



# CROSSTOWN

September 2022

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

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# Celebrate the Return of Oktoberfest

## Come Enjoy Brats, Beer, Bounty, Fun, and Fellowship

With great delight we announce the return — live and in person! — of Oktoberfest, starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, October 7. Oompah! Prosit! See you there!

For the first time since 2019 we'll gather in Harvard Hall for our fall celebration of the bounty of the last year and a look ahead to an even more successful new year.

The meal includes bratwurst, German potato salad, and sauerkraut, catered by German Knödle, the restaurant at 951 Central Ave. ... beer generously donated by Mastry's Brewing Co. ... and apple strudel from Café Mozart.

Since alcoholic beverages will be served (along with non-alcoholic drinks), this event

is open only to those 21 and older.

The evening is free, but you must register by Thursday, September 29. Register at [spcathedral.org/oktoberfest](https://spcathedral.org/oktoberfest). Your e-mail confirmation will be your

ticket. Or you can sign up in person in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service

on Sundays starting September 11. All note: No tickets will be sold after September 29, and no tickets will

be available at the door. Don't be left out! PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE.

Child care will be available. Oktoberfest marks the start

of our annual pledge campaign. "This is a time to lift up the contributions of time, talent, and treasure that you, our congregation, so generously give to the Cathedral,"



Stewardship Chair Ray McColgan said. "It's also the time when we look ahead to next year and invite you think about your generous faith-filled commitment for 2023."

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### See You at Oktoberfest!

**What:** Oktoberfest, an evening of food, fun, and fellowship and the start of our fall pledge campaign.

**When/Where:** 5:30 p.m. Friday, October 7, in Harvard Hall.

**Tickets:** No charge, but YOU MUST REGISTER by Thursday, September 29. Register online at [spcathedral.org/oktoberfest](https://spcathedral.org/oktoberfest). Or register in person in Harvard Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service Sundays starting September 11. No tickets available at the door.

## Oktoberfest Returns!

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We'll say a few words (just a few!) about the campaign, and pledge packets will be mailed out on October 11.

"It will be particularly sweet to be together this year," Ray said. "For the last two years, when we couldn't join in person for a festive dinner, we've handed out packages of strudel and cans of beer in a drive-by Oktoberfest at the front door. It was the best we could do under the circumstances. It will be great to sit down and eat and drink and celebrate together."



*Our Oktoberfest meal is provided by German Knödle, the restaurant at 951 Central Ave. ... Café Mozart, at 6754 Fourth Street N ... and Mastry's Brewing Co. at 7701 Blind Pass Road, St. Pete Beach.*

# Update from the Chapter: A Year of Progress Toward Significant Initiatives

**Anysia McDowall, Senior Warden**

The days and moments are quickly flying by and as we approach the halfway mark of my tenure as senior warden, I reflect on the blessings, trials, and accomplishments of 2022.

If I were to choose a resonating tone in the rhythm of this year, it would be “Coming Together.” In some way we needed to build back our memory of how to do just that, but each Sunday as I look around the sanctuary and Harvard Hall during coffee hour, I see us growing in numbers again. It is a beautiful sight to see.

Of the many ways in which we have come together, I am especially humbled by the efforts and progress of the Chapter with the development of our strategic plan and creation of our Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion statement. (Read the state-



*Anysia McDowall*

ment at [spcathedral.org/who-we-are](https://spcathedral.org/who-we-are).)

Together as a Chapter, we created these critically important and ever-living initiatives to help chart our path forward and ensure the health and well-being of the Cathedral Church as both a body and a building.

At our Annual Meeting, our Strategic Planning Committee, led by Chapter member Mark Myers, rolled out our three-year plan. The theme is: Through our ministries, provide support to parishioners in their Christian journey from “disciple to apostle for Christ” – leading to greater evangelism in daily life. Our plan is built upon our mission — “to know Christ and make Him known” — and on our values and core areas of ministry. I am pleased to share this update on our five strategic priorities.

## Deepen Our Faith

The Cathedral continues to provide a wide range of programs to deepen spiritual knowledge, identity, and expression with an emphasis on evangelism, intergenerational and multicultural issues, and social justice. Many of these programs are highlighted each month in this newsletter and on our website. We encourage you to participate in these opportunities and connect with our faith community in ways that resonate with your interests.

## Grow Our Faith-Filled Generosity

Our Stewardship Committee has taken the lead in promoting opportunities for deeper engagement. We recently completed a telephone campaign by the Chapter and Stewardship Committee members to thank parishioners for their annual faith-

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## Update from the Chapter

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filled financial pledge to the Cathedral. This month we will offer our Final Affairs Fair, information sessions on end-of-life care, estate planning, and legacy giving. Next month we'll celebrate Oktoberfest, an evening of food and fellowship that starts our pledge campaign. Longer term, we want to grow our parishioner network through training, mentoring, and empowering lay members.

