



March 2022

CROSSTOWN

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



Caroline Albert and Isla McDowall examine a rock as they learn about the wise man who built his house on a firm foundation. [Page 25](#). Photo by HILLARY PEETE

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Bishop Candidates Will Visit the Diocese in March

The four candidates seeking to become the next Bishop of Southwest Florida will visit the week of March 21 so that they can get to know the diocese and the diocese can get to know them.

One of them will be elected April 2 as Bishop Coadjutor, who will succeed Bishop Diocesan Dabney Smith.

Here are the plans for that meet-and-greet week:

* The candidates will tour the diocese during the day and engage in question-and-answer sessions in the evening in the north, middle, and south regions of the diocese.

* These gatherings are open only to voting lay delegates and clergy. They will be livestreamed at 6 p.m. March 22, 23, and 24 on the diocesan website (episcopalswfl.org) and its Facebook page so the rest of the diocese can watch.



*The Rev. Thomas P.
Reeder*



*The Very Rev.
Douglas F. Scharf*

March 22. Again, the Cathedral session is open only to our voting delegates and clergy. You can watch this session on our livestream (spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream).

You can find biographies, questions and answers, and videos about the four candidates at www.bishopsearchswfl.org/candidates.

Canon Thomas Williams, a member of the Discernment Committee, recalled that

* The Cathedral's voting lay delegates are Tessa Burnsed, Jennifer Preston, and Lauren Durst. All of our clergy also have the vote at the electing convention.

* The Cathedral will host a meet-and-greet session at 6 p.m. Tuesday,



*The Rev. Timothy
E. Schenck*

at the group's final meeting, "we were reminded that we had only two questions to ask regarding each candidate: 'Is this person qualified and ready to be the next Bishop of Southwest Florida? And do I think that, if elected, this person would be a good bishop for us?'"

He continued, "The committee was able to answer 'Yes' to both questions for the four people whom the Standing Committee has put forward. Now a new task of discernment begins for the clergy and lay delegates of the diocese, as we ask a new question: 'Whom do I believe God is calling to be our next bishop?'"

The Electing Convention, at the Cathedral on Saturday, April 2, will also be available on our livestream. We'll have further details next month.



*The Rev. Canon C.
John Thompson-
Quartey*

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The 40 Days of Lent Invite Us to a ‘Holy Observance’

The penitential season of Lent — a 40-day period leading up to Easter — begins on Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday.

This season of self-examination and self-denial corresponds to the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptizer.

(Read Luke 4:1-13, Matthew 4:1-11, or Mark 1:12-13.) During this time Jesus was tempted by Satan while preparing for the start of his earthly ministry.

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday).

Mardi Gras has long been a day of feasting and merrymaking before the somber season of Lent. Histori-

cally it was a time to use up the butter and cream, eggs and meat before the Lenten fast. (These items were often dwindling in supply at the end of winter anyway.)

The word carnival, or *carnevale* — a raucous celebration before the start of Lent — literally means “goodbye to meat.” It is

the custom, particularly in the Roman Catholic church, to observe meatless Fridays during Lent.

As for that name, Shrove Tuesday: In centuries gone by, Christians would make their confession at the beginning of Lent, and would be “shriven” — cleansed — of

their sins. (The Middle English for “absolve” is *shrive, shrove, shriven*.)

The word “Lent” comes from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning “long spring days,” as the short, dark days of winter give way to the brighter days of spring. That is appropriate as we move from a dark, penitential season to the glory of Easter (April 17).

The season lasts six weeks because we do not count Sundays as part of Lent (they are, in effect, “little Easters”). Lent is a time the Church intentionally sets aside for us to go deeper in our faith and develop spiritual practices that draw us closer to God.

The earliest Lent can begin is February 4; the latest, March 10. The start of Lent depends on the date of Easter, which is set according to the lunar calendar. (For everything you ever wanted to know about determining the date of Easter, see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computus> or turn to Page 880 of the Book of Common Prayer.



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The Holy Observance of Lent

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You will notice changes in worship during Lent. The vestments and altar hangings are a penitential purple, and we use only simple greenery rather than colorful floral displays. The music is limited and subdued. We eliminate the word “Alleluia!” from our worship.

During Lent we will have a Choral Introit in place of the opening processional hymn, except for Lent 4, March 26, known as “Refreshment Sunday.” Throughout Lent our music will be limited and more subdued than usual.

Did You Know?

It’s called “Refreshment Sunday” because the fasting rules are relaxed in honor of Jesus’s feeding of the five thousand.

March Evensong Will Feature Glorious Music of Thomas Tallis

Our service of Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. March 27 will include the “Short” service of Thomas Tallis.

The service begins with an organ prelude at 4:45 p.m. by guest organist Brenden Hall. The Responses are by William Smith; the Anthem is Tallis’s “O sacrum convivium.”

