, please contact Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) or Penny Roen (pennyroen@gmail.com).



Some Ways That You Can Volunteer

Our continuing volunteer activities and needs include:

- Campbell Park Elementary Resource Room volunteers between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesdays. (Contact Susan Darrow, sdarrow99@me.com.)
- Florida Resurrection House childcare volunteers from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays.
- Florida Resurrection House fresh pantry volunteers.
- Florida Resurrection House Resource Room volunteers.
- Peterborough Apartments library volunteer.

For information about the Florida Resurrection House and Peterborough Apartments volunteer needs, contact Penny Roen (pennyroen@gmail.com), who will direct you to the appropriate person.

Scrambling for Eggs, We Supported Our Ministry Partners

Our children swarmed the Memorial Garden on Easter Sunday for our annual egg hunt. This year they collected 816 wooden eggs that we'd painted two years ago, before the pandemic struck and canceled the egg hunt for two years running.

The children designated the eggs to one of our four community ministry partners, and the Outreach Committee contributed 50 cents for each egg, up to a total of just more than \$400. There were goody bags with candy, stickers, and other prizes for everyone who participated in the hunt.

The final tally:

Peterborough Apartments,
204 eggs, \$102

Campbell Park Elementary School,
256 eggs, \$128

Benison Farm, 195 eggs, \$98

Florida Resurrection House, 161 eggs, \$81



Fun in the sun: finding eggs in the Memorial Garden. Photo by JUDY STARK

Heads up on the morning of Sunday, May 1, when the **ST. ANTHONY'S TRIATHLON** brings hundreds of swimmers, cyclists, and runners to St. Petersburg, from Snell Isle to Pinellas Point. Visit satriathlon.com for course maps and plan your route to church accordingly, since streets will be closed to allow athletes to pass.

Growing Season, Fellowship Continue at Benison Farm

The May work day at Benison Farm is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21. The next day, from 4 to 6 p.m., we'll enjoy a community potluck. Bring a dish to share, a beverage to drink, and a chair.

Please invite your friends, neighbors, family, or anyone else who has interest in joining. While we often come together to work at the farm, this is a chance for us to come together in rest, which is equally important.

For information, please contact Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

Benison Farm is a community garden that is a joint project of St. Thomas' and St. Augustine's Episcopal Churches. Benison Farm is at 2920 26th Ave. S.

Squeeze Juice Works donated five huge buckets of the leftovers from making juice throughout the week. It makes the chickens happy! Photo by HILLARY PEETE



GENESIS STUDY CONTINUES ONLINE

Canon Ethan Cole will continue his Zoom study of the Book of Genesis at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 3, 10, and 24. Register for the link at spcathedral.org/book-and-bible. We'll focus on the stories about God's engagement with the family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Saints Among Us



Justice Marshall Faced Discrimination and Worked Tirelessly to Outlaw It

Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993) was an American lawyer who was appointed as an associate justice of the Supreme Court in 1967. He was the first African-American to hold the position and served for 24 years, until 1991.

Marshall was born on July 2, 1908, in Baltimore. His father, William Marshall, the grandson of an enslaved person, worked as a steward at an exclusive club, and his mother, Norma, was a kindergarten teacher.

One of William's favorite pastimes was to listen to cases at the local courthouse before returning home to rehash the lawyers' arguments with his sons. Thurgood later recalled, "Now, you want to know how

I got involved in law? I don't know. The nearest I can get is that my dad, my brother, and I had the most violent arguments you ever heard about anything. I guess we argued five out of seven nights at the dinner table."

Marshall attended Baltimore's Colored High and Training School, where he was an above-average student and put his finely honed skills of argument to use as a star member of the debate team. He graduated with honors in 1930 from Lincoln University, an historically Black college in Pennsylvania. Although he was academically overqualified, he was denied admission to the University of

Maryland Law School because of his race. This firsthand experience with discrimination in education made a lasting impres-

sion on Marshall and helped determine the future course of his career. Marshall attended law school at Howard University, another historically Black school, and graduated magna cum laude in 1933.