### Enrich Our Ministries

We continue to leverage technology through our online social media and offerings like this newsletter, our website, and the Friday morning Cathedral Connections email that provide offerings to deepen our spiritual lives and sense of connection. We also continue to deepen our community partnerships with Florida Resurrection House, Peterborough Apartments, Campbell Park Elementary School, and Benison Farm. We are working to be transformative in the lives of others through food, health, education, relationship building, and inclusivity.

### Enhance Our Technology Capability

The challenges of Covid pushed us to think about technology in new ways. We now livestream Sunday services to those who are unable to be present. Zoom meetings have become a regular practice in how we get things done. Our social media and online communications have become much more robust and effective. To take this to the next level, we will need to hire dedicated resources. In 2022, we focused on improving our content. In 2023 we hope to add additional resources to support an enhanced technology platform.

### Maintain Our Cathedral

In May the Chapter voted to establish a Buildings and Grounds Committee to provide oversight of buildings and grounds issues and to develop a long-term facilities plan funded through annual budgets and endowments. The initial group includes a few willing Chapter members — Susan Darrow, Al Carrico, and Tess Burnsed — and is led by Lauren Durst, our junior warden.

While this group is still defining its mission, its key purpose is, in coordination with the sexton, dean, and staff, to prioritize and maintain the physical spaces of the church,

inside and out, to ensure the Cathedral is safe and hospitable for all to worship, learn, work, and simply be. As part of the strategic plan created by the Chapter, one of the committee's first projects will be to commission a reserve study to help us assess our needs and plan for the future.

For a copy of our two-page 2022-24 Strategic Plan, please visit [spcathedral.org/strategic-plan](https://spcathedral.org/strategic-plan).

Much of this progress would not have happened without the dedication of clergy, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. I would be remiss in not taking a moment to thank them for their dedication and service. More and more I realize that we the people are truly what makes this Cathedral in the same way that we, the body of Christ, are the Church. In this coming together, I am reminded that we, the Cathedral faith community, are one.

May the Lord bless us to continue to come together more and more to live out our faith, baptismal covenant, and mission, to know Christ and make Him known.

In peace and love,

Anysia

# Tickets Available for September 24 Consecration of Our New Bishop Coadjutor

Free tickets are now available for the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf as bishop coadjutor of our diocese.

The service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 24, at Van Wezel Performing Arts Center, 777 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

There are two ways to get free tickets to this event (and you must have a ticket to attend):

\* Administrator Michelle Thomas has 20 tickets she will distribute on a first-come, first-served basis.

\* Complimentary general-seating tickets are available through the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center box office. There is a limit of 10 tickets per transaction. To order tickets, use this link, which will take you to the Van Wezel online box office: <https://www.vanwezel.org/boxOffice/event.cfm?eveID=2378>

Questions? Please contact Wendy Martucci in the diocesan office: [wmartucci@](mailto:wmartucci@)

[episcopalswfl.org](http://episcopalswfl.org), (941) 556-0315.

There is still time to make a donation to purchase gifts for the incoming and resigning bishops, including vestments and worship clothing for the bishop-elect.

Please visit the website of the Diocese of Southwest Florida ([episcopalswfl.org](http://episcopalswfl.org)) and click on the “donate” button to view samples of the coadjutor’s clothing and to donate online via credit card. Or mail a check to Diocesan House, c/o Wendy Martucci, 8005 25th St. E, Parrish, FL 34219. Make the check payable to the diocese and note “Bishops’ Transition” in the memo line.

The bishop coadjutor will be seated as the sixth bishop diocesan on Saturday, December 10, at the Cathedral. We’ll have details closer to that date.



*A warm welcome to the Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf, who will become our sixth bishop diocesan on December 10.*

# Final Affairs Fair Will Help You Answer Difficult End-of-Life Questions

**Ray McColgan, Stewardship Chair**

*At what age should I prepare a will?  
Do I need a power of attorney?  
How can I provide for my minor children?  
Should I have a health-care surrogate?  
Do I need a living will?  
How can I make prior arrangements for my remains or cremains?  
How do I choose my own hymns and readings for my funeral?  
How can I leave a legacy to my Cathedral?*

Great questions, all of them. Extremely important questions, and the answers are just as important.

The best gift you can give to your loved ones is to make these decisions yourself before the time comes. It is estimated that 65 percent of adults have done no estate planning — no will, no medical directives, no notes about which possessions should go to whom. If you don't make these deci-

sions, there is a good chance they will be made for you, and may not reflect what you want.

Your Stewardship Committee is here to help you find the answers and provide the resources you need. This year we will offer two presentations on Sunday, September 11:



- The first presentation, at 12 noon (after coffee hour), will cover all of these topics and more. A light lunch will be provided. Register to attend at this link: <https://www.spcathedral.org/final-affairs>.

