



CROSSTOWN

February 2023

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg



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Bishop Doug Scharf at his seating December 10 at the Cathedral. More photos, [page 15](#). Photo by LINDSEY NICKEL.

Annual Meeting: A Good Financial Year Ahead, New Leadership, Words about Healing

We approved four new Chapter members, received an upbeat financial report, and heard some comments about grief and healing from Dean Morris at the Annual Meeting on January 29.



New Chapter members Mike Schillace, Marilyn Vengroff, Martin McKinney, and Judy Stark. Photo by MICHELLE THOMAS

The new Chapter members — Martin McKinney, Mike Schillace, Judy Stark, and Marilyn Vengroff — join continuing members Al Carrico, junior warden Susan Darrow, senior warden Lucas Fleming, Wil Laroche,

Mark Myers, Jennifer Preston, Randy Ramsey, and Beth Snyder. Dean Morris acknowledged the retiring Chapter members: Tessa Marie Burnsed, Jonathan Miller, and Michael Ricciardi. He also announced that Mark Myers will become the treasurer, succeeding Tim Lanz.

The Chapter has approved a 2023 budget of \$1,571,000. We set a goal of \$900,000 for our faith filled financial

commitment campaign; we have budgeted \$875,000 and currently have pledges totaling \$840,000, a gap we expect to close.

Other income includes \$325,000 in a charitable donation from the developers of the Peterborough Apartments; and about \$125,000 from a charitable trust. (See the budget at spcathedral.org/annual-meeting.)

That income allows us to increase compensation to our choral scholars for the first time since 2009. Also, we will commission a reserve study and begin to save and budget for future capital projects such as a new roof or new air-conditioner.

In personnel news, we have hired Rebecca Davis as our hospitality associate (see [Page 6](#)) and we will share a maintenance person with our building condominium association. We have hired Carla Escobar as our custodian, who works Mondays and Fridays. These three part-time employees

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Time to Party with the Pancakes! Shrove Tuesday Is Almost Here

Before the fast, the feast. Or, to put it another way: Before the penitence, the pancakes.

We'll hold our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, in Harvard Hall.



Come for pancakes with all the toppings, bacon and sausage, and King Cake. (That's a New Orleans tradition, where Shrove Tuesday is celebrated as Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday. Watch out for the pink plastic baby hidden in each cake. If your slice of cake contains one of the babies, it means you're the king or queen and you can expect a year of luck and prosperity.) We'll have lots of Mardi Gras beads and music, and games and fun for kids.

Then we'll burn the palms — the palm crosses and fronds we received last year on Palm Sunday — to make the ashes that the

**Help Us Make
A Merry Mardi Gras!**
Sign up to help with the Pancake Supper at spcathedral.org/pancakes.

clergy will use the next day, Ash Wednesday, as they make the sign of the cross on our foreheads and remind us that we are dust.

The Altar Guild will have a basket in the Narthex starting February 12 where you can deposit your crosses from last year.

Starting on Friday, February 24, we will offer Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral starting at 6 p.m., led by Rick Knight. Participants move about the Cathedral offering prayers and responses using images that illustrate the stages of the Passion story.

Looking ahead deeper into Lent, the Altar Guild will make this year's palm crosses on March 29. All are welcome to learn how to fold a strip of palm frond into a cross, and the Guild's many patient teachers will be happy to show you how. Watch for de-

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Lent at the Cathedral

5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, February 21:
Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. Wednesday,
February 22: Ash Wednesday services
6 p.m. Fridays in Lent (February 24,
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31): Stations of
the Cross in the Cathedral
5 p.m. Sunday, February 26: Choral
Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent

Pancakes and Ashes

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tails next month. Palm Sunday is April 2.

Also to come: **Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist, Foot-Washing and Stripping of the Altar**, on April 6; the 48th **Way of the Cross**, led by Cathedral youth at 7:30 a.m. on Good Friday, April 7, through downtown streets; the **Great Vigil of Easter** on Saturday evening, April 8; and **Easter**, on Sunday, April 9. We'll have all the details next month.



Shrove Tuesday 2022: Joel Burnsed masked up in fine style...

...Laura Clayton found the King Cake baby last year...



...and Cyndi Orozco outdid herself with her Mardi Gras costume.

