



CROSSTOWN

April 2019

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



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Bill and Penny Roen, Karen Torrisi, and Scott Strader represented us at the Crop Walk. St. Peter's raised \$2,145!

Here are the Details of Holy Week and Easter Services

Our plans for Holy Week and Easter offer many opportunities for everyone to participate in activities that lead up to a joyous Easter.



Palm Sunday, April 14: At the 10:15 a.m. service we will gather at the steps on Second Avenue N. As we carry palms and sing Palm Sunday hymns, we will circumnavigate the Cathedral through the alleys out to Fourth Street and then back inside the Cathedral. This procession invokes Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem, on the back of a donkey, as his supporters waved palms and shouted, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" The service that follows includes the Passion Gospel (Luke 23:1-49) and Holy Eucharist. In case of rain we will process from Harvard Hall into the Cathedral.

Saturday, April 13 at 5 p.m. and Palm Sunday at 8 a.m. we will offer the Liturgy of the Palms in St. Mary's Chapel.

Our 2018 Way of the Cross continued a popular St. Peter's tradition. Photo by JUDY STARK.

At 5 p.m. that day the St. Petersburg Festival Chorus and Orchestra will present the "St. John Passion" by Bob Chilcott (details, [Page 6](#)).

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 16: Diocesan Christ Mass at 10 a.m., open to all. Eucharist with blessing of chrisms and oil for the sick as well as renewal of ordination vows of all clergy serving in the diocese. No 12:05 p.m. Eucharist this day. Lunch follows for clergy only.

Maudy Thursday, April 18: No 12:05 p.m. Eucharist this day. The service, with Bishop Smith presiding, begins at 6:30 p.m. This service (Page 274 of the Book of Common Prayer) includes footwashing, Holy Eucharist, stripping of the altar, and reservation of the Sacrament for use on Good Friday. The nursery will be open, and we will have a special service for children.

From 8 to 9 p.m. we will observe the Gethsemane Vigil in St. Mary's Chapel, or

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you may keep your vigil at home. Prayer and meditation resources will be available as well as an escort to your car.

Good Friday, April 19: Youth will lead the 45th annual Way of the Cross through downtown streets starting at 7:30 a.m. ([Details, Page 4.](#)) At noon Bishop Smith will preside at the Good Friday office, where we offer the Veneration of the Cross and com-



munion from the reserved sacrament. No Stations of the Cross this day.

Holy Saturday, April 20: Holy Saturday office at 9 a.m., with homily by the Rev. Earl Beshears, before the Flower and Altar guilds transform the Cathedral for the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday. No 5 p.m. service this day.

Easter Vigil, April 20 at 7 p.m.:

Baptisms, confirmation, reception, and the first Eucharist of Easter. Bishop Smith will preside. Incense will be used. Nursery care provided.

Easter Day, April 21: Eucharist with organ and trumpet at 8 a.m. Cathedral Brass, Cathedral

As with these photos from 2018, we can expect glorious flowers and a fun Easter egg hunt this year too. Photos by JUDY STARK



Choir at 10:15 a.m. Bishop Smith will preach at 10:15 a.m. We will have overflow seating in Harvard Hall at 10:15 a.m.; watch the service on the big screen; a priest will distribute communion. Nursery care provided; special Children's Chapel at 10:15 a.m. Coffee hour and Easter egg hunt after the 10:15 a.m. service.

Way of the Cross Marks Good Friday for 45th Consecutive Year

For the 45th consecutive year, Cathedral youth will lead the Way of the Cross through the streets of downtown St. Petersburg at 7:30 on the morning of Good Friday.

We'll gather on the sidewalk on Second Avenue N. This re-enactment always draws dozens of followers, including adults who participated in the walk as children and



youth at the Cathedral; members of other churches for whom this is part of their Holy Week discipline; and downtown workers who watch or wait or walk with us as we make our way through the streets.

The walk enacts the last few hours of Jesus's life as told in the Christian Testament: his arrest, his trial, his crucifixion.

We stand at the foot of the steps of the county courthouse as he is tried. We walk through dirty alleys as Jesus struggles to carry his cross. We stop on street corners where an exhausted Jesus falls. We witness the crucifixion in our Memorial Garden. We finish in the Cathedral, where a stricken Mary cradles the broken body of her son.

Longtime members Virginia Rowell and Eric Lang Peterson recall that some time in the late 1960s, Cathedral youth traveled to Lake Wales

Jesus (Robert Ruff) is crucified in our Memorial Garden in the 2018 Way of the Cross walk. Photo by JUDY STARK

to see the Black Hills Passion Play, which was brought from South Dakota, under the direction of Josef Meier, during the winter months beginning in 1953. That was the inspiration for our Way of the Cross.

Encouraged by the dean at the time, the Very Rev. Leroy D. Lawson, those young people, their Sunday School teachers, and the clergy created the Way of the Cross starting in 1974.

