



# CROSSTOWN

April 2022

*At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg*



May God & Peace Be With You  
Through This Difficult Time.  
May the thoughts & prayers of the world  
bring you strength and courage.  
Our love is with you now & will  
be forever.

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*Our youth group created cards to support the people of Ukraine.  
This one was designed by Chas Wain-Nye. Story, [Page 11](#).*

# On April 2, We Elect a New Bishop

And now: the election.

On Saturday, April 2, the Diocese of Southwest Florida will elect a bishop coadjutor who will succeed the Right Rev. Dabney Smith as the sixth bishop of our diocese.

It's an exciting day, a day that will determine the direction of this diocese for the next decade or more. Here's how you can be involved.



*The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder*

The Cathedral is hosting the electing convention, which is open only to registered delegates. If you are not a voting delegate or have not been assigned a specific volunteer role that day, you will not be admitted



*The Very Rev.  
Douglas F. Scharf*

to the Cathedral. You can watch the proceedings on the diocesan website ([episcopalswfl.org](http://episcopalswfl.org)) or on its Facebook page.

The Cathedral's voting delegates are our clergy and three lay delegates, members of the Chapter: Tessa Burnsed, Lauren Durst, and Jennifer Preston, and alternate Susan Darrow.

A worship service begins at 10 a.m. and the electing convention

will begin shortly after the end of the worship, some time after 11 a.m.

Clergy and lay delegates vote separately. To achieve election, a candidate must receive 50 percent plus one of the votes in both the lay order and the clergy order on the same ballot. There is no way to



*The Rev.  
Timothy E. Schenck*

predict how many ballots this might take.

Biographies, questions and answers, and videos about the four candidates are available at [www.bishopsearchfl.org/candidates](http://www.bishopsearchfl.org/candidates).

The bishop-elect will be ordained and consecrated on September 24 at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota. We'll have details about this joyous and festive event as the days draw near.



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

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# HOLY WEEK and EASTER EVENTS and SERVICES at the Cathedral

**Palm Sunday, April 10, at 8 and 10:15 a.m.: Holy Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms.** Before the 10:15 a.m. service we will process around the Cathedral waving palms and singing.

**Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m.: Holy Eucharist, foot-washing and stripping of the altar.**

**Good Friday, April 15, at 7:30 a.m.: 47th Way of the Cross procession** through downtown streets, led by Cathedral youth.

**Good Friday, April 15, noon: Good Friday Liturgy with Solemn Collects.** Children's Chapel and nursery care are available, including an interactive service

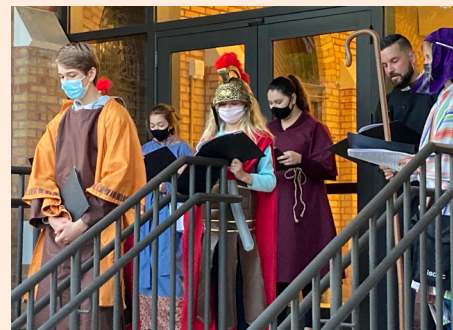
for children so that they can feel, smell, and taste the story.

**Holy Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. Holy Saturday office** in St. Mary's Chapel.

**Holy Saturday, April 16, 7 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter.** The first service of Easter. We light the new fire as we move from the darkness of the tomb to the light of resurrection. With baptisms and confirmations.

**Easter Sunday, April 17, at 8 and 10:15 a.m. We continue the joyous celebration of the Resurrection.** All note, the 10:15 a.m. service is always very well attended. Come early if you expect to find a parking space and a seat. Eas-

ter egg hunt and festive coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. service.



*A year ago, youth led the 46th Way of the Cross walk through downtown St. Petersburg. Joseph Shideler was Jesus in 2021. Photo by JUDY STARK*

All are welcome to join the Altar Guild in **MAKING PALM CROSSES** on Wednesday, April 6, starting at 9 a.m. Our workspace will be in the hall between Harvard Hall and the nursery. We expect to make



about 800 crosses. One batch will go to students at Berkeley Prep in Tampa. The rest will be handed out on Palm Sunday. Every year we invite parishioners to bring their palm crosses back to be burned for ashes on Ash Wednesday. Making the crosses is easy and there are lots of willing teachers.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** continue at 6 p.m. Fridays, April 1 and 8, led by Deacon Scott Nonken and Rick Knight. Participants move about the Cathedral offering prayers and responses using images that illustrate the stages of the Passion story.