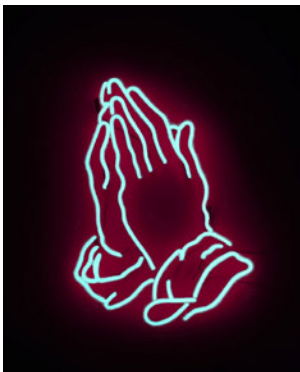
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Now We Move Into the Somber Season of Lent

The penitential season of Lent — a 40-day period leading up to Easter — begins on Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday.

We'll offer three services that day (7 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m.) for the imposition of ashes. The ashes are made from the palm fronds and crosses we received last Palm Sunday. They have been burned and ground up to create the ashes the priests will use as they mark a cross on our foreheads with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

This season of self-examination and self-denial corresponds to the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptizer. (Read Luke 4:1-13, Matthew 4:1-11, or Mark 1:12-13.) During this time Jesus was tested by Satan while preparing for the start of his earthly ministry.



The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday). Mardi Gras has long been a day of feasting and merrymaking before the somber season of Lent. Historically it was a time to use up the butter and cream, eggs and meat before the Lenten fast. (These items were often dwindling in supply at the end of winter anyway.) We'll celebrate with our annual Pancake Supper: [See Page 2](#). In some parts of the world this is Fasnacht Day, or Doughnut Day, another way to feast on rich food before the fast.

The word carnival, or *carnevale* — a raucous celebration before the start of Lent — literally means "goodbye to meat." It is the custom, particularly in the Roman Catholic Church, to observe meatless Fridays during Lent.

As for that name, Shrove Tuesday: In

centuries gone by, Christians would make their confession at the beginning of Lent and would be "shriven" — cleansed — of their sins. The Middle English for "absolve" is shrive, shrove, shriven.

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning "long spring days," as the short, dark days of winter give way to the brighter days of spring. That is appropriate as we move from a dark, penitential season to the glory of Easter, April 9.

The season lasts for six weeks because we do not count Sundays as part of Lent (they are, in effect, "little Easters"). Lent is a time that the Church intentionally sets aside to go deeper in our faith and to develop spiritual practices that draw us closer to God.

The earliest Lent can begin is February 4; the latest, March 10. The start of Lent depends on the date of Easter (this year it is April 9), which is set according to the lunar calendar. (For everything you ever wanted

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to know about determining the date of Easter, see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computus> or turn to Page 880 of the Book of Common Prayer.

You will notice changes in worship during Lent. The clergy vestments and altar hangings are a penitential purple, and we use only simple greenery rather than colorful floral displays. The music is limited and subdued. We eliminate the word “Alleluia” from our worship. The choir will sing a Choral Introit in place of the opening processional hymn. On Lent 1 (February 26) we will recite the Great Litany (Page 148 of the Book of Common Prayer).

Lent 4 (March 19) is Laetare Sunday, also called Refreshment Sunday or Rose Sunday, when we relax our Lenten discipline to recognize that beyond the somber days to come of Passiontide, Easter is drawing near. “Laetare” means “rejoice,” and we do so with a processional hymn, brighter music overall, and flowers on the altar, often pink.

Please Welcome A New Member of the Cathedral Staff

Rebecca Davis is our new hospitality associate. She is the friendly face at the front desk on Sunday mornings and at some evening events who can answer questions, direct parishioners and visitors, and provide security.

Rebecca is an intern at Tampa Bay Watch, where she is an eco-vessel environmental educator, leading tours of the bay from The Pier, educating tourgoers about the Tampa Bay ecosystem, and participating in live research demonstrations. Ask her about how dolphins' fins act as “fingerprints” — each fin is unique to that dolphin and allows researchers to identify and track them.

A graduate of Osceola High School and FSU (December 2021), Rebecca aspires to a career as an environmental scientist, possibly in the marine sciences, working

with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or the National Park Service.

In her spare time she enjoys reading fiction, mountain biking, and pottery.



Rebecca Davis

20s/40s Lent Book Discussion

Help pick our book! These are some books to prompt interesting discussion. We'll make sure to leave the discussion open enough for those who don't have a chance to read the book. The plan is to meet once around the beginning of Lent (end of February) and again in late March. We'll do our best to plan when we meet based on those who are interested. Stay tuned for more details!