- The second presentation, at 5 p.m., is geared toward young families with children and will include the same topics as the noon presentation plus additional information especially for those with minor children. A light dinner and child care will be provided. Register at [spcathedral.org/final-affairs](https://www.spcathedral.org/final-affairs).

The presentations will be made by members of our congregation with legal and medical expertise who are qualified to offer information.

For more information contact Stewardship Chair Ray McColgan ([rmccolgan@me.com](mailto:rmccolgan@me.com)) or Co-Chair Marilyn Polson ([marilynpolson@mac.com](mailto:marilynpolson@mac.com)).

## Another Season of Choral Evensong Begins This Month

Our service of Choral Evensong returns at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 25.

The Cathedral Chamber Choir sings Evensong on the fourth Sunday of the month, September through April (no Evensong in December). Each service is preceded by an organ prelude at 4:45 p.m.

“As an English-language service, Evensong dates back to the time of the Reformation, using elements of the old monastic Offices of Vespers and Compline,” the Choral Evensong Trust says on its website, [choralevensong.org](http://choralevensong.org).

“The liturgy (a fixed set of words and ceremonial features) that the Church uses to this day was laid out in Archbishop Thomas Cranmer’s Book of Common Prayer, the first version of which appeared in 1549,” the trust says. “The music took shape a few decades later, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, with great composers like William Byrd and Thomas Tallis de-

veloping exquisite polyphonic choral music specifically for this new service, and in each subsequent generation new composers have continued to add masterworks of classical choral music to the repertoire of Evensong.”



William James Mathias

Among modern contributors of works for Evensong is the composer of the “Jesus College” service that will be sung on September 25. William James Mathias (1934-1992) was a Welsh composer of an opera, three symphonies, and three piano concertos. His anthem *Let the people praise Thee, O God*, was written for the July 1981 royal wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

A freewill offering is taken. Dwight Thomas is director and organist.



New to the Cathedral? You’re invited to Coffee with the Clergy from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Sunday, September 11, in the Chapter Room, hosted by our Canon for Hospitality, the Rev. Brandon Peete. Come learn more about the Cathedral and let us get to know you.



## Enjoy an Afternoon on the Water at our Annual Canoeucharist

Everyone is invited to participate in St. Peter's annual Canoeucharist at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 2, at Fort DeSoto Park. We'll paddle in the blue-green waters where Tampa Bay meets the Gulf of Mexico, then circle our canoes to celebrate a Eucharist. All ages welcome. The cost is \$20 per canoe (fits two or three people). We'll meet at the Topwater Kayak Outpost across from the Dog Park Beach. Contact Hillary Peete to register ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)).



*Canon Brandon Peete celebrates at last fall's Canoeucharist, assisted by Sophia Preston.*

## Forming Relationship with the Divine

**Aging and Spirituality:** September 8, 15, 22, and 29. This four-week program, which meets from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Chapter Room (or Harvard Hall, depending on attendance), will explore our ideas about aging, including our cultural preconceptions. We will explore the "faithline" of our lives and the high and low points where we have felt God's presence or perhaps distance, and have opportunity to share these with each other. We will reflect on "meaning," "purpose," "wisdom," and what we each might offer to our families, church, and communities from the wisdom gained from life. We will talk about the broad scope of what ministry and aging can mean and look at topics that we might want to consider more deeply in later programs, such as retirement, wellness, grief and loss, caring for others as we age, intergenerational issues, and others.

This class is co-led by Canon Ethan Cole, the Rev. Elma Rosenberg, and Rita Sewell, R.N., our faith community nurse. Please indicate your interest to Canon Cole to help us with planning.

Canon Cole continues another of his popular Zoom classes, this one a study of **the book of Romans**, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through October 27. Register and get the Zoom link at [spcathedral.org/bible-studies](https://spcathedral.org/bible-studies).

**A book study** of *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass will meet at 9 a.m. Sundays through September 25 in Harvard Hall. (No class on September 4, Labor Day weekend.) This book goes beyond the culture wars to offer a refreshing take on the comprehensive, multifaceted nature of Jesus, keeping his teachings relevant and alive in our daily lives.

# Saints Among Us



## ***A Revolutionary in both Church and State, a Bridgebuilder to the Future***

### **Gregorio Aglipay Priest and founder of the Philippine Independent Church**

Gregorio Aglipay Cruz y Labayán was a former Filipino Catholic priest who became the first head of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, an independent Church in the form of a national church in the Philippines.

Aglipay was born in 1860 and orphaned at an early age. He grew up working in the tobacco fields in the last volatile decades of the Spanish occupation of the Philippines. He bore deep grievances against the colonial Spanish government of the islands, stemming from abuses within the agricultural system. He was himself arrested at the age of 14 for not meeting his tobacco quota. These experiences informed a long career of resisting the colonial practices and founding an independent church.

