



# CROSSTOWN

May 2009

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

## Summer: Go, Grow, Come Back to Renew Our Community

The Very Rev. Stephen B. Morris, Dean

It is hard for me to stay inside this time of year. The weather seems to constantly beckon me, "Come out to play." School is almost over, spring will soon turn to summer, and our culture appreciates the season's relaxing, lazy days. It is a time to recharge our batteries and appreciate time spent outside playing in God's great cathedral called nature.

My fondest and most vivid memo-

ries of this time of year involve the Alexandria Aquatic and Racquet Club. I played a lot of tennis as a child. On summer mornings one of my parents would drop me off at the courts on the way to work. Someone would pick me up around sunset. I was left to play tennis and swim all day with my friends. I gained independence and confidence and felt I had good community in the

fellowship of my sport. We played serious tennis at times, but mostly goofed off and allowed friendships to develop and grow. This time of year reminds me of those days.

All too quickly, Labor Day arrived and it was back to the grind of school. Many of us who played tennis together in the summer went to different schools and would not see each other as often in winter. We each took a part of that summer fellowship with us back to school. The spirit of our summertime fun-filled community of tennis and swimming helped to shape and form us individually and prepare us for the challenges we faced in the new academic year.

I recently thought about that childhood experience in terms of our life in church. Some of us don't see each other as much during the summer. We are off recharging our batteries in various ways and in different places. We come together again in the fall for another academic/program year in the life of the church. May we remember that it is the spirit of Christ that calls us into community to shape us and help us grow. This spirit sends us forth and calls us to return time and time again so that the world, in various places and in many ways, is transformed by the love that binds us together, no matter where we are.

Have a blessed summer. Enjoy time outside playing. Come back home and enrich this community with your experiences.



## May 27: Hear About our Role in St. Petersburg's History

The celebration of St. Peter's multi-anniversary year will begin Wednesday, May 27, with a talk by Will Michaels, president of St. Petersburg Preservation, on the role of our Cathedral in the development of St. Petersburg over the last 120 years.

Dr. Michaels, a former member of our congregation, wrote the centennial history when St. Peter's turned 100 in 1989. He is the past director of the St. Petersburg History Museum.

This year we celebrate the 120th anniversary of our founding; the 110th anniversary of the completion of our sanctuary; and the 40th anniversary of our designation as the Cathedral for the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

"I will plan to talk on the benchmarks of St. Peter's history within the context of our city's history," Dr. Michael said. "Emphasis will be given to St. Peter's importance as a downtown church."

As the first vestry minutes of St. Peter's say: "Church work in St. Petersburg is coequal with the existence of the place itself. As soon as the foundations of St. Petersburg were laid, a lot for a church was given . . . and the regular services of the church established."

The history talk, with a Power Point presentation that features images of past Cathedral clergy (how many do you recognize?), will begin at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral, followed by a reception in the narthex. All are welcome. Bring your friends! As we move ahead into our future it's important to remember where we came from and see what we can learn from our past.

## Crosswinds

We celebrate **Pentecost May 31**, the day when tongues of flame appeared over the heads of the disciples and the Holy Spirit came upon them like a rushing wind. This is considered the birthday of the church. Everyone is encouraged to wear red, and the church will be decorated with red balloons. It's one of the church's major feast days, when we celebrate baptisms. If you seek baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to Canon Conner or call the church office (727-822-4173).

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Our weekday services of **Morning Prayer** are being held in Room 105 at St. Peter's Central for the foreseeable future. Here's why: Workers are raising scaffolding inside the Cathedral and installing a fire sprinkler system. The noise and work would disturb prayer, hence the move, which should last about a month. Our weekday 12:05 p.m. service of Holy Eucharist will continue inside the Cathedral, while construction workers are on lunch break. The 6 p.m. service of Evening Prayer on Mondays and Fridays continues in the Cathedral.

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**Dean Morris will teach a class** on the Book of Common Prayer, the Episcopal Church's four hymnals (can you name them all?) and the seasons of the church year, at 9 a.m. Sundays through May 17. The class will meet in Room 105 at St. Peter's Central. Come to one or to all.