The “Short” service is set in the Dorian mode, corresponding to the piano keyboard’s white notes from D to D. It is “a gem of Renaissance music,” one critic says, and a memorial tablet in Greenwich, England, calls Tallis “the father of English Church Music.”

Tallis (1508-85) composed and per-

formed for Henry VIII and his three children, who all reigned: Edward VI, Mary, and Elizabeth I. Throughout his service to

successive monarchs as organist and composer, Tallis avoided the religious controversies that raged around him and, like his brilliant pupil William Byrd, stayed “an unreformed Roman Catholic.”

You can hear the Magnificat from the “Short” Service sung by the Trinity (Cleveland, Ohio) Chamber Singers here: [https://www.youtube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMLN-yvDgC8)

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The Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing. Dwight Thomas is director and organist.



Thomas Tallis

From Ashes to Alleluia: Lent at the Cathedral

For additional details, please visit our page spcathedral.org/lent.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1

Join us for bacon, sausage, pancakes with all the toppings, and King Cake! This is an event for the whole church family. Fun Mardi Gras crafts and a pancake race for the kids, and a simple Burning of the Palms liturgy.



Ash Wednesday March 2 at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m.

The Cathedral will offer three services on Ash Wednesday. The 7 p.m. service will be live-streamed (spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream). Children's Chapel and nursery care will be available for families during the 7 p.m. service.

SUNDAY FORMATION HOUR

Lord, Teach Us to Pray
Sundays at 9 a.m., Harvard Hall
Led by Canon Ethan Cole

March 6: What Is Prayer?

How might we incorporate different kinds of prayer into our lives?

March 13: Praying Alone, Praying Together

What are some ways of praying privately? Why do we pray the way we do in our public worship?

March 20: Lives of Prayer

What does it mean to have a life of prayer? We will examine heroes of the faith, how they prayed and what we might do to imitate them for our own growth in faith and service.

In each conversation we will discuss how prayer and action are connected.

Lent Potluck Dinner and Discussion

6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays
March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6
Potluck dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

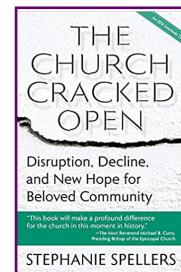
Two discussion groups from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Register for your choice at spcathedral.org/lent

Group #1: The Church Cracked Open...

The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community by Stephanie Spellers

Sometimes it takes disruption and loss to break us open and call us home to God. In this critical yet loving book, the author explores the American story and the Episcopal story in order to find out how communities steeped



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in racism, establishment, and privilege can at last fall in love with Jesus, walk humbly with the most vulnerable, and embody beloved community in our own broken but beautiful way.

Group #2: Lent with the Psalms

This study looks at the so-called penitential psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143), and how we can think of repentance and new life through reflecting on ancient poetry and prayer. The program will include take-home prompts for journaling and prayer.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6 p.m. Fridays
March 4, 11, 18, and 25
and April 1 and 8

Deacon Scott Nonken and Rick Knight will lead Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral. Participants move about the Cathedral offer-

ing prayers and responses using images that illustrate the stages of the passion story.

FORMATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Finding the Way of the Cross in Nature 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 6

Families are invited to discover that the story of Good Friday and the cross is written into the natural world about them — if they only know where to look. “Stations” are very common natural occurrences and not hard to spot, such as a flower or fallen log. As we explore Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, each station has a summary of the story of the station, a sentence from scripture, a simple prayer, a wondering question, and a simple activity for an embodied response. We’ll end with snacks and playtime on the playground. RSVP to Michelle Thomas (mthomas@spca-cathedral.com) by Friday, March 4.

EYC (6th-12th grade)

“Fortunate” Cookies
5-7 p.m. Sunday, March 6

A fun gratitude challenge for Lent! We’ll make fortune cookies filled with notes of

gratitude and discuss how Lent is a season of prayer and reflection.

Messy Church

5:30-7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 10

Messy Church is a wonderful way for families to hear Bible stories and talk about their faith together. We will explore the story of Jesus in the desert through storytelling, science, and art. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (\$10/family), and we close with a prayer at 7:15 p.m. RSVP to Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) by Tuesday, March 8.



EYC (6th-12th grade)

Rehearsal for Way of the Cross
5-7 p.m. Sundays, March 27
and April 3 and 10

From Mary to Jesus to Roman centuries, all youth are invited to take on a role and participate in the 47th Way of the

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Cross. During Youth Group we'll rehearse and have time to hang out. The Way of the Cross walk through downtown St. Petersburg is at 7:30 a.m. Friday, April 15.

Easter Arts Troupe

Sundays, April 10 and 24, May 1, 15, 22
Performance on Sunday, June 5

All children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to learn about the Holy Spirit. Each week we will explore Scripture, art and music. The Lent Arts Troupe was rescheduled for the season of Easter. More details to come.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 10, through Easter, April 17. Save the dates. Details to follow.

