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An Easter Series

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Ministry from Home: Being Christ in a Covid-19 World

Canon Katie Churchwell

Canon Katie here, with an update from the mission field. It is true, we are operating under such different circumstances these days. But some things never change, and for us at the Cathedral, we are still engaged in ministry. I have been overjoyed



with what I have been hearing from Cathedral friends and how they are affecting the world around them. I want to share some with you!

* **Louise Bennett** is still making twiddlemuffs (knitted or crocheted arm muffs with items such as buttons or ribbons attached to twiddle) and has now made 20 for students at Campbell Park! These are helpful in helping to keep students' attention focused on their learning.

* **Joanie Andrews** is crocheting hats for people in St. Petersburg with cancer.

* **Cat Donovan, Debra Eich, and Cynthia Garrels** have been hard at work making special accessories for face masks. They're creating crocheted extender bands with buttons on the ends to which the elastic bands of face masks can be attached. Prolonged mask-wearing can hurt your ears

Crocheted extenders keep face masks on more comfortably.

where the elastic pulls on them.

* **Sarah Hill** has been sewing face masks for residents at Westminster Shores.

* **Eve and Helen Munkittrick** have created an exercise video for the children and youth to use to stay active.

* **Lydia and Isla McDowall** have created a craft video to help little hands stay busy. (Both this video and the exercise video are on the Cathedral's children's Facebook page.)

* **The Outreach Committee** has taken on weekly card writing to those who, prior to the pandemic, were unable to attend church.

I know there are more instances of people engaged in ministry all around them, from people grocery shopping for their neighbors to people taking on the ministry of card writing. This is not an exhaustive list! And please! Send me your stories so I

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can share them. We all need some joy and ideas about how we can be engaged in ministry these days.

The current circumstances call us to look beyond ourselves more than ever. As every single commercial right now tells us, “We are all in this together.”

One way we can all come together in this time is to support the students at Campbell Park Elementary School. Their community liaison, **Carlos Childs**, has invit-



ed us to send encouraging letters/cards to the students as they engage in virtual learning from home. This transition has been difficult for all students, and our beloved CP kids are in need of encouragement, support, and love as they work hard at their school work.

Please write generic letters/cards of encouragement to a student! They can be mailed to:

Carlos Childs
936 Ninth Ave. S
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Here’s some suggested wording:

Dear Campbell Park Scholar: Good job making the switch from school to home! I know you might be missing your classmates or teacher, but know that I think you are doing a great job and we are all so proud of you! Keep up the good work! Your friend, _____ from the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

With more than 650 students, there is no limit to the number of cards we

An array of twiddlemuffs and masks created by parishioners.

can send. I plan on sending out 5 to 10 cards a week until the end of the school year. Please join me in making a positive impact on the lives of these scholars.



Hats created by Joanie Andrews for those with cancer.

Time Apart Helps Us Understand What Really Matters

Hillary Peete, Children's Minister

I consider myself a pretty optimistic, glass-half-full, solutions-oriented person. As I write these words, week 5 of quarantine is my greatest challenge yet! Once I wade through the anxiety and take a few deep breaths, what remains my silver lining to

this pandemic is a greater sense of clarity about what really matters.

We have the opportunity to lean into the belief that our homes are already sacred spaces. The way we respond and treat others during this time will show our children way more about our faith than our words ever could. We have the opportunity to pray together, to forgive, and to extend grace over and over and over again every day.

I am particularly hopeful that this time

Our kids want to see their friends and play in the garden, but they'll know their church was with them through all our time apart.

of physical separation will help our children (and us) come to a deeper belief that our church is, in fact, the people, not the building. Whether it's on a phone call, through Facebook or Zoom, seeing each other, laughing together, and praying for one another are what makes me feel a part of the body of Christ, not being in a particular space in the Cathedral.

That's not to say that our building isn't important. Trust me, I miss gathering in our space for worship and seeing the kids play in the garden. When we do come back together, we won't take for granted sitting in the pews to pray or hugging friends in Harvard Hall.

But through this time of connecting virtually, I hope that when our kids finally see each other in person instead of on a computer screen, they'll realize that their church was right there with them the whole time.

