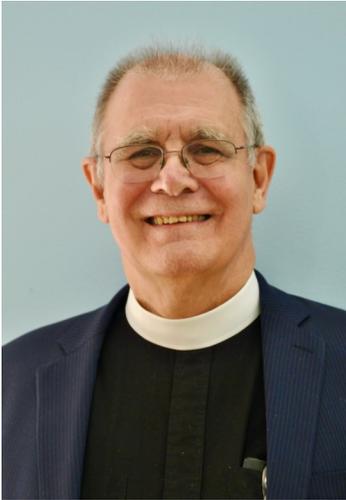
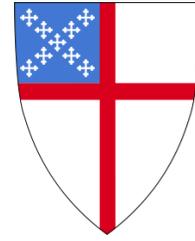


# THE WHEEL

May 2020

St. Catherine of Alexandria  
Episcopal Church



Dear People of St. Catherine's Church,

I've been wondering how our life will be different once the Covid-19 virus has spent itself, or we develop herd immunity, or a vaccine is developed and we return to some kind of normal life. Remember before 9/11 when we would get on the airplanes with minimal security checks? Everything changed, and now the "new" way seems normal.

I believe that this "lockdown" or "shutdown" or "sheltering in place" or "social distancing" goes against the grain of our identity and culture in America. We are a land of freedom; we gather together without fear – to watch sports events, to go to the Straz for a Broadway show, at the corner bar, here at church for Eucharist and around breakfast tables. From our very beginning it has been our freedom of movement and association that have shaped our national personality.

We could assemble to worship. We could assemble to protest things we didn't like. We could march for civil rights. We could gather for pro-choice and pro-life rallies. We resisted limits on our right to assemble, to gather, to be together. Immigrants from more authoritarian countries have always marveled at this freedom. And we feel stifled now. Even those of us who accept the limits on our gatherings, chafe at the restrictions.

So what will happen when we are told we can come out of our homes, go back to school, to work, get a haircut, go to church? Will we have been changed by our temporary hibernation?

A few possibilities. We have learned a lot about using technologies to connect with one another when we can't be together physically. Why would we not continue using those technologies when the epidemic is over? If we have been contacting each other more by telephone and other media, why would we not continue that when the epidemic is over?

Even as we return to worshipping together, meeting once again in person, having Church School classes, vestry meetings, breakfast around the tables, we have learned that our community can be together in all circumstances. We may be more careful with each other. No doubt we will continue to do things to keep us safe. We may address larger problems in society and the economy that were uncovered by the epidemic.

As April turns to May and the Great Fifty Days of Easter unfolds in beauty and splendor, I want you to know how blessed I have been during this time of sequestering and anxiety. Your continuing faith and commitment have kept me going. And soon we will gather again, changed perhaps by our experience, to praise God and give thanks for his grace.

Yours in Christ,

Allen W. Farabee, Interim Rector

# AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

## *Notes from the Senior Warden*

So much has changed since last month. To say that the whole world was turned upside down would not be an exaggeration. Everything has changed, and yet here we are. Gathered together week by week, we remember the Easter collect, and the one who redeems all our days by his resurrection, forgives all our sins, banishes our fears, and makes us bold to praise him and do his will. Even in and through this crazy, unprecedented time, and until that “last great Day,” we go forward, with joy, with hope, with love, and with the knowledge that our Redeemer lives and we are his forever.



The mission of our Parish has not changed. We are learning new ways “to nurture each other in the knowledge and love of God...and to share the Good News with all.” While we no longer have in-person worship, we are live streaming our 10:00 AM service every Sunday on Facebook. THANK YOU, Fr. Allen, Diana, Linda, Bernice, and all who have contributed to make this happen while following the restrictions and guidelines of keeping ourselves safe. These services remain as videos on Facebook so you can revisit them. On April 20, Fr. Allen reported to the Vestry that there were 603 who shared our Easter Day Eucharist. I just checked, and it’s now 660! New ways of sharing the Good News.... Stay tuned!

During Holy Week I received a call from The Rev’d Canon Richard Norman, checking to see how we were and if we needed anything. He wondered if we’d considered making application for a loan under the Payroll Protection Program (PPP), part of the CARES Act for which we are eligible as a non-profit “small business.” If the money is used for payroll costs, the loan is forgiven. Although our Treasurer and I felt we were and should be fine, we truly have no idea the long reaching impact of all this over time, so as a matter of prudence, we made application. Earlier this week, and after some back and forth with Pilot Bank and their attorney, I “virtually” signed pages of documents that had been reviewed by Canon Anne Vickers, CFO for the Diocese. Yesterday the loan was funded, giving us peace of mind that we will continue to meet payroll. THANK YOU, Terry Bechtel for shepherding this process.