My Neighbor's Faith, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, and *Beyond a Binary God* are our options. Contact Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) to let us know which one is your first choice. Visit spcathedral.org/young-adults for more information.

First Black Episcopal Priest Will Be Commemorated February 12

On February 13 the Church observes the Feast of Absalom Jones (1746-1818), the first Black priest in the Episcopal Church. We will remember this saint on Sunday, February 12.

Jones was born into slavery in Delaware. His owner encouraged his efforts to learn to read and write, realizing that these skills increased the slave's value. When Jones's mother and five siblings were sold to another slaveholder, he was taken to Philadelphia, where he worked in his master's store and learned mathematics at a Quaker school.

In 1766 he married Mary Thomas, also enslaved, and the couple saved and borrowed to purchase her freedom. In 1784, after years of resistance, Jones's owner agreed to grant him his freedom.

Jones and his friend Richard Allen were

effective evangelists who greatly increased the Black membership of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. When the white vestry members decided to segregate Black members into an upstairs gallery without notice, the Black worshippers indignantly walked out as a group.



By 1794, Black Episcopalians had built their own church, St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. Jones was ordained deacon in 1795 and priest in 1802 by William White, the first and fourth Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and the

first bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Jones was an earnest preacher who denounced slavery and warned oppressors to "clean their hands of slaves." St. Thomas Church grew to more than 500 members in its first year.

Known as the "Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church," Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument.

We will remember him on February 12 with prayers and with music by African-American composers.

Collect for Absalom Jones

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Beloved Community Will Offer 2024 Pilgrimage to Civil Rights Sites in Alabama

As a faith community, we at St. Peter's have been making great strides in our journey toward Becoming Beloved Com-

munity: a community in which everyone is cared for, absent of poverty, hunger, and hate. We have armed ourselves with

knowledge, learning of the history of race via podcasts, book studies, and the Episcopal Church's groundbreaking film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith, Sacred Ground. Through these activities we have walked through chapters of America's history with race and racism, while weaving threads of family

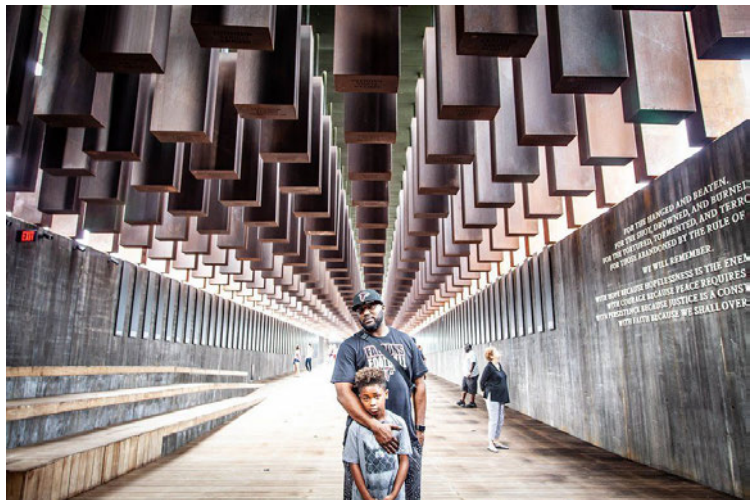
story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

During 2021 our Chapter adopted a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement to reflect the increasing awareness of our call to justice and racial healing. Elements of the Diversity Statement became a part of the foundation on which the Cathedral's strategic plan is based. Read the statement here: <https://www.spcathedral.org/who-we-are>

Many of us have answered God's call to open our hearts and "do something" by becoming involved in social justice and racial healing activities. In 2022 our Cathedral community joined with 50 other diverse Pinellas County congregations in FAST, a justice ministry to better the lives of residents.

Now your BBC Team invites you to take a moment out of time to make a pilgrimage highlighting racial and social-justice sites.

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At the National Museum for Peace and Justice, steel boxes swaying overhead invoke the victims of lynching from 1877 to 1950.

2024 Pilgrimage to Alabama

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We will spend three days — April 11-14, 2024 — exploring significant sites in Montgomery, Tuskegee and Selma, AL. Among them: the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, with its stunning commemoration of the victims of lynching; the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, where marchers were beaten and fire-hosed on Bloody Sunday in 1965; and Tuskegee University on the Civil Rights Trail in Tuskegee, the home of Booker T. Washington and the Tuskegee Airmen National Monument.