Photo by HILLARY PEETE



Families! Connect with Us Online

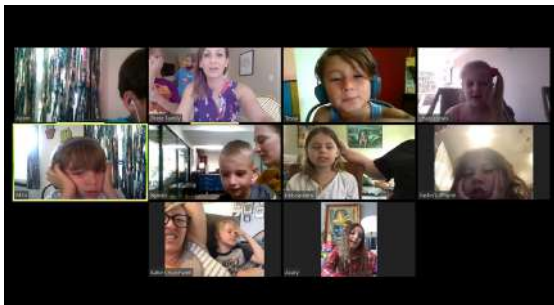
The St. Peter's community remains deeply connected during this time. Details for Zoom login are sent out to the Children's Ministry email list and posted on the Children's Ministry Facebook page. Contact Hillary (hpeete@spcathedral.com) if you'd like to be added to the e-mail list.

Wednesdays at 4:30 and 7 p.m.

We gather on Zoom to catch up with one another and play games.

Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Family Worship is offered every week. Just like



Here's a screenshot of kids and families gathered for Sunday afternoon worship.

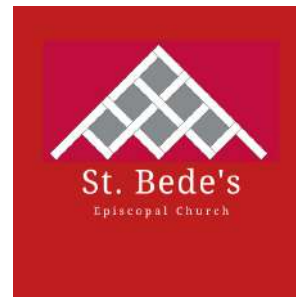
in Children's Chapel, children have the opportunity to light the candles, read prayers and scripture, and sing together.

Hillary posts regularly in the Children's Ministry Facebook page (link available at spcathedral.org/children). We do bedtime stories, prayers for families, prayers for losing a tooth, baptism anniversary blessings, and more! Many of our families have created video how-tos for fun crafts, workouts, and cooking lessons.

You're invited to stay connected with your Cathedral family in lots of meaningful ways.



Pictionary time! The kids created this image online of music director Dwight Thomas at the organ.



New Website for St. Bede's

Take a minute to visit stbedeepiscopalchurch.org and check out the new website of our companion parish. Created by their priest-in-charge, Canon Paige Hanks, the new site offers information about the parish and its leadership, a detailed history, fresh photos, recorded sermons, and more.

Our Current Discomfort May Grow Our Capacity to Love

Alicia Schmid, Youth Minister

As we wait to resume our typical activities, the Cathedral Episcopal Youth Community has been active on our Instagram page each day, enjoyed Sunday EYC Zoom Chats each week, and streamed movies



together at 8 p.m. Thursdays.

On April 16, we streamed *Prince of Egypt*, otherwise known as the more biblically accurate, musical cartoon version of the movie *The Ten Commandments*.

I had seen *Prince of Egypt* several times before, but watching it this time I realized that during our current situation, we have more in common with the Israelites than we may ever have again. We may not be enslaved by Ramses, but we are stuck at home, unable to be with people we care about. Many people have lost jobs, and

Members of the EYC gather with Youth Minister Alicia Schmid, left, on Shrove Tuesday. We're eager for more activities like this when we can be together again.

lots of us feel helpless to stop bad things from happening. It's as if we have no control of the world around us. But we do still have control over what we do, how we respond, and how we treat those God-places in our paths each day.

The story of Exodus tells us that the Hebrews have a past marked by hardship. Yet they also have a binding covenant with God, who chooses Israel, and makes a way where there seems to be no way, in order to sustain them through ups and downs and hardships.

We see God's faithfulness and provision for them, and his appointment of Moses to deliver them from slavery in Egypt. Even when the Israelites stray from faith. Even when they worship idols. Even when they gripe and complain after God has done so much for them. God still shows up BIG for the Israelites ... in ways we are still trying to wrap our minds around today.

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Growing Our Capacity to Love

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How can we see God's goodness and love in the midst of this pandemic? Recently I have seen the most inspiring kindness on the darkest days. I see people praying fervently, reaching out freely without expectation from others, and I see people taking time to slow down and assess what's really important.

Maybe it's because we're forced into this. But it reminds me that sometimes that's what God does to grow us as people. Sometimes we are forced to change things up and get uncomfortable so that we can remember what's truly important and, in turn, become better stewards of the Gospel. Growth is usually not very comfortable.

Some of us are worried about the crashing of the economy, and growth may be the opposite of

Want to connect with the Cathedral and the EYC? Please join us for our movie nights, which you can stream from your laptop, tablet, or smart TV, each Thursday at 8 p.m. Contact Alicia at aschmid@spcathedral.com for more information.

what we see. But if we all grow as human beings during this mess, and allow our capacity to love others to grow, won't it create a better world in the long run? Economically and otherwise? I have faith that it will. You might not have much faith right now. You might see only the pain in all of this.