We invite you to make a gift to our **MUSIC AND FLOWER MEMORIALS** this Easter. Go to [spcathedral.org/easter-memorials](http://spcathedral.org/easter-memorials) to fill out the form and make your donation. (This link goes live April 1.) Your gift supports the Flower Guild's special arrangements and decorations for the season as well as outstanding music in our worship services.

**The Cathedral will be closed on Easter Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19. No classes, no services. We'll reopen at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 20.**

# Our Confirmands Learned to Ask the Questions, Keep Seeking the Answers

**Hillary Peete, Director of Christian Formation**

Last summer, when I asked one of our 8th-graders if they were planning to join the fall confirmation class, they replied, “I don’t think so. I have too many questions.”



“Perfect!” I said. “Sounds like you’re exactly ready for confirmation.”

And so they are. At the Great Vigil of Easter — 7 p.m. Saturday, April 16 — five wonderful young people will undergo the rite of confirmation. The Book of Common Prayer describes confirmation as “a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism.” Carter Curtis, Ellie Curtis, Dustin Knight, Sophia Preston, and Joseph Shideler are ready.

The focus throughout the confir-

*This year’s confirmands, with mentors and teachers: Back row, from left, Justin Knippen, Joseph Shideler, Carter Curtis, Dave Lessard, Lauren Durst. Front row, Dustin Knight, Ellie Curtis, Hillary Peete, Sophia Preston, Michelle Thomas.*

mation process was empowering youth to discern what they believed — not a belief that was passed down, not just what their family believes, or what friends might believe. Our hope is that when they stand in front of the congregation and affirm their faith, it’s a faith that is true to them.

Our confirmation process, based loosely on the “Confirm not Conform” curriculum, started each week by posing a set of statements. On the wall we taped signs that read: strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree. We all moved to where we were after each statement was read. They ranged from “I prefer speaking to listening” to “I sometimes feel God’s presence” or “I have people who can help me.” The point is that we found ourselves in different places, and that’s okay. There

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will be aspects of our faith where we align with family, friends, and community, and sometimes our beliefs may fall in a different spot on the spectrum. It is challenging but it makes for a more vibrant faith when we are able to discern what we believe versus what others may believe.

Michelle Thomas, our associate for Christian formation, and I led the youth through a 16-session confirmation series, including two retreat days and four sessions with mentors over the course of seven months. We met weekly, knowing that building community and talking through challenging topics with peers are an important aspect of formation. We covered the Lord's Prayer, the Bible, the Nicene Creed, the Book of Common Prayer, the sacraments, church history, and more.

We emphasized that the intent of each session was not to make sure they “knew” everything there was to know about each topic (obviously not possible in an hour!), but to expose them to some of the pillars of our faith. They rose to the occasion and

engaged in thoughtful theological conversation.

This is the continuation of a relationship with God that began at their baptisms with promises made on their behalf. Now they're ready to make that mature public affirmation of their faith. We are delighted to continue this journey with them as their faith expands and grows. And we hope they keep asking really great questions.



### What Their Mentors Said

“Mentor” feels like the wrong word for my role in Ellie Curtis and Sophia Preston’s confirmation journey. Something like “witness” or “ally” would be more accurate. I witnessed two young women ask and grapple with some of life’s most difficult questions. For example: Who do I want to become? Where do I see God in my life? What do I do if I disagree with some of our traditions? And I had the pleasure of trying to be an ally to them, affirming their smart questions and listening to their unique experiences. I learned that, despite our age

gap, we’re not so different after all, because we’re all just trying to figure it out as we go along.

— Lauren Durst

Being a sponsor for two of the Cathedral’s impressive young men reminded me of the lifelong spiritual journey we all take as Christians. Witnessing Joseph Shideler and Carter Curtis’s thoughtful discernment and display of love to their fellow candidates was nothing short of inspiring. I was thankful and humbled to share in this experience with them and the rest of the amazing candidates. Thank you to St. Peter’s youth ministry and the spiritual guidance of Hillary and Michelle.

— Justin Knippen

It was an honor to be part of Dustin Knight’s confirmation process. I hope we, as a group, instilled in them that the love of God will always be with them throughout their life journey. I’ll also always remember going out with Dustin for his first time in a canoe during our retreat at DaySpring.