We will travel together, break bread together, and pray together, asking God to strengthen our commitment to justice and healing as well as to lead us in the direction we should go.

All are invited, both those well versed in justice issues and those just beginning the journey. More information: Betsy Adams (betsygadams@icloud.com).

You can explore more details of this pilgrimage here: spcathedral.org/beloved-community



Pilgrimage Prayer

God our Father, be with us on our pilgrim journey of faith. Give us the grace and courage to step forward in faith and hope on the road ahead. Lord Jesus, open our eyes to see your face in all those we encounter. Open our ears to hear your voice in those who are often ignored.

Annual Meeting

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represent a savings over our former full-time sexton.

Hillary Peete is on track to be ordained deacon this spring and priest next fall. We will be joined in early summer by the Rev. Michael Alford, who will graduate this spring from Virginia Theological Seminary and will serve as a curate, a first posting for those newly ordained.

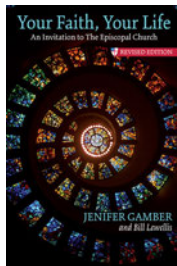
Dean Morris shared some thoughts about his personal tragedies of the last year: the death of his father, his wife Christina's diagnosis of breast cancer, and his son Henry's death by suicide last August. "I will never fully heal," he said. "I am more vulnerable than before, and that's okay." He acknowledged that grief takes the form of physical exhaustion and an inability to be constantly "on," up, and cheery. His grief therapist has told him that "a year from now you will not feel like you feel today." Dean Morris will take a sabbatical in 2024 and will do some retreats and other work before then "to care for my soul so I can better care for yours."

Three Adult Classes to Prepare for Baptism, Embrace the Psalms, and Learn from Strong Women

Inquirers' Class

Sundays, February 26-March 26
9-9:50 a.m. in the Chapter Room

Led by the Cathedral clergy, this class is for adults who are interested in baptism, confirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church. Using *Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church* by Jenifer Gamber and Bill Lewellis, this series will dive into church history, the sacraments, spirituality, ministry, and more.



If you are interested in joining the class, please email Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) by February 19. The book will be provided for each participant. If you have questions or aren't sure if this class is right for you, please reach out.

Psalmist's Cry:

A Five-Film Series on Lament
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
February 28, March 7-28

In *Psalmist's Cry*, Walter Brueggemann explores the Psalms as scripts for lament — guides for how to express feelings honestly, in ways normally not permitted or expected within Christian community. In this five-week study, discover the fullness of God when we allow our lives to become about God's healing us and not about our controlling or managing our way through life. Visit spcathedral.org/bible-studies for more information and to register for the Zoom link.



Walter
Brueggemann

Brueggemann is an American Protestant Old Testament scholar and theologian who

is widely considered one of the most influential Old Testament scholars of the last several decades. His work often focuses on the Hebrew prophetic tradition and socio-political imagination of the Church.

Ruth and Esther

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
February 7 and 14

These two books of the Old Testament explore the faithfulness and courage of two remarkable women. They have much to teach us about the Hebrew concept of *chesed*, which means sacred kindness, as well as the willingness to be in sacrificial relationship with loved ones and our communities. To register for the Zoom link, for additional resources, and the reading schedule, visit spcathedral.org/bible-studies.



The February Theme is LOVE!

*The Lord your God is in your midst...
he will create calm with his love;
he will rejoice over you with singing.
~Zephaniah 3:17 (Common English Bible)*

EYSeedlings:

Valentines for Peterborough

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, February 12

All 3rd- through 5th-graders are invited to make cookies and cards for our friends living at Peterborough Apartments. Lunch provided.

There's a sweet surprise for the kids, too! Please RSVP to Michelle (mthomas@spcathedral.com) by February 8.



Messy Church for Families: All About Love!

5:30-7:15 p.m. Thursday, February 9

Families with kids ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to learn about God

through science, scripture, art, movement, and some messy fun! Dinner is served from 5:30-6 p.m. (\$10/family) and we close with a prayer at 7:15 p.m. This month is all about LOVE! Please RSVP to Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) by Monday, February 6.