All we need is mustard-seed faith to experience God's greatness. I want to challenge us all to do positive things and to love others in action in spite of the disappointments and pain we may be experiencing right now. Make a call, send a text, write a letter, send a card. FaceTime, Zoom, or send a video message to those you know need a kind word right now. Be love to those you miss however you can.

I like to think of it as turning pain into positive prophecy for our lives. The sweet moments in life wouldn't be nearly as sweet without the sour moments. This is a sour moment, but it doesn't mean we must be too. Let's vow to love one another in all the ways we can.

Just as God did with Moses, God is calling all of us to lead by example. It's not an easy calling to love your neighbor as yourself, especially when we're all stuck at home. But it is a calling we are more equipped to carry out in the age of technology and information than ever before. It's also the most worthwhile call that exists.



Our updated history of the Cathedral remains available on our website, www.spcathedral.org/history. Spend some time learning about our past, see the changing appearance of the Cathedral, and meet the figures who founded and shaped the Cathedral over its first 130 years.

Honor Our Graduating Seniors

Our high school seniors, William Albee, Tommy Chase, and Hudson Norman, are missing out on the last quarter of their senior year, including events such as prom, trips, and more. We invite you to send them a note or card of encouragement and congratulations.

Though they aren't getting a typical senior-

year experience, let's make the end of high school special and memorable for them. They have all worked so hard to accomplish a lot, and deserve all the love and encouragement we can show them.

Please send cards to them care of the Cathedral, P.O. Box 1581, St. Petersburg, FL 33731.



William Albee plans to attend the University of Central Florida.



Tommy Chase plans to attend the University of Florida.



Hudson Norman plans to attend the University of South Florida.



Life in the Time of Coronavirus: How We're Passing the Days

How have we all been coping during this time of quarantine? Some days staying inside is tolerable; other days, those four walls seem to be closing in. We invited a range of parishioners to tell us what life has been like since mid-March.

We asked: Other than worshiping and socializing at church, what do you miss most? How have you been passing the time? What's the best thing about quarantine ... and the worst? What can you recommend others read, watch, or do to fill up the

time? What was the most surprising thing, and what was your biggest discovery or lesson learned? And again, other than coming back to church, what's the first thing you'll do when the quarantine is lifted?

Here's what you said.



JANNIE HUME

Miss most: Sitting in a dark, empty sanctuary in total silence — it is so healing! — and being in the nursery, surrounded by those hilarious, precious, life-enhancing toddlers. **Passing the time:** I've been in a wheelchair recovering from a fractured foot. I'm not bored because everything seems to take a million minutes to do. I've now graduated to a walker. **Worst thing:** The palpable fear floating around the universe. I succumbed to it myself and it was isolatingly frightening. **Best thing:** Getting to know some parishioners better ... seeing our courageous priests, Dwight, and singers Jessica and Philip Dvoracsek bring me the Sunday morning service ... Canon Katie's calls to check in on me.

Read/watch/listen: Jane Austen's novels, always with a happy ending. [Metopera.org](https://www.metopera.org) provides free grand opera 24/7 — exciting! **Free virtual tours of fabulous museums** located all over the globe (try <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner>). **Singing along** with children's Bible songs and adult hymns, adding some movement — a sure cure for the attacks of the Fear Monster. **And you must watch this** — the Hallelujah Chorus performed by a congregation in Quinhagak, Alaska. It will make you laugh and cry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyvivyF-N23A> **Biggest surprise:** Listening to and learning from past sermons ([spcathedral.org/sermons](https://www.spcathedral.org/sermons)) and from Word

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on Fire (wordonfire.org), presented by a Catholic charismatic bishop. **Biggest discovery:** How incredibly dependent we are on each other. Somehow that fact has eluded me. **First thing when it's over:** I will zippity-doo-dah right down to St. Peter's to sit in silence and gratitude in the sanctuary. And when the next Wednesday occurs, I will go to the healing service to praise God for the blessings He has given me.



THE ALBERTS

(Anthony, Sarah, and pictured:
Maggie, Caroline, Sam, and Abigail)

Miss most: We miss our friends and family, and of course we miss our Cathedral family, but all in all, it's been nice to be home, together. **Passing the time:** Reading, playing indoors (Sleeping Queens and Clue have been family favorites), playing outdoors (croquet has been fun), watching movies, and swimming almost every day. **Read/watch/do:** I (Sarah) like *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* on Amazon

Prime (it's been such a treat to laugh when the news is so worrisome). I recommend crossword puzzles, and I suspect the *New York Times* has decreased the level of difficulty in their puzzle so as to lower frustration levels. **Biggest learning:** Quarantine has reminded me that I actually love being home with my family, and our life is normally too full of scheduled activities. **First thing when it's over:** Visit the grandparents. They miss the kids terribly, and we miss them, of course!