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The **Schola Cantorum** will sing Choral Evensong at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, in the Cathedral. Our special guests will be members of the St. Petersburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The program: Stanford's "Evening Service in E

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## Join in Our Pastoral Care of Each Other

### Sam Tallman, Parish Intern

Initial efforts will get under way this month for several new pastoral care ministries. A small group is beginning a visitation ministry by taking the Sunday altar flowers to those in the hospital, those recovering at home from illness, or those celebrating a joyous occasion such as a birth or homecoming.

Another group is forming to volunteer to provide a meal to those who need short-term assistance, such as coming home from the hospital or at the time of a death. These are beginnings in sharing our pastoral care of others that will build up our community.

Call Sam Tallman, the parish intern, at the church office if either of these ministries sparks your interest of finding new ways to grow in your life at St. Peter's.

The clergy needs everyone's assistance with immediate notification when parishioners go into the hospital or experience the death of a loved one, or when pastoral-critical matters come to a household. Hospitals are prohibited by law from informing us when someone is admitted. That leaves family and friends as our only source of information about who is in need of pastoral care. Call the church office (727-822-4173) and ask for Pam League. Outside of office hours, please call our clergy on their cell phones: Dean Morris at (727) 743-1614 or Canon Conner at (727) 742-8509. Leave a detailed message so the church can respond appropriately. Thank you for sharing in our pastoral care of each other.



## Friday Night at the Movies

### Eddy Burns

Here's the movie lineup for Friday nights in May. Note that we've changed the starting time to 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Central. Free popcorn!

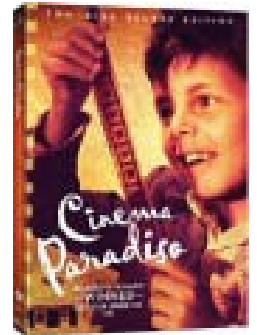
**May 1:** *Cinema Paradiso* (Italy, 1988): Young boy loves movies, is befriended by gruff cinema projectionist, grows up to be famous movie producer. Oscar for Best Foreign Language film.

**May 8:** *A Secret* (France, 2007): Engrossing drama about a boy discovering his family's dark secret in postwar France.

**May 15:** *Yesterday* (Botswana, 2004): Zulu-language film about a mother struggling to live until her daughter reaches school age. Beautiful acting, beautiful country, beautiful people.

**May 22:** *Edge of Heaven* (Germany, 2007): German and Turkish lives intersect in a multilayered drama. Won Best Screenplay at Cannes.

**May 29:** *The Marriage of Maria Braun* (Germany, 1979): Brilliant film from director Rainer Werner Fassbinder, dealing with a woman's loss and survival in post-World War II Germany.



## Cash and Crayolas: Here's How You Can Help

### Chelley Tighe, Outreach Ministry

Each month our Outreach ministry invites your support of a particular need in our community. This month the recipient is the United Thank Offering, a women's ministry of the national church. Our own UTO members will greet you at the doors on May 3 and distribute envelopes for your contributions.

Every cent UTO collects nationally — about \$2.5-million each year — is given away as grants to alleviate human suffering and directly affect the lives of women and children. Several congregations in our diocese have received these grants. Last year St. John's, Pine Island, received \$10,150 to create a covered patio and storage area and to buy computers and audio-visual equipment to support their work with Latino children at a mobile-home park. (This is the same mobile-home park for which we collected children's books last fall on Children's Sabbath.) The year before, Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor, received a grant to buy a bus to support its outreach to migrant workers.

In June we're issuing a CRAYOLA CALL! Andi Gorton and the team who will teach Vacation Bible School in the Dominican Republic this summer invite you to bring in Crayola crayons on Sunday, June 7. "We're specifically requesting Crayola crayons," Andi said, "because they're a high-quality crayon that doesn't melt in the heat. Some lesser brands don't stand up as well." Kids in "the D.R." often have to share little stubs of crayons. A whole box of new crayons for each child is a real thrill.

The April ingathering of food for the St. Bartholomew's pantry was overwhelming! We gathered enough food to fill the back of a pickup truck and more. Our friends at St. Bart's were speechless. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.