Making Palm Crosses

9 a.m.-12 noon Wednesday, April 6

Palm Sunday: Palm Waving and Outdoor Procession

10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 10

Maundy Thursday

7 p.m. Thursday, April 14

Way of the Cross

7:30 a.m. Friday, April 15

Good Friday

Noon Friday, April 15

Great Vigil of Easter

7 p.m. Saturday, April 16

Easter Sunday

8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 17

Picture This! Your Photo in Our Online Directory

We're hoping to gather photos of as many members of the congregation as possible for our online directory on the Realm platform.

If you've got a photo you like — of yourself or of others in your household — please e-mail it to Michelle Thomas at mthomas@spcathedral.com. It can be an individual portrait, or a picture of your entire family/household.



Or Michelle will be glad to take your picture during weekday office hours or during coffee hour on Sundays.

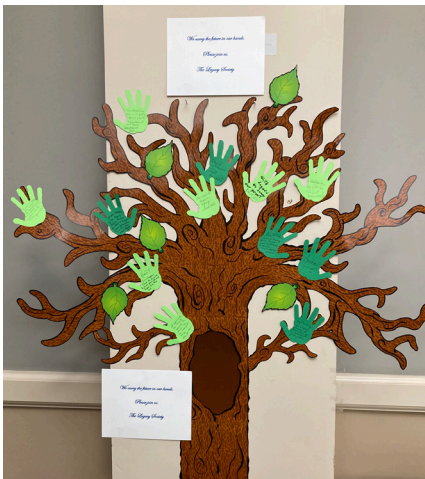


If you had a photo in our old Church Life directory, we can use that, but most of those pictures are four or five years old, and we'd really prefer new pictures that show us as we look today. So everyone, please send in a new image!

We'd like to complete this process by Pentecost — June 5 — so don't be shy. Take a selfie, get someone else to take your picture, or let Michelle do the honors.

Giving a Big Hand To Those Whose Gifts Underwrite Our Future

The Legacy Tree in Harvard Hall bears the “hands” of members of our Legacy Society — parishioners who have remembered the Cathedral in their estate planning. They fulfill our motto: “We Carry the Future in Our Hands.”



Members were honored at a reception February 2, the first time we’ve been able to gather in two years. A short presentation by Marilyn Polson explained how legacy gifts have grown our Endowment Fund to \$5.1-million in value. Society members suggested ways to increase the number of legacy givers and insure that everyone understands that legacy gifts need not be large: Smaller donations make an impact as well.

Legacy gifts can be included in a will, can be the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, the remainder of an IRA, or many other options. If you would like more information concerning becoming a legacy donor to the Cathedral, please contact a member of the clergy or any member

The Legacy Tree. Do your hands belong here?

of the Legacy Planned Giving Committee: Marilyn Polson, Ray McColgan, Gary Patterson, Susan Churuti, or David Hill.



Herb and Marilyn Polson with Lorna and Carey Andrew-Jaja at the reception. Thanks to Marilyn and to Ray McColgan, both members of the Legacy Planned Giving Committee, who planned the event. Photos by JUDY STARK

2022 Faith-Filled Commitment Update: A Big Thank-You

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

Thanks to all those listed below, we have exceeded our goal for the 2022 Faith-Filled Generosity Commitment campaign. Our goal was \$840,000 and we beat that by \$17,593. As Dean Morris has said, faith-filled generosity is the lifeblood of the Cathedral — and you have given it a wonderful infusion!

Your Stewardship Committee sends our heartfelt thanks to all who have stepped up to keep our worship, music, flowers, youth and adult programs, outreach to our community, and so much more financially sound. Thanks also to those who have not pledged but continue to contribute to keep the Cathedral financially strong.

And remember, it is never too late to enter a pledge. You can do so by contacting Michelle Thomas at the Cathedral (727-822-4173), Ray McColgan (rmccolgan@me.com) or online at spcathedral.org/give-perfect.

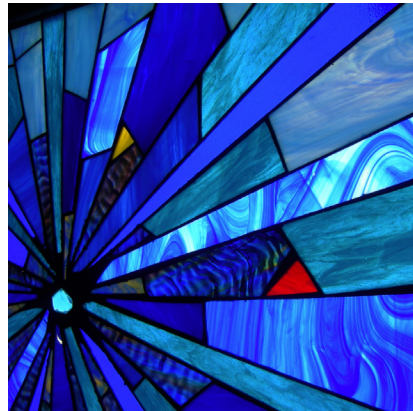
Our deepest thanks and gratitude.