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DAVID AND SARAH HILL

Miss most: Friends, family, and church.
Passing the time: Making masks for residents here at Westminster Shores and doing some church sewing (Sarah). We have gone through some of the remaining boxes left over from our move. Weaving a beautiful new green stole (David) — weaving takes time and is a great gift right now. **Read/watch/do:** Reading, travel shows on TV, English mysteries. We try hard to limit both TV news and checking our phones. Our re-



cent beautiful weather has inspired us, and daily walks are wonderful. We've enjoyed long phone calls with friends and e-mailing photos. And cooking, which leads to bigger meals than we really need! **Most surprising:** Finding contentment in being at home and not being obligated to do many of our usual activities. Time to smell the roses! **Biggest discovery:** Our enjoyment at watching church services at the Cathedral and at other churches around the country. Finding more time to pray. **First thing:** Pedicures and a sunset picnic at Pass-a-Grille!



TALLULAH TAYLOR

Miss most: Interacting with other people. **Passing the time:** Sewing face masks, watching movies on TV, reading, crocheting prayer shawls, listening to music and watching the news (ugh!). **Read/watch/do:** *Anne with an E* (based on *Anne of Green Gables*) on Netflix. **Biggest surprise:** How quickly the virus has spread all over the world. **Biggest discovery:** How helpful people are. **First thing when it's over:** Do many nonessential errands that I can't do now because most stores are closed ... resume many activities that have been put on hiatus ... and hope dearly that we won't have a second wave of the virus.

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HUDSON NORMAN

Miss most: I miss being able to spend time with with my school friends and those at Dayspring. **Passing the time:** Swimming, video games, and working on art projects.

Best thing: The amount of free time I have.

Worst thing: Online schooling. **Listen/**

watch/do: I would recommend the Netflix original *Dark*. **Biggest surprise:** How much the quarantine has been extended over the past couple of weeks.

Lesson learned: That ordinary life is gone and, as of right now, we do not know when it will return.

First thing when it's over:

Hang out with a group of my friends.



MEG BANITCH and ELLEN ALEXANDER

Miss most: Being able to see Meg's mom, Twyla Banitch, and our friends. **Passing the time:** Walking, exercising, doing tai chi, sailing, reading, organizing, learning Spanish, cooking and eating (too much!). **Best:** Zoom happy/coffee hours with friends. **Worst:** Worrying about our family and friends. **Watch/read/do:** *Manhunt* on Spectrum on Demand; *World on Fire* on PBS/Masterpiece Theatre; daily emails and videos from the Cathedral. **Most surprising:** How we established new routines to give our days structure. **Biggest discovery:** We learned to Zoom! And that showed us how much it brightens our mood just to see the faces of our friends and family. **First thing when it's over:** Get a haircut and then take Mom/Twyla out to dinner!

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CATHY ROME

Miss most: Being a hands-on helper. I really miss volunteering! **Passing the time:** Seeking out nature — walking in the woods and boardwalks at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, Weedon Island, Fort DeSoto (outside the park), and others. **Best thing:** Lots of time to garden. **Worst thing:** Grocery shop-

ping, or lack thereof! **Read/watch/do:** At the end of each day Rich and I calm our minds by watching one episode of the BBC/Netflix series “Call the Midwife” (we’re on Season 2). Always insightful and uplifting. **Biggest surprise:** Remind me what day it is. **Biggest discovery:** A deeper sense of connection to the church and friends through virtual online tools. I would have said that wasn’t possible. **First thing when it’s over:** Travel to Seattle to see my grandchildren.



OLIVIA NORMAN

Miss most: Believe it or not, it’s school, because I miss being with my friends. I really miss my ballet studio and friends there, and my Sweet 16 birthday is very soon. **Passing the time:** I’m stretching for ballet and practicing as well as online school. **Best thing:** I can binge-watch some TV series. My absolute favorite show is *NCIS: Los Angeles*, where I can follow the relationships between the main characters. Another new favorite genre is other crime shows. **Biggest surprise:** That the quarantine actually happened — my friends and others joked that the coronavirus wouldn’t come to the U.S. **Lesson learned:** Don’t take for granted what you have as one day it could all change. **First thing when it’s over:** Go back to my ballet studio and school to see my friends.