Eric remembers that the original cross carried on the walk was made from two trees St. Peter's teenagers brought back from the retreat cabin in Inverness owned by parishioners John and Carol Ellis.

For years that cross erected by the Cathedral teenagers remained in the garden year around.

As in the last few years we'll be joined by youth from St. Giles Episcopal Church in Pinellas Park. Please speak to Youth Minister Alicia Schmid if you'd like to participate. We can use adult help with costuming and organizing too.

Events in LENT and HOLY WEEK

6 p.m. Fridays, March 29, April 5 and 12: Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary.

10:15 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 14: Procession with palms and hymns around the block (gather at the steps on Second Avenue N). Passion Gospel with homily; Holy Eucharist. **5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday:** Liturgy of the Palms in St. Mary's Chapel.

5 p.m. Sunday, April 14: "St. John Passion" by Bob Chilcott, presented by the St. Petersburg Festival Chorus and Orchestra.

10 a.m. Tuesday, April 16: Diocesan Chrism mass, renewal of clergy ordination vows; all welcome. No 12:05 p.m. service this day.

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 18: Bishop Smith will preside at this service. Foot-washing; Eucharist; reservation of the Sacrament for Good Friday; stripping of the altar. Special service for children. No 12:05 p.m. service this day.

8-9 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 18: Gethsemane Vigil in St.

Mary's Chapel; or keep your vigil at home. Prayer and meditation resources will be available as well as an escort to your car.

7:30 a.m. Good Friday, April 19: Way of the Cross through downtown streets, led by youth from Cathedral and St. Giles.

Noon Good Friday, April 19: Good Friday office with Passion Gospel and sermon, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. Bishop Smith presiding.

9 a.m. Holy Saturday, April 20: Holy Saturday office with homily led by the Rev. Earl Beshears.

7 p.m. Holy Saturday, April 20: Easter Vigil with Bishop Smith presiding. Baptism, confirmation, reception; Holy Eucharist. Incense will be used at this service. Nursery available. No 5 p.m. service this day.

8 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 21: Feast of the Resurrection; Holy Eucharist. Bishop Smith will preach at 10:15 a.m. Nursery, Children's Chapel at 10:15 a.m. Egg hunt in the garden after 10:15 a.m. service; coffee hour.

Chilcott's Moving 'St. John Passion' Returns on Palm Sunday

Last year's performance of the "St. John Passion" by Bob Chilcott was so moving and so memorable to so many that the St. Petersburg Festival Chorus and Orchestra will reprise it at 5 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 14.

"It's a very poignant piece, with its emphasis on personal piety — what the composer calls the human response to seeing Christ crucified on the cross," Music Director Dwight Thomas said of the piece, which premiered at Wells Cathedral in 2013.

"This piece of music had an enormous effect on me last year," Dean Morris said. "I really didn't know what to expect going into it. I was overwhelmed by the way it touched me in

a new way. It's contemporary but it's not complicated. It made my mind, heart, and soul more prepared for Holy Week. I'm so glad we're doing it again so others can have that same transforming experience that I did."



Bob Chilcott. Photo courtesy of Classical-Music.com

The hour-long "Passion" follows the format established by Bach. The story is narrated in recitative by a tenor evangelist, interspersed with interjections from the chorus (as the crowd) and from Pilate and Jesus. All this is interwoven with chorales and meditations sung by the choir.

Unusually, it includes five hymns for congregational singing, with new melodies for familiar Passiontide hymns, including "There is a green hill far away" and

"When I survey the wondrous cross."

The piece is a dramatic yet optimistic retelling of the Passion story: Jesus's arrest and trial, Peter's denial, Jesus's crucifixion and death. It combines 13th- and 17th-century English poems "that express deeply human responses to death, to life, and to man's relationship with the world and with God," the composer says, as well as texts from the King James Version.

Chilcott, 64, is a British choral composer, conductor, and singer. His wide-ranging compositions include music for children's choirs, sacred works, cantatas, and musical settings of Aesop's Fables.

"We'll have the same soloists we had from last year, all of whom did a terrific job in tackling a challenging and unfamiliar work," Dwight said, "and the majority of the singers who sang in the chorus last

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year have returned to sing again, which has helped tremendously in relearning and re-juvenating the choral parts.

“Everyone on this end is looking forward to another encounter and another moving

experience beginning our journey into Holy Week.”

A freewill offering of \$10 is suggested.

Kevin Mitchell, in the pulpit at left, sings the solo role of the Evangelist in last year’s presentation of the Chilcott “St. John Passion” — and again this year.



KEEP READING OUR DAILY MEDITATIONS

Our online daily Lenten meditations, written by parishioners and clergy, continue through Easter. You can sign up to have them sent to your e-mail box each day at our website, spcathedral.org/lent.

Or you can find the day’s meditation at the same link. To read past meditations, click on the red button that says “Archived meditations.”