— Dave Lessard

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### Lighting a New Fire

We spent our last retreat day together at Confirmation 2022 exploring all the ways God's mystery, power, and holiness are revealed through fire. Confirmands and mentors discussed: Have you ever had a "holy ground" experience? Are there areas



*Left, Sophia Preston heats clear glass and melds in colored glass.*

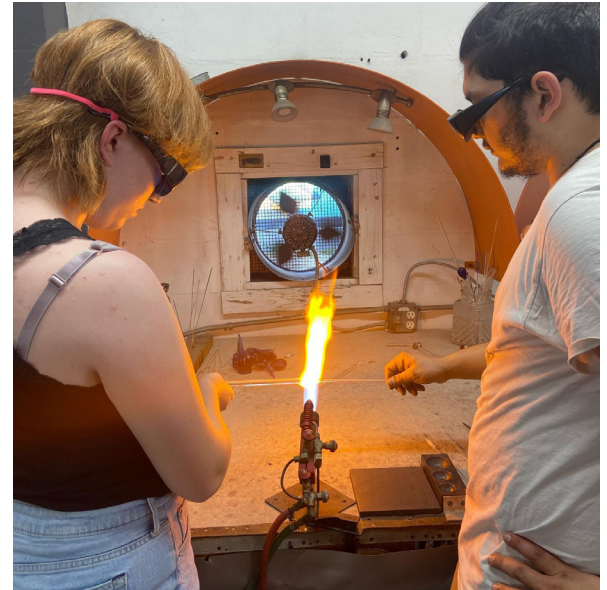


*Carter Curtis with his suncatcher.*

of your life or relationships that could use pruning? When you forget, who reminds you of your spark? We ended the day at

Zen Glass Studio in St. Petersburg, forging our own creations.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



*Ellie Curtis gets guidance from an instructor at Zen Glass Studios.*

# You'll Be Hearing the Inspiring Stories Of Faith-Filled Generosity

Stewardship and Faith-Filled Generosity are 24/7. Yet we usually hear testimonials from parishioners only during our Faith-Filled Commitment campaign in October. Your Stewardship Committee wants to change that.

There are so many guilds/groups/committees/individuals whose Faith-Filled Generosity of time and talent make the Cathedral the vibrant, active, and engaged church that it is. We want to recognize those people and publicize the ways in which anyone can become involved in the life of the Cathedral.

The first Sunday of each month will become Faith-



Filled Generosity Sunday and someone will provide a very brief presentation about why they give their time and talent, what their guild/group/committee does, recognize those involved, and encourage others to join. It might also reflect on how the time and talent given by others have affected them.

Leaders of the various groups have been contacted and asked to provide the name of someone who can speak for them. If you would like to be one of these presenters (and we hope you do!), please contact your guild/group/committee leader and make them aware of your willing-

ness. If you are the leader, please get this information to Ray McColgan ([RMcColgan@me.com](mailto:RMcColgan@me.com)) so that a schedule can be created.

We are blessed with so many helping hands and we want to recognize them for their devotion.

## Commitment Update

The name of Virginia Rowell was inadvertently omitted from the list of those who have made a Faith-Filled Commitment in last month's issue of Crosstown.

We are happy to add John and Louise Garrigues to those who have made their Faith-Filled Commitment. It is never too late to add your name to the list! Visit [spcathedral.org/give-perfect](http://spcathedral.org/give-perfect) to make your pledge.



## Holy Week and Easter For Families

**Palm Sunday, April 10, at 10 a.m.:** Children are invited to gather with the congregation on the steps to **wave palm branches** and lead a procession around the outside of the church as we sing before the 10:15 a.m. service. Children's Chapel follows the procession.

**Maundy Thursday, April 14:** dinner at 6 p.m., service at 7 p.m. We will offer a **simple soup supper** for families with children. RSVP to Hillary Peete by April 11 ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)). Children's Chapel and nursery care available.

**Good Friday, April 15, 7:30 a.m.:** **Way of the Cross** walk through downtown St. Petersburg, led by Cathedral youth.

**Good Friday, April 15, at noon: Children's Chapel and nursery care** are available, including an interactive service for children so that they can feel, smell, and taste the story.

**Easter Sunday, April 17, at 10:15 a.m.** Nursery care is available for babies through age 4 and Children's Chapel for ages 4 through 2nd grade. Worship bags are available in the narthex for all children in worship. Easter egg hunt after the 10:15 a.m. service (story at right).