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RIM KARNAVICIUS

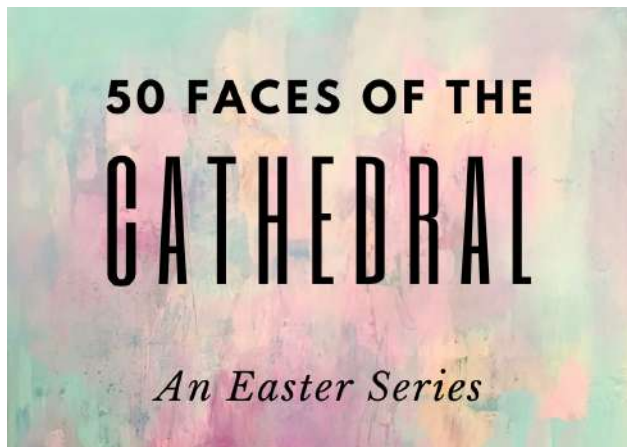
Miss most: Baseball! **Best thing:** Learning that I can do almost all of my job from home. I'm a mortgage banker with Hancock Whitney Bank. **Worst thing:** Not being able to gather with a large group of friends and family. **Passing the time:** Attacking an ambitious "to-do" list for projects around the home. My wife, Michelle, is learning to play the harp. I'm obsessed with getting flowers to grow properly. Cleaning out closets (I think I found Jimmy Hoffa). **Watch/read/do:** I recommend Amazon Prime ABC Murders with John Malkovitch as Hercule Poirot. Michelle is reading *Awakening the Giant Within* by Tony Robbins. We're working absolutely any and every puzzle we can get our hands on. **Biggest surprise:** that I can cook every night and not go out for dinner! **First thing when it's over:** Have a serious party.

Please call the office (727-822-4173) to let us know when you are hospitalized or ill at home. The hospitals are prohibited from releasing this information. The only way we know you are ill is if you tell us. In the interest of health and safety, the clergy are not making home or hospital visits as we deal with the coronavirus, but will be glad to speak with you and pray with you by phone. And please let us know when good health has been restored.

Meet the 50 Faces of the Cathedral

We are excited to announce our Easter series, “50 Faces of the Cathedral.” During the Great 50 Days of Easter — through Pentecost on May 31 — we will feature a different individual or family on social media. Each day’s post will also be shared on our website at spcathedral.org/50-faces.

Each person or family will answer the question, “What does Easter mean to you?” as well as other questions to help us get to know one another better. Some faces will be new, others familiar. How wonderful it will be to see everyone in person once we can gather again!



Bet You Can't Top This

Here’s how the Bond family, members of the Cathedral, amused themselves in quarantine. Webb, a golfing enthusiast, practiced chipping golf balls in their front yard. He hit a ball onto the roof 35 feet away; it rolled off perfectly and fell 20 feet into a cup of water below.

Kara Bond videotaped it and posted it on Instagram and Twitter, where it promptly went viral.

The next surprise was that John Krasinski, star of *The Office* and *Jack Ryan*, featured footage of the Webbs’ reaction on his popular online “Some Good News” show.

Read the *Tampa Bay Times* story here and watch Webb’s amazing feat:

<https://tinyurl.com/yavrp9wn>



Meet the Bonds: Webb, Kara, and Lucy Mae; in front, Campbell and Livie.

Everything in God's Time: Life at Florida Resurrection House

Ellen McDonald

A well-worn scripture in my Bible came to mind recently: "God has made everything beautiful in its time. God has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live" (Ecclesiastes 3:11-12).

This scripture came to my mind as I watched one of our residents laugh with her children. Just two months ago this mom bravely shared the truth of her life with me. She had grown up in a violent home, and when the man she loved became violent, she accepted it as just the way love goes.

With an undiagnosed learning disability, she found school hard, so she took any job she could find. Making a stable income always felt out of reach. She confided in me that day that she was scared she was creating the same childhood for her children that she suffered and was desperate to find a different way.

In her short time with us she has begun the process of creating a beautiful life. She is now attending aesthetician school and is thriving in a job well done. The children are engaging in family therapy and together they are finding a new way to love. Recently, this young mother lost all of her income because of Covid-19, but when I spoke to her just days ago, she said she felt nothing



The young mother featured in this story with one of her children, residents of Resurrection House.

but gratitude. She knows that with us, she is safe, and their future is bright.

It is an exciting time at Florida Resurrection House. Ten families are living on our campus with many more in the process of application. In this time of economic turmoil, we know it is more crucial than ever that our program be ready to receive families in their hour of need, so we have set a goal to reach capacity by the end of summer.