We are ZOOMing through Easter! On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter we had a “Zoom Party.” Many of you attended, and have learned that ZOOM is how we now meet (virtually). What a joy it was to see familiar faces, to laugh and pray together! The Diocese encouraged all Parishes to subscribe to ZOOM Pro so that more than a few of us for more than 40 minutes could meet, and even agreed to refund the \$180 annual subscription cost. We’re still learning, but this month your Vestry met via ZOOM, and this Saturday we will join with Vestries throughout our Diocese for the Diocesan Vestry Retreat. We will focus on “What’s Next and Why,” and how, in the words of Henri Nouwen, “we make the life of the Spirit within and among us the center of all we think, say, or do.” I will report on our Retreat in next month’s *Wheel*, maybe sooner. Pray for us all as we gather with the Bishop, his staff, and other Parish leaders to listen and share how we might best serve our congregations. Wow. There’s more! In



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addition to live streamed worship (and don't let us forget Fr. Allen's Video Chat), an Easter ZOOM party, a ZOOM Vestry meeting and Retreat, we are now offering ZOOM Prayer Groups and a ZOOM Bible Study. Check your Thursday Newsletter. Seems like we're as busy as usual - maybe in some ways, even more so!

Last month I wrote that it was the perfect time to work on our Parish Self-Study to develop a congregation-wide survey to help us complete our Profile for the Search Process. We continue to make this a priority – even in The Age of the Coronavirus! Via ZOOM, we will soon reconvene the subcommittee and hope to get the survey out to you all sometime this month.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is offering a weekly meditation through May entitled, “*Habits of Grace*,” which you can watch via The Episcopal Church website. In this Monday's video, he asks us to remember what Jesus says at the end of Matthew's *Gospel*: “I will be with you always, even to the end of the age.” Bishop Curry wants us to remember that we are all in God's “almighty hands of love.” We are his forever....

Be safe, stay well, rejoice and be glad!

In Christ's Love,

Manon Alewynse

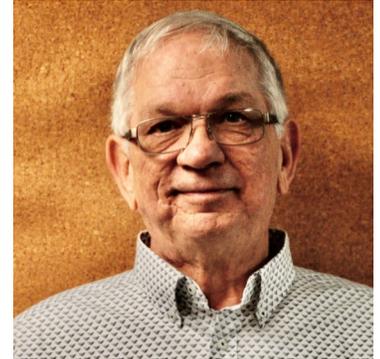
Sr. Warden

# AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

## *Notes from the Treasurer*

WOW!!! A lot has happened in our parish since our last *The Wheel* publication the first of April. The biggest change of course is that we have not been able to worship together in a month. Hopefully this edition of *The Wheel* finds each of you safe and healthy.

As your treasurer, it is part of my function to pay attention to the financial aspects of this pandemic and the effects this coronavirus has on the finances of St. Catherine's. Through the month of March 2020, our finances were solid and the financial contributions to our parish through the pledges of parishioners and all other sources was above our budgeted level. However, it appears through the month of April revenue levels have fallen below budgeted levels. Of course, all the numbers for April are not yet finalized.



With the uncertainty of today's Covid-19 pandemic and the effect it has had on each of us, coupled with the fact we have not been able to worship together, our revenue level has fallen below budgeted levels. St. Catherine's, in conjunction with our diocese office, was able to secure one of the federal Payroll Protection Loans (loan to be forgiven) offered by the SBA and federal government to help fund staff wages for the next two months. It is anticipated that things will get back to a more normal level over the next couple months and the revenue from pledges and all other sources will return to at least the levels that were anticipated and budgeted at the beginning of 2020.

Most parishioners received an Economic Impact check from the federal government in recent weeks. Tithing a portion of that check to St. Catherine's would be an effective way to catch up on your 2020 pledge or in fact increase your pledge to demonstrate your faithfulness and thankfulness for all of God's blessings in your life. I am confident that when times return to a more normal atmosphere, and we are able to worship together once again, our parish giving will return to normal levels.