## Remember Those Painted Wooden Eggs? Come Hunt for Them!

In March 2020, just before Covid changed the world, parishioners — adults and kids — painted 800 wooden Easter eggs. Our plan was to use them at that year's Easter egg hunt — a hunt that never happened because of the pandemic.

Now we finally get to use them! Babies through 3rd-graders will participate in an egg hunt in the garden after the 10:15 a.m. service on Easter, April 17.

Kids can choose which of our four community partners to donate their eggs to. Tables for Benison Farm, Peterborough Apartments, Florida Resurrection House, and Campbell Park Elementary School will be set out in Harvard Hall. For every egg the kids turn in, the Cathedral's Outreach Committee will give 50 cents to that community partner.

Goody bags with sp-egg-tacular candy and prizes will be on hand for everyone.



*Painting wooden eggs back in March 2020: Now it's time to hunt for them! Photo by HILLARY PEETE*

# Wandering in the Desert

Our March gathering may have been the messiest Messy Church yet!

We heard the stories of the Israelites wandering in the desert and Jesus being tempted in the wilderness. We talked about all the amazing ways animals survive in desert extremes. We made biomes in glass jars

and stretched ourselves doing desert animal yoga. We created habitats with sticks, rocks, boxes, and seeds.

We prayed and thanked God for being our refuge in all places and circumstances.

Messy Church is our family-friendly gathering the third Thursday of the month, from

5:30 to 7:15 p.m. We have dinner together, do crafts, hear Bible stories, and talk about our faith. Our next Messy Church is April 21; send an RSVP to Hillary Peete ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) by April 19.

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*Left, Cathy Rome invites the children to talk about how animals adapt to the desert. Right, Livie Bond creates a desert environment in a jar. Far right, Felix Peete builds a sheltering habitat.*

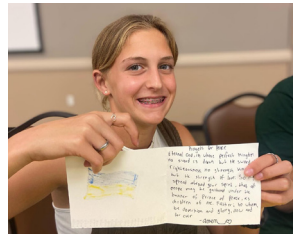


# Supporting the People of Ukraine

Our youth wrote prayers and cards of encouragement supporting the people of Ukraine that were taken to Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in St. Petersburg.



This little faith community celebrated Dustin Knight's birthday, made fortune cookies (they tasted better than they looked), and closed with a service of Com-



*Far left: Group hug!*

*Above: Sophia Preston writes a prayer.*

*Left, Dustin Knight celebrates another trip around the sun.*

*Right: A world apart, but in our hearts.*

pline. We are so thankful to be able to come together in the midst of all the highs and lows of life.

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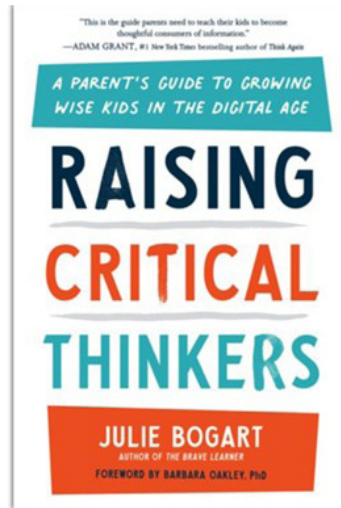
## Raising Kids in the Digital Age: Book Group for Parents

Last fall we were thrilled to welcome Scott Strader, Cathedral member and director 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 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 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.

Worried you can't commit to reading the whole book? That's okay! We'll pull from the study guide, outside resources, and our own collective wisdom to have great conversations.

We will meet on Zoom from 8 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, April 28, May 5, and May 12. E-mail Hillary Peete ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) by April 25 to register.



## Sponsor a Youth Group Dinner!

We're looking for adults to provide dinner for Youth Group. A sign-up is available at [spcathedral.org/youth](https://spcathedral.org/youth). There are usually eight to 12 youth and adults on Sunday evenings. Homemade or store-bought, we aren't picky! Speak to Hillary Peete ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) for details.

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## Easter Arts Troupe Will Perform

Our Easter Arts Troupe will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays, April 10 and 24 and May 1, 15, and 22, with a performance at the 10:15 a.m. service on June 5.

All children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to learn about the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. Each week we will explore scripture, art, and music. Please email Hillary Peete ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) to register.

## Formation Notes



### Learn About Our Neighbors at Peterborough on April 24

At our 9 a.m. formation hour on Sunday, April 24, 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. On April 24 we'll talk about ways that you can be involved.

