



May 2021

# CROSSTOWN

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



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*Way of the Cross on Good Friday: A tradition returns. Photo by JUDY STARK*

# Restrictions Relaxed, We Start to Move Into a New Normal

As we move into summer, and as Co-vid-19 restrictions are relaxed, we've made some changes to our worship schedule and office hours.

We will operate at 50 percent of our seating capacity of 650.

Reservations for Sunday services are no longer required. Masks and social distancing are required. "Every other pew" markers have been removed; please regulate your own seating choice.

Ushers have resumed passing the plate through the pews for the Offertory.

We will no longer offer the Eucharist in the chapel. We'll return to our pre-pandemic practice of inviting those seated in the Chapel to follow those seated on



the lectern side of the nave. The priests will distribute bread only from two stations on the white marble; we will not return yet to the altar rail.

The summer choir returns May 30.

Starting June 6, the nursery will reopen, and Children's Chapel will operate in-person only.

Our worship schedule continues:

**8 a.m. Sundays:** Holy Eucharist Rite I and sermon.

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

**12:05 p.m.**

**Wednesdays:** Holy Eucharist and prayers for healing.

Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. can be viewed on Facebook or at [spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream](https://spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream).

## Summer Choir Returns May 30

Summer Choir begins May 30 and ends on August 29.

There are no weekly rehearsals. Just show up at 9:30 a.m. in the choir area of the Cathedral for a short rehearsal before the 10:15 a.m. service.

The only requisite is that all singers must be fully vaccinated. We will be wearing masks while singing until the mask mandate for the city has been lifted.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to try out the choir, as well as for current Cathedral Choir members who want to get back into singing shape.

Questions? Please contact Dwight Thomas: [dthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:dthomas@spcathedral.com)



### Food and Festivities For Pentecost

To celebrate Pentecost, often regarded as the birthday of the church: We're bringing back a food truck!

Our Shrove Tuesday food truck celebration was such a success, we have to do it again.

After the 10:15 a.m. service on May 23, we'll have a food truck outside the front steps. Order something good to eat.

Bring chairs and blankets and we'll gather in Williams Park for a Pentecost celebration. Watch for more details!

## Ascension Day, Pentecost: Two Important Days on the Christian Calendar

In the weeks ahead, as we make our way through the Great 50 Days of Easter, we'll observe two major feasts of the Christian year: Ascension Day and Pentecost.

The first, 40 days after Easter, is Ascension Day, on Thursday, May 13, when Jesus ascended into heaven. This day is set in Scripture: Acts 1:1-5, 10-11.

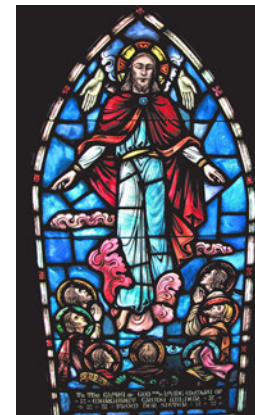
On Ascension Day we acknowledge that Jesus is no longer here, bodily, on earth, limited to one place or one time. Now we recognize him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, seated in glory with the Father, and accessible everywhere, all the time, to everyone.

Ten days later, on Sunday, May 23, we celebrate Pentecost ("50th Day"), regarded as the birthday of the church. 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 motif, and the

presider will wear a red silk chasuble with an image of a descending dove on the back.

In Jewish tradition this festival 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 Jeru-



*This window, in the far northeastern corner of the Cathedral, shows the hands of God, at the top, welcoming Jesus into heaven.*

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salem 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 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 dis-

*Images of Ascension Day often show Jesus’ feet at the top of the picture to indicate how he rose into heaven.*

parate 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 a season. The following Sunday, the First Sunday After Pentecost, is celebrated as Trinity Sunday,



*This beautiful scarlet needlepoint altar frontal is used in St. Mary’s Chapel on Pentecost and, as here, at Christmas. It was worked over a period of five years by the late Mafalda Gray.*

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, a time without major feasts or fasts. We’ll say more about that next month.

# Paschal Candle Is Rich In Christian Symbolism

Whether you attend services in person or online, you may have noticed that the paschal candle has been standing, lighted, 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 fish are symbols for Christ.

