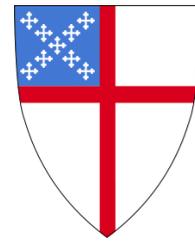


THE WHEEL

March 2021

St. Catherine of Alexandria
Episcopal Church



Dear People of God,

I have always been amazed at the difference between what I say in sermons, write in articles, and what people hear. When I was in seminary at Yale Divinity School, I worked on Sundays in the Congregational Church in Branford, just east of New Haven. The Pastor appointed me to preach on the Sunday after Easter. So I diligently worked on my sermon, which I hoped would be one of the great sermons in Christian history! (not ☺) After the service, I stood with the Pastor at the rear of the church to greet people leaving. The first woman out the door, shook my hand vigorously and said, “I love your hairdo.” That was probably what a puffed up seminarian needed to hear, but it was startling nonetheless.

Years later, when I spent 6 weeks as a Fellow at the College of Preachers in Washington, DC, on the grounds of the National Cathedral, writing a paper on preaching in cathedrals, I found a prior Fellow’s study of the impact of the Myers-Briggs personality typology on preaching and listening to sermons. It was obvious, that just our personalities affect how we listen and hear.

Last Sunday, on the First Sunday in Lent, I preached about Noah. I said that the eighth chapter of Genesis begins with these words: “But God remembered Noah....” I went on to speak about the power of *remembering* and the promise of this season. I was not prepared when one parishioner said, on leaving, that it was hypocritical to speak of remembering, when we have removed the stained glass windows in the National Cathedral that honored Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

You know, as well as I do, the ongoing controversy about appropriate ways to remember and memorialize things, persons, events in our history. The impulse to take down statues to confederate leaders is justified, it is argued, as the right thing to do: to not valorize those who committed treason and took up arms against their country. Those who oppose this “revision” speak about honor and bravery, and way of life, etc.

But if we look to the Bible – which is always a good thing for Christians – we find both remembering *and* forgetting. The prophets and other Bible writers are always beseeching God to remember them. When the people languished in exile, or in slavery, they hoped that God would remember them. Remembering was an act of hope.



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But there are times when the people say “remember not” our sins and offenses. There are times when remembering just perpetuates the darkness and suppresses hope.

So, in this Lenten season, think with me about how we remember. Every Sunday, we gather at the Lord’s altar, to remember Jesus’ own words: Do this in remembrance of me. And we do it yet again; and yet again, our remembering is a cry of hope and the Lord is present with us. Yet – and especially during Lent – we confess our sins and beseech God not to remember them, to forgive us, to let us make a new beginning.

I suspect we will forever battle over how we tell our national story, what things we remember, which things we forget. But let this season of Lent draw us closer to the promise that God always remembers, and especially remembers those who are in need, or who are oppressed, or who feel forgotten. That God remembers us all is the promise that gives us hope.

In the name of Jesus,

Allen W. Farabee
Interim Rector

THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP IS COMING!

On March 21 Bishop Dabney Smith will visit St. Catherine’s for confirmation and reception. It’s always an exciting day when the bishop visits. He is the chief pastor for our diocese and comes to preach for us, preside at the Holy Communion, bring greetings from the rest of our diocese, and encourage us in our parish life.

Bishop Smith has announced the election of a coadjutor bishop and will be retiring sometime in the not-too-distant future. This visit may be his last to St. Catherine’s so I invite you to be with us on March 21 to welcome our bishop. Please register online by [CLICK HERE to reserve your seat](#) or contact our parish office and join us.

ZOOM LENTEN STUDY - THURSDAY @ 7 PM

In ordinary times we would gather on Thursday evenings for soup supper and a time for reflection. This year, you are invited to Zoom through Lent with Fr. Allen on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM where we will walk the **Four Steps of Lament: resting, reflecting, repenting and being restored.**

March Thursday evening Zoom Lenten Studies will occur on 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 and 3/25. [CLICK HERE to join the Lenten Study](#)

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Notes from the Senior Warden

An invitation to the observance of a Holy Lent. An invitation to the *observance* of a Holy Lent is what we're invited to in "The Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday." I remember so many Ash Wednesdays, the evening light as it came through the stained glass, the way the ashes with which we were imposed would trail off folks' foreheads, and how the crosses formed on foreheads seemed to take on lives of their own! So many different distractions from the gift to which we are invited,