Make Our Palm Crosses, Then Join The Procession

The Altar Guild will make palm crosses for Palm Sunday starting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 10. All are invited to come learn how to strip, soak, and fold palm fronds into crosses. Bring a pair of scissors. Gather in the hall between Harvard Hall and the nursery. There will be plenty of skilled teachers!

On Palm Sunday — April 14 — we will gather before the 10:15 a.m. service on the sidewalk on Second Avenue N, where ushers will hand out the palm crosses. Led by the choir, we'll circumnavigate the Cathedral, singing, then make our way into the sanctuary for the Passion Gospel (Luke 23:1-49).

Palm Sunday is the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem seated humbly on a donkey while his followers sang and waved palms and threw their cloaks into his path. Some of these supporters, just a few days later, would be in the crowd that yelled, "Crucify him!"

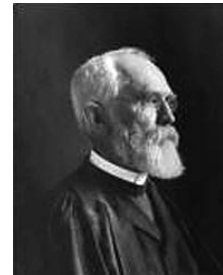
Many people save their palm crosses all year and return them shortly before Ash Wednesday, when they are burned to create the ashes that the clergy use to mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross and the reminder, "Dust you are, and to dust you shall return."



Two Sunday Morning Classes Continue Through April 7

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams continues his class, "Five Great Episcopalians You've Never Heard Of," on two more Sundays at 9 a.m. in Harvard Hall. On March 31 he'll talk about William Augustus Muhlenberg, leading exponent of the Social Gospel movement that applied Christian ethics to social problems, especially social justice.

On April 7 the final famous Episcopalian is William Porcher DuBose, "the greatest theologian the Episcopal Church has ever produced," some say: liberal catholic thinker and dean of the School of Theology at Sewanee, 1894-1908.



*William Porcher
DuBose*



*William Augustus
Muhlenberg*

Also on Sundays at 9 a.m., our Inquirers' Class continues on March 31 and April 7 for those seeking confirmation or reception from another denomination or tradition.

Confirmation and reception of new members will take place at the Easter Vigil at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Please speak with any of the clergy if you are interested.

OVERFLOW SEATING FOR EASTER SUNDAY

For the 10:15 a.m. service on Easter, April 21, Harvard Hall will be set up to accommodate an overflow congregation. You'll be able to watch the service on the big screen and pray and sing along with the congregation in the sanctuary. A worship leader will be present to lead the service, and a priest will bring communion into Harvard Hall.

New Face on the Chapter, New Role for Another

Please welcome a new member to the Chapter and congratulate another on a new role.

Rich Rome has been named to fill out a two-year term created by the resignation of Hillary Peete when she became our children's minister. The Chapter is the lay board of directors that, with the dean, sets policy, oversees the finances, and attends to the congregation's spiritual well-being.

A native of New Kensington, PA (near Pittsburgh), and a Vietnam veteran, Rich had a 37-year career with the U.S. Postal Service, retiring as postmaster of Tampa. Rich has been a member of St. Peter's since his 2010 marriage to his wife, Cathy. He is a member of the Flower Guild. His hobbies include reading, bicycle touring, Chicago blues music, and shuffleboard. His grown son and daughter live nearby.

"The Cathedral and its members have provided me with both a wonderful place to worship and a



Rich Rome

warm sense of fellowship," Rich said. "I am honored to serve on the Chapter."

In other action, Susan Churuti, who has just complete two years as our senior warden, has been elected junior warden. Susan grew up singing in the choir. She had a long career as a lawyer and served as a vice chancellor for the Diocese of Southwest Florida. She is a longtime member of the Stewardship Committee and now is on the board of Resurrection House.



Susan Churuti

The Cathedral will be closed Easter Monday and Tuesday, April 22 and 23. No services, no other events. We'll reopen Wednesday, April 24.

Cathedral Will Welcome Deans from Throughout North America to Annual Conference

Nearly 100 cathedral deans and their spouses/partners from throughout North America will be at the Cathedral May 2 through 5 as we host the North American Deans Conference.

This is the annual gathering of those who share the unique ministry of cathedral dean. It is a time of continuing education, fellowship, and relaxation. This year's theme is "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God of All."



*The Very Rev.
John Shepherd*

"It's a great honor for us as a cathedral to host this event," Dean Morris said. "I'm proud to show off all that we have created together here — I know many of my fellow deans are going to be very en-

vious — and I'm grateful to so many parishioners who have been working with me on this event since last fall. One of the things we've said we want to do is to enhance our role as the Cathedral in our diocese and in the wider church, and this is an excellent opportunity to do that."

The conference opens at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 2, with Choral Evensong, at which all are welcome.

Other events, which are open only to the deans, include a presentation on Christian unity by the Very Rev. John Shepherd, interim director of the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See; a morning with the Rev. Canon



*The Rev. Canon Dr.
Thomas Williams*

Dr. Thomas Williams as he talks about "The Seven Deadly Sins"; a tour of the Dali Museum; and a "Taste of the Tropics" dinner.

