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Dean Cobb Will Depart to Become Interim at St. Mark's in Philadelphia

Our interim rector, the Rev. David C. Cobb, has announced that his time with us is coming to an end. Next month he will become interim rector at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

Dean Cobb's last Sunday with us is May 12. We will say farewell to him at receptions after both services.

"We appreciate so much David's leadership during his time with us," Senior Warden Lucas Fleming said. "His wisdom and experience provided guidance during this time of transition for the Cathedral."

Dean Cobb, who joined us in January, initially expected to be with us until shortly before our new dean joins us, likely in early fall. He cited two reasons for his decision to leave St. Peter's earlier than anticipated.

"Back when I was first contacted in late November 2023 by Canon Richard Norman

about the Cathedral, my wife, Ruth, and I were pondering a move from Sarasota, where we live," he said. "Over the next few months we concluded that we want to be in the mid-Atlantic region to be closer to family.



Dean David C. Cobb

"Things moved more quickly than expected after I received a phone call from St. Mark's, which is seeking an interim. After conversations with Bishop Scharf, I have accepted their call to serve as interim rector for two years," Dean Cobb said.

Bishop Scharf has informed the Chapter that there are no plans to seek another interim. The Search Committee is about to receive the names of candidates and will move ahead with interviews.

St. Mark's is a historically Anglo-Catholic

congregation, which fits well with Dean Cobb's theology. Dean Cobb and Mrs. Cobb were in Philadelphia on April 25 to join in the celebration of the patronal festival, St. Mark's Day, as the congregation observes the 175th anniversary of their founding.

Among the church's benefactors was Rodman Wanamaker (1863-1928), heir to the Wanamaker department-store fortune, who memorialized his late beloved wife, Fernanda, with gifts of money and artwork to beautify and expand the church with priceless ecclesiastical treasures.

St. Mark's serves a weekly breakfast on Saturdays for the homeless, provides a food pantry several days a week, and hosts an Episcopal Service Corps program that provides young adult interns an experience in intentional community and direct involvement in parish ministry and at St. James'

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St. Mark's

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School, a tuition-free Episcopal school for at-risk students in grades 4 through 8.

As he prepares to leave St. Peter's, Dean Cobb said, "It has been a real joy and blessing to get to know this community and I have been grateful for the many encouraging words from parishioners. I have been grateful to work alongside your staff, who have been effective leaders for some time now.

"The Cathedral is in good hands and is moving towards the call of a new dean," he said. "I hope that my presence has given some support to the staff and that having a different voice in the pulpit and another presence at the altar has been some small step towards your readiness to welcome your new dean."

Dean Cobb concluded: "I look forward to being with you through May 12, to say farewell and to say thank you in person for making me a part of this Cathedral's life and worship. You are all in my prayers as we continue to seek to know and serve Christ and to follow his call to each of us."

With Beeswax, Dye, and Meditation We Created Beautiful Pysanky

We welcomed 30 artists for our second annual Pysanky event April 20. Our workshop leader, Johanna Krynytzky of Gulfport, has been "writing" these eggs with beeswax and dye since she was old enough to hold a kistka (a hot wax pen), taught by her mother and grandmother. Most of the participants were from the wider Tampa Bay community who have family roots in Ukraine and Eastern Europe, or who wanted to learn more about this ancient art of decorating eggs with hot wax. The group enjoyed a fun and meditative day learning about the symbolism found on pysanky and the variety of designs from geographic areas of Ukraine, and creating our own meaningful designs.



The whole process is a labor of love and a wonderful practice of accepting our mistakes and letting go of expectations. As Johanna would often remind us, there are no mistakes! We plan to do this again next year, so please join us.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Dean Search: We're Awaiting Applications from Our Candidates

May 1 was the deadline for applications for the position of dean of the Cathedral.

All applications were sent directly to Bishop Scharf. He and Canon Richard Norman will review the applications, make reference checks with the candidates' bishops, and forward to the Search Committee those who seem like good matches for what we are seeking.

Then the Search Committee will begin a process of reviewing the applications, conducting Zoom interviews, and doing further reference checks on the candidates.

"Please don't ask how many, or who, or where they're from," Co-Chair Ray McColgan said. "We know everyone is very curious, but we're operating under strict confidentiality, and we will politely but firmly decline to answer any questions."