As the new fire of the Resurrection is lighted, the presider uses a nail to point out the images on the candle:

**\* Christ yesterday and today:** the vertical line of the cross

**\*The Beginning and the End:** the horizontal line of the cross

**\*The Alpha:** the Alpha symbol above the vertical line of the cross

**\*And the Omega:** the Omega symbol below the vertical line of the cross



**\* All time belongs to him:** the first numeral of the year in the upper left corner of the cross

**\* And all the ages:** the second numeral of the year in the upper right corner of the cross

**\* To him be glory and power:** the third numeral of the year in the lower left of the cross

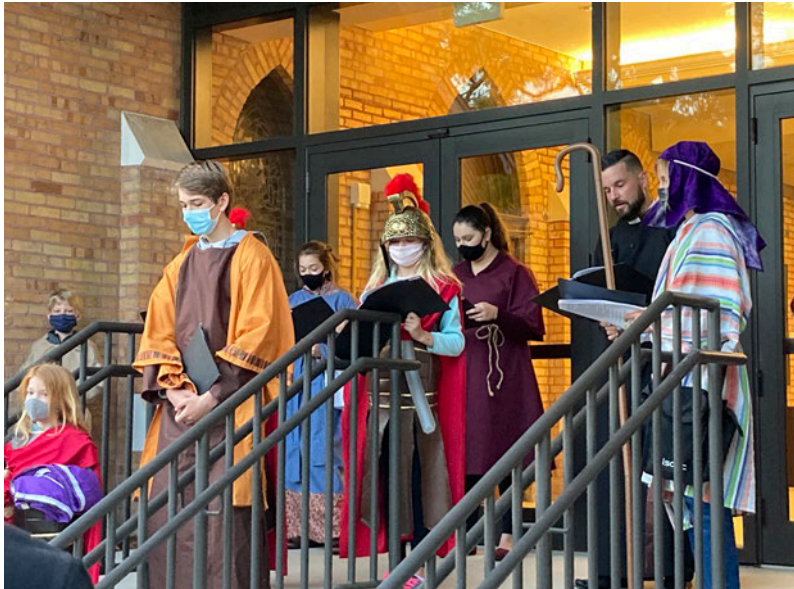
**\* Through every age and for ever, Amen:** the fourth numeral of the year in lower right corner of the cross

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.

# Another Glorious Easter

From Palm Sunday through Easter, we observed a solemn Holy Week and celebrated a joyous Resurrection. Our traditional Way of the Cross returned after a year's absence. Children and youth interpreted the Seven Last Words of Christ through art. And pandemic or no, Christ is risen!

*Photos by JUDY STARK and ETHAN COLE*



*Left, youth prepare to start the 46th Way of the Cross through the streets of downtown St. Petersburg. Joseph Shideler was this year's Jesus.*



*Right, top, Simon of Cyrene (Jack Knippen) takes up the cross when Jesus is too weak to carry it.*



*Right, bottom, Olivia Norman and Ellie Curtis portray St. Veronica and Mary the Mother of Jesus.*

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## Another Glorious Easter *continued from page 6*



Above, Members of the Altar Guild and friends fold the palm crosses that were handed out on Palm Sunday.



Top: This year's color scheme: yellow and white for the Easter flowers.

Bottom: Color families express feelings of betrayal and of trust in God's presence.



Hearts symbolize God's love that bridges earth and heaven.

## This Summer We'll Unpack the Gorgeous, Terrifying Meaning of the Book of Revelation

The Book of Revelation is the great vision of John of Patmos of the triumph of God and Christ and his ultimate victory.

There are angels, saints, and horsemen.

There are plagues, trumpets, and some of the most famous passages in scripture ... as well as some of the most difficult to understand. There are beautiful songs and terrify-

ing threats of punishment and promises of reward.

Over eight Tuesdays — June 1 through July 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. — the Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams and the Rev. Canon Ethan Cole will break open this text (if we can dare to borrow that image from the book itself, knowing that only the Lamb is worthy to break open the seals — Rev. 5:2) and look for some meaning for us for today in John's ancient vision.

Register to obtain the Zoom link at [spcathedral.org/book-and-bible](https://spcathedral.org/book-and-bible).

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Meanwhile, our book study of Mary Gordon's *Reading Jesus* continues at noon May 4 and 11. Register for the Zoom link at [spcathedral.org/book-and-bible](https://spcathedral.org/book-and-bible).

Canon Cole's study of the book of Colossians continues at 6:30 p.m. May 4 and 11. Register for the Zoom link at [spcathedral.org/book-and-bible](https://spcathedral.org/book-and-bible).





# Let Book Talk Recordings Inspire Summer Reading

Our 10th anniversary season of Cathedral Book Talks has ended, but you can catch up on any of the Zoom presentations that you missed at [spcathedral.org/book-talks](https://spcathedral.org/book-talks), where we've posted recordings. Perhaps they will inspire your summer reading!