In our house growing up, how we received gifts was very important. Gifts were thoughtfully chosen, and they were also presented carefully and often very creatively, so that how a gift was wrapped was almost as important as what was wrapped. It follows, of course, that the unwrapping of the gift was also important, down to guessing as to what it might be! My father was good at that, but my brother was even better. I always saw too many possibilities. I get the concept of African Bible Study, where you hear the same passage of scripture read from different voices and you're asked by the group leader to identify the word or phrase that catches your attention, and then to share what you hear loudest, what touches your life today. I get it because it never fails to come to mind on Ash Wednesday that I *hear* a different way in which my acceptance of the gift to the observance of a holy Lent might help me as I prepare for Easter. This year I am struck by the fact that the invitation isn't being issued just to me, but to all "Dear People of God," that the journey is ours, in the name of the Church.

We *are* on a journey. Last year at this time when I wrote you, we were at the point in the **Search Process** for our next rector where we had called the **Self-Study Subcommittee**. We were looking forward to our first meeting which was scheduled to take place before a Soup Supper in Lent. We all were a-buzz with excitement as we scheduled our next get together, but then, the world as we knew it came to a grinding halt with the news of the coronavirus global pandemic. We have weathered that storm, and although it still rages, with resilience typical of our parish, we have found ways to come together to worship, baptize, meet, greet, study, govern, serve, and to continue as well the **Search Process** for our next rector. **Profile Subcommittee** members have been reviewing and analyzing data from



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many sources, including the Self-Study Parish Survey. Once the **Profile Subcommittee** completes its report and the OTM Portfolio (Office of Transition Ministry) is completed, the **Search Committee** will be formed. *Persons who feel called to serve on the Search Committee should email me for an application.* Once the committee is formed, it will meet in retreat with the Diocesan Transition Minister, The Rev'd Canon Richard Norman, after which an "official list of candidates" will be sent to the **Search Committee** to begin its review.

We are on a journey, with many of us already feeling a weariness not felt in previous years, but even yet, open to *new ways* of receiving *new gifts* and for the opportunity in a new kind of Lent, to listen to God calling us to him, for ourselves, yes, but for our beloved church community, St. Catherine's, as well. We pray that the things we do in response to the invitation given us on Ash Wednesday, through Lent, and for the rest of our life hereafter, "may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy...."

In thanksgiving for God's mercy, and in our hope for salvation,

Manon Alewynse, Senior Warden

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Notes from the Junior Warden

I wish to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as Junior Warden for the next year. Although I have some very big shoes to fill (many thanks to Rick Schultz for an outstanding job), I know with the support and patience of the vestry and congregation that I will be able to perform the duties of Junior Warden to the best of my ability and by the end of my term the church will still be standing!



Due to this being my first report I don't have much to report on at the moment. I met with Rick for an update on where certain projects were before the pandemic and their present status. I can tell you my first priority is to find an HVAC company to service our AC system. Apparently the new owners of our former service company Belmar wanted payment up front before they would do any service work which was not how we contracted previously with Belmar. So the search for a new company that can meet our terms will be underway and in place before the summer.

Another priority I will be trying to accomplish is putting a new flat roof on the parish hall and narthex. There is major leakage in the corner by the narthex north entrance and by the parish hall north entrance. We had previously arranged for a company to fix these areas but upon further inspection we were told they would have to replace the roof, which we were not prepared for and had not authorized funding for such a large undertaking. Hopefully this can be accomplished before the rainy season begins.

Other than those two major issues, there is of course the routine ongoing maintenance that any facility requires. If anyone knows of things that need attention there is a book by the church office to document repairs. You can also let our Parish administrator, Diana Grupposo, know and she can email me. You can also notify me directly by email or phone and I will do my best to address the problem.

God's Blessings to all,

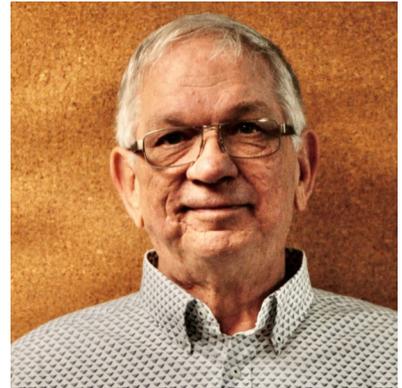
John Grupposo

jagrupposo@msn.com or 813-784-8137

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Notes from the Treasurer

We begin this new year, 2021, with some optimism. Florida and the world have a vaccine for the Covid-19 virus and process well underway to get all vaccinated who desire to be. St. Catherine's completed a very tumultuous year in good financial shape. The parish held an annual meeting in January and elected four new parishioners to our Vestry. The Vestry approved a new budget for 2021 that will permit the ministries at St. Catherine's to proceed with all their wonderful plans for 2021. It is anticipated St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church will call a new rector in the first half of 2021.



