



# CROSSTOWN

March 2019

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

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## Our 40-Day Walk to Easter

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are, in effect, “little Easters”), and those who give up chocolate, adult beverages, or other treats for Lent are allowed to indulge on Sundays.

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.)

You will notice a few 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. On the first Sunday in Lent (March 10) we will chant the Great Litany at the opening procession (Page 148 of the Book of Common Prayer). At the end of worship, in place of the blessing, we will offer a solemn prayer over the people.

## Bring on the Pancakes! It’s Shrove Tuesday!

Come enjoy a festive Shrove Tuesday starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in Harvard Hall. We’ll have pancakes, sausage, bacon, and king cake. If you’re gluten free, no problem — we’ll have pancakes for you too.

Our youth will serve the pancake supper, and we thank them for their gift of time and talent in service to the parish community.

No registration or signup needed; just come. There will be crafts and a pancake race for the kids. Cost: \$3/ person, \$5/ family.

Shrove Tuesday is traditionally a time to feast and make merry before the penitential season of Lent begins the next day, Ash Wednesday.

King cake is a tradition we’re happy to borrow from our neighbors in New Orleans. It honors the three kings — the three wise men — who visited the infant Jesus on January 6, Epiphany. Shrove Tuesday is the last day of the church season of Epiphany. King cakes are frosted in the official colors of Mardi Gras — purple for justice, green for faith, and gold for power. The custom is that whoever finds the tiny baby doll baked into the cake has to buy next year’s cake.

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*Cyndi Orozco is dressed to impress at last year’s pancake party.*

## Ashes Will Be Offered At Three Services

We will offer imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at three services on Wednesday, March 6 — Ash Wednesday.

Services are at 7 a.m.; noon; and 7 p.m.

During the 7 p.m. service the nursery will be staffed, and we will offer a special Children's Chapel for children ages 4 through 7. Please speak to Children's Minister Hillary Peete for details.

We will take "Ashes to Go" to the Peterborough apartments from 9 to 10 a.m. Please speak to Canon Katie if you'd like to participate in this, and plan to gather in the Narthex at 8 a.m. for instructions. We'll provide coffee and muffins for the residents of Peterborough as well as ashes.



## Stations of the Cross On Fridays in Lent

Deacon Scott Nonken will lead the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral at 6 p.m. Fridays in Lent: March 8, 15, 22, and 29 and April 5 and 12.

The Stations invite participants to move about the Cathedral as they recite responsive prayers focused on the events of Holy Week, using our stained-glass windows or woodcuts as visual prompts. This is a nice piece of Lenten discipline that may enrich your prayer life.

## Daily Meditations by Parishioners

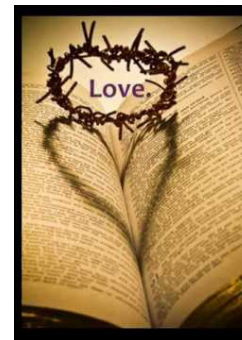
For the second year, daily Lenten meditations written by members of the congregation will be available every day from Ash Wednesday through Easter.

You are invited to sign up so each day's meditation can be sent directly to you via e-mail. Sign up at [spcathedral.org/lent](http://spcathedral.org/lent), or look for the signup sheets at the front desk and in Harvard Hall.

The meditations also will be available through a link on our website ([www.spcathedral.org](http://www.spcathedral.org)), and on our Facebook

page. No printed copies will be available.

Thanks to all who have contributed daily meditations. We are grateful for your time and talent!



## More Resources For a Faithful Lent

Here are some other Lenten devotional resources that may be of interest to you:

\* **Episcopal Relief and Development** offers a booklet, pictured below, with daily meditations. You can pick one up on the table in Harvard Hall.

\* **Society of St. John the Evangelist** — This monastic order, based in Cambridge, MA, is offering daily video meditations throughout Lent on four topics: “It’s time to stop, pray, work, play, and love”; “Five marks of love”; “Growing a rule of life”; and “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.”

You can sign up to have a daily meditation sent to your in-box; or you can view the videos, download a workbook and see additional materials, all at <http://www.ssjje.org>.



## Bring in Your Palms

There’s still time to bring in palm crosses or fronds from last Palm Sunday. Please place them in the basket in the Narthex. The palms will be burned to create the ashes that are imposed upon our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, March 6, reminding us that “you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

On April 17, the Altar Guild will gather at 9 a.m. to make palm crosses for this year’s Palm Sunday procession. You’re invited to come learn how to strip, soak, and fold palm fronds into crosses. It’s easy, and there are lots of willing teachers. We’ll meet in the hallway between Harvard Hall and the nursery.