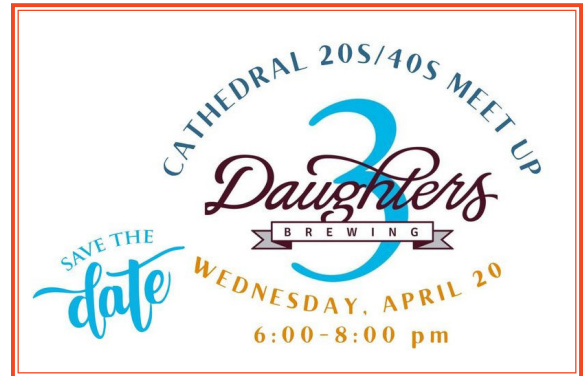
Since Peterborough offers affordable housing, we'll also spend some time talking about the housing crisis in St. Petersburg and actions being taken to address the situation.

### Formation Offerings in April

- Our Formation Hour at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 3, will be led by The

Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams. This will be another installment in our "Shape of the Year" series, focusing on Holy Week and Easter.

- No Sunday-morning formation offering on April 10 (Palm Sunday) or April 17 (Easter).
- Canon Cole's Tuesday-night Zoom class on Genesis resumes at 6:30 p.m. on April 26 and May 3, 10, 17, and 24. Register at [spcathedral.org/book-and-bible](http://spcathedral.org/book-and-bible).



## Latin Rhythms Will Enliven Final Evensong of the Season

Our last service of Choral Evensong for this season, at 5 p.m. April 24, the Second Sunday of Easter, will offer the Service in C, known as the “Latin American” service, of the British composer Bryan Kelly (b. 1934).

After an organ prelude at 4:45 p.m., the service begins with Hymn 212, “Awake, arise, lift up your voice.” The Responses are by Thomas Foster and the Anthem is Harold Friedell’s “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life.” The concluding hymn is 457, “Thou art the Way, to thee alone.”

Kelly’s service incorporates Latin American rhythms with the familiar words of the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc dimittis*. Listen to the service here as sung by the Guildford Cathedral Choir: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3iz\\_Lz8YEI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3iz_Lz8YEI)

Kelly’s compositions range from light orchestral music and works for brass band to more serious and extended orchestral works as well as church music.

The Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing. Dwight Thomas is music director and organist. A freewill offering is taken. You may attend live or listen to the livestream at [spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream](http://spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream).



Bryan Kelly



## Music Notes

Please remember these continuing musical offerings:

\* **Chanted Compline** at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 10 — last of the season. Attend in person or via livestream (<http://spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream>): 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.

## New Microgrants Program Supports The Work of Local Nonprofits

### Penny Roen

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 second in a series, focuses on our new Microgrant Program, which funds projects through a competitive grant system open to all nonprofits. It has been designed to encourage connections between the Cathedral and organizations that work to transform the lives of the vulnerable through food, health, education, relationship building, and inclusivity initiatives.

We have allocated \$2,500 from our annual allotment for the first cycle of grants, which are expected to range between \$200 and \$750.

The application will be posted on the Cathedral website and applications will be accepted between May 1 and June 15. Awards will be made in early August.

Coming up next month in this series of reports: Continuing donations to community organizations. The last of these reports will discuss the 2022 allocations to nonprofit organizations such as the Free Clinic, Babycycle, the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco and Pinellas for Diapers for Dignity, and others.



## Volunteer Opportunities

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](mailto: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](mailto:pennyroen@gmail.com)), who will direct you to the appropriate person.

## Opportunity of the Month

In April the Outreach Committee will collect supplies for the Resource Room at Florida Resurrection House: cleaning products, hygiene items, and baby essentials. The resident families, who are on tight budgets, can “shop” the room at no cost to obtain these essential items:

Paper towels	Toilet paper
Hand soap	Hand sanitizer
All-purpose cleaner	Disinfecting wipes
Laundry pods	Kitchen trash bags
Diapers and wipes	Feminine pads

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



## What's Going On with Our Ministry Partners

\* **Campbell Park:** We 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 will need helpers to set up, greet teachers and staff, and clean up. We need donations of baking potatoes, sour cream, salad ingredients, fruit, and desserts. Donations of gift cards for a teacher/staff raffle would be great. We’ll need volunteers this month to plan the event and on May 4 to work the event. Reach out to Susan Darrow ([sdarrow99@me.com](mailto:sdarrow99@me.com)) for a link to a signup form for food donations and helper time slots. Hope you can help us with this fun event!