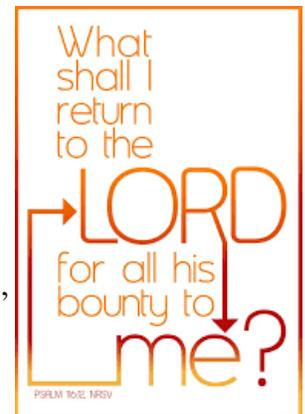
It is important for each of us to take care of ourselves and our families during this time of crisis. Our church family is very important to us and also very supportive. Our faith and trust in our Lord is comforting during these trying times. We thank each of you for your continued support and commitment to St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church. May each of you and your families stay healthy and safe. This too shall pass.

May the Lord be always with you.

Terry Bechtel, Treasurer

## *Ways to Continue to Fulfill your Pledge*

- Mail your Pledge envelope to the Church office
- Visit <http://stcathht.org/donate>, scroll down to click "Pledge to Operating Expense." Complete the payment information. A receipt will be emailed.
- Bring your pledge to the Church office, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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## CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN

We pray everyone is well. Your church office is open. Phone, virtual or face-to-face appointment are available with your clergy. Do not hesitate to call Fr. Allen for any reason 716-400-7593.

## PREPARING FOR LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Article by Linda Ruescher, Interim Music Director & Organist



Even though we are not physically together for worship, we know that God, not bound by time or space, is with us. Our faith community extends to all, no matter where we are.

Those who are leading worship take a few minutes to prepare spiritually. We arrive early to prepare. We pause to remember each of you and hold you in our hearts. We pray that God may speak through us. We give thanks for the call to serve.

When worshipping online at home, take a few minutes to be still, just as you do when we worship at church. Put aside the cares of the world and be still in the presence of God. Light a candle. Open your Bible or Prayer Book. Remember those who are worshipping from their homes. Offer a prayer. Give thanks that we will soon be together in person.

## INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

Looking to deepen your connection with God? Men and women have found that meditative prayer brings a nearness and transformation in their relationship with God. A short introduction to centering prayer will be offered on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7 - 8 PM. In this one-hour, light-hearted Zoom meeting, we will de-mystify this ancient practice including a shortened example of centering prayer and time for questions.

To register email Renee Graham, [rgraham618@gmail.com](mailto:rgraham618@gmail.com).

## WEEKLY CENTERING PRAYER ZOOM MEETINGS

Centering Prayer and *Lectio Divina*: Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer: Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:30 PM

Email Renee Graham, [rgraham618@gmail.com](mailto:rgraham618@gmail.com) to be added to the Zoom invitee list.

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## CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

During this time of physical separation, we continue to observe Children's Sunday School via email lessons. We are using Sermons4Kids as a resource at this time. These lessons are aligned with the Proper for the week and include an activity paper.

Recently I participated in a Webinar hosted by Virginia Theological Seminary, which included presenters Gretchen Wolff Pritchard, the author/illustrator of our *Sunday Paper* used in Children's Chapel, and Miriam McKenney, a former librarian who is now Development Director at Forward Movement and a contributing author for *Forward Day by Day*. This webinar, called "Children's Literature for Ministry" was a wonderful learning tool for me, and spoke to my love of children's books.

One of the resources that I discovered in this webinar is a collection of books and videos that speak to the message for each Proper. The website for this resource is called Storypath, and I will be including these books beginning this month in our weekly lesson.

God's Peace,

Rachel Rubottom  
Christian Formation Director

## NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM

The next date for baptism is Pentecost Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Please contact Fr. Allen Farabee if you would like to be baptized.



## BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAY MORNING ZOOM MEETING



We keep waiting for the "all clear," but it may be some time still before we can come together again for worship and fellowship. Fr. Allen would like to invite you, therefore, to join him for Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM using Zoom. An email will be sent out with information on Monday on how to join our Bible study. We have figured out how to worship together on Facebook during this time. Now let us feed our minds and souls and spend Easter time with the scriptures. We will look at the readings appointed for the coming Sunday. No preparation is needed. Just find a Bible – any translation – and join us, beginning Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please join us on Facebook for a weeklong discussion/blog  
"Adult Christian Education @ St. Catherine's" and click on "Join Group"



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## News from St. Catherine's

### May 2020

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#### Happening This Month

##### May 3

4th Sunday of Easter  
John 10:3-5  
"The Good Shepherd's  
Voice"

##### May 10

5th Sunday of Easter  
John 14:6  
"I Am the Way"

##### May 17

6th Sunday of Easter  
John 14:21  
"Showing Our Love for  
Jesus"

##### May 24

7th Sunday of Easter  
John 17:11  
"Standing Together as  
One"

##### May 31

Pentecost Sunday  
Acts 2:4  
"Filled with the Holy  
Spirit"

Hello Everyone!