## Events in LENT

**Shrove Tuesday, March 5: Pancake supper** in Harvard Hall, starting at 5:30 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday, March 6: imposition of ashes and Holy Communion**, 7 a.m., 12 noon, 7 p.m.

**Fridays in Lent**, 6 p.m., **Stations of the Cross** in the sanctuary.

**Sundays in Lent**, 9 a.m., **Inquirers’ Class** for Confirmation or Reception, in the Chapter Room.

**Choral Evensong for the Eve of the Annunciation**: 5 p.m., March 24

Lenten events are listed online at [www.spcathedral.org/lent](http://www.spcathedral.org/lent)



# Lent for Families: Journeying in the Wilderness

**Hillary Peete, children's minister**

I have noticed in Children's Chapel that our kids are becoming more aware of the different liturgical seasons. We have this really cool floor mat that we gather around every Sunday. We take time to notice which season we're in, which season is behind us,

and which season is coming up next. Our kids like to point out which ones they like best.

Oddly enough, Lent may be my favorite liturgical season. I appreciate the call to repent and turn towards God. I like how it's a quieter time of reflection and everything is pared down and simple. I am drawn towards the idea of journeying in the wilderness. I've also found that Lent is a very rich time to explore with children. At the Cathedral, we truly hope that families feel welcome and will take these opportunities to share the faith with their children.

## Sunday, March 3: Sunday Social

On the first Sunday of the month we gather after the 10:15 a.m. service in the Garden for an activity and for time to catch up with one another. This month, as we prepare for Lent, there will be mini Alleluia banners for kids to decorate and then take home to bury until Easter.

## Tuesday, March 5: Shrove Tuesday

Join us for a party! There will be the classic beads, pancakes, bacon, sweets, and King Cake. Kids will be able to make Mardi Gras masks and we'll have a fun pancake race. You can help us put the finishing touches on our Alleluia banner that we will bury on Ash Wednesday.

## Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday

There will be a special Children's Chapel during the 7 p.m. service (nursery available for babies through age 4). In this service, we will talk about Lent as a journey that helps us prepare for the mystery of Easter. To guide us as we share the meaning of Lent, we'll sing songs and write Lenten prayers on butterflies that we'll bring back out on Easter. We will "bury the Alleluia" and join the adults in church to receive ashes.

For more Lenten resources and ideas for families, go to [spcathedral.org/children](http://spcathedral.org/children)



## Inquirers' Class for Confirmation or Reception Begins March 10

An Inquirers' Class for those seeking confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church will be offered at 9 a.m. Sundays in Lent.

The Cathedral clergy will lead these classes that offer an opportunity to learn about our Episcopal/Anglican heritage and what it means to be an Episcopalian and a member of the Cathedral. We'll meet in the Chapter Room for five Sundays, March 10 through April 7.

The classes are particularly oriented toward

those who wish to be confirmed, that is, making an adult profession of faith; or those who are coming from another denomination or tradition and want to formalize their membership in the Episcopal Church.

Confirmation and reception of new members will take place at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, April 20. Please speak with any of the clergy for more information and to express your interest.



We return to **DAY-LIGHT SAVING TIME** at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. Set your clocks ahead one hour (spring forward) when you go to bed the night before so you get to church on time.



## Organ Console Work Nears an End

The new organ console was set in place on February 21, and we expect that some or all of the organ will be operational by March 3.

The organ console is the cabinet and the operating system in it — the keyboard, the stops, the couplers, and the computers —



that create the sound when Music Director Dwight Thomas sits down on the bench on Sunday mornings.

If you've been around the Cathedral recently during the week, you've seen the area around the altar draped in plastic to contain dust and dirt. (We remove the plastic for weekend worship.)

The work includes new flooring. Several layers of a non-slip, long-lasting epoxy coating were applied over the original tiles to fill in cracks and seams and create a smooth surface. Then workers scraped up loose bits before a final satin-finish top coat was applied. The finished floor has a flake appearance that re-

*Our new organ console pauses at the foot of the chancel steps on installation day. Photo courtesy of BOB RUSCZYK.*



*Workers scrape up loose bits of floor coating before a final top coat is applied.*

sembles terrazo.

If all goes as we expect, we'll have great organ music and the Cathedral Choir will be back for a glorious service on the Last Sunday After the Epiphany, March 3. This is typically a major festive service with great music before we begin our subdued Lenten observance on Ash Wednesday.

Photos by JUDY STARK



## Another Work in Progress

The sacristy has been stripped to the bare walls, awaiting new flooring, walls, custom-made cabinetry, and lighting. This is the space where the Altar Guild keeps the linens, silver, and other equipment we use in worship, and where members of the altar party dress and store their vestments. While work is under way, participants are vesting in Harvard Hall and the Altar Guild is using the kitchen and Flower Room to prepare and clean up after services. We expect the work to be done by Easter.