"What everyone can do now is to continue to pray for the candidates and for the committee," Co-Chair Judy Stark said.

"We love hearing the Prayers of the People every Sunday that lift up the work of the Search Committee. We're going to need

those prayers more than ever as we get into the deep work of discerning with our candidates who our next dean should be."



We Continue Planning for Tower and Roof Repair

Our plans to repair the bell tower, re-roof the worship space, and restore the carillon are moving closer to reality.

At its April meeting the Chapter received the report from a structural engineer on the scope of work for repairing the bell tower. A briefing is planned with the engineer and other key players to walk through the report and answer questions and begin to sketch out a timetable and costs for the work.



The Chapter has designated repairing the tower and getting the bells and carillon back in working order as an anniversary project this year as we celebrate the 55th anniversary of our designation as the Cathedral for the Diocese of Southwest Florida (1969); our 135th year as a worshipping community (1889); and the 125th anniversary of the completion of our original worship space (1899).

Those who work in the Children's Chapel, Harriet Bedell Room, Nursery, and the Music Suite will be happy to know that repairs will be made shortly on the air-conditioning system in that part of the building.

Enjoy 'Beauty and the Beast' With Discount Tickets

Thanks to a new partnership between the Cathedral and American Stage (for more information see [Page 11](#)), we are excited to gather to watch their

current production of the Disney classic *Beauty and the Beast*.

All ages are invited to join us on the lawn at Demens Landing at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3, to sing and dance along. (But come early, bring a picnic, hang out!)

Discounted tickets are available. At americanstage.org, under "Tickets," "use the code COMSPONSORS for \$16

tickets (discounted from \$35). This code is good for the whole run of the show, but we are hoping as many people as possible can join us for Cathedral Night on May 3.

We do not want cost to prevent anyone from going. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need an additional discount. If you buy a ticket for Friday, May 3, please let Hillary Peete know (hpeete@spcathedral.com) so we have an idea of how many people are attending.



We'll Celebrate Pentecost With Our Annual Picnic: Food (Fried Chicken) and Fun (Cornhole!)

What: Our annual parish picnic

When: 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 19, in Harvard Hall

The details: The Cathedral will provide fried chicken and beverages. You, the congregation, provide everything else — salads, sides, rolls, desserts. We'll have aluminum pans in the Narthex for pickup on May 5 and 12 for you to take home and bring back with your contribution.

Join us for fun in the garden, too! We have a new cornhole set and a giant Connect Four game. There will be face painting, a craft for kids, and GIANT bubbles!

You can help: We need volunteers to make the picnic happen. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A4A729ABF9C52-49116408-pentecost#/>

What else: This is also Moving-Up Sunday (more on [Page 12](#)), when we celebrate the accomplishments of our children and

youth. And it's customary to wear red to celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church.



Lois Ricciardi wrangles the giant bubbles at last year's Pentecost picnic. Photo by HILLARY PEETE

The Joyous 'Great 50 Days of Easter' Lead Us To the Feasts of Ascension Day and Pentecost



We are well into the Great 50 Days of Easter, the seven weeks that follow the Resurrection.

Look around the Cathedral for the signs and symbols of the season. The Paschal Candle burns at the altar during services to symbolize the risen Christ, the fire of the Holy Spirit, and the pillar of fire that led the Israelites out of bondage.

We've brought back the "Alleluias" in our worship. Joyful music and colorful flowers have returned, and the altar hangings and vestments are white.

During Easter Season we read from the Book of Acts rather than from the Old Testament. We hear the stories of Jesus's appearances to his disciples and others and of the start of the spread of what became known as Christianity throughout the world.

On Pentecost Sunday the pulpit will be dressed in a red silk fall with a flame motif.

Easter Season includes the principal feast of Ascension Day, on May 9, when Jesus ascended into heaven. This day is set in scripture: Acts 1:1-5, 10-11. On this day we acknowledge that Jesus is no longer here, bodily, on earth, limited to one place or one time. We recognize him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, seated in glory with the Father, and accessible everywhere, all the time, to everyone.