Conference participants will attend worship here on Sunday, May 5, when the preacher at 10:15 a.m. will be the Very Rev. Kurt Dunkle, dean and president of the General Theological Seminary (and a native of St. Petersburg).

"It's a great time to be in St. Petersburg," Dean Morris said, "and after the brutal winter up North, I know a lot of deans are really looking forward to some warm weather, sunshine, and great hospitality. They're coming to the right place."



*The Very Rev.
Kurt Dunkle*

Our New Console Is a Joy to Play

Dwight Thomas, Music Director

It's a pleasure to sit down at our new organ console, the command center that controls all the sonic devices on the organ.

By mid-March both the organ's own "voices" as well as the digital voices were all back online.

Our organ consultant, Bob Rusczyk (we've started calling him Bob the Builder) has done a phenomenal job getting the new console delivered, in place (safely!), and playing, all in record time.

There will be continual refinement of the installation, with "voicing" going on into the summer. A few of the organ ranks will be sent up North for a tonal makeover.

As many will recall, our old organ console took a lightning strike a few years ago and was out of commission for several weeks. On Maundy Thursday in 2018, the stricken organ ceased to function because of frayed cables, and we had to quickly patch it back together so we'd have an organ for Easter. And did we mention the mice that had been gnawing on various parts? That console was 20-plus years old, and organ technology has improved dramatically in that time. All this was a

wakeup call that the console was in unreliable condition. It was past time for a replacement.

Now the new console is ready to provide a stable, reliable work station for the organist that will last decades.



Our new organ console.



Welcome Tip of the Month

How can we be the welcoming church we want to be? Each month we'll offer a tip, a hint, a way to be welcoming. This month's tip:

*** Don't stand in a closed group before or after the church service. Stand in an open group and invite someone to join your conversation.**

Mentor of Future Superstars Is Composer for April's Choral Evensong

Our service of Choral Evensong for the Second Sunday of Easter, at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28, will offer the Evening Service in D by George Dyson, an English composer (1883-1964) who lived through two world wars and mentored future musical stars.

Dyson served in the Royal Fusiliers in World War I, where he distinguished himself as an expert on grenade warfare and sustained shellshock (an older term for post-traumatic stress disorder).

Returning from the war, he launched his musical career and realized that live performance faced serious competition from first-rate recordings and broadcasts. Young performers



George Dyson
(1883-1964)

needed to attain the highest standards if they were to compete.

He championed such future musical standouts as the conductor Colin Davis, the classical guitarist and lutenist Julian Bream, and Malcolm Arnold, who went on to write the scores for more than 100 films, including *The Bridge on the River Kwai*.

Dyson's own compositions included works for orchestra, chamber group, and orchestra and chorus, as well as hymns and songs. His traditional style, popular in its own day, underwent a period of neglect before being revived in the late 20th century.

The service of Evensong includes the Responses of Thomas Foster and Leo Sowerby's anthem, "And they drew nigh."

An organ prelude is at 4:45 p.m. The Cathedral Chamber Choir sings; Dwight Thomas is organist and music director. A reception follows.

The **FOYER GROUPS** will not meet in April because the third Thursday of the month, their usual night, is Maundy Thursday. The next Foyer Dinner, for a good meal (\$5) and friendly conversation, is at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Signup cards are on the table in Harvard Hall, and Marion Fleming (mimideeda@gmail.com) is always happy to welcome you.

Giving Online: Let Us Make It Easy for You

Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

A couple of reminders about new stewardship efforts:

* In the pews you'll find our online giving cards. If you pay your pledge online (through bank draft or credit or debit card), you can place one of these cards in the offering plate so your gift will be blessed along with others at the altar.

* No cash on a Sunday? No problem! On those cards you'll find directions for texting a contribution with your cell phone. (It's easy. Really.) Then you can put one of those cards in the plate as it goes by to signify your participation. You can also text to make a donation for donuts at coffee hour, a Foyer dinner, Messy Church, or other events.

* And on the fourth Sunday of each month — this month it's April 28 — we'll have someone at a "Help Center" table in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service to help you set up online giving. You can also stop by to update your contact information (address, e-mail, phone, etc.) or to have your picture taken for our online directory. We want to make this painless for you!



What a Feast We Had!

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a festive (and calorific) way to end the season of Epiphany and transition into Lent. Thanks to Gabriele Stauf for the king cake and Alicia Schmid for the banana pudding. Great food, music, fun for kids ... we'll do it again next year.

Help Families Get a New Start at New Beginnings Breakfast April 25

Judy Beck

Perhaps you know all about Florida Resurrection House and its highly successful program of helping homeless and almost-homeless families with children restructure their lives and forever break their cycle of poverty. Or maybe you've just heard it mentioned of late in the Prayers of the People.

You could learn more while enjoying an expansive breakfast, inspiring live music, and heartfelt true-life stories from people in the program. That's because this year's New Beginnings

breakfast at the St. Petersburg Coliseum will offer that and more from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Thursday, April 25. So please plan on joining us. The Coliseum is at 535 Fourth Ave. N.