\* **Florida Resurrection House.** On April 30, Cathedral members will volunteer at the Florida Resurrection House Fun Day. We’ll provide lunch for the residents, games, a cake walk, and a gift-card raffle. See [page 18](#) for more about this exciting spring party.

\* **The annual New Beginnings Breakfast** at Resurrection House on April 28. See the story on [page 17](#) for details.

\* **Peterborough Apartments:** We delivered emergency bags to Peterborough Apartments on March 28.



## Come to Breakfast, Hear How Lives Are Being Changed Support Resurrection House, Then Tour the James Museum

### Al Phillips

The Florida Resurrection House New Beginnings breakfast is back!

There is so much going on at Resurrection House these days that you have to see it to believe it. Join us for our annual New Beginnings Breakfast to learn all about it, then tour the James Museum for free.

An in-person, Covid-safe breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. April 28 at the James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art, 150 Central Ave. You'll have a chance to hear about how Resurrection House is breaking the generational cycle of poverty.

Resurrection House is a long-term, faith-based



residential program that serves mainly single mothers and their children through transitional housing, therapeutic services, social-emotional learning, education, job training, and life skills. St. Peter's was a founder, in 1987, and has been a continu-

ing supporter. More than 500 families have participated in Resurrection House's programs since the beginning. The campus is at 800 11th St. N, St. Petersburg.

Attendees can tour the museum at no charge after the breakfast, and free parking is available.

Want to attend (of course you do!)? E-mail Al Phillips at [alphillips100@gmail.com](mailto:alphillips100@gmail.com)

Mark your calendar for 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](http://satriathlon.com) for course maps and plan your route to church accordingly, since streets will be closed to allow athletes to pass.

# It's Party Time at Resurrection House! We Need Your Help

As part of our ongoing partnership with Florida Resurrection House, we are excited to host a spring party from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in their courtyard at 800 11th St. N. There is a full lineup of activities and games, and volunteers are needed.

**Donate** gift cards or other new items for a raffle. If you have unused gift cards, please consider donating them, or feel free to purchase one to add to our raffle. Here is a suggested list of the types of gift cards we need: Publix, Target, Chick-fil-A, nail salons, Bath and Body Works, movie passes. If you have other ideas, please check with Laura Flint ([lrprice4@gmail.com](mailto:lrprice4@gmail.com)) to see if they can be accepted (there are some limitations).

**Volunteer** to lead an activity. We'll have a cake walk, a station to take family pictures, crafts for

kids, and more. Contact Hillary Peete to volunteer ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)).

**Donate** baked goods. Consider donating store-bought or homemade cake, cookies, cupcakes, or other sweet treats for the cake walk. Donations can be dropped off at the Cathedral on Friday, April 25, or brought directly to Resurrection House on April 26. Contact Hillary Peete if you plan on donating.

Thank you to Courtney McBaen, Cathedral member and operations

director at the Chick-fil-A on Tyrone Boulevard N. She has arranged to donate 60 boxed sandwiches and nuggets for lunch.

Welcome back to Marj Nye, who will make balloon animals and other balloon creations for kids during the party.



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

## The Gift of Dignity

Our February drive for adult diapers and incontinence aids benefits the Diapers with Dignity program. Photo by PENNY ROEN



## Keep It Growing

Our next workday at Benison Farm is from 9 to 11 a.m. April 23. We'll plant new fruits and vegetables for the spring growing season. This community garden, at 2920 26th Ave. S, provides fresh food for the neighborhood and grows relationships among those who tend the crops and chickens. It's a joint project of St. Augustine's and St. Thomas' Episcopal churches.

From 4 to 6 p.m. April 24, we'll host a potluck. This is another great way to get to know others in the community and enjoy the beauty of the farm.

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; and **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](mailto:nurse@spcathedral.com) to make an appointment.

# Saints Among Us



## From China to Chinatown, a Missionary to Those of Asian Descent

Church work among Chinese Americans in the San Francisco Bay area dates back to the middle of the 19th Century, but truly began to flourish under the leadership of Daniel Gee Ching Wu.

Ng Gee Ching, born in China in 1883, arrived as a child in Honolulu, Hawaii. Initially lukewarm toward Christianity, he agreed to assist Deaconess Emma Drant, who taught him English in exchange for his teaching her Cantonese and assisting the Chinese community in Hawaii.