With all these wonderful happenings in our parish it is important for all to remember our fiscal commitments to the parish and support our ministries both financially and with our time and talents so that the Lord's work can be done in and through our parish.

Streaming of our weekly 10:00 AM service on Facebook and YouTube has allowed our congregation to reach out to folks who normally would not have access to our parish and to that we are grateful. Our parish has met a lot of new folks, some of whom have become an integral part of our congregation, through this process. We are grateful for those in our parish who work hard each week to make that happen and have transformed the tragedy of this pandemic into something that will benefit St. Catherine's in the future and permit another means for us to spread God's word to those who might not have received It otherwise.

As we have stated through several monthly articles in this newsletter there are several different ways to make your contribution:

- You may make your contribution on line through our website at www.stcathtt.org.
- You may either mail or drop off your contribution to the church office during business hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- You may place your contribution in the collection plate on Sunday.

It is important for each of us to take care of ourselves and our families during this time of pandemic. 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

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ST. CATHERINE'S IN-PERSON SERVICE

We celebrate the Eucharist on **Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM**. Attendance at our service is currently limited to 40 people based on the Bishop's requirement that we adhere to 6 feet of physical distancing with up to 50% of maximum occupancy. To attend in person worship you must wear a mask.

To reserve your seat: <https://signup.com/go/kJaeofw>

ST. CATHERINE'S ONLINE SERVICE

For those unable to join us in person, join us on St. Catherine's [YouTube Channel](#) at 10 AM. You may also access via Facebook.



ADDITIONAL LENTEN MEDITATION

The Episcopal Relief & Development organization has put together a free, downloadable **Lenten Meditations** PDF for 2021 in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The following is from the Episcopal Relief & Development website explaining the [Lenten Meditations for 2021](#).

AS LENT APPROACHES THIS YEAR, WE LAMENT.

We lament all those whose lives were lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hearts break for all of the people who are no longer with us. We also lament other losses that include jobs and livelihoods, the opportunity to travel to visit loved ones and the ability to worship together in our church buildings. So much was lost, with little or no time to lament that which was lost. Because of the magnitude of these collective losses, we decided to focus on lament as the theme for the 2021 Lenten Meditations.

You are invited to meditate on these reflections daily and to engage the "[Four Steps of Lament](#)," by resting, reflecting, repenting and ultimately being restored to God and to one another. Many of the authors share deeply personal and painful experiences related to a variety of issues including disease, violence, racial injustice and poverty. You are invited to come to these meditations with an open heart. What you read may challenge you and give rise to unexpected or uncomfortable feelings. Above, you can view the English and Spanish version of the booklet in both color and black and white. If you would like to subscribe to receive these meditations daily in your inbox, please [subscribe here](#). Note, the Lenten Meditation booklet is completely virtual this year as churches continue to gather virtually.

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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 to be added to the Zoom invitee list.

WISDOM PRACTICE CIRCLE ZOOM MEETING

The **Zoom Wisdom Practice Circle** meets on the 3rd Saturday, March 20th at 3:00 PM.

Email Carol Harlow, walker_52@msn.com to be added to the Zoom invitee list.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAY MORNING, 11:00 AM

Fr. Allen invites you to join him for a **Zoom Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM**. Let us feed our minds and souls and spend some 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! [Click here to join the Zoom Bible Study.](#)



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM

The next opportunity for Baptism is the **Great Vigil of Easter, April 3, 2021.**

Please contact Fr. Allen Farabee if you would like to be baptized.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FOOD PANTRY

St. Catherine's supports the Corpus Christi Society of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. The food donations help those in Temple Terrace and surrounding communities with food insecurities. Place donations of non-perishable food items in the shopping baskets in the church entrance. The food pantry also needs **clean empty egg cartons** and **plastic grocery bags**.