## Choral Evensong for The Eve of the Annunciation

Our service of Choral Evensong at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 24, falls on the eve of the Annunciation, the day when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to inform her that she was to bear the son of God. It's nine months until Christmas Eve!

The service is Thomas Tallis's "Short" service.

Tallis (1505-85) was an English composer who occupies a primary place in anthologies of English choral music, according to Wikipedia, and is considered one of England's greatest composers.

He composed and performed for Henry VIII, Edward VI, Queen Mary, and Queen 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."

The "Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis" by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1910) is the composition through which most of us are familiar with the work of Tallis.

The anthem is Britten's "A Hymn to the Virgin."

An organ prelude begins at 4:45 p.m. A freewill offering is taken, and a reception follows. Incense will be used at this service.

The Cathedral Chamber Choir sings. Dwight Thomas is director and organist.



## New Date for This Month's Book Talk: March 26

The last in our 2018-19 series of book talks welcomes author Jeff Klinkenberg at noon on Tuesday, March 26. Note that this is a change from the previously announced date. Please correct your calendar and spread the word among your friends and book-club colleagues.

Klinkenberg, the longtime "Real Florida" columnist for the former *St. Petersburg Times*, will speak on his new book, *Son of Real Florida: Stories from My Life*.

The book includes some of his columns for the *Times* as well as pieces he has written for other publications.

"There's one striking difference in this book," *Times* book editor Colette Bancroft wrote in an interview with Klinkenberg: "Some of its chapters are about the au-



thor's own life, especially his childhood in Miami. All of them, personal and otherwise, reverberate with his deep knowledge of and love for Florida."

Last year he was named one of three 2018 winners of the Florida Folk Heritage Awards, and at the end of January he received the Florida Humanities Council's 2018 Florida Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing.

Here's how his alma mater, the University of Florida, described Klinkenberg (class of 1971):

"Jeff Klinkenberg is a devotee of Florida, a rare breed of native son who has embraced Florida's beauty, faults, and im-

mense changes. The reason? He searched harder for the stories of real Florida. In fact, for nearly four decades as a writer for the *Tampa Bay Times* (formerly the *St. Peters-*

*burg Times*), his column "Real Florida" was a direct pipeline by which he could illuminate the people, places, and problems of Florida to readers with unmistakable wit,

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### March Book Talk

**Speaker:** **Jeff Klinkenberg**, on his book, *Son of Real Florida: Stories from My Life*

**When:** **Noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 26** (a change from the previously announced date)

**Where:** **Harvard Hall**

**Lunch available (\$5), or feel free to bring your own**

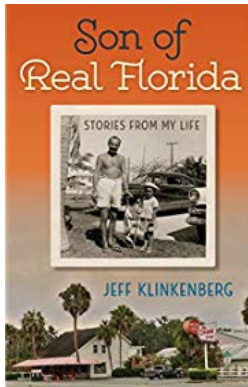
## Son of Real Florida

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narrative style, and effervescent reverence.

“While not an environmental reporter by trade, his work always spotlighted the natural settings of Florida, from the springs and the swamps and the oceans to the rural towns and overlooked spots where grime might be just as easily found as beauty. As the years went on, more of his work focused on the disappearance of nature in the face of overdevelopment and overpopulation.”

This book talk marks the end of our eighth season. If you have suggestions for presenters or for books you’d like to hear about, please speak to Judy Stark ([judy Stark@yahoo.com](mailto:judy Stark@yahoo.com)). We’ll be back in the fall.



## Book Club Takes Up Political Thriller Set in the Days of the Red Scare

*The Hellfire Club*, a political thriller by CNN anchor Jake Tapper, is the March selection for the St. Peter’s Book Club. Roberta Poellein will lead the discussion at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, in the Chapter Room.

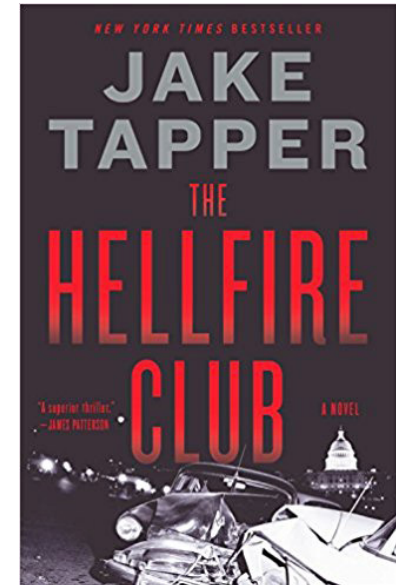


Set in 1954, during the McCarthy era, the novel thrusts a rookie Congressman, Charlie Marder, into the Washington of the Kennedys and Nixons, Herbert Hoover, Lyndon Johnson, Roy Cohn, and Dwight Eisenhower. Throw in power, money, a murder, and the Red Scare.