The season ends on May 19 with Pentecost ("50th Day"), regarded as the birthday of the church. That's the day we hear about the mighty wind and the tongues of flame as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples.

The color of the day is red. Look for the gorgeous needlepoint frontal on the altar in St. Mary's Chapel, and the Jacobean brocade frontal on the high altar. At the pulpit, you'll see a fall in red silk with a flame mo-

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The Great 50 Days

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tif, and the presider will wear a red silk chasuble with an image of a descending dove on the back. (You're invited to wear red too to show your celebratory spirit.)

In Jewish tradition this festival marks the day that the Law was given to Moses, seven weeks — 50 days — after Passover. The disciples were gathered in Jerusalem for that celebration, the Feast of Weeks, or Shavuot. It was customary for Jews from all over the world to gather in Jerusalem for this celebration. That is why, as Acts 2:5 puts it, “there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout people from every nation under heaven.”

To the surprise of Jesus's disciples (and, indeed, everyone present), they received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit as tongues of flame appeared above their heads and the rush of a mighty wind filled the house where they were gathered. They found themselves able to speak in many languages, therefore able to take the Good News of Jesus into all the world.

The Holy Spirit, then, is a community-

creator that brought together as followers of Jesus people from disparate lands — “Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs.”

All were able to hear the disciples speaking about God's deeds of power in their own languages. This is why we often read the story of Pentecost in multiple languages from the lectern.

This message of inclusivity is emphasized in Peter's words: God will pour out God's spirit on “all flesh ... your sons and your daughters ... young men ... and your old men ... even upon my slaves, both men and women ... everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Pentecost is a single day, not

This scarlet frontal, on the chapel altar on Pentecost, was worked over five years by the late Mafalda Gray.

a season. The following Sunday, the First Sunday After Pentecost, is celebrated as Trinity Sunday, when we acknowledge “the three in one, the one in three.” From then until November — 26 more Sundays! — we are in the Season After Pentecost, the “long green season” of the ordered life of the church. We'll say more about that next month.

Photos by JUDY STARK



Sending Love and Warmth to Children in Foster Care

We were thrilled to welcome the founder of the Love Quilt Project, Gretchen Ginnerty, to the Cathedral on April 21. She presented sobering statistics about the number of children both in South Africa and in Florida who are in foster care. The gift of a handmade quilt covered in messages of love and encouragement go a long way in helping a child feel seen and loved. Each quilt also repre-

sents a financial commitment from the church that provides education to children in South Africa. The next day we took the project to Campbell Park Elementary School, where the students created more squares, and our EYC made more squares on April 28. Thank you to everyone who came to learn more and create these beautiful quilt squares. Photos by HILLARY PEETE and KAREN RAIHILL



Above, making squares at Campbell Park. Left, Anne Lawrence and daughter Isabelle Sherry.

Right, Michelle Stringer, one of Gretchen's oldest friends, and her son came to see her and participate.



Right, love quilt square created by our talented resident artist Earl Beshears.



We'll Honor Our Diverse Faith Community At Our Spiritual Pride Dinner June 15

The 10th annual Spiritual Pride dinner, hosted by the Friends of St. Aelred, will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 15, in Harvard Hall. June is Pride Month, and we hope you will come and enjoy a catered banquet, flowers, decorations, an inspiring program, and a chance to meet with other welcoming and affirming people from faith communities throughout the Tampa Bay area. All are welcome!

Spiritual Pride lifts up the importance of a supportive faith community for LGBTQI+ Episcopalians. That support is more important than ever now, when equality issues are under fire. Perhaps this year you'll consider inviting someone you haven't seen at the

banquet before — and maybe even buying their ticket. Can you imagine what that might mean to a young adult: to see a room full of supporters and to know that you are one of them.



Stephen Willis

Our speaker will be our own Stephen Willis, moderator of the Friends of St. Aelred. Stephen is a real estate agent and manages the Court Administration-Polk County Juvenile Court Division, and was formerly a Pentecostal minister. At the Cathedral he is an usher and lector. His partner, Rodney Kayton, managing partner of a market research firm, serves on the Flower Guild and as a verger and is coordinating several aspects of the Spiritual Pride banquet.

Ticket Information

* Tickets (\$40) will be sold at the Cathedral on Sundays: May 19 in the Narthex after the 8 a.m. service; and May 19 and 26 and June 2 in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service.