EYC Outreach Project:

You are tote-ally loved!

5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, February 5

Youth will decorate tote bags filled with goodies for Metro Inclusive Health. Metro offers a variety of crucial services



in our community. These tote bags will go to LGBTQ youth who participate in weekly hangouts that provide a safe, affirming place to connect with peers.

EYC Faith and Film

5 to 7 p.m.

Sundays, February 19 and 26

We won't choose our film until the beginning of February, but plan to join us as we dive into a film together and pause along the way for discussions about faith and life. Popcorn and your favorite concession candy will be on hand!



Outreach Update: Microgrant Application Time, November Teach-In at Campbell Park

We are accepting applications until March 15 for the first round of our community microgrants for 2023.

These are small cash awards (we allocate \$2,500 twice a year, for an annual total of \$5,000) to organizations that work to transform the lives of the vulnerable through food, health, education, relationship-building, and inclusivity initiatives.



If you know a nonprofit that could benefit from one of our microgrants, please urge them to apply. For the full listing of previous recipients, eligibility requirements, and applications, visit spcathedral.org/grant. Information: Penny Roen (pennyroen@gmail.com).

Great American Teach-In

Every November, Pinellas County schools participate in the Great American Teach-In, a day when members of the community spend some time with students to share information about their career or hobby, to organize an activity, to read a story, or to teach a class.

We'd love to have a good representation from the Cathedral at our community partner school, Campbell Park Elementary. You can come for an hour, a few class periods, or the whole day — whatever works for you. Exact date to be announced.



Please start thinking now about how you might share your experience, your skill, your profession, or your hobby with students. (No tests! No grades!) Karen Raihill (kraihill@gmail.com) would be happy to hear from you. We're hoping to engage more members of the congregation with our community partners this year.

Help Stock the Resource Room At Florida Resurrection House

During February, we will collect items for the Florida Resurrection House Resource Room. This is a “store” where residents, who are on very limited budgets, can “shop” at no cost for basic household supplies.

Here’s the list of necessities:

- Soft Scrub cleanser
- Toilet cleaner



- Toilet brushes
- Toilet paper
- Target gift cards. (Florida Resurrection House uses these to shop for bed linen and kitchen supplies for the apartments.)
- Razors (both men and women)

For a list of additional needed items, visit <https://floridaresurrectionhouse.org/donate-goods/> and click on the button “download current resource room needs.”

Please bring your donations to the Cathedral during office hours or on Sunday mornings during February.

Florida Resurrection House is a faith-based residential program that helps families break the generational cycle of poverty through a structured program of housing, education, life-skills training, and counseling.



Go Team! Super Bowl Party February 12

Coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. service on February 12 will be a Super Bowl Party. We’ll have game-day snacks and treats, and you’re invited to wear your team colors.

Those can be your Super Bowl choice, your high-school or college shirts, the Rays, Bucs, or Lightning, a team of any sport that you play for or root for — any team of your choice.

Lend a Hand for Our Peterborough Family ...

Please join us in Harvard Hall during coffee hour on Sunday, February 5, when we'll assemble bags of emergency supplies for homebound residents of Peterborough Apartments. It takes just a few minutes to put together a bag; it's fun; and it's a good chance to meet people and chat while you do so!

Also at Peterborough: They seek a volunteer to spend a few hours a week sorting and reshelving books in their library. If you're interested, Virginia Rowell (yrowell@tampabay.rr.com) or Shar Nudelman (marvshar1@msn.com) would be happy to speak with you.

Thanks to everyone who donated charity calendars during the last few months of 2022. We donated nearly 150 to our neighbors at Peterborough, who are always happy to see them arrive in November and December. (Yes, we'll collect calendars again next fall!)

... And from Peterborough, Words of Thanks

The January 2023 newsletter from Peterborough Apartments includes these words of appreciation:

The new year gives us an opportunity to reflect on the past year and all the blessings that have been bestowed upon our Peterborough family. I am so grateful for all the members of St. Peter's Cathedral who have been so kind to our residents. They always go above and beyond — from purchasing turkeys and having them cooked for Thanksgiving dinner to purchasing gifts for the holiday raffle. And throughout the year they have been busy putting together bags with supplies for our residents who come home from the hospital. Let's not forget the little bags of goodies that they make to put on all the residents' doors throughout the year. You are all so amazing! I want to send a big heartfelt thank-you from your Peterborough family. We wish you all a very happy and blessed New Year!