Come even if you haven’t read the book!

Also at the March meeting, the group will compile suggestions for its summer reading list. They’ll vote on their lineup in April.

Looking ahead, the selection for April 23 is *Washington’s Spies: The Story of America’s First Spy Ring* by Alexander Rose, presented by Bob Flannery.



# Canon Williams’s Class in Lent: ‘The Five Greatest Episcopalians You’ve Never Heard Of’

Plan to spend your Sunday mornings in Lent meeting “The Five Greatest Episcopalians You’ve Never Heard Of.”

From March 10 through April 7, the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams will perform the introductions from 9 to 10 a.m. in Harvard Hall. No need to register; just come, for any or all. (And yes, there will be coffee.)

“Theology and history are embedded in our DNA as Episcopalians,” Canon Williams said. “Our practices, our image, our polity have been shaped by these people, even if we don’t know who they are.” Hence the need to get to know them.

“We’ll also do some myth-busting,” Canon Williams said, examining the half-truths and the mis-readings of history.

Here are the Five



*William White*



*John Henry Hobart*

Greatest Episcopalians you’ll have a chance to get to know:

\* **William White**, architect of the Episcopal Church in post-revolutionary America and first Presiding Bishop.

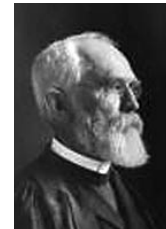
\* **John Henry Hobart**, founder of General Theological Seminary.

\* **Phillips Brooks**, rector of Trinity, Copley Square, Boston; considered by many the greatest preacher of the 19th century.

\* **William Porcher DuBose**, “the greatest theologian the Episcopal Church has produced,” some say; liberal catholic thinker,



*Phillips Brooks*



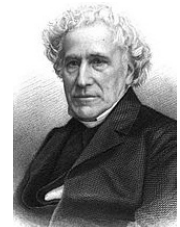
*William Porcher DuBose*

that applied Christian ethics to social problems, especially social justice.

“They stand in, respectively, for the founders; the Old High Church party; the liberal evangelicals; the liberal catholics; and the ecumenists,” Canon Williams said. “I’ll get to bring in a lot of other folks as well, plus a lot of gossip-over-the-back-fence-style history.”

dean of the School of Theology at Sewanee, 1894-1908.

\* **William Augustus Muhlenberg**, leading exponent of the Social Gospel movement



*William Augustus Muhlenberg*

# Twiddle Muffs Keep Everyone's Hands Busy — The Makers' and the Users'

The latest project for the needlecrafters of our St. Veronica's Guild: twiddle muffs for those living with dementia or Alzheimer's.

Dementia patients often have restless hands and like to have something to keep their hands occupied, experts say. A twiddle



muff provides a source of visual, tactile, and sensory stimulation when held and stroked, and when used as a muff it keeps hands snug and warm.

"It's a great way to use up odds and ends of yarn and to mix different textures," explained Louise Bennett, who says it takes about an hour and a half to make a muff, which can be knitted or crocheted. The muffs are about 16 inches long.

She and Debra Eich have produced 33 muffs. Then they and other members of the St. Veronica's Guild — Joanie Andrews, Bonnie Dickinson, and Cynthia Garrels — embellished them with but-

tons, ribbons, tassels, long strands of yarn, chains, or other odds-and-ends accessories to give users something with which to keep their hands busy.

The idea of making twiddle muffs was brought to the group by member Bonnie Dickinson.

The twiddle muffs have been donated to the Memory Care Unit at St. Anthony's Hospital and its outpatient clinic. The guild plans to donate additional muffs to nursing homes.

Thank you, St. Veronica's Guild, for your gifts of time and talent!

Photos by JUDY STARK



*Louise Bennett models a twiddle muff. Those with Alzheimer's or dementia use the muffs to keep their restless hands busy.*



# Fight Hunger at Home and Abroad by Joining the Crop Walk

## Bill Roen

Now is the time to become part of the Cathedral team for this year's Pinellas County CROP Hunger Walk on March 24.

During the next few weeks there will be a table in Harvard Hall during coffee hour where you can volunteer to walk, or, if you are unable to be there that day, to sign up to be a "virtual walker" or to sponsor a walker from the Cathedral team. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP.

To donate online, go to [crophungerwalk.org/stpetersburgfl](http://crophungerwalk.org/stpetersburgfl) and click "Donate." You can also support an individual walker by clicking "Choose recipient" and entering the walker's name under the "Find a walker" box. Then follow the directions. You can also choose to sponsor the entire team by entering "Cathedral of St. Peter" under the "Find a team" box and following the directions.

CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) — a division of Church/World SERV — is committed to ending hun-

ger both here and abroad with programs that aid international development and help the most vulnerable in our own communities. A quarter of the funds raised by CROP walkers will stay here in Pinellas County to be divided between Daystar ([daystarlife.com](http://daystarlife.com)) and the St. Petersburg Free Clinic ([stpetersburgfreeclinic.org](http://stpetersburgfreeclinic.org)).

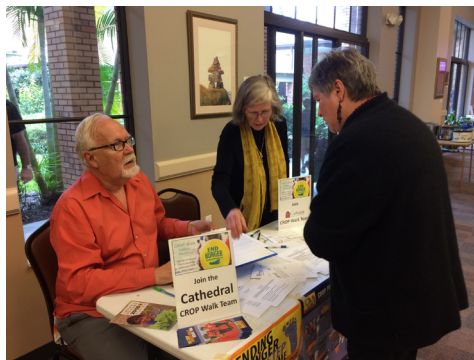
You can also participate in CROP by bringing nonperishable food items to the

Cathedral during the month of March. These will go to the Free Clinic for its food bank operation.

The walk begins at 2 p.m. on March 24 with registration at 1 p.m. at Gulfport Presbyterian Church, 5313 27th Ave. S. Walkers have a choice of two distances — one mile and just under three miles. All ages are welcome to join in. There are activities for children at the beginning of the walk. Dogs are welcome.

This is a beautiful way to share "the much" that God has given you with those who have little, and to walk with Jesus during this Lenten season.

To learn more about the international development and emergency work of CWS at home and abroad, go to [cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org).



*Bill and Penny Roen chat with Jean Beshears about the Crop Walk at their table in Harvard Hall. Photo by JUDY STARK*

# Outreach Offers a Variety of Ways You Can Serve Our Community

**Dianne Casorio, Outreach chair**

Three months into 2019 and the cathedral has jumped into our call to serve others with gusto! On behalf of the entire cathedral community, the Outreach Committee facilitates many of these opportunities. The following is an update on a few of the ministries and service opportunities that lay ahead for us as a cathedral.

- **Family Promise** — services to clients are currently on hold while they conduct interviews for a new executive director. We hold them in prayer as they discern their future steps. Family Promise offers temporary housing and social-service support to homeless children and their families while they seek permanent housing.



- **Resurrection House** — we continue to support Resurrection House financially through the annual breakfast as well as underwriting tutoring for the students who live onsite. New board members have been elected, including a number of cathedral members in accordance with Resurrection House bylaws: Al Phillips, board chair; Fay Mackey, Bishop Barry Howe, Susan Churuti, and Judy Beck. Resurrection House provides housing and support for families (mostly single mothers) while they pursue education, training, life skills, and permanent jobs and are prepared



to support themselves and their families.

- **Campbell Park Elementary** — The revamped teachers' lounge (completed during the Cathedral-led MLK Day of Service) is proving to be a beacon of respite for teachers and staff as they continue to pour out their hearts and souls to their students. Opportunities to mentor, volunteer as a reader, in the classroom, or front desk are still available. Please speak to Canon Katie.



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## You Too Can Serve

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- Babycycle and Diapers for Dignity** — we have rounded out the circle of life, providing dignity to all people in making diapers for children and incontinence supplies for adults available. Look for drives throughout 2019 to donate to these two organizations.



- Peterborough Apartments** — New life is afoot with the relationship between Peterborough Apartments and the Cathedral. In January, the cathedral provided some sweet treats for a community meeting held for Peterborough residents. In February we did some



light household tasks for residents as part of the MLK Day of Service. In March, we will be back in their lovely community room, bringing Ashes to Go on Ash Wednesday along with coffee and muffins. Sign up today to help serve! St. Peter's was a founder of this apartment for low-income seniors at Fifth Street and Fourth Avenue N.

- LIGHT Dinners** — these monthly dinners continue to serve the AIDS/HIV community here in St. Petersburg, providing a safe space for people to gather over a nourishing meal while they nourish their souls. Speak to Andi Gorton to learn more.

As always, there are monthly collection opportunities to help serve our community, from food to diapers to backpacks. Providing much-needed items to our local community is one way in which we live out our call to service.

The Outreach Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Chapter Room. All are welcome to come and share ideas, join the committee, or just see what it is like.

## Look Before You Park

During the week, if you park in the city-owned lot on the north side of Second Avenue N, be sure you are in a space marked for the Cathedral.

(These are the spaces right behind the Randolph Hotel at the east end of the lot.) If you park in an unmarked space, you are setting yourself up for a hefty \$35 parking ticket. The city recently reduced the number of spaces it allows us to rent from 12 to nine and will reduce those



to six next year. If all the Cathedral spaces are occupied, there are metered spaces at the west end of the Second Avenue lots as well as those on the street.