## Fisherfolk Ring the Dinner Bell Again

### Bob Campbell

It's time to cast our nets again. The Fisherfolk are sponsoring another potluck dinner. We'll start to gather at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at St. Peter's Central and we'll plan to serve dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Dress casually, be comfortable, bring a dish to share, and plan to have a relaxed, fun evening with old and new friends. Come one, come all. If you're new to the Cathedral and looking to meet people, you've come to the right place.

We think everyone who attended one of the Easter services will agree that the Cathedral experienced one of the most blessed and joyous Easter days we've had in a very long time. This is only the beginning of the good news. It's time to put our heads and hearts together and plan for the months ahead. Let's give the clergy and Chapter a pool of lively Episcopalians from which to draw workers to expand all kinds of ministries.

In the spirit of outreach, bring a can of something to help with the ongoing food drive of the outreach ministry. See you on May 16!

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Flat"; Ayleward's "Preces and Responses"; and Rutter's "Eternal God."

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The **Friends of St. Aelred** will walk in the St. Pete Pride parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27. All are welcome to join in this festive and family-friendly event. The parade route is only about a mile long, so it's not too taxing. This will be our fourth year in the parade, and St. Peter's always gets a very friendly reception from the crowds of adults and children who line Central Avenue between about 20th and 31st streets. St. Aelred's will also have a booth at the big street festival that follows (music, food, cold drinks, dozens of booths with information and merchandise). We'll have details in the June Crosstown about where we'll meet, but mark your calendars now. All are also welcome at the regular monthly meeting of the Friends of St. Aelred's, at 7 p.m. May 13 at St. Peter's Central: prayer, song, discussion, dessert.

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Would you like to **carry up the elements** (the bread and wine) at a Sunday worship service? Please contact Pam League in the office (727-822-4173) and she'll schedule you.

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**Are you graduating** from high school, junior college, college, vocational school? Please notify the church office (727-822-4173) so we can honor you later this spring.

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Our E-Team is looking for people who'd like to **help at the sidewalk bistro** on Sunday mornings after the 10:15 a.m. service. Pour drinks, serve goodies, get to meet everybody and be a welcoming face. If this ministry of hospitality and greeting sounds like your cup of tea, please speak to Canon Conner. Both men and women are welcome!

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## Crosswinds

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The **Cathedral offices will be closed** on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day, and no worship services will be held. Offices and Cathedral will reopen Tuesday, May 26.

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A training session of "**Safe-guarding All God's Children**" will be from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, at St. Peter's Central. This training, for the prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation, is required for all those who work with children and youth; all those involved in pastoral-care ministries; and all eucharistic visitors. Please register in advance by contacting the office (727-822-4173). A light dinner will be served, and there are handouts, so we need an accurate count of how many will be attending. Questions? Please see parish intern Sam Tallman.

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On **Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)**, at 1 p.m., we will join with "standing women" and men all over the world as silent witnesses to a dream for all people.

*We will be standing for the world's children and grandchildren, and for the seven generations beyond them. We dream of a world where all of our children have safe drinking water, clean air to breathe, and enough food to eat. A world where they have access to a basic education to develop their minds and health care to nurture their growing bodies. A world where they have a warm, safe and loving place to call home. A world where they live without fear of violence in their home, in their neighborhood, in their school or in their world. This is the world of which we dream. This is the cause for which we stand.*

We will gather for five minutes at 1 p.m. at the foot of the cross at Fourth Street and Second Avenue N. All are welcome to join in this silent witness. This is our third year to participate in this worldwide moment of hope.

## St. Peter's by the Numbers

*Every year the national church requires every congregation to submit a statistical profile. Here are some numbers that describe St. Peter's from this year's report.*

**791**

**total active baptized members, 2008**

**764**

**total active baptized members, 2007**

**311**

**average weekend attendance, 2008**

**296**

**average weekend attendance, 2007**

**209**

**number of signed pledge cards, 2008**

**235**

**number of signed pledge cards, 2007**

**32**

**total church school students enrolled, 2008 and 2007**

**\$667,011**

**total pledge payments and plate offerings, 2008**

**\$678,818**

**total pledge and plate, 2007**

### In the wider Episcopal church in 2007 ...

\* Only 5 percent of all 7,055 domestic parishes and missions had an average weekend attendance of 300.