The next year Marshall began working for the Baltimore branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In 1936, Marshall moved to New York City to work full time as legal counsel for the NAACP. Over several decades, Marshall argued and won a variety of cases to strike down many forms of legalized racism, helping to inspire the American civil rights movement.

As a lawyer, his crowning achievement was arguing successfully for the plaintiffs in *Brown v. The Board of Education of Topeka* in 1954. The Supreme Court ruled that separate but equal doctrine was unconstitutional and ordered the desegregation of public schools across the nation.



Justice Thurgood Marshall

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Thurgood Marshall

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President Lyndon Johnson appointed Thurgood Marshall as the 96th Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1967. Marshall compiled a long and impressive record of decisions on civil rights, not only for African-Americans but also for women, Native Americans, and the incarcerated. He was a strong advocate for individual freedoms and human rights.

Thurgood Marshall was a lifelong Episcopalian. He was remembered as “a wise and godly man who knew his place and role in history and obeyed God’s call to follow justice wherever it led.”

Thurgood Marshall’s feast day is May 17.

(Saints Among Us hint: Watch this space in June for our next saint, who had a connection with Thurgood Marshall.)

Source: A Great Cloud of Witnesses (Church Publishing Inc.)

Prayer for Thurgood Marshall

Eternal and ever-gracious God, you blessed your servant Thurgood Marshall with exceptional grace and courage to discern and speak the truth: Grant that, following his example, we may know you and recognize that we are all your children, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, who teaches us to love one another; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Rejoice with Scott Nonken As He Becomes a Priest

Our deacon, the Rev. Scott Nonken, will be ordained priest at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the Cathedral.

All are welcome to attend this festive service and to wish Scott well as he begins this new phase of his ministry.

Scott began worshiping at the Cathedral in May 2010, when he moved to St. Petersburg from Vermont. He was ordained deacon in December 2018.

“When I first discerned my call, I felt called to the work of a deacon: bringing the needs of the community to the Church and then leading the Church back out to address those needs,” Scott said.

“As I lived into my call, and especially during this last year and a half, I began to feel a call to pastoral ministry, and the work I was being called to had more of a pastoral focus. After discussions with Cathedral and diocesan clergy I asked to convene a parish discernment group to begin the testing of what I felt like was a new call,” he said.

“I am grateful to Dean Morris for his support, advice, and teaching, and to all the Cathedral folks who have provided support and words of encouragement throughout this long journey,” Scott said.



Cathedral Arts Troupe, Week One

The Cathedral Arts Troupe is rehearsing for its presentation at the 10:15 a.m. service on Pentecost, June 5. On Week 1 they heard the story of Holy Week and deco-

rated cloth bags that hold a take-home Holy Week matching game, and they started learning a Taizé song for the Pentecost anthem. Still to come: learning about the Holy

Spirit with the help of bubble art! Watch for the results on Pentecost.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Emma Knippen decorates her bag; Maggie Albert shows the finished product; another bag bears a Good Friday theme.



We'll Honor Our Children on Moving-Up Sunday May 22

We'll observe Moving-Up Sunday on May 22 at the 10:15 a.m. service. Our four-year-olds, rising second-graders, and rising sixth-graders and their families will be recognized as they step up to their next phase in Christian formation. They will come forward to receive a blessing and, for older children, a special book. We'll celebrate with an ice-cream sundae bar during coffee hour in the Memorial Garden.

Children moving from nursery to Children's Chapel (age 4):

Campbell and Tatum Clarke
Alexandra Ford
Charlotte Foster

Rising second-graders will receive a Bible. Many thanks to Bill and Penny Roen for donating this year's Bibles!