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Fred & Phyllis Waters
Louise Weaver
Sue Wells
Pat Williams
Thomas Williams &
Marty Gould
John & Mary K Wilson
Ken & Anne Marie Wolfe
Meghann Wu
Peter Yelton



Bookseller Will Discuss a Coming-of-Age Story Set During the Red Scare

Alsace Walentine, co-founder of Tom-bolo Books, will be the speaker at noon March 8 at the final presentation in this season's series of Book Talks. She'll discuss Francine Prose's novel, *The Vixen*, named one of the best books of 2021 by NPR, the *Washington Post*, and the *Financial Times*.

It's 1953 and recent Harvard graduate Simon Putnam has been hired to edit *The Vixen*, a lurid bodice-ripper improbably based on the recent trial and execution of alleged spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, and whose seductive author is a patient in a luxury mental institution. Simon cannot reveal his secret at this time of the Red Scare and the McCarthy hearings: that his mother was a childhood friend of Ethel Rosenberg.



Alsace Walentine

Simon is lured from his middle-class family's Coney Island apartment into a sophisticated world of wealth, power, sex, and politics. Gradually he realizes that the people around him are not what they seem, that everyone is keeping secrets, that ordinary events may conceal a diabolical plot — and that these crises may steer him toward a brighter future.

“Depending on the light, it's either a very funny serious story or a very serious funny story,” the *Washington Post* review said. “But no matter how you turn it, *The Vixen* offers an

illuminating reflection on the slippery nature of truth in America, then and now.”

Register at spcathedral.org/book-talks for the Zoom link.

Walentine is the former events planner

at Malaprops, the independent bookstore in Asheville, NC. Since Tom-bolo opened in 2019, it has become a magnet for readers with its carefully curated titles, customer service, book clubs, and live and online author interviews and book discussions.

March Book Talk

What: Alsace Walentine speaks on *The Vixen*, by Francine Prose.

When: Noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, via Zoom. Register for the Book Talk link at spcathedral.org/book-talks.

Book Club Changes Its Lineup: The Monkey God Moves to March

The St. Peter's Book Club has had to adjust its schedule.

They did not meet in February, so that month's book choice, *The Lost City of the Monkey God* by Douglas Preston, has been postponed until March 22.

They'll discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles on April 26; *When Women Invented Television* by Jennifer Keshin Armstrong on May 24; and *There There* by Tommy Orange on June 28.

The book club meets at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. E-mail Roberta Poellein (rp11n37@gmail.com) for the link.

The Lost City of the Monkey God is one of those "believe it or not" true stories.

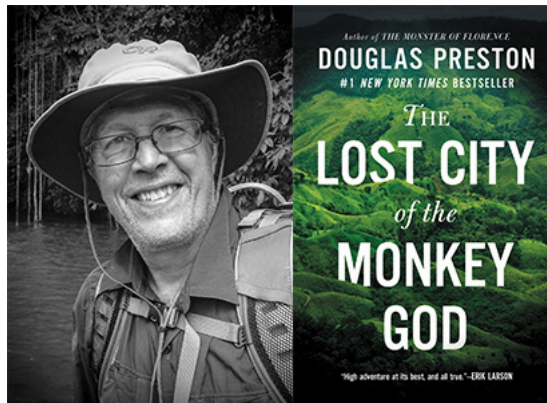
A team of scientists in 2012 located a hidden metropolis in the Honduran rainforest, the long-lost sacred and wealthy White City of the Monkey God.

Indigenous tribes had long warned that anyone who enters the city will fall ill and die. When Preston and his team returned from their exploration,

they found they had contracted a horrifying, sometimes lethal — and incurable — disease.

The book was named Best Book of the Year (2017) by the *Boston Globe* and *National Geographic*.

A documentary about the White City of the Monkey God is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLIjqSHW2SI>



We return to **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** at 2 a.m.

Sunday, March 13.

Turn your clock AHEAD one hour when you go to bed (spring forward). Darker mornings but longer evenings!

Saints Among Us

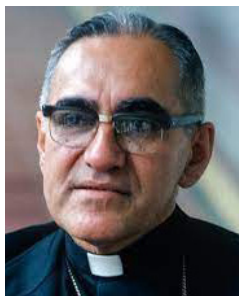


A Contemporary Saint Battled a Government, Died at the Altar

On March 24 the Church remembers another contemporary saint, Óscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador (1917-1980), and the Martyrs of El Salvador.

Born in poverty in El Salvador, Romero studied in Rome and returned to his homeland to work with the poor. Radicals distrusted his conservative sympathies, suspecting that he supported the government, but when a progressive Jesuit friend was assassinated, Romero began protesting the government's injustice to the poor and its policies of torture.

He met with Pope John Paul II in 1980 and complained that the leaders of El Salvador engaged in terror and assassinations. He also pleaded with the American govern-



Óscar Romero

ment to stop military aid to his country, but this request was ignored.

Romero was shot to death while celebrating Mass at a small hospital chapel near his cathedral on March 24, 1980. The previous day, he had preached a sermon calling on soldiers to disobey orders that violated human rights. He had said, "A bishop will die, but the Church of God which is the people will never perish."