\* The median congregation had 69 people in worship.

\* The median congregation had 168 active members.

Source: The Parochial Report

# May Transitions

## Birthdays

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| 2 Rosemary Gecan   | 9 Will Hollingsworth<br>Michelle Salsman   | 17 Kyle Hirvela<br>Jackie Petersen           |
| 3 Melissa Barlow<br>Alexander Beard<br>Michael Marsh   | 11 Phyllis Emerson<br>Sue McBride  | 18 Tony Catron<br>Kelly Grimshaw             |
| 4 Julius Durphey<br>Richard Franco-Dahm<br>Bill Harvard<br>Steve Lasky<br>Carolyn Randall<br>Betty Scarborough | 12 Jack Clarke<br>Kip Corriveau<br>Mark Gordon<br>Margaret Jacobs<br>Camilla Kilgroe | 19 John Hamm<br>Elizabeth Schroeder          |
| 5 Harry Aylesworth<br>Judy Koch  | 14 Gail MacAulay   | 20 Bill Madison<br>Alice Roess               |
| 6 Huston Babcock<br>Tim Lanz   | 15 Doug Hyland<br>Scott Sauers   | 21 Mary Jo Mastry                            |
| 7 Will Bennett   | 16 Freda Caley<br>Kendall Webber   | 22 Kathleen Beard<br>Lane Roney              |
|  |  | 23 Jim Budd<br>Four Dunton<br>Donald Skinner |

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| 24 Kit Clarke<br>Rick Poore<br>Harry Sauers<br>Joan White      | 28 Betty Wilhelm<br>Ken Wolfe                       |
| 26 Liam Fernandez<br>Hazel Hough                               | 29 Julie Clarke<br>Suzanne Earle<br>Carol Ellis     |
| 27 Anna Costello<br>Louise Garrigues<br>Tim Holly<br>Jim Wehle | 30 Mark Galvin                                      |
|  | 31 Rose-Helen Blanc<br>Rosamond Dana<br>Jim Stewart |

## Anniversaries

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|---|--|
| 2 Max and Pat Bygrave<br>Rick and Gail<br>MacAulay            | 17 Ron and Carolyn<br>Rymers                                 |
| 6 Don DeWolf and<br>Gretchen<br>Brierley                      | 18 Bill and Agnes<br>Sinclair                                |
| 7 Ray and Rosemary<br>Benoit<br>George and Pearl<br>Richards  | 19 David and Chelley<br>Tighe                                |
| 8 Phil Bowman and Bev<br>Taber-Bowman                         | 21 Four and Laura<br>Dunton<br>Michael and Liz<br>Wright     |
| 12 John and Kathy Paul  | 22 Steve and Cathy Lasky                                     |
| 13 Dick and Vicki<br>Burkhart<br>Richard and Shirley<br>Earle | 24 Jeff and Nicole Jones<br>Mary Jo Mastry and<br>Tracy Crow |
| 14 Brad and Dottie<br>Hirvela                                 | 26 Rich and Martha<br>Goodwill                               |
|   | 31 Charles and Celia<br>Plummer                              |

## Confirmations

- Courtney Rivers Crosby  
Molly Elizabeth Goodwill  
Haviland Kebler  
Kate Burnsed Munkittrick  
Ricky E. Poore  
Lane Sullivan Hitch Roney  
Lynn McHugh Saunders  
Dwight Thomas  
Rachael Lynn Witko

## Baptisms

- Piper Colomb Miller  
Wyatt Michael Harms

## Received

- Frances Anne Columbo

## Deaths

- Alberta Neathery  
John Legge

## New Members

- Mary Fendrich  
Addie Hildebrand

## Building Update

We will hold another of our periodic building updates after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, May 17, in the Cathedral. We'll talk about where we are on our new building and the columbarium and offer an update on our financing.