Caroline Clark	Lillian Lopez
Julian Cotrino	Samuel Saut
Tannon Hasbrouck	Alex Underwood

Rising sixth-graders will receive *Call on Me: A Prayer Book for Young People*:

Maggie Albert	Lydia McDowall
Anna Chandler	Eve Munkittrick
Aksel Erickson	Peyton Parker
Jack Knippen	Gwennie Sosa
Ben Lopez	Ronnie Sylvester



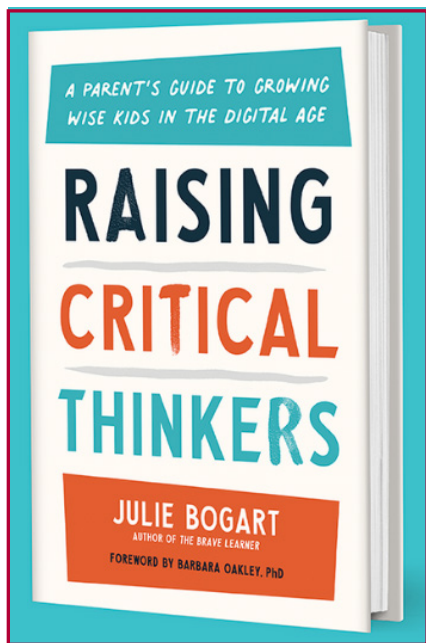
Making It Messy

Messy Church was all about Easter (and sweets)! We made bunny-ear cinnamon rolls (above), heard stories about Jesus appearing to the disciples, dyed Easter eggs, and had a challenge to create a design using 50 jelly beans for the 50 days of Easter.

Messy Church returns in September. Many many thanks to Cathy, Lois, Michael, Debra, and Debbie for all their creativity, dedication, and leadership! Photo by HILLARY PEETE.

Raising Kids in the Digital Age: Book Group for Parents

Our parents' reading group continues via Zoom from 8 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, May 5 and 12, as we discuss *Raising Critical*



Thinkers: A Parent's Guide to Growing Wise Kids in the Digital Age by Julie Bogart.

This book, along with a robust study guide full of activities, offers practical tools to help children at every stage of development to process the onslaught of unfiltered information in the digital age.

E-mail Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) to register and obtain the Zoom link.

EYC Schedule for May

Here's the May lineup for EYC (grades 6 to 12), meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Sundays at the Cathedral:

May 1: In preparation for viewing *My Name is Pauli Murray* on May 15, we will learn about Pauli Murray, a pioneering feminist, civil-rights activist, and the first ordained female Black priest. We'll consider all the aspects of her life, from her sexuality to her work as a lawyer, as well as her theology and the call that led her to seek ordination at a time when women were not permitted to be priests in the Episcopal Church.



May 8: Happy Mother's Day; no meeting.

May 15: *My Name Is Pauli Murray*, film screening 4-5:30 p.m., pizza dinner and discussion, 6-7 p.m.

May 22: "Looking Back, Looking Forward." As we come to the end of the school year, we'll reflect on our highs and lows of the year and what we're looking forward to this summer. We'll also work together on a service project for a local LGBTQ+ Youth Center. More details coming soon.

May 29: Memorial Day weekend; no meeting.

Stay tuned for details about the June/July summer schedule!

NEW START FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Interim Executive Is Helping To Restart Services to Homeless Families

Karen Amundrud

Family Promise has hired an interim executive director who is working to reopen the program and begin to serve homeless families after a break of nearly four years.

The new executive is Kiersten Sutton, who developed social-work and case-management skills while working with Community of Hope, a family resource center in York, PA. She and her husband recently relocated to this area.

Family Promise of Pinellas County is part of a national nonprofit organization serving homeless children and their parents. They are housed at participating churches, moving from church to church each week. Four times a year they receive their meals and lodging for a week at Palm Lake Christian Church,



Kiersten Sutton

with St. Peter's support. They spend days at the Day Center at Central Christian Church, 6201 22nd Ave. N, where they seek jobs, social services, and permanent housing.