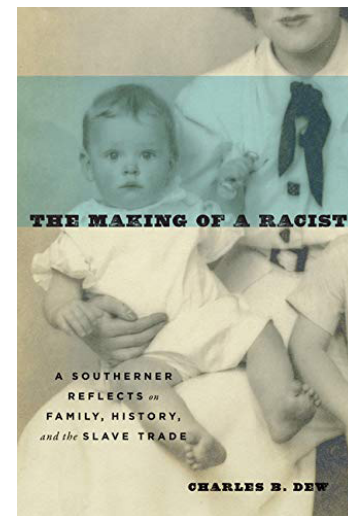
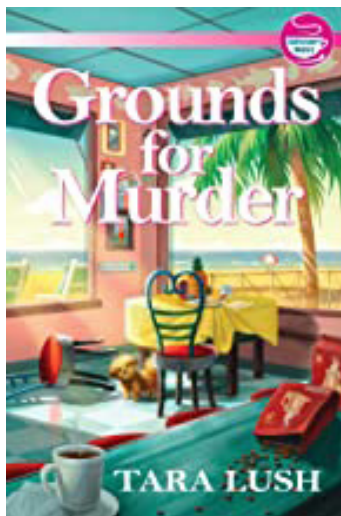
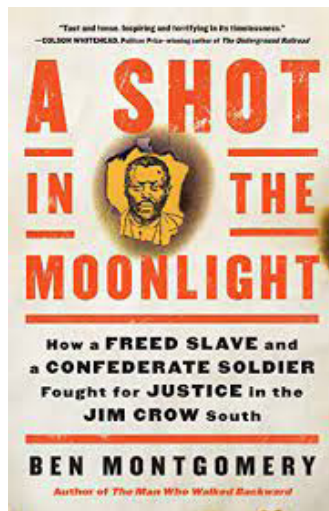
The presenters and their titles:

- \* Colette Bancroft, *Tampa Bay Times* book editor, on Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet*.
- \* Ben Montgomery on his latest book, *A Shot in the Moonlight*.
- \* Tamara Lush, writing as Tara Lush, on

her new book, *Grounds for Murder*.

- \* Charles B. Dew on his memoir, *The Making of a Racist: A Southerner Reflects on Family, History, and the Slave Trade*.

Your suggestions for titles or presenters for our next season of book talks are welcome. Please e-mail [judystark@yahoo.com](mailto:judystark@yahoo.com).



# BBC Planning Committee Welcomes You, Your Ideas On the Journey Toward Racial Justice

The Cathedral's Becoming Beloved Community group has curated a series of events and speakers in 2021 to explore racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in the St. Petersburg community. You are invited on this journey of learning more about past and present racial injustice in St. Petersburg

so that we might participate in the repair, restoration, and healing of our community.

This group has been meeting regularly to plan events, speakers, and other opportunities for us to work towards justice. If you would like to learn more about this group or have questions about our Sacred Ground

dialogue circles, these members welcome conversation: Martha Goodwill, the Rev. Paige Hanks, Rebecca Lyons, Anysia McDowall, Hillary Peete, Anita Pernell-Arnold, Cathy Rome, David Lee Smith, and Karen Torrisi.

There are so many resources, author talks, webinars, and community events with which we can enrich ourselves. We are so thankful for the leadership in the St. Petersburg community on matters of racial justice.

If you would like to participate and become more connected with these resources, you can visit the Becoming Beloved Community webpage ([spcathedral.org/beloved-community](https://spcathedral.org/beloved-community)), or the Race and Reconciliation Committee of the Diocese of Southwest Florida webpage (<https://episcopalswfl.org/reconciliation.html>) and subscribe to their monthly newsletter, and join the Facebook Group: Race and Racial Reconciliation, Diocese of SWFL for more news.



# As Pandemic Eases, Ways Expand to Volunteer and Donate

## Penny Roen, Outreach Committee

As more and more people are fully vaccinated and feel ready to “get out of the house,” the Outreach Committee will have volunteer opportunities:

- \* At Resurrection House for volunteers to staff the phone/front desk and to work in the Resource Room; and

- \* In the near future, at Campbell Park Elementary to set up and stock the “emergency supplies” clothes closet in an unused classroom.

Please contact Hillary Peete in the Cathedral office ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) if you would like to help or to add your name to the lists of people on call to help with volunteer projects at Campbell Park Elementary, Resurrection House, and/or the Peterborough Apartments. See more information about our community partners at [spcathedral.org/community](http://spcathedral.org/community).

Earlier this year, Cathedral volunteers packed emergency bags for the residents of Peterborough Apartments — things such

as tissues, soup, crackers, the sorts of items the residents would need if they were sick and couldn’t get out.