Karen White
Community Manager



Officially Seating the Bishop

Bishop Doug Scharf was formally seated at the Cathedral on January 8 as the sixth bishop diocesan for the Diocese of Southwest Florida. The Service of Recognition and Investiture was a festive

celebration that the Cathedral was happy to host. Thanks to the staff and many volunteers who made it possible!

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Bishop Scharf knocks three times on the door of the Cathedral, saying: "Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks for the Lord."



Bishops past and present: Bishop Dabney Smith embraces his successor as he passes the crozier.



Right, Courtney Crosby and Joel Burnsed scent the Cathedral with incense.

FAST Network Will Meet To Prep for the Big Rally

All network members (and those who are still interested!) are strongly encouraged to attend our planning meeting at noon Sunday, February 5. A light lunch will be available with your RSVP (suggested \$5 donation for subs, chips, and drinks).

During this meeting we will cover what to expect at the FAST Rally on February 27. Network members will have the opportunity to start brainstorming the names of those you will invite to the Nehemiah Action in March. This is also a great opportunity to get to know other justice-ministry members at the Cathedral.

Please RSVP to Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com). Visit spcathedral.org/fast for more information.



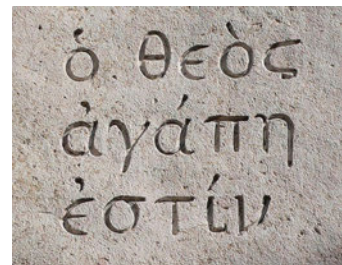
What Is FAST?

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. It has been active in Pinellas County since 2004 and includes Christian and Jewish congregations. Learn more at fast-pinellas.org.

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος (In the beginning was the Word.)

The new year has now well begun, and perhaps it's time to take on a new and different challenge. Occasionally our preachers mention the original language of the New Testament, which is, of course, ancient Greek, like the title above. Actually it is written in koine ("coy-nay") Greek, which was the *lingua franca* of the first-century world, much as English is the *lingua franca* of today's world. In the first century world, "the Word" was shorthand for the ability to think, speak, and reason things out.

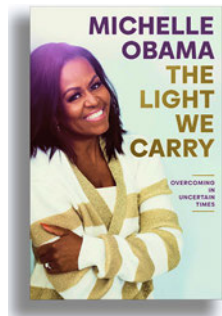
The Cathedral happens to have a parishioner who is qualified to teach koine Greek. If you are at all interested in learning the language of the Gospels, please contact John Garrigues, the Cathedral's biblical Greek resource person. The instruction will be tailored to the participants, so students of all ages are welcome. John will be happy to discuss with you all the details and possible arrangements. There is no charge for the instruction, but there is a small expense required for the textbook. Contact John by email at jgarrig1@tampabay.rr.com, or phone him at (727) 866-1328 or (727) 641-0672 (cell).



This ancient inscription means
"God is love."

Michelle Obama Offers Advice on Finding Strength and Community

In *The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*, Michelle Obama considers the questions many of us wrestle with: How do we build enduring and honest relationships? How can we



discover strength and community inside our differences? What tools do we use to address feelings of self-doubt or helplessness? What do we do when it all starts to feel like too much?

St. Peter's Book Club will discuss the former First Lady's new book at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 28, in the Chapter Room. Lois McMullin is the presenter.

The author details her most valuable practices, like "starting kind," "going high," and assembling a kitchen table of trusted friends and mentors. She also explores

issues connected to race, gender, and visibility, encouraging readers to work through fear, find strength in community, and live with boldness.

"When we are able to recognize our own light, we become empowered to use it," she writes.

All are welcome, in person or via Zoom, whether you've read the book or not. Visit [spcathedral.org/book-club](https://www.spcathedral.org/book-club) for Zoom details and a list of books the club will read from now through June.

Around the Cathedral

The Cathedral and offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of **Presidents' Day**. No services, no activities. We'll reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, February 21.

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 Chapter Room/Library; and consultations on health matters or mind-body-spirit issues, from noon to 1 p.m. most Thursdays at the Cathedral. E-mail her at nurse@spcathedral.com to make an appointment.