Ms. Sutton is visiting local affiliates, meeting with board members, and re-engaging host/support congregations. Work has begun with Family Promise National in devising a plan for reopening.

Services to clients have been on hold since late 2018 while the board worked toward financial stability and leadership development.

Please contact Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com) for details. Learn more at fppinellas.org.



Episcopal Relief and Development is providing humanitarian aid in Ukraine. To give a gift, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p8s5ksu>

Pride Family Day: Come Staff Our Booth!

The Cathedral will have a booth at the LGBTQ+ Youth and Family Day on Saturday, June 18, in North and South Straub Park along the St. Petersburg waterfront. Volunteers are needed! Contact Hillary Peete for more information (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

This joy-filled event will bring thousands of LGBTQ+ youth, queer families, and allies together for this one-of-a-kind Pride event. Last year's event was a remarkable reflection of St. Pete's diverse and open-minded community, with many of the attendees being ally families.

Family Day is part of the monthlong Pride celebration in St. Petersburg. The annual night parade along Bayshore Drive in downtown St. Petersburg is Saturday, June 25, and the street carnival is Sunday, June 26, in the city's Grand Central District.

Book Club Resumes Meetings in Person

After almost two years of Zoom meetings, the St. Peter's Book Club is delighted to announce they will begin meeting in person once again.

They will meet in the Chapter Room/Library at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, to discuss *When Women Invented Television: The Untold Story of the Female Powerhouses Who Pioneered the Way We Watch Today*, by Jennifer Keishin Armstrong (352 pages).

In the early days of television, four trail-blazing women shaped the new medium: Irna Phillips (daytime serials), Gertrude Berg (Jewish family comedy), Hazel Scott (first Black woman to host a national evening variety show), and Betty White (daytime talk show favorite and one of the first women to produce, write, and star in her own show). Jan Strimer is the presenter.

This will be a hybrid meeting — in person and on Zoom — to accommodate a regular participant from Alabama as well as local members who aren't yet comfortable attending in person. E-mail Roberta Poellein for the Zoom link: rplln37@gmail.com. If

you're attending in person, no need to register; just come.



We Say Goodbye to Our Guide Dog in Training

The Southeastern Guide Dog in Training whom parishioner Elaine New has been co-raising, Franklin, received a blessing from Canon Ethan Cole at the 12:05 p.m. service on April 6 as he moves on to the next step in his training.

Elaine and Franklin's co-raisers, Vicki and John Critchlow, have been working with Franklin for many months now on his basic training. Franklin has become a familiar figure around the Cathedral as he learns to sit quietly, stay focused, and obey commands in a crowd.



He has now returned to the Southeastern Guide Dog School in Palmetto for additional assessments and then will go on to advanced training.

"Franklin is the fifth puppy I have raised or co-raised for Southeastern," Elaine said. "Each puppy has benefited from being at the Cathedral. I appreciate everyone being so welcoming of the dogs."

Vicki Critchlow, Canon Ethan Cole, Franklin, and Elaine New share a moment after Franklin's farewell blessing. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

Busy Hands Will Warm Heads

Take a look at 43 knitted and crocheted caps created recently by members of the St. Veronica's Guild. The creations of these capable needleworkers will go to clients at the Suncoast Infusion Center.

If you're a stitcher looking for a summer project, we've got one for you. St. Veronica's is planning to make winter caps for students at Campbell Park Elementary and for the children at Florida Resurrection House. This could be an easy way to stay busy and productive and use up those odds and ends of yarn. Please speak to Joanie Andrews (joaniec21@aol.com) or Louise Bennett (peachyb43@yahoo.com) for details.



Around the Cathedral

The Cathedral will be closed on Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day. No services, no classes or other activities.

We'll re-open on Tuesday, May 31, at which time we will go on summer hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday; closed Friday.



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We're still seeking new pictures of everyone for our online photo directory.

E-mail an image you like of yourself or your family to Michelle Thomas (mthomas@spcathedral.com) or ask her to take your photo at coffee hour on Sundays. We want to finish this project by June 5, so smile now!