In 1896 the Philippine Revolution began



*Gregorio Aglipay, 1860-1940*

### **A Prayer for Gregorio Aglipay**

Eternal God, you called Gregorio Aglipay to witness to your truth in the renewal of your church in the Philippines: Help us, like him, to be guided by your Holy Spirit, that people everywhere may hear the saving words of our Savior, so that all may believe and find eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

to bring an end to Spanish colonization. Because church and state were deeply intertwined, any revolutionary activity in the state was bound to have an effect on the church.

Compound that with the fact that colonizers did not allow native Filipinos to rise

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## Gregorio Aglipay

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in the hierarchy of the church, and there was the makings of a revolution within the occupying church as well.

Aglipay quickly took the side of the Filipino nationalists and recognized that national independence would also mean independence in the church. He called upon his fellow Catholic priests to occupy parishes and support the revolution. Many followed his lead.

During the Philippine-American War (1898-1902), Aglipay continued his activism. In October 1898, he was appointed Military Vicar General of the revolutionaries. Aglipay interpreted this as making him Ecclesiastical Superior to all Filipino priests who, as such, should all be appointed military chaplains for the duration of the war. Fighting between the U.S. and Filipino forces in February 1899 prompted Aglipay to organize an armed resistance.

Aglipay's activism came under the scrutiny of the Roman Catholic Church. He was at first threatened with excommunication and then tempted with the offer of a wealthy, powerful bishopric. He refused. On 29 April 1899, Aglipay was excommunicated for "usurpation of ecclesiastical jurisdiction." He then began work to establish the new Philippine Independent Church and was elected its first Supreme Bishop.

In 1960 the Philippine Independent Church entered into full communion with the Episcopal Church, and through that relationship, into the full communion with the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The feast day of Gregorio Aglipay Cruz y Labayán is observed on September 5.

## Survivor of Daniels's Martyrdom Became a Civil-Rights Leader and Legend

Some of you have asked, "What ever happened to Ruby Sales?" She was the 16-year-old Alabama civil-rights activist whom the seminarian and martyr Jonathan Myrick Daniels pushed out of the way to take a fatal shotgun blast from a white supremacist in 1965. (See the August issue of *Crosstown* for Daniels's story.) The Church observes his feast day on August 14.



Ruby Sales went on to become a social-justice activist, scholar, and public theologian. She has been described as a

"legendary civil rights activist" by the PBS program Religion and Ethics Weekly, and is one of 50 civil rights leaders showcased by the Smithsonian National Museum of African-American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.

She has degrees from Tuskegee Institute, Manhattanville College, and Princeton University. She received a Master of Divinity degree from the Episcopal Divinity School in 1998. Sales, 74, is the founder and director of the Spirit House Project in Atlanta, an inner-city mission dedicated to Daniels, and regularly speaks throughout the country about race, class, and reconciliation.

## This Month, We're Helping Our Friends the Animals

The Outreach Committee invites you to donate pet food and supplies for Pet Pal Animal Shelter, a no-kill, nonprofit shelter at 405 22nd Ave. S.

Among the items they seek are Science Diet for dogs and cats, canned and dry; dog and cat toys; Nylabones; Kongs; blankets, crates, and carriers, both new and used; cat litter and scratching posts; and office and cleaning supplies.

Pet Pal gratefully accepts gift cards to big-box stores and pet stores. A complete wish list is here: <http://petpalanimalshelter.com/donate>, then scroll down for the wish list.

Please bring your donations to the Cathedral on Sundays or during weekday office hours.



## Campbell Park Is Well Supplied for the Start of the School Year

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to fill the shelves and bins in the Resource Room at Campbell Park Elementary School with backpacks, school supplies, and uniforms.

We also sorted 60 pairs of shoes donated by the St. Pete Alumni Association. What a great start to the new school year!

On Friday, September 23, we will host a teacher and staff appreciation lunch. This will be a “grab and go” meal of chicken with sides and drinks. You can sign up to provide drinks and snacks at [spcathedral.org/community](http://spcathedral.org/community) through a SignUpGenius link.



*The back-to-school crew: Ellen Alexander, Shar Nudelman, Susan Darrow, Meg Banitch, Penny Roen, Karen Raihill. Photo by CARLOS CHILDS.*

# Speak Truth to Power! FAST Seeks Your Input On Community Justice Issues

Have you heard the news? St. Peter's has joined with more than 50 diverse faith congregations in Pinellas County through FAST — Faith and Action for Strength Together — to identify and address justice issues within our community.

The Chapter voted in May to align with FAST, which has been active in Pinellas County since 2004 and includes Christian and Jewish congregations, African-American churches, Protestants and Catholics. There are FAST organizations in other counties and cities across the country.

Identifying the needs and concerns begins with the listening process. September and early October are the months to gather this information through FAST house meetings. These gatherings provide us with the opportunity to get to know one another better as we discuss the problems we are experiencing in our community. The issues to be addressed during the next year arise from the house-meeting discussions.

Issues that have surfaced in the past include affordable housing, early childhood care, juvenile criminal justice, water quality, senior transportation, and mental health access.