Some parishioners are looking at starting a depression group in March. If you are interested in taking part, please call/text Rita Sewell at (727) 310-5760 to indicate your interest.



It's tax time. Annual giving statements will be mailed the second week of February. If you don't receive a statement or have questions, please call Michelle Thomas at (727) 822-4173.

A Cappella Group Will Join Chamber Choir for February Evensong

Our February service of Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent, at 5 p.m. February 26, will be a joint effort between Chorus Angelorum, the Tampa Bay area's premier a cappella vocal group, and St. Peter's Chamber Choir.

The Chorus Angelorum was founded in 2001 singing Renaissance and early music — Gabrielli, Gibbons, Palestrina. They have since expanded their repertoire to include Baroque and Romantic, 20th-century, early American, and contemporary and pop music. They are based at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church on Snell Isle.

Proceeds from the Evensong collection will be donated to ALS research in honor of Mike Mader, a member of Chorus Angelorum, who contracted ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in the spring of 2022 and died in December.

The service will include the

Responses of Richard Ayleward and the Anthem of Richard Shephard, "The Secret of Christ." The service is Charles Villiers Stanford's "Service in C."

Rick Smith, founder and co-director of the Chorus Angelorum, will conduct, and Music Director Dwight Thomas is the organist. A prelude at 4:45 will offer Nicolaus Bruhns' "Prelude in E Minor ('The Great')." A reception follows.



The a cappella Chorus Angelorum ("choir of angels")

Save the Date for Music to Celebrate

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 12, when we will present a special concert at 5 p.m. to celebrate the 90th birthday of our former organist and choirmaster, Roberta Poellein.

The performers are violinist Cecilia Poellein Buss, Roberta's daughter, who has played in the first-violin section of the Seattle Symphony since 1985; and Douglas Cleveland, an internationally celebrated concert organist who teaches at the University of Washington and is director of music and liturgical arts at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Medina, WA.

The concert is co-sponsored with the American Guild of Organists. Suggested donation: \$25. A reception will follow. We'll have details next month.



Cecilia Poellein Buss

Canon Williams Contributes Two Books On St. Anselm to the Scholarly World

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, our canon theologian, is the author of two new books on St. Anselm.

The first, *Anselm: The Complete Treatises* (Hackett Publishing), which was published in November, translated and edited



The first box of author's copies as they arrived at Canon Williams's home.

by Canon Williams, contains all of Anselm's theological and philosophical works, along with selected letters and prayers. Some of the letters put his work in historical context. Some offer insights into his views of friendship and the spiritual life. The prayers include the Prayer to St. Paul, in which Anselm addresses both Paul and Jesus as "Mother."

"The only such collection translated by a single hand and rendered with attention to terminological consistency across the treatises, it's the ideal choice for use by students of philosophy and theology," a reviewer on Google Play remarks.

The second book, which will be published in the United States on February 24, is *Anselm: A Very Short Introduction*, part of a popular series from Oxford University Press covering a wide range of topics, figures, disciplines, and

so forth. Volumes in the VSI series have a very strict word limit, Canon Williams says, "so there's no room for scholarly blather and inside baseball, just clear and efficient communication of what is most important and characteristic about Anselm."

Anselm of Canterbury (1033–1109) was the outstanding philosopher-theologian of the Latin West between Augustine of Hippo in the 5th century and Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century. As a public figure, especially as Archbishop of Canterbury, he corresponded with kings and nobles, popes and bishops, in letters that reveal a fascinating personality and flesh out the practical dimensions of his theoretical philosophy.

Anselm wrote at a time when a renewed interest in logic encouraged careful and rigorous argumentation, but before the recovery of Aristotle filled the philosophi-

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cal discourse with difficult technical jargon, making for writing that is unrivaled for its lucidity and accessibility. He offers the first clear account of what we nowadays call a libertarian view of free will, according to which free choices cannot be determined by the agent's internal states or by external influences.

His famous "ontological argument" for the existence of God continues to generate discussion, debate, and puzzlement. His understanding of God is rightly regarded as one of the definitive expressions of classical theism or perfect-being theology, which remains influential in philosophy of religion and analytic theology. His account of the Atonement is one that every theologian to this day feels obliged to grapple with.