Ginny Rowell reported to us that in the first weeks after we delivered the bags, few were used. Covid-19 isolation and masks had limited the spread of disease this year

at Peterborough, just as in so many other places. Then the residents were vaccinated, and like so many others around the country, some residents had adverse reactions to the second shot — and our emergency bags saved the day!

### Free Clinic Food Drive

During May we will collect food for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

Through its We Help program, the clinic provides food directly to families and distributes food to partners throughout Pinellas County to do the same. The need is great: almost three times as many individuals are currently being served as in 2020, due to the impact of Covid-19.

We are seeking canned and packaged goods in sizes that you would purchase

for your family (not big industrial-size containers). The clinic specifically wants:

canned ravioli	canned soup
canned fruit	Ensure or Boost
baked beans	bar or liquid soap
Spam	

Please bring your donations to the Cathedral when you come for worship or drop them off during weekday office hours.

## Snacks, packed

These are some of the snacks contributed by the congregation for the teachers at Campbell Park Elementary as a thank-you and pick-me-up. Thanks to the Outreach Committee for this tasty and loving idea!

*Photo by RITA SEWELL*



## Art, Justice, Faith Merge in Free Online Concert

Concerts for the Human Family, a new artistic collaboration led by The Episcopal Church and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry that explores “the powerful intersection between art, justice, and faith,” will launch at 5:45 p.m. May 22 with a free digital broadcast filmed at Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral.

The inaugural concert, which pairs pianist, composer, and musical director Kory Caudill of Nashville, Tenn., and Baltimore-based hip-hop artist Wordsmith, will provide an uplifting journey through the human experience of love, grief, loss, and hope – a musical commentary on social reckoning in the United States and a pandemic that has touched every corner of the world.

The musical journey draws on Becoming Beloved Community, the Episcopal Church's vision to advance racial reconciliation and healing in and beyond the church.

It also incorporates From Many, One, an Episcopal project encouraging storytelling and conversations across difference.

More information and free registration (you'll be sent a link for the livestream) is at <https://events.episcopalchurch.org/concert-series/>

Additional events are planned throughout the year, in traditional concert venues and in landmark spaces affiliated with the Episcopal Church, with the hope of launching hybrid/in-person events beginning in late fall 2021.



*Kory Caudill and Wordsmith will livestream the concert.*

# Stewardship of Time and Talent: The Long and Short of It

## Susan Churuti, Stewardship Committee

The motto of our Stewardship Committee is “to trust God, to serve God, and to honor God with all that we are and all we have.” We express our gratitude to God with time and talent as well as treasure.

This spring the Outreach Committee organized a service project to provide Easter door bags for each of the residents of Peterborough Apartments, as well as potting plants for their common areas. We met in



Harvard Hall, socially distanced and masked.

The group comprised volunteers and staff from Peterborough, members of the Outreach Committee, and other giving members of our faith community. We were led in prayer by Rita Sewell, thanking God for giving us gifts and talents to use in service and share our love for others. We asked God to place in our hearts a desire to live faithfully and do the things he has prepared in advance for us to do.

Because we had many serving hands, the work was light, and we finished in less than an hour. Some of us

*Gail McCoy, Cynthia Garrels, and Ginny Rowell fill Easter door bags for residents of Peterborough Apartments.*



*Rita Sewell encourages us to “live generously”!*

serve as we are called, in short stints, and yet with great effect. Others have volunteered long periods of service. Ginny Rowell, who helped fill the Easter bags, has served as chair of the corporate board of directors at Peterborough for more than 25 years. She holds an open forum for the residents before every quarterly board meeting, patiently and kindly asking how we can better serve them.

At our Cathedral website (<https://www.spcathedral.org/community>) you’ll find information about our community partners, including ways that you can serve with as much or as little time as you have. You’ll also find contact information for parishioners who lead our outreach ministries and are happy to tell you more and welcome you to be a part of them.

*Photos by SUSAN CHURUTI*

## Needleworkers Stitch Love and Care into Their Creations

Members of our St. Veronica's Guild — our enthusiastic needleworkers — have been unable to meet in person during the last year, but they have stayed busy at home.

During this time they have created 100 knitted or crocheted hats for the Infusion Center (for chemotherapy and other treatments), 65 twiddle muffs for memory-care units, and 40 prayer/comfort blankets for terminally ill patients, all at St. Anthony's Hospital.



Bonnie Dickinson ([bodickinson@aol.com](mailto:bodickinson@aol.com)) is happy to tell you more and welcome fellow needleworkers to the group.