I hope this month's newsletter finds all of you happy and healthy. I'm really missing all of you!

*In addition to your weekly Sunday School lessons on your email, I am also sending a link to a book on YouTube for you.* The messages of these books are aligned with the Propers for the day. Please read through the introduction before watching the story. I hope you enjoy them! You may already be familiar with some of the books!

If you have not received the emails, please email or text me so I can get you on the list.

I will surely miss celebrating Pentecost Sunday with you!

Blessings,  
Rachel



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Looking  
Ahead:

**Stay Safe!**  
**I hope to see  
all of you  
soon!**

Contact:  
Rachel Rubottom  
Email:  
[Rachel@stcathtt.org](mailto:Rachel@stcathtt.org)  
813-679-5737

## ALTAR FLOWERS and SANCTUARY CANDLE

A beautiful and powerful way to remember our loved ones and to celebrate our families and friends.

Sign up for Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle by visiting [www.SignUp.Org](http://www.SignUp.Org).



Suggested Donation \$50

May 3, 2020	<i>still available</i>
May 10, 2020	<i>still available</i>
May 17, 2020	<i>still available</i>
May 24, 2020	<i>still available</i>
May 31, 2020	<i>still available</i>
June 7, 2020	<b>Eleanor Wells</b>
June 14, 2020	<i>still available</i>
June 21, 2020	<i>still available</i>
June 28, 2020	<b>Bernice Hull</b>
July 5, 2020	<i>still available</i>
July 12, 2020	<i>still available</i>
July 19, 2020	<i>still available</i>
July 26, 2020	<i>still available</i>
August 2, 2020	<i>still available</i>



Suggested Donation \$10

May 3, 2020	<b>Don Clark</b>
May 10, 2020	<i>still available</i>
May 17, 2020	<i>still available</i>
May 24, 2020	<b>Sandra Boehning</b>
May 31, 2020	<i>still available</i>
June 7, 2020	<i>still available</i>
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June 28, 2020	<b>Diana &amp; John Grupposo</b>
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## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



Brian Grant	05/01	Elizabeth Ward	05/10
Sybil Catala	05/02	Kate Grant	05/14
Lillianna Kelly	05/04	Mendy Whittmore	05/19
Elissa Henderson	05/06	Geoffrey Boehning	05/22
Ashley Johnson	05/08	Angel Boehning	05/23
Kelly Hancock	05/08	Rocco Crescentini	05/24
Lagretta Lenker	05/08	James Schaffer	05/27
Aaron Alderman	05/09	Arnold Thomas	05/28
Galen Farabee	05/10		

Bal & Sandra Sharma	05/01
Louise & Phil Channell	05/08
Erin & Justin Kolka	05/21
Fred & Judith Powell	05/29



**School of Fine Arts (SoFA) will not meet at the church until further notice.**

## ST. CATHERINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

The School of Fine Arts offers music lessons - piano, voice, and more - for all ages and levels. For information contact Rebekah Brall at 813-748-6668 or [Rebekah.Brall@gmail.com](mailto:Rebekah.Brall@gmail.com).

Rebekah has been the Director of the School of Fine Arts for over 5 years. She has her Master's in Piano from USF.

### INSTRUCTORS

Rebekah Brall - Director, School of Fine Arts  
Brandon Baltodano - Piano  
Alex Gendron - Piano  
Tracie Gillen - Piano and Voice

Our mission is to expand community experience of the arts through quality music, art and drama education and enrichment. We are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence, while fostering a love and enjoyment of great music, art and drama.



# IN OUR COMMUNITY

## HILLSBOROUGH ORGANIZATION FOR PROGRESS & EQUALITY



The HOPE Nehemiah Action meeting scheduled for Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> could not take place as planned. Eight public officials committed to attending including county commissioners and the sheriff. HOPE created a 20 minute YouTube Nehemiah Action video in place of the meeting. The video features some of the leaders, including Sherre Henley, speaking about the issues.

[Click here to view the video.](#)

Since 1988 the Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality (HOPE) has been a vehicle to unite diverse congregations to improve the quality of life in Hillsborough County by achieving a greater degree of justice and fairness. HOPE membership consists of multi-cultural, interracial, and interfaith congregations located throughout Hillsborough County.