Inspired by Deaconess Drant's faith, he converted to Christianity, was baptized, and, as was the custom of the day, took "Daniel" as a colloquial name. He changed his surname to "Wu," which is the Mandarin pronunciation of his name, and

which Americans not of Chinese descent could pronounce more easily.

After the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, Wu moved from Hawaii to San Francisco, responding to a call for help from the mainland community. Chinese immigrants were especially hard hit, and many moved from Chinatown across the bay to Oakland, where Deaconess Drant and Wu established a church that became known as the Church of Our Saviour. (Deaconess Drant had previously established True Sunshine Episcopal Mission in San Francisco.)



*Daniel Wu*

While helping to manage both missions, Wu studied for the priesthood at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. Upon his ordination in 1912, Wu became vicar of both missions, which thrived despite the racial discrimination and other hardships still faced by congregation members.

Daniel Wu devoted his ministry to work among Chinese immigrants. He frequently worked the docks and ports of entry, made contact with those newly arrived, and worked in whatever way possible to ease transition to their new home. To keep them connected to their heritage, Wu and the people of his congregations offered classes in Chinese to children and instruction in English to adults. About 250 children and adults attended these daily classes.

For 36 years Daniel Gee Ching Wu and his congregations opened their hearts and their churches to generations of Chinese Americans and played a singularly important role in establishing the ministry of The Episcopal Church among those of Asian descent.

Daniel G.C. Wu's feast day is celebrated April 6.

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

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## From China to Chinatown

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For more about Daniel Wu's work as an advocate for Chinese immigrants and his spirited opposition to the 1905 Chinese Exclusion Act, see <https://www.immigrant-voices.aiisf.org/stories-by-author/1015-the-reverend-daniel-gee-ching-wu-and-angel-island/>

### Collect for Daniel Wu

Loving God, we give thanks for Daniel Wu and his work among Chinese immigrants whose lives he touched in his day. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give to your Church compassion and respect for all people, wherever they reside, that, inspired by your love, every community might be filled with your wisdom and call forth leaders to guide your flock in faithfulness to the Eternal Word, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Learning the Other Side of the Story

"Everyone's behavior, or story, affects everyone else. I think of each generation in a spiral standing together for healing, and maybe that's what it comes to. What each of us does makes a wave forward and backward. We each need to be able to tell our stories and have them honored." — Joy Harjo, U.S. Poet Laureate

A group from the Cathedral and a few friends toured the James Museum "Away from Home: American Indian Boarding School Stories" exhibit in early March.

### Feedback from the participants:

- *It deepened my knowledge of the trauma inflicted on the Native American communities and increased my compassion for dysfunction often seen in those communities. I am coming to understand and be amazed by the resilience of so many groups that we white Euroamericans have traumatized over the centuries.*
- *From this exhibit I learned*

*about the lasting hurt of people who are stripped of their culture as children, and the work that many of them do to re-establish their culture. How arrogant white people were (and still are) to believe that we are a superior race.*

*• The injustices have been wider spread and longer lasting than I was aware of. Confirms my resolve to keep learning and making others aware of the issues.*



*Members of the congregation and friends at the James Museum.*



Please congratulate Lauren Durst, who has been elected junior warden by the Chapter, the Cathedral's lay board of directors. She joins Senior Warden Anysia McDowall, Secretary Tessa Burnsed, and Treasurer Tim Lanz.

## April Book Club Selection: World War in Paris Couldn't Silence the American Library

The power of the written word to combat oppression is the subtext of our book club's April selection: *The Paris Library* (2020) by Janet Skeslien Charles. Roberta Poellein is the presenter.

In World War II Paris, librarian Odile joins the Resistance and fights the Nazis with the best weapon she has: books. But the war ends in betrayal for her.

Nearly 40 years later, a teenager in Montana befriends her solitary, elderly neighbor, never suspecting that a dark secret from the past connects them.

*The Paris Library* explores the consequences of our choices and shows that heroism can be found in the quietest of places.

The book is based on a true story. You can read the author's explanation of the story here: <https://www.libraryjournal.com/story/author-janet-skeslien-charles-shares-the-story-behind-the-paris-library>

The St. Peter's Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. April 26 via Zoom. E-mail Roberta Poellein ([rp1ln37@gmail.com](mailto:rp1ln37@gmail.com)) for the link.