*Photo by BONNIE DICKINSON*

*These prayer/comfort blankets provide physical and spiritual warmth.*

## Bishop Search Committee Names Co-Chairs, Sets Consecration Date

The Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee has elected its co-chairs. They are the Rev. Jessica Babcock, rector of St. Mark's, Marco Island, and Trevor Whitley, a parishioner at St. Hilary's, Fort Myers.

Historical note: Trevor's father, Rusty Whitley, was a member of the Search Committee in 2005-06 when Bishop Smith was elected.

The Rev. Adrienne Hymes, vicar of St. Paul's, Wesley Chapel, is chaplain to the committee.

The bishop coadjutor — a successor bishop — will be elected on April 2, 2022, and consecrated on Sept. 24, 2022, and will serve with Bishop Smith until the bishop's resignation at a date to be determined.

The website for the search and transition process is <https://www.episcopalswfl.org/search.html>



*Bishop Coadjutor Search*  
Diocese of Southwest Florida

## New Neighbor in the Office Building

Meet our new neighbors on the second and third floors of the office building: CodeBoxx, which trains people to be web, app, and software developers in a boot-camp atmosphere in as little as 16 weeks.

The company expects its new corporate headquarters to be open at 136 Fourth St. N by the end of this month.

The Tampa-St. Petersburg area is “the new Austin,” founder and CEO Nicolas Genest said in a release from the St. Petersburg Area Economic Development Corp. “I want to be ahead of the curve.”

# CodeBoxx

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** go into effect from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will be closed on Monday, May 31, for the Memorial Day holiday.



## Have Coffee with the Clergy On May 16

It has been a delight to welcome so many newcomers to the Cathedral over the last several months. Some are new to St. Petersburg, new to the Cathedral, or new to the Episcopal Church. We look forward to getting to know all of you better and helping you connect with our ministries.

Newcomers are invited to meet in Harvard Hall from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Sunday, May 16, for an informal time with Cathedral clergy, staff, and members. This is an opportunity for us to hear about your interests and for us to share ways to get involved in the life of the Cathedral and community.

If you have questions, you can reach out directly to Canon Brandon Peete ([bpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:bpeete@spcathedral.com)). If you would like to attend and need childcare, please email Hillary Peete ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)).

## Mysterious Death of a Pope, International Intrigue: Book Club's May Selection

The St. Peter's Book Club will meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, to discuss *The Order* by Daniel Silva. Roberta Poelrein is the presenter.

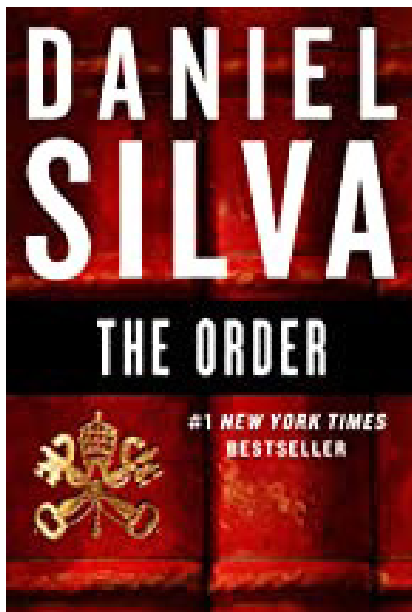
The story: Pope Paul VII has died, supposedly of a heart attack, but it may be murder as a secret society seeks to suppress a long-lost Gospel that challenges the accuracy of the New Testament.

This is Silva's 20th suspense-and-intrigue novel featuring art historian and spy Gabriel Allon, a close friend of the suddenly-deceased pope. Threaded throughout are themes of far-right, anti-global

sympathies, contempt for the new immigrants from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, and age-old anti-Semitism.

Also at this meeting, participants are invited to suggest books for discussion from June through November. Bring the titles and a short summary. "Fiction or nonfiction, and some light summer reading would be helpful," Roberta said.

E-mail Roberta for the Zoom link: [rpln37@gmail.com](mailto:rpln37@gmail.com). No need to have read the book; our lively discussion may prompt you to do so.



**WE'LL HONOR OUR  
GRADS ON MAY 23**

We will celebrate our high school graduates during the 10:15 a.m. service on May 23. More details about the graduates and their future plans to come in the June issue of *Crosstown*!



# Audit Shows Patterns of Systemic Racism In the Episcopal Church

## Episcopal News Service

After two years and more than 1,300 surveys, the ground-breaking [Racial Justice Audit of Episcopal Leadership](#) is now available to the wider church and public. The audit identifies nine “patterns” of systemic racism — ranging from the historical context of church leadership to current power dynamics — that will also be highlighted in

three public webinars in May and June.