Once these house meetings have been held all around Pinellas County, priorities are set about what to pursue. "Months of research produce policy recommendations," the *Tampa Bay Times* reported earlier this year. "Those recommendations are shared with local leaders, who are invited to attend" public assemblies where their support is solicited.

"Leaders in attendance are asked whether they agree to draft or support the policy change. If they answer 'yes,' the crowd erupts in applause," the *Times* reported. "If they answer 'no,' follow-up questions prompt officials to justify their answers."

The house meeting last about 90 minutes (yes, we do have a timekeeper!). We currently have two dates available. Atten-



dance is by invitation only, since we are limited to 10 participants per group.

4 p.m. Sunday, September 18

host: Rebecca Lyons (address will be provided to those invited)

10:45 a.m. Sunday, October 2

host: St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

We ask that you prayerfully consider the call to justice and answer "yes" when you are invited to join your fellow parishioners

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## FAST Seeks Your Input

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at a house meeting. If you have not received a call and are interested in this ministry, please contact our Director of Christian Formation, Hillary Peete ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com))

### What is FAST?

Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST) is a justice-ministry organization of 50 religious congregations throughout Pinellas County that band together to create positive change in our community. FAST is a congregation-based 501(c)3 non-profit whose purpose is to train community residents from diverse congregations to work together to identify root causes of community problems and take action on these problems. Through FAST, people come together to powerfully address the needs in their own communities. Learn more at [fast-pinellas.org](http://fast-pinellas.org).

## League of Women Voters Will Offer Pre-Election Discussion on Voting



*She voted! New voter Penny McNees, a member of our congregation, casts her ballot (early!) for the first time. Photo by MICHAEL ADAMS*

The League of Women Voters will present a nonpartisan discussion of the General Election at 9 a.m. Sunday, September 25, in Harvard Hall.

The presentation will cover why it is important to vote; voter participation rates in Pinellas County in prior elections; information about early voting and voting by mail; updated voter registration guidance; and the latest on Senate Bill 90, which deals with election security, transparency, and administration. A handout will be distributed that answers questions on voting and offers resources for help with voting. The general election is November 8.

# This Month Our Children Explore Friendship and Feelings

**No Children's Chapel** on Sunday, September 4. Have a great Labor Day weekend!

**Messy Church: All About Friends**  
**Thursday, September 8,**  
**from 5:30-7:15 p.m.**

Families with kids ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to learn about God through science, scripture, art, movement, and some messy fun. This month we will learn about what it means to be a friend, how we understand Jesus as our friend, and tackle Big Questions together. Dinner is served from 5:30-6 p.m. (\$10/family) and we close with a prayer at 7:15 p.m. RSVP to Hillary by Tuesday, Sept 6.



We'll make kindness potions at Messy Church. What ingredients do you need to be a good friend?

**Final Affairs Fair for Families**  
**Sunday, September 11, 5-7 p.m.**

Dinner and childcare provided. Cathedral member, parent, and grandparent Marilyn Polson will draw on her years of experience in family law to walk parents through the ins and outs of wills, care for minor children, planned gifts, and getting one's final affairs in order. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 1, so we can plan for dinner and childcare. Story, [Page 7](#).

**Mixed Feelings?**  
**EYSeedlings (3rd-5th grade)**  
**Sunday, September 18,**  
**from noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Isn't it annoying when someone tells you to be patient? Or casually says, Oh, don't worry about it! Why do we sometimes feel

both playful and alone when we're around friends? How can we feel worried and at peace at the same time? Dive into scripture to explore how God is present with us in our mixed feelings. Then we'll watch the movie "Inside Out." Lunch and popcorn provided.



## EYC: We're All About Crafts and Questions This Month

**No EYC on** Sunday, September 4.  
Have a great Labor Day weekend!

### Game and Craft Night! Sunday, September 11, from 5 to 7 p.m.

This week we'll hang out, play games, and pull out all sorts of craft supplies from the closet – what will you make?

### Can I Ask That? Sundays, September 18 and 25, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Ever have a question about your faith you didn't know how to ask, or you were afraid would be brushed aside? Asking questions is an essential part of our faith journey and we want to dive into the tough, silly, difficult, or peculiar questions you have!

*Splash, splash! Our EYC pool party was gangs of fun for young people of all ages.*

## Diving into a New Year

EYC youth started the school year with a pool party at the home of the Flemings. On a steamy summer Sunday it was the best

place to be.

Photos by HILLARY PEETE







## Come Dig in the Dirt At Benison Farm

The weeds need pulling and the chickens need tending at Benison Farm, the community garden sponsored by St. Thomas' and St. Augustine's Episcopal Churches at 2920 26th Ave. S. Our regular monthly workday is from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 17. See you there!