Resurrection House, at 800 11th St. N, has been a ministry of the Cathedral since its inception in 1987. There are always at least six parishioners on the board of

directors. This year, those directors may approach hoping you will sponsor a table (or make a major sponsorship donation) to keep their mission going and growing.

A table of eight is \$450. Major sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$10,000 or more. Because Resurrection House is non-profit, all donations are tax-deductible.

If those numbers are too high for you, just come to the breakfast! Ask any director to reserve a seat for you. They will be happy to talk to you about Resurrection House. This year's directors are Al Phillips, board chairman; Bishop Barry Howe, Susan Churuti, Fay Mackey, Judy Beck, and Cynthia Sinclair, the Resurrection House president and CEO.

The theme of this year's breakfast is "Life Is a Circus." It's going to be a really fun time.

For breakfast reservations you can also contact Resurrection House directly at (727) 823-4742 or admin@floridaresurrectionhouse.com



The Coliseum was decked out for the 2018 breakfast. Expect a similar festive appearance this year! Photo courtesy of RESURRECTION HOUSE

Sacristy Renewal Moving On Schedule

Renovations to the sacristy are running right on time. Demolition has been completed; a new flooring base and new ceiling have been installed; new electrical and lighting have been completed.

Yet to come: plaster repair, painting, flooring installation. The last stage will be plumbing and cabinetry/countertop installation. Some of the completed cabinetry has been delivered and is being stored in the inner Narthex while the rest of the cabinetry is built. (That's what is wrapped in brown paper back there!) Our hope still is to move in by Holy Week.



Tom Jones and Joe Dungan of Out of Wood Designs unload some of the new sacristy cabinetry. Photos by JUDY STARK

The Feelings Children Find in Scripture Reflect Their Own

Hillary Peete, Children's Minister

We talk about feelings a lot in our house. (This could be related to the amount of Daniel Tiger we watch.) We talk about what makes us mad, what makes us sad, and things that make us happy. We're careful to help our children articulate emotions, too. We might say, "How would you feel if someone laughed at you?" or "You must feel so proud of yourself!" Connecting on this level is important and I'm continually reminded of how deeply complex our emotions are.

It can be helpful for children to connect with the stories and people in Scripture through emotions. As we continue exploring Lent and move closer to Holy Week and Easter, it is my hope that



Bennett in the Children's Chapel

they also begin to identify with the real emotions experienced by real people in these stories.

In a recent Children's Chapel, we read the story of Abraham and Sarah. We discussed how they had been waiting for something they really wanted for a long time. Abraham had to trust God, but it was hard. Each child also shared times they had to wait for something

and it was hard to be patient; a time they trusted someone else or God; and times they felt disappointed or hopeful.

The deep longing for a child that Abraham and Sarah felt might be a stretch for your average six-year-old to connect with.



Millie on Ash Wednesday

Breaking these stories down into the emotions people experienced, as complicated as they are, children begin to see and feel the connection between themselves and the people in Scripture.

As we approach Easter, I wonder how our children might encounter the story in John's Gospel differently. Instead of skipping to the joy of Jesus' resurrection, they might connect with Mary's tears outside the tomb, or

the disciples' confusion and disbelief in not knowing where Jesus was, and wonder how they might feel if someone they loved had to leave them.

This builds a much richer story and faith where we see that death and resurrection,

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Children's Ministries

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love and joy, hurt and anger, sadness and hope were as much a part of God's story 2,000 years ago as they are for us today.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE

April Events for Children

11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 7: Sunday Social

Come hang out with other Cathedral families

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 13: Messy Church

Get Messy and explore stories from Holy Week

10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday

Children will lead the processional with palm branches

5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday

A simple dinner for families at 6:30 p.m., Children's Chapel

10 a.m. Saturday, April 20: Egg Dyeing

Gather at Canon Katie's house and bring a dozen hard-boiled eggs

10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday

Special Children's Chapel; egg hunt after 10:15 a.m. service

Party Wearing Your Outrageous Hat on April 27

Here's your springtime fun event: the Outrageous Hat Party on Saturday, April 27.

You — both men and women — are invited to come wearing the most outrageous hat you can create. Decorate your hat before you arrive, the more tastefully outrageous, the better.

There will be a post-Easter parade, with a special prize for the most outrageous hat, and other games and races, including the "one-high-heeled-shoe egg walk," for both men and women (BYO shoe). The competition will be cut-throat, and there will be additional prizes.

We'll have beer, wine, alternative beverages, appetizers, and finger food. Because alcohol is being served, this event is open only to those 21 and older, please. No child care will be provided.

Tickets (\$10 each, including two drink tickets) go on sale April 14 at coffee hour and online. The festivities start at 6 p.m. Think of this as a do-over of Easter and a warmup for the Kentucky Derby the next Saturday! Questions? Speak to Shar Nudelman (marvshar1@msn.com or 727-687-7251).