Conducted by the Mission Institute in partnership with The Episcopal Church’s Racial Reconciliation and Justice Team, the audit focused on two key questions: Who makes up the leadership of the church; and what are their experiences of race and racism in their leadership roles?

“This racial justice audit, I think for the first time, has given us a real picture of the dynamics and the reality of structural and institutional racism among us,” Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said. “It has given us a baseline of where we are,

*St. James’ Episcopal Church, in a posh neighborhood on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, dedicated a plaque a year ago acknowledging that enslaved labor made possible its founding in 1810. Photo courtesy of St. James’ Episcopal Church.*

to help us understand where we can, and must, by God’s grace, go.”

The survey was sent to nearly 3,000 clergy and lay leaders, with a response completion rate of 45 percent, or 1,326. Research focused on the church’s major leadership bodies: the House of Bishops, House of Deputies, Executive Council, Episcopal Church Center/churchwide staff; and a representative sample of diocesan leaders from 28 of the 109 dioceses of The Episcopal Church.

Of the leaders surveyed, 77 percent identified as white and 22 percent as people of color. Fifty-one percent identified as laypeople, with a higher proportion of people of color than the 49 percent who identified as clergy.

Acknowledging the complexity of racism and working from an understanding that

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## Audit Shows Systemic Racism

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white culture is the embodied standard in the majority of U.S. institutions, the audit identified the following dominant patterns of systemic racism in The Episcopal Church:

\* **Transformation vs. Transaction** – A transactional approach to addressing racism relies on workshops, book studies, protests, etc., and can be disconnected from true cultural transformation, forcing people of color “to placate and pacify white dominant systems to survive and keep a job...” the report states.

\* **Leverages of Power** – People of color reported varying degrees of struggle in navigating Episcopal power structures. The report notes that the church “often uses money to either harm or help anti-racist efforts,” whether by withholding funds, paying less to people of color, or by measuring clergy of color not by the health of their ministries but by the money they bring in.

\* **Hypervisibility vs. Invisibility** – People of color surveyed reported feeling both “hypervisible” as “tokenized” members of the church expected to do work around

diversity and anti-racism, and “invisible” in the sense of being overlooked for certain positions and not being seen as individuals with unique cultural identities.

\* **Faith & Spirituality** – Some respondents noted how liturgy, theology and spiritual practices are used both to encourage anti-racism engagement and to maintain a white supremacy culture.

\* **Political Polarization** – White respondents reflected an urgency and anxiety about the need to engage in anti-racism, while leaders of color mentioned an increase in racism within the church after the murder of George Floyd. “While they knew this kind of racism was present, it is moving from the shadows and into the light,” the report states.

\* **Anti-Racist Leadership** – While leaders of color showed self-confidence and a deep commitment to their church and anti-racist work, they also experience stress as the first or only people of color in mostly white settings. White culture often holds leaders of color to unreasonable expectations, including being primarily responsible to call out and confront racism.

\* **Intersectionality** – Leaders of color who were surveyed noted the internalized

racism and tensions that can exist between different groups. The “black/white paradigm for challenging racism” has limitations, and more work is needed to examine the intersection of power and privilege – or their lack – across racial groups.

\* **Historical Context** – Respondents showed “a deep longing and commitment” to tell “the whole historical truth” about The Episcopal Church’s participation in white supremacy and racist practices, and how it continues to benefit from and perpetuate racism today.

\* **Intentionality and Ongoing Commitment** – Many respondents recognize that the work of racial justice and healing is ongoing, requiring a commitment to learning, intentionality, accountability, financial redistribution, and courageous leadership.

Three public webinars are scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. Eastern time on May 11 (audit findings), June 1 (systemic racism patterns), and June 29 (next steps).

Learn more about the webinars and audit and find supporting materials at the bilingual website, <https://www.episcopal-church.org/ministries/racial-reconciliation/racial-justice-audit/>.

# Tour an Urban Farm That Grows Racial Reconciliation Along with Fresh Produce

Join us on Saturday, May 22, for a tour of Benison Farm.

This urban farm is a joint project of St. Thomas' and St. Augustine's Episcopal Churches. Its purpose is to provide fresh produce to south St. Petersburg, often a food desert, and to engage a diverse group of people in serving the community.

Through mutual work and learning,



taught and lived out and blossoms into the broader community.

groups from various ethnicities, religions, and backgrounds learn to respect each other and work together to support our community. At Benison Farm, racial reconciliation is

We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. at the farm, 2920 26th Ave. S, for a tour hosted by the Rev. Martha Goodwill and Marcy Crosby. Then

*The farm raises chickens for their eggs and a variety of vegetables and fruits that are for sale at its farmers' market.*



there will be time to shop at their farmers' market, the last of the season.