* Online sales will be open from May 13 through June 8 at spcathedral.org/pride, or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



* Please let us know of any special dietary needs.

* Please buy your tickets early. We are space-limited to 118 attendees, and the dinner is often a sellout.

* Because beer and wine will be served, this event is open only to those age 21 and older.

* To facilitate speedy entry on the night of the dinner, please bring either your printed ticket or your mobile phone showing the confirmation email.

New Partnership with American Stage Trains Future Actors, Raises Our Profile

Perhaps you've heard children's laughter coming from the Cathedral classrooms the last few Saturday mornings and have wondered what's going on. It's a new partnership between the Cathedral and our downtown neighbor, American Stage Theatre Co.

American Stage is a professional Equity theater offering world-class live performances year-round from its location on Third Street N across Williams Park. In addition to its mainstage performances, American Stage offers weekend classes to kids of all ages. Recently, unforeseen circumstances led to a loss of classroom space and American Stage needed an alternative.

After touring St. Peter's, Helen Murray, American Stage's producing artistic director, agreed that our classrooms would be a perfect spot for children's classes. And so a partnership emerged. The Cathedral agreed to donate its unused classroom space for theater classes on Saturdays. In return, we

receive acknowledgment as an Education Sponsor in future electronic and print media produced by American Stage, plus discounts to current and future productions (including *Beauty and the Beast*, currently running at the park in Demens Landing — see story on [Page 5](#) for details).

The first classes began on April 5 and continue on Saturdays through May. Said Helen Murray: "It has been the most uneventful and peaceful transition ever! The students love it there, the teachers love it there, and you all have made it so easy. I cannot thank you enough!"

The partnership is a true win-win as it increases the Cathedral's profile in the community while furthering our support of the performing arts in St. Petersburg and giving kids the chance to realize their dreams of one day taking the stage. If you'd like to

find out more about the education program, including summer camp classes, click on www.americanstage.org and follow the link for education.



Beauty and the Beast: Join us at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Demens Landing for the show.

We'll All Scream for Ice Cream This Summer

What could be more fun than gathering with new and old Cathedral friends and exploring all the best ice cream shops in the city?

Throughout the summer we are hosting SPice Cream Nights — short for St. Peter's ice cream. The locations will be shared next month, but they are all within walking distance of the Cathedral. We'll form up at the Cathedral and walk as a group; you pay for your own ice cream.

Next month we'll have SPice Cream Cards to pick up at church. Get your card stamped at all five locations and you can win a gift card to your favorite ice cream shop!

Mark your calendar:

Sunday, June 9 - SPice Cream Kickoff after the 10:15 a.m. service

Then, all at 6:30 p.m.:

Thursday, June 20

Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 16

Wednesday, July 31



Family Ministry Activities

EYC: Senior Send-Off

5-7 p.m. Sunday, May 5

Harriet Bedell Room

Chill out with your friends from EYC as we de-stress before finals. Fun painting activities, music, games, and food. We'll send our graduating seniors on their way as they head into the next chapter of their lives.

Moving Up Sunday

10:15 a.m. service May 19

We'll celebrate our high school seniors and recognize faith milestones for our children and youth. Families will be invited to come forward for a special blessing.



Save the Dates!

Tie Dye Day on Sunday, June 2, after Coffee Hour – we'll be tie-dyeing lots of headbands, scrunchies, and bandanas for Family Pride Day.

Family Pride Day on Saturday, June 8. Let us know if you'd like to sign up to help set up or to hand out stickers, tie-dye, and other goodies at the booth.

VBS from Thursday, July 18, to Sunday, July 21. More information to come!

We Love to Tell the Story

Together the EYSeedlings (grades 3 to 5) read three different resurrection stories April 14 and discussed how we would have shared the news with others if we were the women at the tomb. The kids made colorful crosses as reminders to tell someone

about Jesus. Then we had plenty of time to play on the red chairs on the courthouse grounds and enjoyed time outside on a perfect spring day.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE



Emma Knippen remembers to share the Good News.



Felix Peete has mastered the fine art of enjoying a perfect spring day on the courthouse's red chairs.