## Save the Date! All Hallows' Eve Promises Creepy Bible Stories, Tricks and Treats

The Episcopal Book of Occasional Services contains a liturgy for All Hallows' Eve, along with suggested readings. Among these are some of the creepiest passages in the Bible, like Saul's visit to the Witch of Endor in I Samuel, Ezekiel's vision of the Valley of Dry Bones, and the War in Heaven as told in Revelation. Witches summoning ghosts, living skeletons, and dragons fighting angels: Bring your sense of humor to this liturgy!

We'll gather at 5 p.m. Sunday, October 30, to hear these stories and some appropriately spooky music. Come dressed as your favorite saint or wear a Halloween costume. After the service, we'll enjoy treats and s'mores around fire pits in the garden. The young and young at heart are all invited!



## Give Kids' Clothes a Second Life

As you're cleaning out closets at the start of the school year, please consider bringing in your \*gently\* used clothes, shoes, and accessories to donate to Clothes to Kids. Donations can be dropped off at the Cathedral throughout August and September.

Clothes to Kids stores in St. Petersburg, Tampa, and Clearwater provide free new and gently-used clothing. Our Outreach Committee just awarded a \$500 microgrant to this organization to purchase new underwear for kids. Learn more at [clothestokids.org](https://clothestokids.org).



## 20s-40s Plan Fun Nights

### 20s/40s Hosts

### Game Night in September

Join us at 3 Daughters Brewing (222 22nd St. S) for a game night with the 20s/40s group. We'll have some reserved space inside. Bring your favorite board game or card game or show up and learn a new one. Appetizers will be available, additional food and drinks available to purchase. Let Hillary know ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) if you plan to attend.

**Catch the Rowdies** before the end of the season! The 20s/40s group is making plans to attend the game at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. All from the church are invited to join in. Contact Hillary Peete by September 16 ([hpeete@spcathedral.com](mailto:hpeete@spcathedral.com)) to let us know you're interested so we can buy group tickets. This will be the last home game of the year — with fireworks after the game!

## Habemus Episcopa? Is a Female Roman Catholic Bishop Possible?

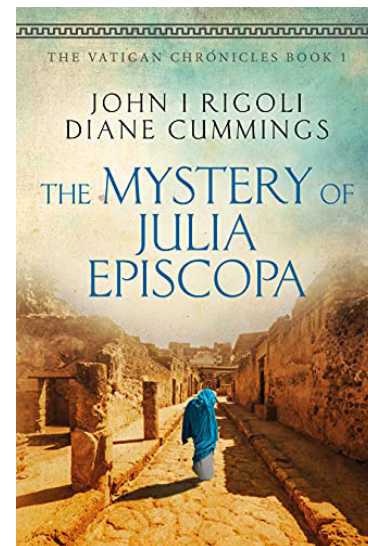
A woman as bishop in the Roman Catholic Church? Could it really happen?

That's the premise of *The Mystery of Julia Episcopa: A Tale of Ancient and Modern Rome* (The Vatican Chronicles, Book 1), by Diane Cummings and John Rigoli (295 pages), which the St. Peter's Book Club will discuss at 6:30 p.m. September 27 in the Chapter Room/Library. Linda Earle is the presenter.

Two contemporary classical archaeologists are tasked with advising the pope on the historical legacy of women in the early Christian period. They find an ancient parchment in the Vatican archives that suggests a woman may once have been a Roman Catholic bishop. They face pressure from a venomous Vatican power structure, but silence would betray the teachings of this first-century Roman noblewoman who gave her life for the teachings of Jesus.

If you're unable to meet in person, we

offer a Zoom option. More information is available at [spcathedral.org/book-club](https://spcathedral.org/book-club). No need to have read the book; our lively discussion may prompt you to do so.



## A Career Reset for Our Puppy Faith; A New Dog for Us to Sponsor and Love

We have news of our Cathedral-sponsored Southeastern Guide Dog puppy, Faith.

We knew that Southeastern Guide Dogs has very high standards for their working dogs, and now we know they really do their due diligence. Our Faith was found to have developed a sensitivity to body handling, and such sensitivity does not make it feasible for a puppy to become a guide or service dog.

There is a happy ending to Faith's story. As part of a special adoption program for dogs not advancing into a career, Faith has been adopted by a pre-screened loving farm family, where she will spend her high-energy days learning new skills and enjoying her new animal friends. We surely wish her and her new family only well.

We are continuing our Sponsor a Puppy journey with another pup—Julia. Julia is an adorable yellow goldador — a golden

retriever/Labrador retriever mix — who is about halfway through her sponsorship journey. She is a confident and curious pup whose loving puppy raiser, Meghan, is an



employee of Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Julia is full of energy and enthusiasm. She especially enjoys snuggles, which Meghan deliberately pairs with body handling sessions. “As Meghan practices touching Julia’s ear, gums, and paws, she instills in her pup a general willingness to be handled by humans,” we learn.