The Cathedral's generous grant of \$22,000 to work on our facility has made an extraordinary difference, allowing us to make necessary repairs to many of our apartments. We give thanks for you, our partners, because together we are ending the cycle of generational poverty for families in Tampa Bay.

Ellen McDonald is the executive director of Florida Resurrection House. She is seeking ordination as a deacon in the United Methodist Church.

We'll Celebrate Two Major Feasts This Month: Ascension Day and Pentecost

As we continue our walk through the Great 50 Days of Easter, we prepare to observe two major events in the life of the Church: Ascension Day, on May 21, and Pentecost, on May 31.

Let's start with **Ascension Day**. As we explained in last month's issue of *Crosstown*, this marks the day, 40 days after Easter, when Jesus left the earth to ascend into heaven and take his place at the right hand of God. This day is set in Scripture: Acts 1:1-5, 10-11.



Ten days later, on Sunday, May 31, we celebrate one of the major feasts of the Christian year: Pentecost ("50th Day"), regarded as the birthday of the church.

In Jewish tradition this marks the day that the Law was given to Moses, seven weeks 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 men from every nation under heaven."

To the surprise of Jesus's disciples (and, indeed, everyone present), they received the promised gift of the Holy

Mary the mother of Jesus is traditionally represented in images of Pentecost (Acts 1:13-15).

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, therefore, 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. That is a powerful message in our own time of isolation and division.

That inclusivity is emphasized in Peter's words, which follow: God will pour

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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 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 — 29 more Sundays! — we are in the Season After Pentecost — the "long green season" of the ordered life of the church, a time without major feasts or fasts.

We'll say more about that next month.



Paschal Candle Claims a Special Place During Easter Season

If you've been attending our services online, you may have noticed that the paschal candle has been standing, lit, near the altar since Easter instead of in its usual place near the baptismal font at the entrance to the sanctuary.

This is part of how we observe the Great 50 Days of Easter. The candle symbolizes the pillar of fire that led the Israelites out of bondage, the risen Christ, and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Each year at the Great Vigil of Easter — the night before Easter — we introduce a new paschal candle. "Paschal" means "pertaining to the Passover or Easter."

The candle stands 39 inches tall and 1-15/16 inches in diameter. It is 51 percent beeswax, symbolizing the purity of Christ. At its center, of course, is the cross, and the date of each year represents God's continuing presence among us.

The five clove-shaped pins represent the nails that wounded Jesus. Grains of incense are embedded in the pins, signifying the wounds in Christ's hands, feet and side. The Greek letters for Alpha and Omega indicate that Christ is the beginning and end. The fish are symbols for Christ.

For the rest of the year, we bring the paschal candle and the baptismal font forward to the marble area when we celebrate baptism. At a funeral the paschal candle stands beside the casket or remains. The candle is a symbol of the presence of Christ at these key moments.



Online Giving Makes It Easy To Keep Up Your Pledge

During this disconnected time when we are not worshipping together, it's important to remember that stewardship is a 24/7 activity.

If you already pledge online, thank you. If you normally give by putting cash or a check in the offering plate, we encourage you to switch to online giving.

Here are some options:

* Arrange for a recurring deduction from your bank account or on your debit or credit card.

* Give by texting spcathedral to 73256, then follow the prompts.

* Set up a "bill-pay" option at your bank (make sure the payments show that they are from you and represent your pledge payment).

* Put a check in the mail weekly or monthly and indicate "pledge payment" on the memo line.

* Give online: Go to our online giving webpage at <https://www.spcathedral.org/give>

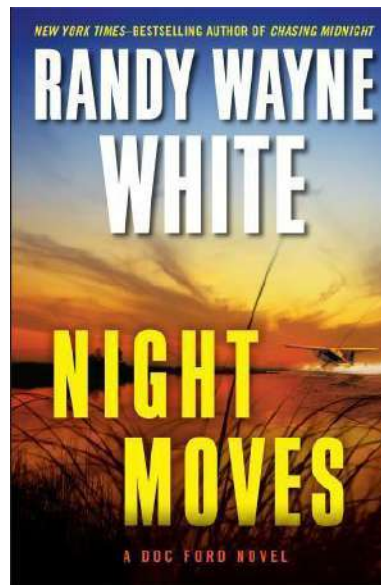
Stewardship chair Ray McColgan is available to help you through the process should you need assistance. Please call the Cathedral at (727) 822-4173 and ask to be added to his callback list.