Lent Offers Youth Opportunities For Fun and Faith-Building

Alicia Schmid, Youth Minister

Lent is a time of year when we reflect on what's really important. Whether we feel like it or not, how we live our lives really matters. Our call in life is to love God with all we've got, and love our neighbors as ourselves, which isn't always easy, but when we serve whole-heartedly, we find

there is no greater joy to experience.

This Lenten season there are opportunities to help remind our youth and families that while we might just be imperfect humans attempting to follow a perfect God, we can make a beautiful difference if we are willing to take a little time to grow closer to Christ. Please join us for fellowship, food, fun, and faith-building.

For details about any of these events, or to sign up, please contact me, Alicia Schmid, aschmid@spcathedral.com.

Sunday, March 31: Journey to the Cross Youth Walkabout & Lunch after services. We will end March with a special Lenten event, for youth in grades 6 and up. Younger children are also welcome — middlers are encouraged — to attend this event with a parent or adult guardian present.

Come walk this journey with us, as we talk about Lent, and learn more about Holy

Week in engaging, tangible, meaningful ways. Smell the perfume, taste the bread, and hear the words that Jesus said. All are welcome to join us — young children must have a parent or guardian present — and it will be a memorable experience for all, one you won't want to miss.

Sunday, April 14: Post-Palm Sunday Youth Luncheon: Let's break bread (this is a potluck lunch; we ask that each youth family bring a dish to share), enjoy rich fellowship, serve by preparing items needed for Easter Sunday services and festivities, share how we've seen God at work in our lives during the Lenten season, and more.

This is also the day we pack college finals care packages. Please bring in your items for donation no later than April 7. For a list of needed donation items, find postcards at

The **ST. ANTHONY'S TRIATHLON** is Sunday, April 28. Streets will be closed, causing delays for vehicle traffic. Visit <http://www.trisignup.com> to view course maps and plan how you will get to church that morning.

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Youth Ministry News

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the front desk and on the table in Harvard Hall or at spcathedral.org/community

Friday, April 19: 45th Annual Way of the Cross. We need participants! We can find a role for everyone interested in being part of this amazing day. Please RSVP so we can match you up with the best role for you. School is closed for most of us on Good Friday, so come join us to serve in love for the one who gave it all — Jesus.

One-Day Confirmation Class

We are offering a one-day confirmation class for youth, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 7. Lunch will be provided. All youth are invited: you who wish to be confirmed, and you who are already confirmed but would like to be reaffirmed. Speak to Canon Katie or Youth Minister Alicia Schmid if you're interested.

I Spy the Unsung Heroes of the Revolution: Book Club Meets April 23

A spy network involving the patriots and founders of our country? Who knew? Learn the inside story when St. Peter's Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. April 23 to discuss *Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring*, by Alexander Rose.

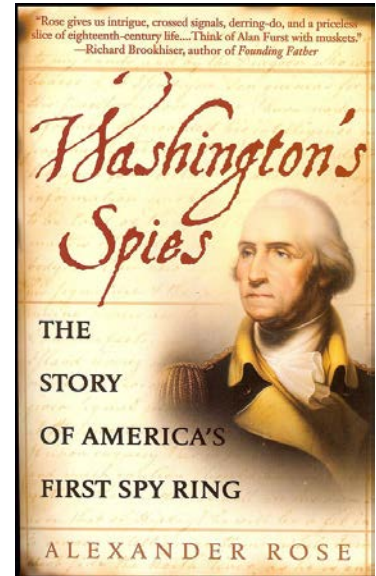
Drawing on remarkable new research, acclaimed historian Rose brings to life the true story of the spy ring that helped America win the Revolutionary War.

"Rose takes us beyond the battlefield and deep into the shadowy underworld of double agents and triple crosses, covert operations and code breaking," amazon.com says, "and unmasks the courageous, flawed men who inhabited this wilderness of mirrors — including the spymaster at the heart of it all."

Read an interview with the author here: <https://allthingsliberty.com/2017/06/interview-alexander-rose-author-inspired-turn/>

The book club meets in the Chapter Room. All are welcome, whether you've read the book or not! Roberta Poellein (rplln37@gmail.com) is glad to tell you more.

Looking ahead: On May 28 the book club will discuss Gilbert King's 2013 Pulitzer Prize-winner, *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys and the Dawn of a New America*.



Messy Church: Forever and Ever, Amen!

Betsy Adams

We began our March gathering of Messy Church with a wonderful Lenten meal of homemade chicken noodle soup (Chef Mimi's first time ever making this) and grilled cheese sandwiches. A big Messy thank you to our chef and her messy kitchen crew for another perfect meal!



We were blessed to see some old Messy friends we hadn't seen for a bit and to welcome some new Messy church families.