If you'd like to attend, please e-mail Hillary Peete ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) so we know how many to expect.

Stay tuned for more opportunities this fall to participate in regular work days at the farm.

*Photos courtesy of Benison Farm*



## New Home, New Job for Beloved Dog Audie



We have this update from Elaine New about Audie, the yellow Lab whom she fostered for Southeastern Guide Dogs (and who was an honorary member of the Cathedral Choir):

“Audie was transferred last October from Southeastern Guide Dog school to Dogs for Better Living in Oregon. He was not doing well with the stress of learning how to be a guide dog. But he did well in his new school and has graduated as a facility therapy dog. He has been placed with an elementary school counselor in Bellingham, Wash. Here’s how she describes her work:

“I work in a rural, high-needs school where many students have experienced trauma. I will get to bring Audie with me every day to school and use him in my work with the kids. Then, when we are home, he’ll get to be a family dog.”

Elaine continues: “Audie has the opportunity to be a positive influence in the lives of many children. I’m glad he has found his calling. And once again, thanks to all of you who helped with his training or encouraged me.”

*Here’s Audie in a classroom with his new handler.*

Meanwhile, Elaine has started fostering another guide dog, Franklin, along with another family. He has graduated from puppy kindergarten and proudly wears his “guide dog in training” coat when he is out and about. She’ll start bringing him to Cathedral events and services this month.

Southeastern Guide Dogs, based in Palmetto, trains service dogs for those who are visually impaired, for veterans, and for children with visual impairments or who have lost a parent in the military. Learn more at [guidedogs.org](http://guidedogs.org).

*Photos courtesy of Elaine New*



*Franklin enjoys an outing to Craft Kafé.*

# Our Service Dog in Training, Faith, Is Learning, Growing, and Thriving

Mary Howe

Your Cathedral Outreach Committee has received its first PupDate on adorable Faith, the puppy the Cathedral is sponsoring for her first two years of development to become a service dog for Southeastern Guide Dogs.

From her earliest moments in Puppy Academy, Faith was ready for playtime and always responded joyfully to hugs and cuddles from the humans in her world. She happily explored her environment, displaying cheerful curiosity and spunk when stimulated by a squeaky toy, a mirror, or new surface underfoot.

In Puppy Preschool, Faith worked on developing confidence and a good human connection. Her brain grew fast and absorbed information at a rapid rate and her school days began early. Her confidence grew.

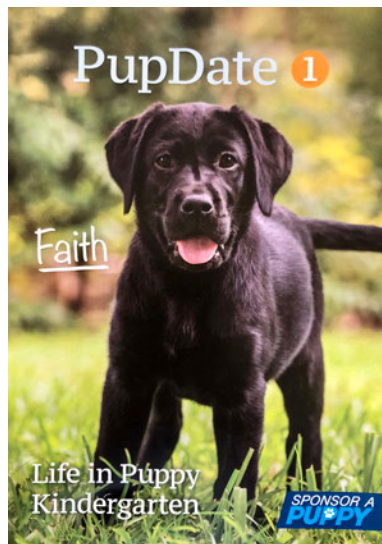
“It’s all good,” she seemed to say as she mastered a variety of textures and materials placed under her paws. Sweet and stable, she could always be counted on to cheerfully demonstrate her

adaptability, independence, and verve.

Like all her classmates, her positive encounters with other canines and humans gave her a sense of danger versus safety. Her good learning experiences reassured her that people are safe and fun.

When Puppy Academy came to an end, she was picked up by her puppy raiser, Rick, who will care for her like one of the family. Rick will continue her education and teach his new friend, our Faith, basic cues, skills, and house manners and will continue with her socialization.

We are thrilled to learn about her amazing journey to destiny. Now that the Cathedral has begun to open gradually, we encourage you all to contribute to the Southeastern Guide Dogs puppy bank in our Narthex, which supports the cost of training for future service dogs like Faith.



*Faith, our sponsored puppy. Photo courtesy of Southeastern Guide Dogs*

## Family Promise Calls a New Executive Director

Family Promise of Pinellas has called a new executive director, Kerrie Fine, who has a rich background in nonprofit management, fund-raising, family and single-mother support, and human-trafficking recovery.

She spent six years at the Los Angeles Dream Center, a faith-based nonprofit that fights homelessness, hunger, poverty, addiction, abuse, and human trafficking. Later she and her husband, Steve, spent two years in Huntington, IN, launching a similar dream center.