Book Club Continues Meetings via Zoom

The St. Peter's Book Club has moved to Zoom for its monthly discussions. On May 26 at 6:30 p.m. they'll discuss *Night Moves* by Sarasota-based author Randy Wayne White. The plot: Five Navy torpedo bombers disappeared off Florida's coast on December 5, 1945. Crusty detective Doc Ford goes looking for them in the Everglades.

If you'd like to participate, e-mail Roberta Poellein at rplln37@gmail.com and she'll make sure you get the Zoom link and password.

Also at that meeting the club will consider future titles for reading and discussion, so please bring your suggestions.



Cash Is the Best Way to Help Free Clinic and Daystar

Kathy Coughlan

The Outreach committee has decided that the best way to help our neighbors in need during the Coronavirus crisis is to continue to donate cash directly to the St. Petersburg Free Clinic and Daystar Life Center. Learn more about the great work each of these agencies is doing.

St. Petersburg Free Clinic

The Free Clinic reports that they broke records in March: The Food Bank served more than 4,000 households. On April 1, they served 745 individuals and families in one day!

Besides this incredible service, the Clinic



serves many other functions in the community:

- * Their Health Care Center provides primary care and health education to those without insurance.

- * A dental program serves uninsured adults through one-day clinics staffed by volunteer dentists and staff.

- * A 50-bed women's residence allows female clients to stay up to a year while building skills for self-sufficiency.

- * A 25-bed transitional shelter for men assisted 110 homeless men in the last year as they worked towards stability.

- * A family residence serves homeless families, providing intensive navigation services as they work to obtain permanent housing. Last year, 98 families received support.

Daystar Life Center

Some of its services are unavailable under the current "Safer at Home" rules,

but under ordinary circumstances, in addition to its food pantry,

Daystar provides clothing; assistance with obtaining ID, bus passes and gas vouchers to get to doctor's appointments, job interviews, etc.; personal- and health-care items; and computer and phone access in their client resource room.

To donate cash to the St. Petersburg Free Clinic and learn more about their work, visit their website: www.stpetersburgfreeclinic.org, or mail a check to them at 863 Third Ave. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

To donate cash to the Daystar Life Center and learn more about their work, visit their website: www.daystarlife.com, or mail a check to 1055 28th St. S, St. Petersburg, FL 33712.



Looking for Something to Read? We've Got Suggestions

Recently I posted a note on Facebook asking what everyone is reading during *Coronamide*. Here are some of the responses. Hope this keeps the pages turning for you.
— Judy Stark

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern. A circus magically appears in town, performing only at night. Behind the scenes, two magicians engage in a deadly competition that only one can win.

The Great Pretender by Susan Cahalan. In the 1970s eight people went undercover into asylums across America to test the legitimacy of psychiatry's labels designating who was sane and who was not. What really happened behind those

closed asylum doors, and what does it mean for our understanding of mental illness today?

The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League by Jeff Hobbs. A gifted young African-American man escaped Newark for Yale but faced the dangers of the streets when he returned. A *New York Times* best book of the year.

The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz by Eric Larson. How Winston Churchill taught the British people "the art of being fearless" during World War II. (Two people

who suggested this book recommended the print version over the audiobook.)

The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandell. A massive Ponzi scheme collapses, and a woman mysteriously disappears from a container ship at sea. Economic devastation, crisis, survival, greed and guilt. "May be the perfect novel for your survival bunker," the *Washington Post* says.

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W. Blight. The biography of the onetime slave turned abolitionist, advocate for women's suffrage, and political insider. Winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for history.

Deacon King Kong by James McBride. What happens to the witnesses of a shooting in Brooklyn, told with verve and wit by the author of *The Good Lord Bird*, winner of the National Book Award.



Online Resources Help Us Stay Connected When We're Apart

Here are prayer resources and other ways to stay connected while we continue to practice social distancing and while worship services are offered only online.

You can sign up for our Daily Connection e-mail: videos, reflections, prayer, and music and art meditations sent directly to your inbox. Sign up on our Facebook page or at our website, spcathedral.org.

Here's what the daily emails will offer:

Monday: "Habits of Grace" video message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, a new message every Monday.

Tuesday: Invitation to Prayer (Prayers of the People and Anglican Cycle of Prayer)

Wednesday: Video homily from Cathedral clergy

Thursday: "Traveling the Way of Love" video and reflection. Learn how people and ministries around the church are living out the Way of Love.