Beatrice Peete and Alex Underwood share a hug.

Love in a Jar

Members of our EYC (grades 6 through 12) assembled Mason jars of chicken-soup mix for residents of Peterborough Apartments. What better way to share God's love than chicken soup!



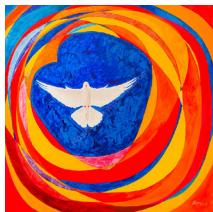
Connor Kahle, Ellie Curtis, and Katherine Knippen create an assembly line to fill the jars.



Ellie Curtis displays the loving notes attached to the jars of soup mix.

EASTER EGG HUNT RESULTS

At our egg hunt on Easter Sunday, participants deposited the wooden eggs they collected in baskets designated for our ministry partners. Each egg represented a 50-cent donation to that partner. The totals: \$122.50 to Campbell Park Elementary; \$122.50 to Florida Resurrection House; and \$149 to Peterborough Apartments. That's a total of \$394. We set out 802 eggs, which means there are still 14 eggs out there in the Memorial Garden. Can you find them?



Messy Church for Families

**Thursday, May 16,
at 5:30 p.m.**

This month we will learn all about Pentecost! Flaming tongues of fire, rushing wind, and a birthday party for the church, and other messy fun. Dinner is available at 5:30 p.m. (suggested \$3/child or \$10/family) and we'll end with prayer at 7:30 p.m.

We also look forward to celebrating our Messy Church graduates (Felix, Sarah, Abigail, and Noah) who are moving up to EYC this summer.

Art credit: Neil Thorogood

We'll Remember Priest-Activist Pauli Murray With Jazz Vespers, Guest Preacher

At our second annual Jazz Vespers **next month** celebrating the life and ministry of the Rev. Pauli Murray, the first Black female priest in the Episcopal Church, we will welcome the Rev. Janettarose Greene as our guest preacher.

Murray (1910-1985) was an American civil rights activist, advocate, legal scholar and theorist, and author. Her work influenced the civil-rights movement and expanded legal protection for gender equality.

Mother Greene had a long first career in the federal government. She graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2023 (along with our curate, the Rev. Mike Alford) and is assistant to the rector at St. Mary's in Arlington, VA, where she oversees pastoral care, children and youth formation, and community outreach.



*The Rev.
Janettarose
Greene*

"The Rev. Pauli Murray played a little-known but significant role in civil rights. She was an activist, lawyer, poet, and writer who fought against racial and gender discrimination. Her work paved the way for equality and justice for many marginalized groups." Mother Greene said. "Reflecting on her legacy inspires me to advocate for social justice and equality in my own life."

The Vespers are at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 23, with a reception to follow.

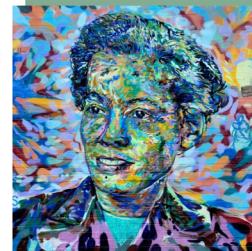


PAULI MURRAY JAZZ VESPERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 | 5:00 PM
Reception to follow

Featuring a jazz combo and guest preacher Rev. Janettarose Greene.

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A Great Racehorse and the Unsung Black Horsemen Who Made His Success Possible

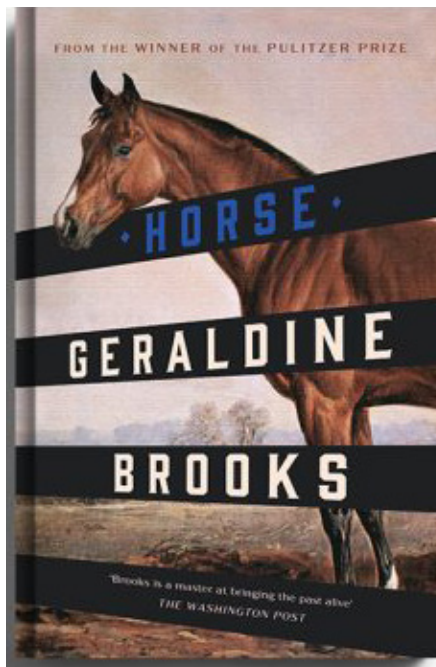
What better month than May for the St. Petersburg Book Club to read *Horse* by Pulitzer Prize winner Geraldine Brooks? The Kentucky Derby is May 4; the Preakness is May 18; and the Belmont Stakes is June 8.