Canon Williams was interviewed on the London Lyceum podcast about the books; you can listen at this link: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/412714/12005812-anselm-with-thomas-williams>

He is also scheduled to be interviewed by Parker Settecase for his podcast, Parker's

Pensées, which will be available at a date to be announced at <https://open.spotify.com/show/2Wysn8yp8xUxMKpR1J9Kfl>.



Canon Williams is the Isabelle A. and Henry D. Martin Professor in Medieval Philosophy at Georgetown University and divides his time between Washington, DC, and Tampa, where he enjoys kayaking on the lake behind his home and devoting himself to his husband, Marty, and their dog, Tess.



Conversations Continue on Aging and Spirituality

Our series of conversations on Aging and Spirituality continues from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on three Thursdays in February in the Chapter Room.

This month's topics: **February 9**, Our identity as an elder versus "elderly"; **February 16**, Where do we turn when the rug is pulled out?; and **February 23**, Legacy in community and family.

If you can't join us in person, please join us at spcathedral.org/faith-nurse.

Questions? Please speak to our faith community nurse, Rita Sewell (nurse@spcathedral.org).

In the Fun Lane

Our EYSeedlings (grades 3 through 5) and our EYC (grades 6 through 12) went bowling recently at Sunrise Lanes, where they rolled a few frames and had fun at the arcade.



Noah Pozo, Adam Burnsed, and Felix Peete were full of smiles at their “striking” success in the lanes.

Abigail Albert and Karsyn Galvin try their luck at the arcade.



Everyone had such fun!

New Life for Our Stained Glass Windows

Stained-glass artisans from across the country gathered at the Cathedral in late January to clean, repair, refresh, restore, and re-seal our stained glass. They were from Associated Crafts and Willet Hauser Architechtural Glass, the same company that designed and installed the windows in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Experi-

enced workers joined those new to the craft to teach and learn together. The work included installing polycarbonate panels to protect the windows for decades to come, good stewardship for these irreplaceable treasures.

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Above, the team gets a briefing as work begins. Right, skills are passed on from one generation to another. Far right, caulking a window to prevent water intrusion.



February Transitions

Birthdays

1	Patty Hollingsworth	9	Nicolina Neefe	17	Ed Shamas
1	Byron Shoupppe	9	Debbie Knippen	17	Peyton Parker
1	George Gramling IV	9	John Galiger	17	Brad Davis
2	Judy Holland	9	Hilleary Gramling	19	Elisa Wolfe
2	Timothy Saut	9	Lindsey Klipsch	20	John Wilson
3	Rendall Sanchez	11	Rob Pinion	20	Bill Barlow
4	Tom Walker	12	Mike Grimshaw	20	Celia Erickson
5	Fran Spector	12	Mari Reive	23	John Ellis
5	Sophia Preston	12	Ray McColgan	23	Dorothy Longstaff
5	Christopher Etter	12	Len McCue	23	Sue Bracci
5	Rachael Lurker	12	Robert Denk	23	Ayla Fuchs
6	Kathy Hancock	14	Sarah Lewis	23	John Hannay
6	Roberta Yancey	14	Michael Nesspor	24	Marilyn Polson
6	Kate Munkittrick	15	Elizabeth Howlett	25	Gunnar Peters
6	Courtney Crosby	15	Fred Stansbery	25	Jessica Grimshaw
6	Isla McDowall	15	Mike Zuravel	25	Grace Hamilton
		15	Rebecca Wain	25	Kim Parsons
				25	Barbara Martin
				26	Marianne Hallas
				26	Orin Linder
				27	Marsha Fetchik
				28	Clark Gairing

28	Bronwyn Gairing	28	Rosamond Katzel
28	Scott Nonken	28	Nathalie Dewolf

Anniversaries

5	Gareth & Debra Eich	14	Sam Tallman & Mike Zuravel
14	John & Kit Clarke		
14	Peter & Ashley Gairing	28	Rick & James Knight



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Those Who Have Died

John David Cowan

Suzanne Haines

St. Peter's: A Guide

At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

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

**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](https://www.spcathedral.org/worship-live-stream), where the order of service can be downloaded.

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

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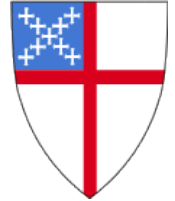
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