Friday: Worship bulletin and Scripture for Sunday's service will be posted.

Saturday: Music and arts meditation.

Sunday: Worship at 10:15 a.m., live-streamed on our website, spcathedral.org, or on our Facebook page. If you've signed up for our Daily Connection e-mail, you'll get an e-mail on Sunday with the links to the worship service, to the service bulletin, and to a Zoom virtual coffee hour after the service, facilitated by Canon Katie Churchwell, when you can check in and see and speak to other parishioners.

You can also check spcathedral.org/connection and spcathedral.org/health for updates.

Here are more prayer resources:

We offer **Morning and Evening Prayer daily**, led by Canon Thomas Williams, and Canon Katie Churchwell's daily Pop-Up Prayer, both on our Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to access these resources. Go to our website, spcathedral.org, and you'll see where to click to find them.

* **Lectionary readings** for Sundays and major feast days: www.lectionarypage.net

* **The daily office** (Morning, Noon, Evening, and Night Prayer) from the Mission of St. Clare. There are links here to many other prayer resources. Go to: <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/>

You can read the service, and you can click to hear the hymns and canticles sung.

* **Forward Day by Day** — If you don't have a printed booklet, visit <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/> You will find the citations for each day's readings and a short meditation.

This website also offers a podcast of the daily readings, if you'd rather listen than read; and many other prayer resources.

* **Online Prayer Book** (bcponline.org): **Sunday lectionary** — Year A (starts on Page 889)

Daily office — Year Two (starts on Page 937; Year Two is on the right-hand, odd-numbered pages)

May Transitions

Birthdays

2	Rhody Gecan	6	Katie Churchwell
2	Robbie Hasbrouck	6	Lillian Lopez
2	Abigail Elkins	8	Bennett Flint
3	Melissa Barlow	9	Mark Myers
3	Anniston Pozo	9	Will Hollingsworth
4	Carolyn Randall	10	Tessa Burnsed
4	Betty Scarborough	10	Joseph Kast
4	Julius Durphey	11	Thomas Williams
4	Bill Harvard	12	Jack Clarke
4	Maureen Depp	12	Camilla Kilgroe
4	Stephen Morris	12	Eden Jacobson
5	Thomas Foster	13	Darrell Menscer
5	Judy Koch	13	Barbara Albin
6	Robert Doyle	13	Rich Kral
6	Tim Lanz	13	Matthew McCue

13	Reid Carlisle
13	Emily Bardell
14	Gail MacAulay
15	Donna Southard
15	Mattingly Pizzo
15	Lauren Cianca
16	Huston Babcock
16	Freda Caley
16	Samuel Albert
17	Suzanne Love
17	Phillip Patee
18	Kelly Grimshaw
19	John Hamm
19	Neal Ward
19	Elizabeth Schroeder
19	Kaitlyn Hurt
20	Bill Madison
20	Matthew Howe
20	Lee Morris
21	Mary Jo Mastry
22	Louise Funk
22	Aletta Fenoff
23	Donald Skinner
23	Millie Busch

24	Kit Clarke
24	Corey Crow
25	John Meros
25	Scott Dyer
26	Harold Butler
26	Fred Waters
27	Louise Garrigues
27	Tim Holly

28	Ken Wolfe
28	Elliott Curtis
29	Carol Ellis
29	Suzanne Earle
29	Kerry Carlisle
29	Jacob Singleton
31	Rose-Helen Blanc
31	Tiffany Benoit
31	Noah Pozo

Anniversaries

2	Max & Pat Bygrave
2	Rick & Gail MacAulay
2	Fred & Phyllis Waters
3	Fred & Lydia Behnke
6	Al & Connie Phillips
7	Rosemary & Ray Benoit
19	Spencer & Jessica Curtis
24	Mary Jo Mastry & Tracy Crow
27	John & Mary K. Wilson

29	Rich & Mary Kral
29	Ted & Zara Larsen
31	Joe & Audra Benoit

Deaths

William Robb Hough

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St. Peter's: A Guide

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Our Worship Schedule

Our usual schedule of services has been suspended because of the coronavirus. The Cathedral is closed and there are no services or activities until further notice.

Our Sunday morning service is live-streamed on our website, spcathedral.org, at 10:15 a.m.

Please see [Page 22](#) for other online opportunities for prayer and worship.

**If you have a pastoral emergency
after hours, please call
(727) 238-5998 to speak to
a member of the clergy.**

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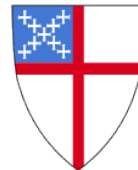
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