## HELP FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY RESIDENTS IN NEED

**Hillsborough County is opening a special call center on Monday, April 27, to help *all* Hillsborough County residents get access to disaster recovery funds available to assist in paying utility bills, rent, and even mortgage payments.**

Residents of Tampa, Plant City, Temple Terrace, and unincorporated Hillsborough County who have seen a reduction in or loss of wages resulting from layoff or lessening of hours due to COVID-19, are eligible to apply. The funds can be used to pay past-due utility bills and/or lease/mortgage payments in the name of the person applying for assistance. For instance, if the electric bill is in your spouse's name, your spouse must be the one to apply for R3 assistance with Social Services.

All Hillsborough residents can call the Rapid Response Assistance Call Center at (813) 274-3710 . The call center will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Due to the incredible response for assistance and technical issues, Hillsborough County has opened up another phone line at **(813) 274-6710** for those looking for assistance through the Rapid Response Recovery program. Please be patient as we are experiencing a high-call volume and you may get a busy signal when calling in. Continue to call us throughout the day if you aren't able to get through immediately.

Learn more about eligibility, how to apply, and more, click the following link:

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/.../emergency-management/s...>



# DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please inform the Church Office of any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail.  
 If your birthday or anniversary is not included in the celebration list, it is because we do not have that information. Contact the church to update at 813-988-6483 or email [Admin@stcath.org](mailto:Admin@stcath.org). Thank you!

## Directory Updates

**We will keep a running list for corrections to the directory.  
 NEW changes will be in RED with a star.**

John Babbitt - Address: 18311 Highwoods Preserve Pkwy, Apt 7402, Tampa, FL 33647

Jim Burns - Cell phone 813-766-8458

Sybil & Bert Catala - Address: 11312 Linarbor Place. Temple Terrace FL 33617

Al Currie - Address: 4000 E. Fletcher Avenue Apt. E-107, Tampa FL 33613

Diana & John Grupposo - Address: 18934 Pebble Links Cir, Apt 204, Tampa, FL 33647  
 John Cell: 813-784-8137, Diana Cell: 813-732-1173

**\*Libbet Jenkins - Address: 5511 Cannonade Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544**

Ann & Dennis Rezabek - Address: 4100 E. Fletcher Ave, Apt 918, Tampa FL 33613

JoAnn Ruger - email: jruger@gmail.com

Sue Scully - Address: 8585 Montravail Circle, Apt. 817, Temple Terrace, FL 33637  
 No home phone, email; susandscully@me.com

<b>Financials</b>			
	<b>March Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>
<b>Pledge Income</b>	\$ 20,404	\$ 65,000	\$ 66,656
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 8,218	\$ 10,200	\$ 17,045
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 21,457	\$ 69,180	\$ 64,605
<b>Net Total</b>	\$ 7,165	\$ 6,020	\$ 19,096

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## Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM - Holy Communion Rite I  
Sunday 9:00 AM - Education Hour for All Ages  
Sunday 10:00 AM - Holy Communion Rite II  
Sunday 10:00 AM - Children's Chapel  
Second Thursday 7:00 PM - Contemplative Service

## Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

## Staff

The Reverend Allen W. Farabee, Interim Rector  
Manon Alewynse, Senior Warden  
Diana Grupposo, Parish Administrator  
Rachel Rubottom, Christian Formation Director  
Linda Ruescher, Interim Music Director & Organist  
Brenda Menendez, Financial Secretary  
Rebekah Brall, School of Fine Arts Director

## Pastoral Emergencies / Hospital Visits

Please let us know if you or other parishioners are in the hospital, so that we can visit.  
For pastoral emergencies, call the Interim Rector Fr. Allen W. Farabee, 716-400-7593  
Other questions or concerns, contact the Senior Warden, Manon Alewynse, 813-507-1334

## Church E-Mail List



We communicate events and things of interest to our parishioners via e-mail. If you would like to be on this list, please fill out the Welcome card found in the pew and give it to an usher or call the church office. We do not share this information with anyone.

## Find us on Facebook

"St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church" (click on the icon) or use the link from our website: <http://www.stcathtt.org/> . If you are on our Facebook page, click "like" and pass the word! Post pictures and comment and the page will have a wider audience. We have a policy of not putting children / youth names with pictures on the internet, please do not tag anyone under 18.



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Go to [www.stcathtt.org](http://www.stcathtt.org) and click Resources in the blue bar at the top of the page then click on the Amazon.com button = commissions for St. Catherine's at no extra cost to you!