We continued our exploration of the Lord's Prayer. During our worship time Ms. Gail reminded us of the story of the Lord's Prayer. We spent time exploring some of the big words like "trespasses" and "temptation." Ms. Gail led us in praying the prayer with our whole body. We almost have those motions down!

Our activities for this month included

We made charm bracelets and necklaces (that's Bonnie Dickinson with grandson Liam) and finger-tracing crosses to help us remember the Lord's Prayer. Photos by HILLARY PEETE



writing something we need to forgive or be forgiven for on acetate people, then watching those sins disappear as we washed them in water ... tasting (and painting) our daily bread ... describing things that might tempt us ... and creating our very own Lord's Prayer finger-tracing crosses.

At each activity we collected charms related to that portion of the prayer. This week we collected a slice of bread, "forgiveness," an apple, "glory," and "forever." We added these to last month's charms and created our own necklaces and bracelets to help us remember the words of the prayer our Lord gave to us all those many years ago!

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Messy Church

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Messy Church is our monthly intergenerational family gathering involving worship, crafts, music, storytelling, and a shared supper at 5:45 p.m. on the second Thursday. For more information contact Betsy Adams (betsyadams@earthlink.net).

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Save the Date!

In April we'll meet on a special day and time: from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13. This is the day before Palm Sunday, and in our special session of Messy Church we'll explore the events of Holy Week and Easter in "Messy Love Letters from God." There is no Messy Church on April 11. The April 13 gathering is our last before the summer break.

Family Promise Hires New Executive Director

Family Promise has hired a new executive director and expects to resume providing services to homeless children and their families by June 1. The new executive director was selected from about 150 applicants and should begin work around April 1. We'll have details in the May issue of Crosstown.

Family Promise of Pinellas County is part of a national nonprofit organization. Families 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, 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.

Want to know more? Please contact Maura Meitz (mmeitc@tampabay.rr.com) or Karen Amundrud (amundrudk@yahoo.com) for details. Learn more at fppinellas.org.



The Readers' Theatre Players will present a theater piece called **About Aging** at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, in Harvard Hall.

Within a mix of poetry, jokes, short story, and song are arranged a gallery of short plays about the many-faceted aspects of growing older. Authors are Tennessee Williams, Pamela Munson Steadman, Doris M. Vineberg, Kevin R. McLeod, and Joe DiPietro, among others.

Three Great Movies: Growing Old Together, Writing a Bio, and the Notorious RBG!

Susan Regan

We'll have free movies three of the four Fridays in April. No movie on April 19, Good Friday. Please join us at 7 p.m. in Harvard Hall. Bring your friends! We provide the popcorn.

April 5: *All Together* (2011, NR, French).

Instead of living in a retirement home, five aging friends decide to move in together after one of them suffers a heart



attack. The two couples and one widower are joined by a young caregiver, an ethnology student who is studying the group.

April 12: *The City of Your Final Destination*

(2009, PG-13). After duping school officials into awarding him a grant to write a biography of novelist Jules Gund, grad student Omar Razaghi (Omar Metwally) must travel to Uruguay to get authorization from the late author's three executors. James Ivory (*A Room with a View*) directs this moving adaptation of author Peter Cameron's novel of the same name. Anthony Hopkins, Laura Linney, and Charlotte Gainsbourg also star.

April 19: No movie.

April 26: *RBG* (2018, PG). Providing an il-



luminating look at the life of trailblazer Ruth Bader Ginsburg — including her career-defining work in gender-discrimination law — this engaging documentary charts her journey to becoming a justice on America's highest court.

The Burns Movie Series honors our late founder and programmer, Eddy Burns. Comments and suggestions: Susan Regan, sfrcpa23@gmail.com.

THE EASTER BUNNY NEEDS YOUR HELP! We need 1,000 plastic eggs filled with small treats for the egg hunt after the 10:15 a.m. service on Easter. You can bring in plastic eggs already filled, or bring in the eggs and the goodies separately and we'll do the filling. Please, no chocolate or candy with nuts. Candy alternatives such as stickers, stamps, and other small prizes are welcome. Donations will be collected in Harvard Hall through April 14. See Hillary Peete for more information.

Canon Katie Churchwell is among five local clergypersons who will speak from 6 to 8 p.m. April 16 at ***"THEOLOGY ON TAP,"*** a community conversation at the Tully-Levine Gallery at the Arts Xchange, 515 22nd St. S. The evening's topic: "Why Words Matter," a discussion of what we say, how we say it, how we can be respectful listeners in a divisive time. The event is free. The Cathedral has 10 reserved seats; if you wish to go, please speak to Canon Katie, first come, first served. The panelists, representing a variety of faiths, will speak, followed by dialogue with the audience.



OUR OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY FOR APRIL is adult diapers/incontinence supplies, to be given to Diapers for Dignity, an adult-incontinence supply bank (agingcarefl.org/diapersfordignity/). We invite you to contribute pullups, tabbed briefs, pads and flat underpads for beds or furniture. Adults with incontinence challenges often withdraw from friends and family, or risk health problems by changing diapers less frequently than they should, or scrim on other necessities to afford diapers. We'll have a box in Harvard Hall for your contributions, or you can leave them at the front desk.