On May 28, in the Chapter Room, Susan Darrow will share *Horse*, a 2022 book based on the remarkable true story of the thoroughbred Lexington, who was born in 1850 and a few years later amassed record-setting victories across the South, even as the nation reeled toward war.

This is a sweeping story of the greatest racehorse in American history; the enslaved groom who protected him; the artist who immortalized him; and the scientist and the art historian who uncovered the history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to the stallion's racing success.

It's a story of "bloodlines and broodmares; farriers and knackerries; wild gambles, wild gallops and plantation-era grotesqueries. A dollop of Civil War valour. And at the center of it all, a love story: a boy and his horse," *The Guardian* reviewer said.

Visit spcathedral.org/book-club for the Zoom link if you can't be there in person.



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

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

Clothes to Kids Is Our May Giving Opportunity

The Community Caring and Sharing committee will collect new underwear and socks for Clothes to Kids in May.

This nonprofit organization operates “stores” in St. Petersburg, Tampa, and Clearwater, providing new and gently-used school clothing in a bright and cheerful department-store environment for children who are at-risk or eligible for free or reduced-price school lunches.



Each year Clothes to Kids distributes more than 80,000 pairs of underwear. Last year 16,411 free wardrobes were distributed. The Cathedral gave a \$500 microgrant to this charity in 2023 and also collected items of clothing.

Our contributions will go to students from kindergarten through high school, so all sizes are welcome. New or gently-used clothes and shoes are also welcome, but underwear and socks must be new.

Please bring your contributions to church on Sunday, or drop them off during weekday office hours.

The goal of Clothes to Kids is to increase confidence and self-esteem so children can achieve academic success. More information is at <http://www.clothestokids.org>. Please help put smiles on the faces of the children who will benefit from your caring and sharing.

Two Classes Continue for Two More Weeks in May

There’s still time to join the last two sessions of our current formation offerings.

The first is **Resurrection Now: Delighting in Our Salvation**, an online discussion and film series with Father Richard Rohr designed to deepen and refresh our spiritual lives.

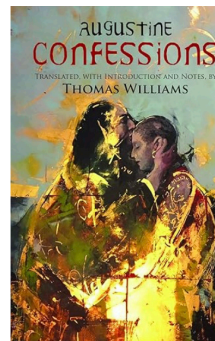
Rohr is a Franciscan priest and writer on spirituality, “one of the most popular spirituality authors and speakers in the world,” according to PBS.

The class involves a brief video, conversation, time for individual reflection, and contemplative prayer prompts. The class is led by Hillary Peete.



Richard Rohr

The class is on Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, May 7 and 14. For registration and materials, visit spcathedral.org/adults.



The second is the class on the **Confessions of Augustine** led by the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, at 9 a.m. Sundays in Harvard Hall. That class meets on May 5 and 12. A reading plan and videos of the classes are posted at spcathedral.org/adults, so you can catch up on sessions you’ve missed.

Easter Dinner Delivery

Members of the Friends of St. Aelred purchased and delivered Easter dinner baskets or bags to 10 families at Florida Resurrection House. Friends supplied ham or chicken, fresh vegetables and side

dishes, and dessert to enable the families to cook a complete Easter dinner. The Friends have been delivering these Easter baskets for many years.



*Left, Beth Snyder.
Below, BJ Scarborough,
Resurrection House staff
member Wonshé, and
Roberta Poellein. Right,
Tom Walker, Jean Curtis,
and Wil Laroche.*



Summer Choir Needs Your Voice

Summer choir begins May 26 and runs through August 25.

There are no weekly rehearsals. Just show up at 9 a.m. Sundays in the choir area of the cathedral for a short rehearsal before the 10:15 a.m. service. You are welcome to sing one Sunday or all, whatever suits your schedule.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to try out the choir, along with current choir members who want to keep singing through the summer.

Questions? Contact Canon for Music and Precentor Dwight Thomas: dthomas@spcathedral.com

Scenes from a Pilgrimage

Twenty-six pilgrims made the journey to Alabama in mid-April to visit significant civil-rights sites. We'll have a full report next month, when they've had a chance to process the experience. Meanwhile, here are a few images along the way.