Our contractor, Peter Brown, has been taking regular photographs of the building's progress, so we'll have a slide show starting last August, when the building site was just a weedy empty lot, up to today: three stories, a roof, enclosed!

In April, as anticipated, the city's Historic Preservation Commission approved the historic landmarking of the Cathedral. Landmarking endows us with "density credits," which we can sell to developers. These credits represent a potential valuable income stream from both the Cathedral and the columbarium, the former Baptist Sanctuary.



Harvard Jolly

Our new, glass-enclosed narthex will lead into our new parish hall and office building. On Sunday mornings we'll have the welcome cart in this pleasant gathering-place. Materials samples are on display at St. Peter's Central.

# Work Begins This Month to Turn Baptist Sanctuary into Columbarium

**Sheree Graves, Senior Warden**

Work will begin this month on partial demolition of the historic former Baptist Sanctuary to turn it into an ecumenical columbarium and garden.

Asbestos abatement is already in progress. Later this month we will tear down the back two-thirds of the existing structure. St. Peter's bought the sanctuary in 1990 when the original occupant, First Baptist Church, moved to its present location on Gandy Boulevard. We'll let you know when we have an exact date for the start of demolition. The sanctuary is across the alley just south of the construction site of our new building.

In a unique move that has won praise from local preservationists, the front of the former sanctuary will be retained. At the rear, a new facade will reflect the traditional front in a modern, columned design.

Inside, offices and archives will be located on the basement level. The ground floor and mezzanine will house columbarium niches, which hold cremated remains in urns. Outside, in the space once occupied by the rear of the

sanctuary, a beautifully landscaped area with walkways, benches, and a committal shelter will accommodate more niches, for a total of 5,000 in Phase I. Additional niches are planned for a later phase of development. The gardens will be open daily to the public for rest and meditation.

The niches in the City Peace Garden are for sale to those of all faiths or none. The niches are priced from \$3,000 to \$6,000+ depending on location, for a space that accommodates up to two urns. A memorial section will be dedicated to the city's homeless. There will also be a separate section for the remains of pets.

Because the Baptist Sanctuary carries local historic landmark designation, city officials have been reluctant to issue a permit for demolition. St. Petersburg Preservation Inc. has urged that the sanctuary be retained. The Cathedral tried unsuccessfully to market the building and faced onerous maintenance costs. The city has approved the plan for the columbarium, and SPPI has given its

## To Learn More . . .

\* Another columbarium open house will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in the atrium at St. Peter's Central. This is an opportunity to pick up an information packet, look at the plans, view a PowerPoint presentation, and ask questions.

\* Our lender, Freedom Bank, is offering an attractive loan program for buyers to finance columbarium niches. Details are at the web site, [www.peacememorialgarden.org](http://www.peacememorialgarden.org). Freedom is providing the funding for our new building and for the columbarium.

strong support to the plan.

"This is a God-given solution to our problem," Dean Morris said. "The city and SPPI are happy that we've found a way to preserve the beautiful front facade of the building that faces Williams Park, our public square. We're delighted we can restore the building to a sacred use. This project will support St. Peter's mission and ministries in our downtown for generations to come."

More information about the project, including frequently asked questions, is available at [www.peacememorialgarden.org](http://www.peacememorialgarden.org). Or call the columbarium office at (727) 388-5223. Or speak to Sheree Graves, Andi Gorton or Martha Goodwill. Information packets are available at the columbarium office at St. Peter's Central.



Harvard Jolly

# St. Peter's: A Guide

*All are welcome here.*

## Our Worship Schedule

### Saturday

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



### Sunday

8 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite I and Sermon  
*A traditional service, no music*

8:45 a.m.: Early-bird bistro and fellowship

9 a.m.: Christian education for all ages  
*Nursery care available starting at 9 a.m.*

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

11:20 a.m.: Sidewalk bistro outside the Cathedral

6 p.m.: CAYA (Come As You Are)  
*Holy Communion in the round, followed by a shared supper.  
Celtic prayers and music from around the world.*

### Monday through Friday

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, 12:05 p.m.

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

Evening Prayer, Monday and Friday, 6 p.m.

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