Since moving to Largo in 2016 Kerrie has worked at the Kimberly Home, a nonprofit pregnancy resource center in Clearwater, and served on nonprofit boards. She will receive a B.A. in leadership and management in August.



*Kerrie Fine*

Family Promise of Pinellas County is part of a national nonprofit organization serving homeless children and their parents. They are housed at participating churches, moving from church to church each week. Four times a year they receive their meals and lodging for a week at Palm Lake Christian Church, with St. Peter's support. They spend days at the Day Center at Central Christian Church, 6201 22nd Ave. N, where they seek jobs, social services, and permanent housing.

Services to clients have been on hold since late 2018 while the board worked toward financial stability and leadership development, including the hiring of a new executive director.

Please contact Karen Amundrud ([amundrudk@yahoo.com](mailto:amundrudk@yahoo.com)) for details. Learn more at [fppinellas.org](http://fppinellas.org).



## EYC: Planning for the Summer Parents' Meeting, Sunday, May 2 at 5 p.m.

Let's check in as the school year comes to a close about what our summer EYC program might look like. Parents of rising 6th-graders are especially encouraged to join us. If you have younger siblings who need a place to hang during this 30- to 45-minute meeting, please e-mail Michelle Thomas ([mthomas@spcathedral.com](mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com)). Regular EYC will meet from 5 to 7 p.m.

**May 2:** EYC from 5 to 7 p.m., parents' meeting at 5 p.m.

**May 9:** EYC from 5 to 7 p.m.

**May 16:** EYC from 5 to 7 p.m.

**May 22:** Family Day at Benison Farm, 9:30 a.m. (join us for a tour! Details, [Page 19](#))

**May 23:** Graduation celebration for Connor Carlisle. Go-Kart outing, time TBD

**May 30:** Memorial Day weekend, no EYC

# May Transitions

## Birthdays

2	Abigail Elkins	8	Bennett Flint	14	Gail MacAulay
2	Rhody Gecan	9	Will Hollingsworth	15	Lauren Cianca
2	Robbie Hasbrouck	9	Mark Myers	15	Katherine Knippen
3	Melissa Barlow	10	Ensley Burkett	15	Donna Southard
3	Anniston Pozo	10	Tessa Burnsed	16	Samuel Albert
4	Maureen Depp	11	Thomas Williams	16	Huston Babcock
4	Julius Durphey	12	Jack Clarke	16	Freda Caley
4	Bill Harvard	12	Eden Jacobson	17	Suzanne Love
4	Stephen Morris	12	Camilla Kilgroe	17	Phillip Paree
4	Carolyn Randall	13	Barbara Albin	18	Kelly Grimshaw
4	Betty Scarborough	13	Emily Bardell	19	John Hamm
5	Aidan Austin-Leyva	13	Reid Carlisle	19	Kaitlyn Hurt
5	Judy Koch	13	Rich Kral	19	Elizabeth Schroeder
6	Robert Doyle	13	Matthew McCue	19	Neal Ward
6	Tim Lanz	13	Darrell Menscer	20	Matthew Howe
6	Lillian Lopez			20	Bill Madison
				20	Lee Morris
				21	Mary Jo Mastry
				22	Aletta Fenoff
				22	Louise Funk
				23	Millie Burnsed
				23	Donald Skinner

24	Kit Clarke	28	Ken Wolfe
24	Corey Crow	29	Kerry Carlisle
25	John Meros	29	Suzanne Earle
26	Harold Butler	29	Carol Ellis
26	Fred Waters	29	Jacob Singleton
27	Louise Garrigues	31	Tiffany Benoit
27	Tim Holly	31	Rose-Helen Blanc
28	Ellie Curtis	31	Noah Pozo

## Anniversaries

2	Fred & Phyllis Waters	24	Mary Jo Mastry & Tracy Crow
2	Max & Pat Bygrave		
2	Rick & Gail MacAulay	25	John & Katy Frederick
3	Fred & Lydia Behnke	27	John & Mary K Wilson
6	Al & Connie Phillips	29	Rich & Mary Kral
7	Ray & Rosemary Benoit	29	Richard Norman & Adrienne McKee
8	Matt & Danie Dahm	29	Ted & Zara Larsen
19	Spencer & Jessica Curtis	31	Joe & Audra Benoit

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## 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 and prayers for healing**

Masks and social distancing are required for all services.  
Reservations not necessary.

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

**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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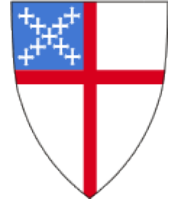
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