The Roman Catholic Church declared him "a servant of God," and he is honored as a martyr by many Christian denominations worldwide.

A statue of Romero stands at the door of Westminster Abbey in London as part of a commemoration of 20th-century martyrs.

Almost nine months after Romero's assassination, four women — two Maryknoll Sisters, an Ursuline Sister, and a lay mission-

er — were also killed in the course of their duties by the El Salvadoran army. Six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her daughter were similarly murdered in November 1989. They are recognized by the Church as the Martyrs of El Salvador.

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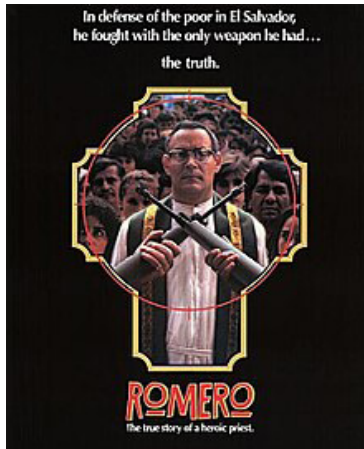
Prayer for Óscar Romero

Almighty God, you called your servant Óscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and for ever. Amen.

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A 1989 movie, *Romero*, is described by one critic as an “excellent film on Archbishop Óscar Romero, portrayed superbly by actor Raúl Juliá. Romero’s transformation from a priest who enjoyed bourgeois comforts to a courageous defender of the oppressed was truly inspirational. A genuine follower of Jesus Christ. Highly recommended.”



Litany at a Lynching Site

Parishioners gathered February 13 at the memorial marker for John Evans at Second Avenue S and Dr. M. L. King (Ninth) Street. Evans was lynched near this site on November 12, 1914, by a white mob of 1,500 men, women, and children who came to witness his public torture.

We gathered to remember the life of John Evans and other victims of racial violence and terror. We paused to reflect on the evils of racism and white supremacy that plague our city and nation. We prayed that we might be reconciled with God and our neighbors.

May we go forward with hope because hopelessness is the enemy of justice.

May we go forward with courage because peace requires bravery.

May we go forward with persistence because justice is a constant struggle.

May we go forward with faith because we shall overcome.



Two Ways to Learn About Native American History

The Becoming Beloved Community group invites you to explore indigenous history, both far away and close to home, with two events this month.

Sunday, March 6, at 11:30 a.m.: Away from Home: American Indian Boarding School Stories. We'll visit a special exhibit at the James Museum. Historical photographs and objects, interactive timelines, and interviews tell individual stories of pain, heartbreak, and resilience. <https://thejames-museum.org/special-exhibitions/> To register, e-mail Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

Sunday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m.: Sacred Lands Tour. We'll take a guided tour of an ancient Tocabaga village site on Boca Ciega Bay that includes our area's best-preserved Native American mound. We'll learn about the native people who lived here as well as a Spanish expedition thought to have landed here in 1528. We'll visit the museum and enjoy the peacocks that roam the grounds. Information: discoverfloridatours.com or spcathedral.org/beloved-community. Meet at 1700 Park St. N,

St. Petersburg 33710. Admission \$10/adult, \$4/child. Space is limited to 20 people. Sign up by March 13 to attend with our group by emailing Cathy Rome at cokelley@gmail.com. More information at spcathedral.org/beloved-community.



Schools like this Indian training school in Oregon intended to substitute white culture for the children's native culture. Photo courtesy of The James Museum

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 **INTER-CESSORY 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.

Music Notes

Please remember these continuing musical offerings:

*** Chanted Compline at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 13.** Attend in person or via livestream (spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream):

Chanted Compline offered by the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams and singer Michelle Thomas. The word “compline” is derived from the Latin *completorium*, since the service is to be said at the completion of the day. This service is relatively short – only about 20 minutes (see Page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer) – and includes the confession, psalms, scripture readings, the Lord’s Prayer, and the *Nunc dimittis* (“Lord, now let your servant go in peace”).

*** Our podcast of sung noonday prayer continues.** Canon 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

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.

Where Does Our Outreach Money Go?

We support our community partners, meet emergency needs

Penny Roen, Outreach Chair

One of the primary responsibilities of the Outreach Committee is to allocate the money entrusted to us by the Cathedral to various nonprofit organizations helping the neediest among us.



In 2022, as in 2021, we have been given \$32,000 to distribute.

This report, the first of a series, will focus on the allocations to the community partner organizations included in our prayers each week: Campbell Park Elementary School, Florida Resurrection House and Peterborough Apartments. (We also pray for, and send volunteers to, Benison Farm, but we do not support Benison Farm financially.)