SUGGESTED FOOD DONATIONS

Peanut Butter

Powdered Milk

Canned Vegetables

Canned Pasta Sauce

Beans - canned or dry

Canned Fruit

Canned Soup

Canned Meat / Tuna

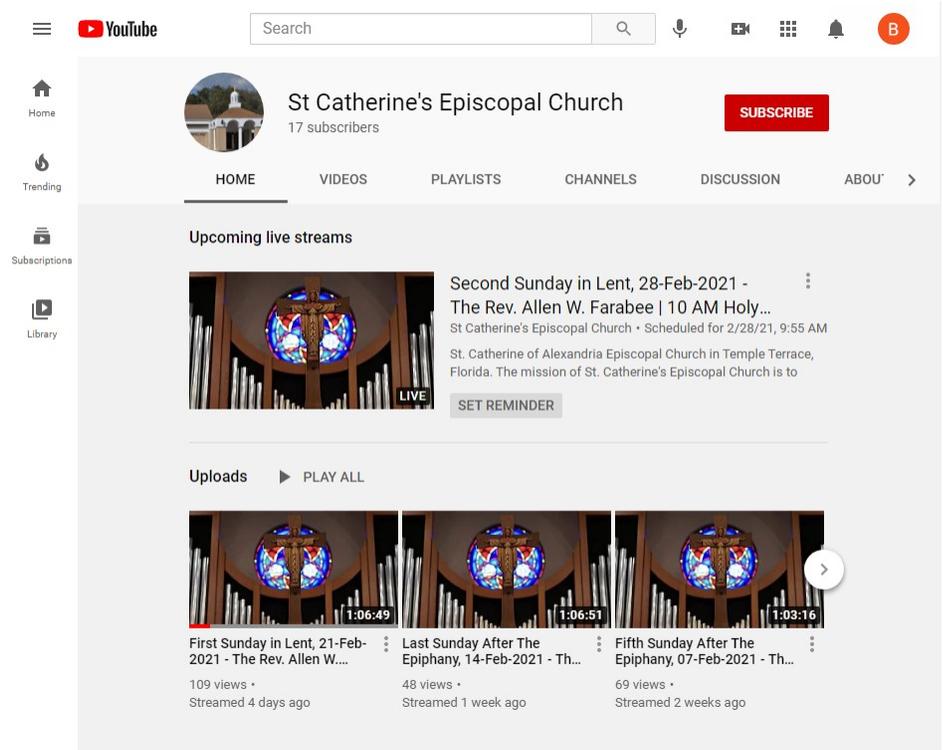
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LIVE STREAM CHANGES

[Click here to access St. Catherine's YouTube channel.](#)

Here is an example of what you will see on our YouTube channel - videos of past services that were streamed and upcoming live streams.



You can also access our live stream from Facebook as we set up an Event each week. Here is an example of what you will see on our Facebook page.



We are exploring ways to stream to YouTube and Facebook at the same time - **Stay Tuned!**



Christian Formation



News from St. Catherine's

March 2021

This Month in
Virtual
Sunday School

March 7

The Third Sunday in Lent

John 2:13-22

"Spring Cleaning"

Story: Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads

March 14

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

John 3:14-21

"The Greatest Gift of All"

Story: Love Is

March 21

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Bishop's Visit

John 12:20-33

"Show Us Your King"

Story: The Invisible String

March 28

Palm Sunday

Mark 11:9-10

"A Joyful Celebration"

Story: Palm Sunday and the Passion

Hello Everyone!

In this season of reflection, renewal and preparation, I encourage all of you to listen to the Song of the Month in the link below.

Young Explorers and Rite 13 students will be receiving (via email) a Bible scavenger hunt for the book of John.

Adults, I invite you to join our Facebook group for a weekly study of the upcoming Proper. The link is "[Adult Christian Education @ St. Catherine's](#)" and click on "[Join Group](#)"

I look forward to seeing all of you before too terribly long.

Lenten Blessings,
Rachel

Song of the Month:

"Jesus, Remember Me"
Taize

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6tVReXsioM>



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Looking
Ahead:



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Email:

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MARCH SERVICE SPOT

	07-Mar-2021	14-Mar-2021	21-Mar-2021	28-Mar-2021
8 AM Reader	Diana Grupposo	Ronelle Norris	Ronelle Norris	Bernice Hull
8 AM Usher	John Grupposo	Walt Williams	Don Clark	John Grupposo
10 AM Reader 1	Catherine Temple	Jo Ann Averill-Snell	Rory Eubank	Ellen Buckley
10 AM Reader 2 & Prayers	Paul Johnson	Ned Averill-Snell	Catherine Temple	Rory Eubank
10AM Usher	Donna LaMetterey	Juana Delgado-Miller	Mike Slakie	Steve Armstrong
10AM Acolyte	Ronelle Norris	Ashley Riefler	Michael Grant	Kate Grant
Altar Guild	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team A
Counters	Joann Ruger Paul Johnson	Paul Johnson Brenda Hunter	Paul Johnson Brenda Hunter	Brenda Hunter Joann Ruger

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 clicking on the following link: www.SignUp.Org.