Want to be on the front lines of meeting and greeting people on Sunday mornings? Want to see to it that all goes smoothly

during worship services? **Become an usher!**

Ushers serve at every worship service, every funeral, at Choral Evensong and Compline and many other events; hence the continuing need to strengthen the ranks of ushers. Jean Curtis would be delighted to hear from you (jeancurtis98@gmail.com).



Our Faith Community Nurse, Rita Sewell, continues to offer these services:

blood-pressure clinic, 9-10 a.m. the first Sunday of the month in the Library; consultations on health matters or mind-body-spirit issues, from 10 a.m. to noon most Thursdays at the Cathedral. E-mail her at nurse@spcathedral.com to make an appointment.

* Our podcast of **sung noonday prayer** continues. Canon Thomas Williams and Michelle Thomas sing the Order of Service for Noonday each Monday through Saturday. The podcasts are posted on Spotify and Apple Podcast each day at 9 a.m. The service lasts between eight and nine minutes, with the sung service lasting six minutes and a spoken meditation two or three minutes.



Michelle Thomas and Canon Williams in a noonday prayer recording session in the Cathedral. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

May Transitions

Birthdays

2	Rhody Gecan	9	Mark Myers	15	Donna Southard
2	Robbie Hasbrouck	10	Tessa Burnsed	15	Katherine Knippen
3	Melissa Barlow	11	Thomas Williams	16	Huston Babcock
3	Anniston Pozo	11	Elin Erickson	16	Samuel Albert
4	Bill Harvard	12	John Clarke	17	Suzanne Love
4	BJ Scarborough	12	Camilla Kilgroe	18	Kelly Grimshaw
4	Carolyn Randall	12	Eden Jacobson	19	Neal Ward
4	Stephen Morris	13	Darrell Menscer	20	Lee Morris
4	Julius Durphey	13	Rich Kral	20	Bill Madison
6	Tim Lanz	13	Matthew McCue	21	Mary Jo Mastry
6	Lillian Lopez	13	Reid Carlisle	21	Andrea Gramling
6	Robert Doyle	13	Emily Bardell	22	Ben Pape
8	Bennett Flint	13	Brady Clifton	22	Jeffrey Saut
9	Will Hollingsworth	14	Gail MacAulay	23	Donald Skinner
				23	Millie Burnsed
				24	Kit Clarke
				25	John Meros
				26	Fred Waters
				27	Louise Garrigues
				27	Tim Holly

28	Ellie Curtis	29	Kerry Carlisle
28	Ken Wolfe	31	Rose-Helen Blanc
29	Suzanne Earle	31	Noah Pozo
29	Carol Ellis		

Anniversaries

2	Rick & Gail MacAulay	17	Charlie & Ellen Rodgers
2	Fred & Phyllis Waters	19	Spencer & Jessica Curtis
3	Fred & Lydia Behnke	24	Mary Jo Mastry & Tracy Crow
5	George & Andrea Gramling	25	Len & Patricia Calone
5	Martin McKinney & Leslie Bagli	25	Katy & John Frederick
6	Alfred & Connie Phillips	27	John & Mary K Wilson
7	Ray & Rosemary Benoit	29	Mary & Rich Kral
8	Danie & Matt Dahm	29	Richard Norman & Adrienne McKee

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Death

Monnie Stewart Moore

St. Peter's: A Guide

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Our Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I and sermon

Sunday, 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II and sermon

Wednesday, 12:05 p.m., Holy Eucharist

Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. can be viewed on Facebook or at [spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream](https://www.spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream), where the order of service can be downloaded.

If you have a pastoral emergency after hours, please call (727) 822-4173 ext. 1 to speak to a member of the clergy.

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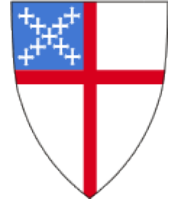
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