Left, Our team of pilgrims at the Legacy Museum in Montgomery. Top right, our youngest pilgrims, Sarah, A'nyia, Daveon, and Miyla, members of the family of Grace Lewis and Melanie Moore, at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery. Bottom right, Anita Pernell-Arnold with Father Mike Alford at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, scene of "Bloody Sunday."



Altar Guild Meeting Celebrates Decades of Devoted Service

The Diocesan Altar Guild held its first meeting in five years at the Cathedral on April 6. Bishop Scharf presided at the Eucharist, with Easter-worthy music by Dwight Thomas and the beautiful Easter flowers still on display.

Our own Sarah Hill and Evelyn Fudge of Christ Church Brantendon, co-chairs of the Diocesan Altar Guild, announced their retirement at the end of this year. Both have served the diocese for many years. They issued a call for more members and new leadership throughout the diocese.

With an eye to 2023's Hurricane Idalia, which damaged or destroyed many churches at the south end of the Diocese, Evelyn offered a presentation on inventorying silver and brass pieces and vestments. "We're trying to help churches be better prepared to not lose everything," Sarah said.



About 40 Altar Guild members, mainly from churches north of the Skyway, attended the meeting.

Wedding Blessings

Our former Canon for Congregational Life, the Rev. Ethan Cole, and his partner, Chris Haas, were married in a private ceremony April 13 with the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams as the officiant.

Ethan is now the rector of St. Bartholomew's in St. Petersburg, and he said in a social-media posting: "St. Bart's is truly a place of grace, love, and inclusion. Chris and I feel so blessed, as Christians who are gay, to be able to serve God faithfully in his church. St. Bart's is a special place where we recognize that God calls all people to himself, rich and poor, different expressions of human identity, and of many races."

In other good news, Ethan was recently appointed by Bishop Scharf to the position of dean of the St. Petersburg Deanery, which includes nine churches in South Pinellas County. Deanery deans convene the clergy of the deanery to discuss matters of common interest and act as liaisons between the deanery clergy and the bishop.



Ethan Cole, Canon Williams, and Chris Haas.

New Beginnings Lunch Offers an Inside View Of Homelessness and Poverty

Join us for Florida Resurrection House's annual community celebration and advocacy event, New Beginnings 2024.

Attend this event on May 16 and join us in the life-changing work of ending the cycle of generational

poverty for families in the Tampa Bay area.

Florida Resurrection House is a faith-based residential program that serves single women and their children with case management, life-skills training, and vocational or educational advancement. St. Peter's was a founder of Resurrection House and many members of the Cathedral sit on its board.

"Our program is unique in that we serve parents and children at the same time," FRH says on its website, floridaresurrectionhouse.org.

"While parents work on career and educational goals, children are offered tutoring and learning through play opportunities. The entire family engages in age-appropriate social-emotional learning



and therapeutic services." The residential campus is at 800 Eleventh St. N, near St. Anthony's Hospital.

During a catered lunch, you'll learn more about the reality of poverty and homelessness in our community and how your support is creating hope and real change. You'll also have a special opportunity to hear the story of one family's journey, along with a panel discussion by FRH families as they present what they want everyone to know when they discuss poverty and homelessness.

Lunch and Learn

What: Annual New Beginnings lunch

Where: James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art, 150 Central Ave., St. Petersburg

When: Thursday, May 16. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; lunch and program, noon-1 p.m.

Tickets: We have a limited number of seats available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) to reserve yours.



WELCOME NEW FAMILIES HOME

Help us welcome new families to Florida Resurrection House! FRH is seeking household items to fill apartments for new families. The donated items can be gently used things you're ready to part with. Visit spcathedral.org/community for a full list of what's needed.

Around the Cathedral

OWLS

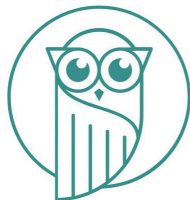
The next gathering of the OWLS, our senior ministry, will be at the Pentecost Picnic on May 19.

They'll have some designated tables to enjoy each other's company during the festivities. Meanwhile, OWLS are encouraged to attend Canon Williams's class on the Confessions of St. Augustine, which continues

at 9 a.m. May 5 and 12 in Harvard Hall.