Impulse control is one of the skills Julia is learning and practicing ... being able to wait patiently for cues for certain activities. We shall see how Julia continues her exciting journey toward becoming the dog someone hopes for and needs.

Stay tuned! Southeastern Guide Dogs thanks us at the Cathedral profusely for our being a puppy sponsor. Learn more about their wonderful work training assistance dogs at [guidedogs.org](https://www.guidedogs.org).

*Julia and her trainer, Meghan. Photo Courtesy of Southeastern Guide Dogs*

# Same-Sex Issue Defused, Lambeth Turns to Pressing Needs of the World

As the Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops got under way in late July, progressive-leaning participants were stunned to discover that a passage had been inserted into a statement regarding human sexuality saying it was the mind of the Anglican Communion that same-gender marriage is impermissible.

The passage in question was not in the draft statement submitted by a subcommittee on human dignity, and no one has ever claimed responsibility or explained how or why the controversial language was included.

That set off several days of dueling statements, demonstrations, threats by some traditional bishops to refuse to take Communion alongside married gay and lesbian bishops, and several overhauls of the online voting system. (The initial system provided no capability for participants to reject a proposal; a quick revision allowed negative votes; then there would be verbal “no”

votes only, i.e., shouting; finally the voting system was scrapped altogether.)

It was a highly anxious couple of days that generated more heat than light and threatened to derail a conference that was supposed to focus on the challenges of responding to the needs of a 21st-Century Church.

A statement August 2 by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, finally deflated the issue and allowed the proceedings to continue in the “Kumbaya” spirit that participants had initially hoped for.

In the statement, Welby made these points:

\* The traditional understanding of marriage, between a man and a woman, is supported by the majority of the Anglican Communion. That statement was affirmed at the last Lambeth Conference, in 1998, as Resolution I.10, and it is still on the books. It also says that all persons, regardless of

sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of Christ and are to be welcomed, cared for, and treated with respect.

\* A minority, after deep prayer and study, have come to a different conclusion, and they affirm marriage between same-sex partners. (Among the churches that have come to this view are the Episcopal Church, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Churches in Wales, Brazil, and New Zealand.)

\* As Archbishop of Canterbury, he has no authority to discipline or exclude a Church of the Anglican Communion. The Communion is a collection of independent churches, and the Lambeth Conference is not a legislative body. It has no authority to force any church to do anything.

Welby’s affirmation of both traditional and progressive viewpoints, affirming

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that both are based in Scripture, reassured some participants. Others thought it offered cover for those who oppose homosexuality to continue to do so. Traditional bishops could return home saying their conservative views had been upheld. Liberal bishops could point to Welby's affirmation that the Communion is not of one mind on this topic and that their different interpretation is accepted as a reality. No vote meant no winners and no losers.

Some observers praised Welby for deftly threading the needle, while others pointed out that he rose to the occasion to deal with a crisis he himself created by allowing the altered statement to move forward without explanation and by approving an incomprehensible voting system.

The tension eased markedly, participants said, and they spent the remaining days focusing on creation care, ecumenism, poverty, discipleship, hunger, gun control, terror, and corruption. Read the comments of Bishop Mark Edington of the Episcopal Churches in Europe on the dire situations

some of his colleagues are facing: [contacc/3vSTYa9](https://contacc/3vSTYa9)

Not all the traditional bishops were satisfied. Some sought signatures on a document reaffirming the 1998 resolution, which says not only that marriage is only for heterosexual couples, but also that homosexuality is forbidden and unmarried people should practice abstinence.

Anglican bishops and primates "who are keen to affirm and celebrate LGBT people" signed a statement of support, acknowledging that LGBT people had been wounded by the bitter rhetoric of the preceding days. They also pledged to listen to those who hold differing views on marriage. But "we will never shy away from tackling discrimination and prejudice against those of different sexualities and gender identities." Read the full statement and the list of signatories here: <https://tinyurl.com/mvwwuctx>

The prejudice felt by gay people over same-sex marriage is the new racism, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said in an interview with Religion News Service. In the United States, "the issue of gay people and their rights is equivalent to a struggle in our time to the one over race." All Christians in

the United States, he said, need to stand in solidarity with gay people over same-sex marriage.

*Information from Episcopal News Service, Religion News Service, Lambeth daily reports, and social media was used in this report.*

### About Lambeth

**What:** The Lambeth Conference is a typically once-a-decade gathering of the 165 member churches of the Anglican Communion. About 670 bishops and 480 spouses attended this year's conference, July 25 through August 7 at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England.

**Why:** To deepen ties and build relationships throughout the Communion and discuss matters of mutual interest and concern. Lambeth is not a legislative body and neither it nor the Archbishop of Canterbury has the authority to force any church to do anything or to accept any view or position.

Learn more: At the website <http://www.lambethconference.org>.