We allocated \$5,000 to Campbell Park Elementary for 2022. The great bulk of that is being reserved to sponsor classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year. In 2021, we spent \$4,500 to sponsor the 30 classrooms that had not been sponsored when the 2021-2022 school year began. Teachers have used

their sponsorship money to pay the admission fees of scholars who couldn't pay for the field trips to Boyd Hill Nature Preserve; to purchase water bottles for scholars to use at PE and recess; to purchase outside equipment for recess (footballs, basketballs, and jump ropes); and generally to purchase items to encourage positive behavior and increase attendance.

If you would like to sponsor a class, please contact Susan Darrow (sdarrow99@me.com) for information before the start of the 2022-2023 school year in August. In 2021, the cost to sponsor a class was \$150.

The Outreach Allocation will also be used to meet emergency needs at Campbell Park Elementary and to supplement Cathedral members' donations for supplies for teacher and staff recognition events.

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Where Does Our Outreach Go? *[continued from page 18](#)*

We allocated \$7,300 to Florida Resurrection House for 2022. Resurrection House has been a major ministry of the Cathedral since it was founded in 1987. Its programs include longterm transitional housing, intensive case management, financial literacy, educational advancement, career building, social-emotional learning, therapeutic service, childhood enrichment, and the building of supportive relationships. St. Peter's continued support assures



the continuation of these transformative programs that end the generational cycle of poverty.

We allocated \$750 for Peterborough Apartments. This will be used to support the programs and needs of Peterborough Apartments.

Finally, we allocated \$1,850 for Easter and Thanksgiving baskets/bags for Campbell Park Elementary, Resurrection House and Peterborough Apartments families. This will supplement the donations of canned goods and gift cards for meat given by the congregation each year. In 2021, the Cathedral provided 50 bags at Thanksgiving for Campbell Park Elementary and Florida Resurrection House families. This year will be the first year that residents of Peterborough Apartments will be included.

Coming Up Next in This Series of Reports:

Continuing Donations to Community Organizations:

This report will discuss the 2022 allocations to nonprofit organizations such as the St.

Petersburg Free Clinic, Babycycle, the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco and Pinellas for Diapers for Dignity, and others.

Grants to organizations in the community that work to assist in providing food, health, education, relationship-building, and inclusivity to the needy:

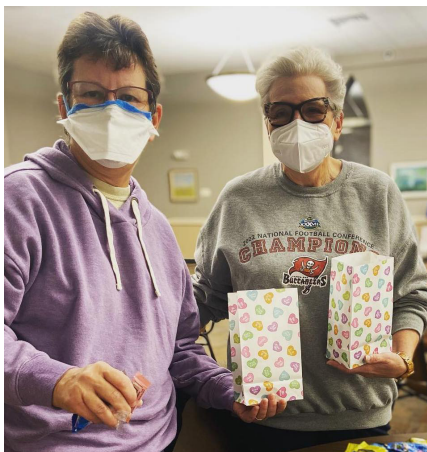
Various activities for which we had allocated money in 2020 and 2021 were cancelled because of Covid. As a result, we had unspent money available during the year to respond to requests for emergency assistance and other needs. Examples included the need for warm clothes for the children at Campbell Park last winter, support for the Guardian ad Litem program, and sponsoring our Cathedral puppy, Faith, as she is being trained to become a guide dog.

As we began the 2022 budgeting process, we decided that we should formally reserve \$5,000 of the \$32,000 we were budgeted to respond to needs and requests that arise during the year. A future report in this series will discuss our new grants program.

For Our Valentines

Volunteers packed 160 bags with notes of encouragement and sweet treats for the teachers and staff at Campbell Park Elementary School. The school is one of the community partners we support with the funds allocated in the Cathedral budget for outreach. If you'd like to get involved with Campbell Park, please speak to Susan Darrow (sdarrow99@me.com). There are lots of ways to support the students, teachers, and staff, whether you have a little time or a lot.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Ellen Alexander and Shar Nudelman fill the bags with goodies.



Ready to deliver some love! From left, Kathy Coughlan, Penny Roen, Mary Howe, Meg Banitch, Ellen Alexander, Shar Nudelman, Debra Eich.

ST. VERONICA'S GUILD is alive and active. We're the group who gather at 10 a.m. Wednesday mornings to knit, sew, crochet, and needlepoint. Since the first of the year we have donated 94 hats to the infusion center for chemo patients. Reports are that they are delighted to have them available again. We also have 40 twiddle muffs that are ready to be decorated to give to the memory center at St Anthony's.

— Joanie Andrews



Seeking Emergency Supplies For Peterborough

This month the Outreach Committee will collect food and household supplies to make emergency bags for the residents of the Peterborough Apartments. We invite you to donate these items:

Cups of dried noodles	Shelf-stable milk
Dried soups	Hand sanitizer
Powdered power drink mix	Dried fruits and nuts
Cereal (full-size or individual boxes)	Toilet paper
	Tissues
	Paper towels

Please bring your donations to the Cathedral on Sunday mornings or during office hours Monday through Thursday.