Photo by JUDY STARK

# ‘Won’t You Be My Neighbor?’ and Much More in March

## Susan Regan

Free movies continue at 7 p.m. Fridays on the big screen in Harvard Hall. We provide the popcorn! All welcome; bring your friends. The lineup for March:

**March 1: *The Hundred-Foot Journey*** (PG, 2014). Relocating from India to a quiet village in the South of France, chef Hassan Kadam and his family open a restaurant called Maison Mumbai. But when their business starts to thrive, a competing restaurateur launches a war between the eateries.

**March 8: *First Man*** (PG-13, 2018). Director Damien Chazelle and star Ryan Gosling re-team for the riveting story behind the first manned mission to the moon, focusing on Neil Armstrong and the decade leading to the historic Apollo 11 flight. A visceral and intimate account told from Armstrong’s perspective, based on the book by James R. Hansen, the film explores the triumphs and the

cost — on Armstrong, his family, his colleagues and the nation itself — of one of the most dangerous missions in history.

**March 15: *Won’t You Be My Neighbor?***

(PG-13, 2018) For more than 30 years, Fred Rogers, an unassuming minister, puppeteer, writer, and producer, was beamed daily into homes across America. In his beloved television program, “Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood,” Fred and his cast of puppets and friends spoke directly to young children about some of life’s weightiest issues, in a simple, direct fashion. There hadn’t been anything like Mr. Rogers on television before and there hasn’t been since.



**March 22: *The Bookshop*** (PG, 2018). Free-spirited widow Florence Green follows

her lifelong dream by opening a bookshop in a conservative English coastal town in 1959. While bringing about a cultural awakening through works by Ray Bradbury and Vladimir Nabokov, she earns the polite but ruthless opposition of a local grand dame and the support of a reclusive, book-loving widower. As Florence’s obstacles mount, she reminds herself that a town without a bookshop is no town at all.

**March 29: *Woman Walks Ahead*** (R, 2018).

When artist Catherine Weldon leaves her Brooklyn, N.Y., home in 1889 and travels to the Dakota Territory to paint a portrait of Lakota Sioux leader Sitting Bull, she becomes immersed in the Plains Indians’ struggle over land rights.

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

# Messy Church: Lord, Teach Us to Pray

**Betsy Adams**

At our February Messy Church gathering, we began a two-month exploration of the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, the Lord's Prayer. Miss Gail told us how Jesus was always praying. He prayed in the morning, he prayed in the noontime, he prayed in the evening, and sometimes he prayed all through the night. His disciples were so impressed that they asked Jesus

to teach them the best way to pray. Ms. Gail told us that since that time, for over 2,000 years, that prayer has been prayed by Christians all over the world!

Next she taught us some really great hand motions to help us remember how the prayer goes. Adults and children alike were soon lifting their hands in the air and praying (in an Episcopal Church no less!).

As we moved through our activities, we collected charms. After our two sessions on prayer, we will make charm bracelets or necklaces with these symbols to help us remember to pray. As we gathered, we began creating a group kingdom poster and received a "crown" charm. We made valentines for God our father and collected a "father" charm. We made our own names for "God dominoes" designs and picked up a "holy" charm.

## 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." No Messy Church on April 11.



*We tossed balls up high in a parachute: "On earth as it is in heaven!"*

A favorite activity involved tossing heaven and earth balls up high in a parachute as we shouted, "On earth as it is in heaven!" For that activity we collected a "globe"

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## Messy Church

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charm. Our food craft involved decorating soft pretzels and learning the legend of the pretzel as well as taking a pretzel prayer home with us.

Many thanks to Chef Mimi and the kitchen crew for another wonderful pizza and salad dinner. We also had heart cookies and a heart cake to celebrate Valentine's Day.

For our March 14 Messy Church gather-



*There were pretzels to frost to remind us of pretzel prayers and valentines to make for Our Father who art in heaven. Photos by BETSY ADAMS*

ing, we will continue to explore the Lord's Prayer, collecting more charms along the way. If you were not able to attend in February, please feel free to join us in March. We have plenty of charms to share so you can make a bracelet as well.

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](mailto:betsyadams@earthlink.net)).



## And the Winners Were...

Almost 60 people enjoyed pizza and a laughter-filled evening of friendly competition playing trivia on February 9. The Blue Moon Team wiped out the competition in the second half, leaping ahead of the other teams to sweep the field.

Trivia Night has become a popular event, so we will do it again this summer. Watch for the date!