# Around the Cathedral

## Collecting Calendars

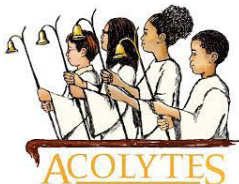
Yes! We're collecting 2023 calendars for our neighbors at Peterborough Apartments. If your mailbox is filling up with calendars from the charities you support, please drop off your extras at the front desk.

## Aiding Refugees

St. Peter's parishioners who live at Westminster Palms are helping Afghan refugees get settled in their new home. Read the *Tampa Bay Times* story here: [tinyurl.com/2s4bzb9p](https://www.tampabay.com/2s4bzb9p)

## Honoring Acolytes

We'll honor our acolytes at the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, October 2. Join us in recognizing these young people and adults for their reverent hearts and steady hands in worship each week.



## Staying Healthy

Our Faith Community Nurse, Rita Sewell, continues to offer these services: blood-pressure clinic, 9-10 a.m. the first Sunday of the month in the Library; and consultations on health matters or mind-body-spirit issues, from 10 a.m. to noon most Thursdays at the Cathedral. E-mail her at [nurse@spca-cathedral.com](mailto:nurse@spca-cathedral.com) to make an appointment.

## Hurricane season

Late August and September are traditionally the height of the hurricane season. A dust cloud over the Sahara has helped us escape so far — but that cloud is dissipating.

The Cathedral does not provide hurricane shelter. Start to plan now where you will go if you are told to evacuate. Find hurricane evacuation routes and other emergency information at <https://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/knowyourzone.htm>



## New Midweek Services Will Mark Holy Days

Starting in September, in addition to the Wednesday celebration of the Eucharist and prayers for healing, we will now also mark many of the Holy Days listed in the Book of Common Prayer with a 12:05 p.m. Eucharist in St. Mary's Chapel (when they fall Monday through Friday, not when they fall on a weekend).

Check the Sunday service bulletin for Celebrations of the Eucharist in the coming week. The BCP calendar of Holy Days can be found beginning on page 922. (We will not celebrate the Holy Days that fall between Christmas and Holy Name.)

In September those Holy Days are September 14, Holy Cross Day; September 21, St. Matthew, Evangelist; and September 29, St. Michael and All Angels.



# September Transitions

## Birthdays

1	Mike Schillace	8	Reid Carlisle	17	Sarah Hill
3	Penny Burns	10	Karen Gums	17	Tommy Chase
3	Ralph Hancock	10	Julia Barlow	19	Karen Torrisi
3	Karen Raihill	10	Alfred Phillips	20	Tim Baker
4	Gwennie Sosa	11	Jonathan Soots	20	Kathleen Peters
6	Chuck Parsons	11	Amanda Cotrino	21	Marion Fleming
6	Glenda Rice	11	Jannie Hume	21	Jean Beshears
6	Emma Zarate	11	Andi Gorton	21	Scott Strader
7	Mary K Wilson	11	Cheryl Saut	22	Jean Ann Echternach
7	Frank Casorio	13	Diana Craig	22	Darlene Limtiaco
8	Dottie Choate	13	Lydia Frederick	23	Starin Shoupe
8	Troy Craft	14	Tom McGowan	23	Tammy Ramsey
8	Carlynn Crosby	14	Ellen McDonald	23	Peter Barlow
8	Janet Bryant	15	Rachel Chase	23	Jack Clark
8	Anysia McDowall	16	Maddie Hasbrouck	23	Maggie Mardirosian
8	Brandon Peete	16	Bill Clark	24	Charlotte Bacon
				24	Kathy Michaels
				25	Cece McManus
				25	Cathy Rome
				27	Elaine Clark
				28	Jenny Amundrud
				28	Debra Eich
				28	Elizabeth Stevenson
				28	Stephanie Klima

29	Richard Dahm	29	Danie Dahm
29	AJ Maddox-Clarke	30	Jay Marshall

## Anniversaries

1	Kathleen & Jacob Peters	16	Jean Ann & John Echternach
2	Robert Culpepper & Peter Hamarich	19	David & Marilyn Hobbs
3	Paul Bonneau & Ed Johnson	19	Patty & Will Hollingsworth
6	Mark & Kathy Campbell	20	Ellen Alexander & Meg Banitch
7	Marshall & Diana Craig	23	Judy & Troy Holland
9	Tom & Nancy Thomas	24	Bill & Franci Cross
11	John & Gail McCoy	24	Dana & Suzanne Green
13	Bud Miller & Jack Westfall	24	Thomas Williams & Marty Gould
		25	Tim & Theresa Holly

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## Those Who Have Died

Henry Morris

Mimi Brown

## 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**

**Second Sunday, 7 p.m., Chanted Compline  
(through April)**

**Fourth Sunday, 5 p.m., Choral Evensong  
(through April except December)**

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) 822-4173 ext. 1 to speak to  
a member of the clergy.**

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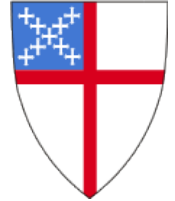
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