Questions? Please speak to Richard Jordan, dpiconference@yahoo.com.

OWLS
Seniors Ministry



Shar Nudelman Funeral

A funeral service for Shar Nudelman will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, June 1, at 3 p.m. Her ashes will be interred in the Memorial Garden.

A reception to celebrate her life will be held in Harvard Hall after the service. If you have a message or memory of Shar that you would like to share, you can send it to memories.shar@gmail.com. These notes will be collected and shared by the family.

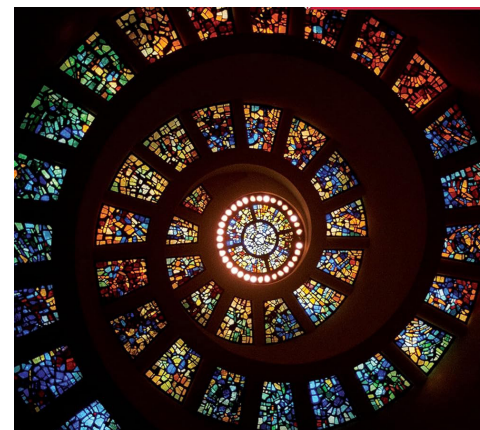


Memorial Day

The Cathedral will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. We'll reopen on Tuesday, May 28, at 9 a.m. That day also marks the beginning of our shift to summer hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, through August 29.

Pray, Meditate, Connect

Our Pray, Meditate, and Connect Group meets Saturdays, May 4 and 18, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Harriet Bedell Room. This faith-filled group will gather to share prayer concerns, 20 minutes of silent meditation, and a brief prayer service to conclude. Visit spcathedral.org/meditate for more information.



May Transitions

Birthdays

2	Rhody Gecan	12	Jack Clarke
2	Robbie Hasbrouck	12	Camilla Kilgroe
3	Melissa Barlow	12	Eden Jacobson
3	Anniston Pozo	13	Darrell Menscer
3	Barrett Dahm	13	Rich Kral
4	Bill Harvard	13	Matthew McCue
4	BJ Scarborough	13	Reid Carlisle
4	Carolyn Randall	13	Emily Bardell
6	Tim Lanz	14	Gail MacAulay
6	Joseph Kiefer	15	Donna Southard
7	Douglas Hansen	15	Katherine Knippen
9	Will Hollingsworth	16	Huston Babcock
9	Mark Myers	16	Samuel Albert
9	Rodney Kayton	17	Franco Soto Cruz
11	Thomas Williams	17	Michelle Plichta
11	Elin Erickson	18	Kelly Grimshaw

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Anniversaries

2	Rick & Gail MacAulay	17	Charlie & Ellen Rodgers
2	Fred & Phyllis Waters	19	Spencer & Jessica Curtis
3	Fred & Lydia Behnke	24	Mary Jo Mastry & Tracy Crow
5	George & Andrea Gramling	25	Len & Patricia Calone
5	Martin McKinney & Leslie Bagli	25	Katy & John Frederick
6	Al & Connie Phillips	27	Liz & Eric Snyder
7	Ray & Rosemary Benoit	27	John & Mary K Wilson
8	Danie & Matt Dahm	29	Mary & Rich Kral
8	Misty & Edward Landers	29	Richard Norman & Adrienne McKee
18	Bennett Flint		
20	Bill Madison		
21	Mary Jo Mastry		
21	Andrea Gramling		
22	Ben Pape		
22	Jeffrey Saut		
22	Aletta Adams		
23	Donald Skinner		
24	Kit Clarke		
25	Isabelle Sherry		
26	Fred Waters		
27	Louise Garrigues		
27	Tim Holly		
28	Ellie Curtis		
28	Ken Wolfe		
28	Mark Dunnill		
29	Suzanne Earle		
29	Carol Ellis		
29	Kerry Carlisle		
30	Ivy Lenhardt		
31	Noah Pozo		
31	Valerie Avrutis		

Those Who Have Died

Caroline Bosbyshell

St. Peter's: A Guide

Our Worship Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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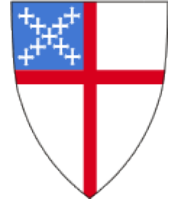
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