*Wise guys: Robert Powers, Gail MacAulay, Penny Roen, Joe Lane, Joanne Creaghan, Jeremy Rome, Arturo Macias and Bob Flannery comprised the winning Blue Moon Team. Photo by SHAR NUDELMAN*

## Gotta Dance! Video Series on Dance in Movie Musicals Continues

Our video series on the history of dance in movie musicals continues, led by former choreographer Jack Clark. Come and enjoy Jack's video clips and narration. (Those who attended the February 14 session on Gene Kelly now know how to dance

like him and like Fred Astaire, so you're sure to pick up some helpful tips for the next time you hit the dance floor.)

The series meets at 2 p.m. in Harvard Hall and lessons last about 90 minutes. Here's the lineup:

**February 28:** Part 4, the 1940s-60s: The Golden Era of Musicals. Choreographers and dancers: Marge and Gower Champion, Bob Fosse, Debbie Reynolds, Nick Castle, Robert Alton, Ann Miller.

**March 7:** Part 5, the 1970s-80s: Blame It on Elvis. The death of the mega-musical and the return of Broadway. Elvis and rock and roll; Onna White, Alex Romero, Shirley Maclaine, Chita Rivera, Julie Andrews.

**March 14:** Part 6, 1980s through the 21st Century: The TV generation of directors. Actors stop training. The blockbuster film; Disney; the non-dancer celebrity.



*A dance number from the film version of Sweet Charity, directed and choreographed by Bob Fosse.*

Our **READERS' THEATRE** continues to meet at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in Harvard Hall. The group is readying for an April performance, a collection of works on aging. We'll have details next month.



# Staying Connected, Venturing Beyond Our Walls: What's New for Youth

**Alicia Schmid, youth minister**

Many youth events and opportunities are coming up to connect and grow in our love and knowledge of God and of one another. In February we tie-dyed T-shirts for June's Pride parade, and rolled out the new youth coffee talk table during coffee hour.

It has been a great way for us to stay connected, and catch up with our church

family and friends on what's going on weekly in each of our lives, but we want to connect even more. Youth have had the chance to share prayer requests, find out more about upcoming activities, and a few lucky raffle prize winners went home with a \$10 Amazon gift card!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for as many youth events as you can — we grow in life and in faith when we show up.

**Friday, March 1, through Sunday, March 3:** New Beginnings #65, middle-school weekend event at DaySpring.

**Tuesday, March 5:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Youth

and families will help host, and there will be fun children's activities available. Want to serve? Please join us! The more the merrier, so you can invite friends too.

**Friday, March 22, through Sunday, March 24:** Happening #78 for high school students at DaySpring. Everyone is welcome to send a note of encouragement to our Happening participants. Please send your notes to Alicia Schmid no later than March 17.

**Sunday, March 24:** The Pinellas County CROP Hunger Walk invites youth and families to participate in this event, supporting those who need food security locally and beyond. ([Story, Page 14.](#)) Everyone is invited to walk with us. Sign-ups prior to the event during Sunday coffee hour are strongly encouraged.

*Check in with Alicia on Sunday mornings at our youth coffee table.  
Photo by JUDY STARK*



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## What's New for Youth *continued from page 21*

**Sunday, March 31:** Journey to the Cross youth walkabout and lunch after the 10:15 a.m. service.

**Sunday, April 14:** Post-Palm Sunday youth luncheon. We will break bread, enjoy rich fellowship, and 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.

**Friday, April 19:** The 45th annual Way of the Cross walk through downtown streets. We need youth participants. Please call or email Alicia Schmid to sign up today. We can find a role for everyone interested in being part of this important day.

Please contact Alicia Schmid at [aschmid@spcathedral.com](mailto:aschmid@spcathedral.com) for more info, or to sign up for any of the events listed above.

# Coming Soon to a Pew Near You!

## Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair

We regularly get questions about online giving. "I've heard about making online contributions while sitting in church, how can I do that?" "I give online; how can my offering be recognized when the plate is passed?" "How does my online offering get blessed when the plate is brought forward and I didn't put anything in it?"

The cards pictured will answer these questions. Beginning on Saturday, March 16, you will find these cards displayed in every pew. If you wish to make your contribution while seated in church, just follow the direction on the card. (Please make sure your phone is on silent.) If you give through bank draft or credit or debit card and wish to participate in the offering, just put the card in the offering plate as it is passed. It will be blessed at the altar with

all the other gifts.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact any member of Chapter or the Stewardship Committee.



## Online Pledging Help

Beginning the fourth Sunday of March (March 24) and on the fourth Sunday of each month thereafter, someone will be stationed in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service to answer your questions about online pledging. Look for the Help Center! You might also take a moment to stop by the Help Center to check that all of your information (address, e-mail, phone, etc.) are up to date in our records.