Lazarus Guild: At Funeral Time, Families Need Your Loving Care

The Lazarus Guild was created by the Pastoral Care Committee as an extension of the Cathedral's bereavement ministry. The purpose of the Lazarus Guild is to provide pastoral care to families during the funeral process. The name "Lazarus" reminds us that Jesus stopped what he was doing to go and be with Mary and Martha at the loss of their brother (John 11).

Two teams provide family assistance during the funeral process. The Ministry of Presence team contacts the family before the funeral to ensure they know what will happen the day of the funeral and assist with any coordination necessary related to the family's needs. They greet the family upon arrival at the funeral, provide a private space for the family to meet, and assist the family by being present and attentive to their needs.

The Ministry of Hospitality team oversees the reception. Whether it is catered or not, they determine the layout of tables, provide space for the

guest book, memorabilia, and flowers, and ensure that audiovisual equipment is available and functioning if requested. They assist the family during the reception and remain until all guests and caterers have left.

There are generally two people on each team and the time commitment is approximately two and a half hours.

We are seeking additional volunteers for this important ministry. We rotate coverage for funerals according to volunteer availability. The Lazarus Guild — present and prospective members — will meet after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, April 7, in the Chapter

Room.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the co-chairs: Phillip Ketchum (727-526-7320), Karen Torrisi (727-866-3779), or Kathy Coughlan (207-380-6780).

Thank you for considering serving the needs of bereaved families and friends.

"Members of the Lazarus Guild were a great comfort to me and my family at the time of my husband Gary's funeral. I felt I was being taken care of, and that made a difficult day easier to bear. I am so grateful for this ministry." — Cathy Rentschler

We're collecting items to create **COLLEGE-FINALS GIFT PACKS** to ease the stress on students during finals. We've got a full list of suggested items on the table in Harvard Hall or at spcathedral.com/community, but here's a short version: personal care items, drink mixes (hot chocolate, teabags), sticky notes, Sharpies, snacks and goodies, instant soups, gift cards, encouraging notes! Deadline is April 7; leave your items at the front desk.

April Transitions

Birthdays

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| 1 Lynn Saunders | 9 Marilyn Swan |
| 2 Debbie Gilbert | 11 Tom Brew |
| 3 John Samaha | 11 Judy Talbot |
| 3 Lillian Bennet | 12 Claude McKenzie |
| 4 Tina Ahedo | 12 Max Bygrave |
| 4 Jonathan Bryant | 12 Sophie Benoit |
| 6 Matthew Heinly | 13 Andrea Mastry |
| 6 Alicia Schmid | 13 Kathy Callan |
| 6 Ria-Ann Beavers | 14 Bill Henricks |
| 7 Susan Stansbery | 15 Richard Sanchez |
| 7 Gaye Burnsed | 15 Zoey Lewis |
| 7 Peter Gairing | 16 Rebecca Gecan |
| 8 Livie Bond | DiGiaimo |
| 9 Laurie Buchert | 17 Betty Beck |
| | 17 Jack Regan |

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| 18 Bill Kebler |
| 19 Rebecca Hallas |
| 19 William Albee |
| 20 Jim Rice |
| 20 Mary Corbett |
| 20 Vincent Ferrell |
| 21 Smith Williams |
| 22 Anita Pernel-Arnold |
| 23 Kate Elkins |
| 24 Tyler Long |
| 24 Joan McKeithen |
| 25 Judy Terwilliger |
| 26 Campbell Nevins |
| 27 Michael Ricciardi |
| 27 Bennett Breen |
| 29 Judith Murante |

Anniversaries

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| 10 Laura & Rick Fuchs | 26 Jeff & Patty Robinson |
| 15 Jerry & Laurie Buchert | 29 Christopher & Suzanne Haerther |
| 17 Judy Stark & Tim Baker | 29 Byron & Starin Shoupe |
| 19 Robert & Sandy Powers | 30 Barrie Cunningham & Bill Henricks |
| 20 Blanton & Lela Garnett | |
| 20 Hobie & Mary Hind | |
| 23 Ken Esteb & David Lessard | |
| 23 Randy & Tammy Ramsey | |
| 24 Richard & Marie Dahm | |

Death

William L. Moore



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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
A traditional service, no music

10 a.m.: Children's Chapel and
Middlers' Chapel

10:15 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II
and Sermon
Worship music led by choirs

11:20 a.m.: Coffee Hour

Saturday

5 p.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II and
Sermon
A traditional service, no music

Monday through Friday

Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.
Holy Eucharist and Healing:
Wednesdays, 12:05 p.m.

**If you have a pastoral emergency after hours,
please call Canon Sam Tallman
on his cell phone, (727) 251-0629.**

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