We'll be packing these emergency bags on March 27 during coffee hour: See "Volunteering in March," [Page 22](#), if you'd like to help.



Learn About Our Neighbors at Peterborough on March 27

At our 9 a.m. formation hour on Sunday, March 27, we'll provide an introduction to the Peterborough Apartments, one of our ministry partners.

St. Peter's was deeply involved in the creation of Peterborough, a 150-unit apartment building offering affordable housing to seniors. A number of our parishioners serve on the board. Peterborough, at 440 Fourth Ave. N, opened in 1981 and was completely renovated in 2015.

Our involvement with the residents has been limited in the last two years because of Covid, but we regularly provide goodie bags and emergency kits. Canon Ethan Cole will provide ashes to residents on-site on Ash Wednesday. On March 27 we'll talk about ways that you can be involved.

This month we're collecting items for emergency kits, and during coffee hour on this same day you can help to pack those emergency bags.

Since Peterborough offers affordable housing, we'll also spend some time talking about the housing crisis in St. Petersburg and some things that are being done to address the situation.



Volunteering in March

Our Volunteer Opportunity for March is assembling emergency bags for the residents of Peterborough Apartments.

If you would like to help assemble the bags, please join us in Harvard Hall on Sunday, March 27, during coffee hour. [See page 21](#) or contact Ginny Rowell (email yrowell@tampabay.rr.com) or Rita Sewell (rita195382@gmail.com) for additional information about



this project. This project is supported by a grant from Thrivent Financial.

Our ongoing volunteer activities and needs include:

- * Campbell Park Elementary Resource Room volunteers on Tuesdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Contact Susan Darrow, sdarrow99@me.com.

- * Florida Resurrection House childcare volunteers on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m.

- * 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.



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! They 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 (jeancurtis08@gmail.com).

Justice Ministry Will Rally to Support Timely Issues in Pinellas

Affordable housing, criminal justice, water quality are FAST's focus

FAST is a justice ministry that works to change the system in Pinellas County. The name stands for **Faith and Action for Strength Together**. Several members of St. Peter's Outreach and Beloved Community committees are participating in FAST this year through St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, one of 40 congregations of many denominations that are members of FAST.

Each year the membership chooses three issues to address. This year those issues are:

*** Affordable housing:** In the past FAST has persuaded the county and the city to commit a combined \$100-million for affordable housing between 2020 and 2030. More than 70 of these housing units are completed or are under construction. This year FAST is working to get public officials to prioritize housing for families earning \$59,000 a year or less.

*** Criminal justice:** In past years FAST has convinced the county legal system to create diversion programs for juveniles who commit minor offenses. Now we are focusing



on expanding pre-arrest diversion programs for misdemeanors so people get a second chance instead of an arrest record. In Pinel-

las County more than 100,000 drivers have suspended licenses, but 75 percent of these suspensions are not for bad and dangerous driving. They are for unpaid fees and fines unrelated to driving. People should not end up with arrest records simply because they are poor.

*** Water quality/flooding:** We are researching flooding, poor water quality, and health issues caused by Red Tide and determining how we can apply pressure to improve health and water quality.

Help us succeed this year. Our annual Nehemiah Action rally is at 7 p.m. March 28, location to be announced, when the entire FAST community gathers to present our solutions and asks public officials to commit to action.

Learn more about FAST at <http://www.fast-pinellas.org>, or speak to me, Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com).

Around the Cathedral

Gift Card Donations Needed

The Cathedral is hosting a spring party and picnic for the residents of Florida Resurrection House on Saturday, April 30. We need your help with donations. We need gift cards for a fun raffle for the residents and their families. If you have any gift cards at home that are not being used, please consider donating them. Or feel free to purchase one to add to our raffle.

This is a suggested list of the types of gift cards we're seeking: Publix, Target, Chick-fil-A, nail salons, Bath and Body Works, movie passes. If you have other ideas please feel free to reach out to see if they can be accepted. Contact Hillary Peete for more information (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

Plant a Carrot, Get a Carrot

Volunteers plant carrots and onions at Benison Farm, the community garden that is a joint project of St. Thomas' and St. Augustine's Episcopal Churches. Our next

workday is from 9 to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 26. Benison Farm is at 2920 26th Ave. S. Contact Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) for more information. Photo by HILLARY PEETE.



Raising Kids in the Digital Age: Book Group for Parents

Last fall we were thrilled to welcome Scott Strader, Cathedral member and di-

rector of counseling at USF, and Monica Burton, LMFT, to speak with parents of our youth. They gave some context for the mental-health challenges for teens and young adults brought on by the pandemic, as well as practical tools for building resilient families.

Technology, social media, and raising kids in the digital age were topics that came up in our conversations about mental health. This spring, parents are invited to join in a book study of *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 chock-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.

We will meet on Zoom from 8 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, April 28, May 5, and May 12.