## Just in Time for Easter: Miniseries Will Explore The Life of Jesus

For four weeks starting March 25, the History Channel will broadcast a miniseries on the life of Christ, "Jesus: His Life."

The series, featuring eight different perspec-

tives, will tell the story of Christ through "the eyes of the people closest to him." These biblical figures include Mary of Nazareth, Joseph, John the Baptist, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Caiaphas, Pontius Pilate, and Judas Iscariot.

Unlike other television series, which have directly followed Jesus throughout his life, this series will focus more upon the interactions Jesus had and the effect on those closest to him, according to World Religion News.

Each episode is a combination of scripted television and interviews with religious leaders, scholars, historians and theologians. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is among those who will be interviewed.

Two episodes will be broadcast each Monday through April 16. Check local listings for broadcast times.

*Jesus: His Life will show the impact of his life on those closest to him and on world history. Photo courtesy of THE HISTORY CHANNEL.*



Our **FOYER GROUPS** will meet at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, March 21. You're invited for friendly conversation, a delicious meal (\$5) and a chance to get to know people and make some friends. Marion Fleming ([mimideeda@gmail.com](mailto:mimideeda@gmail.com)) is eager to welcome you. Sign-up sheets are on the table in Harvard Hall.



## Super Sunday Fun

### Shar Nudelman

What a great time we had in February kicking off Super Bowl Sunday and playing trivia ([Page 19](#)). Thanks to all of you who participated in both of these and for your support of all the events your Fellowship and Festivities Committee hosts for you.

We have fun providing fun for you, so please feel free to talk to Shar Nudelman about joining us, or email her at [marvshar1@msn.com](mailto:marvshar1@msn.com)

We have more fun-filled events planned, so watch for information and dates.

Photos by JUDY STARK



Many of you donned your favorite team's colors or shirts and enjoyed snacks during coffee hour on Super Bowl Sunday. DeDe Sheetz and Sandy Powers rooted for the Broncos and the Bucs; Nancy Lane cut the official cake; and everyone devoured chips, dips and snacks.



The **FIRESTONE GRAND PRIX** returns to St. Petersburg the weekend of March 8-10. Be mindful of traffic diversions and street closings downtown. A map of the course route and other information is available at <http://www.gpstpete.com>. Even if you're not a race fan, come downtown that weekend and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

# March Transitions

## Birthdays

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|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Royce Hobby                | 7 Larne Clifford     | 16 Gareth Eich         |
| 2 Bud Miller                 | 8 Marguerite Dawson  | 16 Diane O'Neil        |
| 3 Neil Savage                | 8 Dianne Casorio     | 17 DeDe Sheetz         |
| 3 Tracy Pardee               | 8 Ken Esteb          | 17 Kathleen Lamb       |
| 3 Hilary Sosa                | 9 Peter Fleming      | 17 Joel Burnsed        |
| 3 Adam Busch                 | 9 Andrea Day         | 18 Cynthia Garrels     |
| 4 Carol Piper                | 10 Paulette Whitlock | 18 Gregory Depp        |
| 4 Ben Wintrip                | 10 Kathy Campbell    | 19 Rose Marie Judd     |
| 5 John Echernach             | 10 Gene Haines       | 19 Nicolas Samaha      |
| 5 Rose Linderman-<br>Worlein | 10 Paige McWilliams  | 20 Mary Murante        |
| 5 Amy Hurt                   | 11 Rachael Witko     | 20 Emily Hoyt          |
| 6 Judy Beck                  | 14 Betsy Reynolds    | 21 Jillian Harms       |
| 6 Gabriele Stauf             | 14 Rosemary Benoit   | 21 Campbell Clarke     |
| 6 Dustin Fenoff              | 15 Sharon Lunsford   | 21 Tatum Clarke        |
|                              | 15 Colin Dunn        | 22 Andrew Cockey       |
|                              |                      | 23 Lucy Barnett        |
|                              |                      | 23 Laura Bygrave       |
|                              |                      | 23 Noah Blacker        |
|                              |                      | 25 John Beck           |
|                              |                      | 25 Christine Fasan     |
|                              |                      | 26 Elizabeth Hasbrouck |
|                              |                      | 26 Hadley Huber        |

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| 27 Jim Potter      | 30 Carolyn Gregory    |
| 28 Laura Albee     | 30 Richard Sias       |
| 28 Caroline Albert | 30 Courtney Thornburg |
| 29 Vincent Murante | 30 Caroline Clarke    |
| 29 Alexandra Ford  | 31 Tannon Hasbrouck   |

## Anniversaries

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|--|-------------------------|
| 13 Ron Gallucci &<br>Bill Madison        | 25 Gerald & Judy Talbot |
| 18 Sherie Campbell &<br>Michelle Correll | 29 John & Tracy Pardee  |



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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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