Suggested Donation \$50

March 7, 2021	<i>still available</i>
March 14, 2021	Wiggins
March 21, 2021	Gough
March 28, 2021	<i>still available</i>
April 4, 2021	<i>still available</i>
April 11, 2021	<i>still available</i>
April 18, 2021	<i>still available</i>
April 25, 2021	<i>still available</i>
May 2, 2021	<i>still available</i>
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May 16, 2021	<i>still available</i>
May 23, 2021	<i>still available</i>
May 30, 2021	<i>still available</i>
June 6, 2021	Eleanor Wells



Suggested Donation \$10

March 7, 2021	Sandra Boehning
March 14, 2021	<i>still available</i>
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May 23, 2021	Sandra Boehning
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June 6, 2021	Ronelle Norris

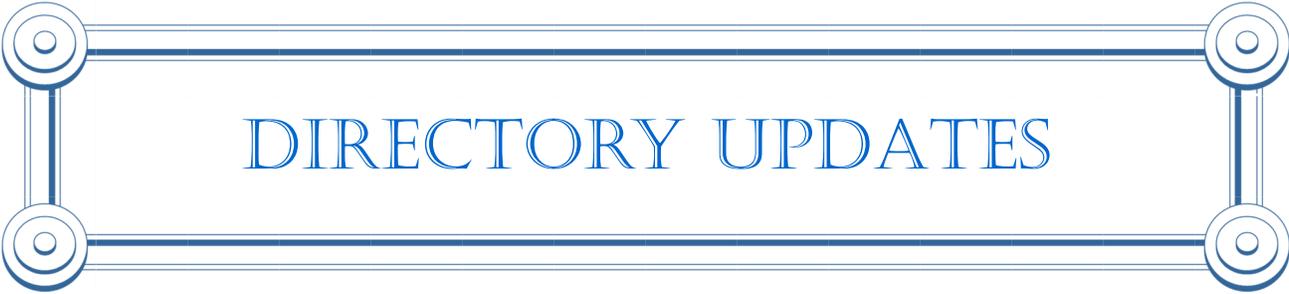
BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



Joan Kaywell	03/01	Michael Quire	03/16
R.C. Tucker	03/01	Bea Scott	03/19
Abrielle McKenzie	03/03	Sherry Rich	03/23
Julian Shirley-Torres	03/03	Gary Eubank	03/24
Sherman Smith	03/03	Carol Bechtel	03/26
Wally Williams	03/03	Susan Scully	03/27
Katy Saunders	03/12	Jacob Perry	03/28
Jean Parris	03/13	Glenn Schatzberg	03/28
Decklyn Arrington	03/14	Clara Arrington	03/30

Pam & Rick Schultz	03/14	Nelson & Susan Gough	03/26
Sylvia & Thomas Dixon	03/18	Mazie & Steve Armstrong	03/29
Mary & William Reid	03/23		





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@stcathtt.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.**

- Chris & Ellen Buckley - Address: 1211 N. Riverhills Dr. Temple Terrace FL 33617
Cell phone: 813-495-5709 (no home phone), Email: ellensb5891@gmail.com
- Sybil & Bert Catala - Address: 11312 Linarbor Place. Temple Terrace FL 33617
- Allen 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
- Eleanor Howland - Address: 4000 E. Fletcher Ave., G-214, Tampa, FL 33613 / Phone: 813-988-7467
- Libbet Jenkins - Address: 5511 Cannonade Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544
- Cindy & Frank Johnson - Address: 1004 Riflecreech Ave., Valrico, FL 33594
- Deb Noonan - Home Phone: 984-999-4906, Cell Phone: 984-234-1202
- Ann 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

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Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist with Music
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

Pastoral Emergencies / Hospital Visits

Please let us know if you or other parishioners are in the hospital.

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 Email List



We communicate events and things of interest via email to our parishioners. 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 contact the church office. We do not share this information with anyone.

Find us on Facebook

facebook.com/StCatherinesEpiscopalChurchTempleTerrace/

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.



The Rewarding Formula



Go to 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!