Save the date and go ahead and start reading! Contact Hillary Peete for more information (hpeete@spcathedral.com).

Building What Will Last

Messy Church in February was all about being wise builders! We experimented with building on rocks and sand and read about

what we can build with the people we love that will last even when the rains come.



Anniston gets ready to drop a shell into vinegar to test for calcium carbonate (watch for the fizz!). We saw what happens when we build on sand (collapse!)

and what happens when we build on rocks (a firm foundation!). The kids had fun with Legos. Above, listening to a story about building what will last.

Lenten Devotionals Available

Looking for a daily devotional to deepen your prayer life during Lent? Here are two possibilities:

Episcopal Relief and Development offers a Lenten devotional focusing on transformation, focusing on ERD's priorities: Women, Children, and Climate, and Disaster Resilience and Response Work. Download the PDF or sign up to receive daily meditations via e-mail at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/len/>

Luther Seminary offers a Lenten devotional, "My Song Is Love Unknown," in either regular or large-print format. Visit the page luthersem.edu/godpause/lenen-devotional to download it or to sign up to have it sent to your inbox each day.

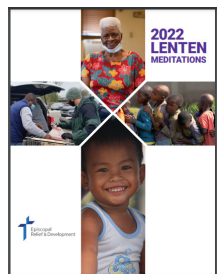


Remembering Archdeacon Moore

The Venerable Dr. Kathleen Moore suffered a catastrophic aneurysm on February 15 and died on February 18. She was the diocesan archdeacon and dean of the diocesan School for Ministry.

Archdeacon Moore was known to the Cathedral community as the leader of our annual Quiet Day in January 2019, which focused on "our baptismal covenant to live out Christ's ministry of reconciliation in the world," she said at the time. "Our challenge is not to ask what the world needs, but to ask what makes us come alive and go do it."

Deacon Moore was ordained deacon in 2016 and served at St. John's, Tampa.



Super Fans

Shar Nudelman and Ray McColgan share a moment at our Super Bowl party on February 6. Everyone was encouraged to wear their team colors, and we enjoyed Super Bowl goodies. Thanks to Mike Schillace, Thomas Walker, and Wil Laroche, the sidelines team who along with Ray and Shar brought you your pregame snacks and treats!

Photo by MIKE SCHILLACE



March Transitions

Birthdays

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| 1 Richard Norman | 6 Jason Ray |
| 1 Louis Ford | 8 Marguerite Dawson |
| 2 Bud Miller | 8 Dianne Casorio |
| 3 Hilary Sosa | 8 Ken Esteb |
| 3 Adam Burnsed | 8 Roberto Palen |
| 3 Natalie Gramling | 9 Andrea Day |
| 4 Carol Piper | 9 Peter Fleming |
| 5 Rose Linderman-
Worlein | 10 Kathy Campbell |
| 5 John Echternach | 14 Rosemary Benoit |
| 5 Paige Hanks | 14 Betsy Reynolds |
| 6 Judy Beck | 14 Martin McKinney |
| 6 Jackson Crona | 15 Colin Dunn |
| 6 Gabriele Stauf | 15 Sharon Lunsford |
| 6 Dustin Knight | 16 Gareth Eich |
| 6 Bishop Doley | 17 Joel Burnsed |

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| 17 DeDe Sheetz |
| 18 Cynthia Garrels |
| 18 Gregory Depp |
| 20 Mary Murante |
| 21 Will Michaels |
| 21 Tatum Clarke |
| 21 Campbell Clarke |
| 23 Lucy Barnett |
| 23 Samuel Saut |
| 25 Clay Farrar |
| 25 Karen Kuchel |
| 26 Elizabeth Hasbrouck |
| 27 Jim Potter |
| 28 Carol Ann Miller |
| 28 Caroline Albert |
| 28 Laura Albee |
| 28 Natalie de Sousa |
| 28 Maggie Doley |
| 29 Vincent Murante |
| 29 Alexandra Ford |
| 30 Courtney Thornburg |
| 30 Richard Sias |
| 30 Caroline Clarke |

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| 30 Carolyn Gregory | 31 Tannon Hasbrouck |
| 30 Caroline Foster | 31 Aaron Zarate |

Anniversaries

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| 13 Ron Gallucci &
Bill Madison | 18 Sherie Campbell &
Michelle Correll |
| 17 Scott Nye &
Rebecca Wain | 20 Don Fritz & Tim Lanz |
| | 25 Judy & Jerry Talbot |



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Deaths

Mary Lee Setzer Marge McCabe

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

Second Sunday, 7 p.m., Chanted Compline (through April)

Fourth Sunday, 5 p.m., Choral Evensong (through April)

Masks are encouraged at all worship services and indoor gatherings but are not mandatory.

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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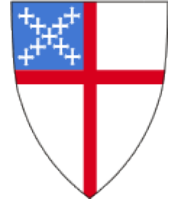
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