Debra Eich, Louise Bennett, and Bonnie Dickinson get to work decorating the muffs.



Some of the embellishments.

## Making the Muffs Magnificent

Members of the St. Veronica's Guild spent a whole day embellishing 45 twiddle muffs created by Louise Bennett to donate to the memory center at St. Anthony's Hospital. The knitted or crocheted muffs are decorated with beads, foam forms, buttons, ribbons, and other small

items of varying shapes, sizes, and textures. Fingering the muffs is a source of relaxation for those who suffer from dementia and related diseases. Thanks to the guild for this faithful work during the pandemic!

Photos by JUDY STARK

## A Prayer for Good Government

The Rev. Ethan Cole, Canon for Congregational Life, regularly offers the invocation at meetings of the St. Petersburg City Council meeting. Here's the prayer he offered at the March 3 meeting:

*Almighty God, send down upon those who hold office in the city of St. Petersburg the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; though Jesus Christ our Lord.*



## Say Cheese! 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](mailto: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.



## Taking Steps for Safety and Beauty

The steps on Second Avenue N are undergoing replacement of cracked and discolored tiles. We are also bringing the steps up to code and repairing and reinstalling the handrail.

Photo by JUDY STARK



## Food, Fellowship, and Fun

What fun it was on Shrove Tuesday to enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage, and King Cake and to gather for a meal for the first

time in two years! The fellowship was as tasty as the food. There was a pancake race for kids, we hid the Alleluias, and we

burned the palms to make ashes for the next day, Ash Wednesday.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



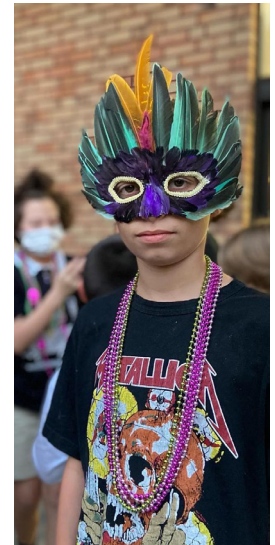
*Debra and Clay Eich enjoy the pancakes.*



*Cyndi Orozco outdoes herself with this year's Mardi Gras ensemble.*



*Isla McDowall and Joel Burnsed bring their masked best to the party.*



# Welcoming the Bishop Candidates

The Cathedral hosted a meet-and-greet with the candidates for bishop coadjutor on March 22. We served dinner to the candidates, their spouses, their shepherds, and

the moderators who who led question-and-answer sessions for voting delegates from the St. Petersburg, Clearwater, and Tampa deaneries. Thanks to the many volunteers

and the Cathedral staff who made this event possible!

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and LINDSEY NICKEL



*The candidates, their spouses, and diocesan leaders enjoyed Cathedral hospitality at dinner before the Q&A sessions.*



*Kathy Coughlin and Karen Amundrud staff the buffet table, serving moderator Karen Patterson.*



*Candidates, diocesan leaders, Cathedral staff, and volunteers gather in the Memorial Garden.*

# April Transitions

## Birthdays

3	Margaret Donaldson	16	Richard Jordan
6	Matthew Heinly	17	Betty Beck
7	Gaye Burnsed	17	Jack Regan
7	Susan Stansbery	18	Robin McDowall
7	Peter Gairing	19	Rebecca Hallas
8	Livie Bond	19	William Albee
9	Laurie Buchert	20	Peter Hamarich
9	Marilyn Bonifer	20	Olivia Norman
11	Judye Talbot	22	Anita Pernell-Arnold
12	Claude McKenzie	22	Scott Campbell
13	Kathy Callan	24	Tyler Long
15	Richard Sanchez	25	Judy Terwilliger
15	Zoey Lewis	26	Louise Weaver
15	Morgan Vengroff	26	Sorcha McDowall

27	Michael Ricciardi
28	Cliff Lamb
29	Judith Murante

## Anniversaries

2	Will & Kathy Michaels
10	Kathy Callan & Brady Clifton
15	David & Mary Schenck
17	Judy Stark & Tim Baker
20	Blanton & Lela Garnett
23	Ken Esteb & David Lessard
23	Randy & Tammy Ramsey
24	Richard & Marie Dahm
29	Byron & Starin Shouppe



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## 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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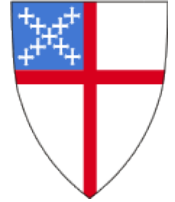
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