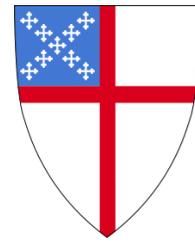


# THE WHEEL

August 2021

St. Catherine of Alexandria  
Episcopal Church



Dear People of St. Catherine's,

Just when we thought we were free and clear, the COVID virus has continued to bedevil us. On the news last night, it was reported that in Florida there has been a 4000% increase in cases! If you have not received your COVID vaccine, I urge you to get it. It is a no brainer! We get vaccinated for polio, measles, chicken pox, flu – everything under the sun. I do not understand the reluctance to receive the vaccine that would surely control the spread of this menacing virus.

No doubt, there is a political calculation at play here. We are so partisan as a nation now that even common-sense public health solutions get twisted all out of shape. Complaints about not trusting the government, arguments that my “freedom” is abridged by requiring me to get a vaccine, etc. – those are hogwash in my humble opinion. I have told you that my wife and I have been vaccinated. Please do so, for your own

protection, but just as much for the protection of your brothers and sisters.

Just yesterday, Bishop Smith issued new guidelines for our in-person gatherings, for worship and other gatherings. Given the surge in new COVID cases in Florida and the new CDC guidelines for the use of masks, the bishop has reinstated the requirement that masks be worn by all persons for in-person gatherings.

Nevertheless, on August 8 we celebrate “Back to Church Sunday.” Please join us, there is room for all of you. It will be an exciting day. We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we will bless backpacks and commission our teachers, we will commission the search committee, and we will register children and young people in church school. Given the new guidelines, we must cancel our fiesta after church. But, what a great day. Please be there with us.

I'm happy to report that with the good skill of my ophthalmologist, my cataract surgery went well. I can now see clearly and all the colors of the world appear brighter and sharper. And I can see you better. :)

As we shift from summer back to school year, please keep the newly appointed search committee in your prayers. Applications are being received from priests, and the committee will do their diligent work of prayer, discernment, interviewing, etc. Somewhere out there is the priest God has chosen to be your next rector. The committee will keep you informed as they go along; but understand that the details of their work must be kept confidential. Please respect that confidentiality and do not press them to divulge names, etc.

This is an exciting time for St. Catherine's Church. I am here with you until your new rector is called. Let's have a good beginning to the new program year. See you on August 8: “Back to Church Sunday.” :)

Yours in Christ,  
Allen W. Farabee, Interim Rector

# AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

## *Notes from the Senior Warden*

Last month I rejoiced with you that the Temple Terrace 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade proceeded, rain or shine! I described how a group of us had met together in the Parish Hall for the first time in over a year due to the COVID pandemic and the restrictions imposed for the safety of us all. We met so that we could label water bottles with our church's name and address to hand out to parade participants and those in the crowd, getting our name out there and sharing our joy. Since then we have had a couple of receptions after funerals, one for a relative of a parishioner, another for Barbara Branch, a beloved long-time member of our Parish. We rejoiced as we celebrated her life and ministry, and we gave thanks for the opportunity to gather freely once again as a community of faith, to break bread, sip Wilma's tasty punch, share stories, and offer our condolences to Barbara's family. Things were beginning to feel normal in the life of our parish.



Dear friends, there is so much for which to be thankful. Our search for a new Rector is live! I encourage you to “read all about it” via the *Episcopal News Service* link found below. Be sure as well to “click” on the connection to the Diocesan website’s “job posting: ” <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/jobs/rector-550/>. You may also want to see our *Parish Profile*, which is now on our website. In addition, as you read in the special email I sent out after our Vestry meeting in July, we have called a Search Committee, wonderfully representative of our parish: Bernice Hull, Ellen Buckley, Kim Quire, Milton Temple, Paul Johnson, Renee Stembridge, Tiffany Grant, and your Senior Warden, *ex officio*. With the Vestry’s resounding endorsement, it will be chaired by Ellen Buckley, and soon will be receiving applications and “assessing the skills” of the one who is called to be our next Rector. Alleluia! We are so grateful, and most of all for your prayers. ***Please continue to keep us in your prayers.***

This coming Sunday is “Back to Church Sunday!” We’re blessing backpacks, baptizing two children, commissioning our Church School teachers, and commissioning the Search Committee. There will be rejoicing! The choir is singing, the pews will be filled, and we’ll be giving thanks for all our many blessings, but because of the rampant COVID outbreak, once again, as per the latest guidelines of our Bishop, we will be masked, and hardest of all, as a result, we will have to have our celebratory “fiesta” at a later date when we all can be safe. This is such a disappointment, we know, for you, for me, and especially for our resilient Interim Rector who has led us faithfully to this point and who promises to see us through. We need to be thoughtful and kind to each other. We need to lead in love, walk forward in faith, and know that God is with us on this journey, through both the disappointments and the joy.

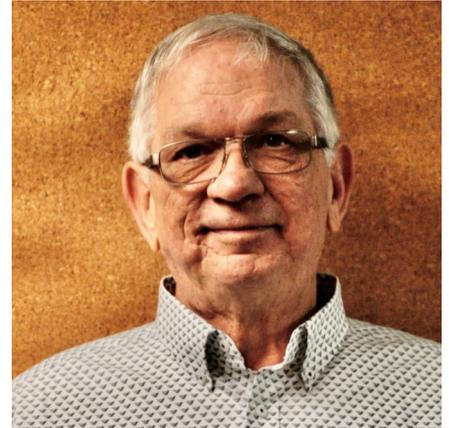
In Christ’s love, with great hope and faith,  
Manon Alewynse, Senior Warden

# AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

## *Notes from the Treasurer*

It is summertime and the finances of our parish reflect some of the issues that confront us each summer. Many folks busy travelling or getting the children ready for school and falling behind on their commitment to our parish through their pledge. We would ask each of you take a minute and review your pledge commitment and if you have fallen behind on your commitment, try to catch up. The bills for our parish still need to be paid.

As you may recall we did plan on the Tai Chi group beginning their classes at our church starting in July. Unfortunately, they have not been able to start back up which disrupts one of the anticipated cash flows for our parish. Hopefully they will be able to resume their classes soon.



Our parish did receive two PPP loans in the last twelve months through our bank. We did receive forgiveness on the first loan recently and have applied for forgiveness on the second loan. We anticipate the second loan forgiveness soon.

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](http://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

# AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

## ST. CATHERINE'S CHOIR



All God's creatures got a place in the choir,  
Some sing low and some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire,  
And some just clap their hands,  
Or paws, or anything they got now!

There's a place in the choir for you, too!

### Start Date and Important Time Change

Choir resumes on Sunday, September 12!

This year, choir rehearsals will be on Sunday morning from 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM in the choir room.

### Young People Welcome

Young folks, grade 6 and higher, are welcome to join the choir!

## ST. CATHERINE'S IN-PERSON SERVICE

**Holy Eucharist is celebrated Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.**

At this time, for your health and the health of all of us, everyone must wear a mask when you come to in-person worship. Single-use masks are available in the church entryway if you do not have one. We will continue administering Holy Communion as we have been – administering the bread only, single file at the center of the communion rail.

## ST. CATHERINE'S ONLINE SERVICE

For those unable to join us in person, join us on our [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube Channel](#) at 10 AM.

## ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE

**Flowers and/or sanctuary candle** allow us to remember loved ones or celebrate families & friends. Use this link <https://signup.com/go/RZCDMmo> to sign up for an upcoming date. You may pay online or include your donation with your pledge. When signing up for flowers, please allow two weeks to allow time to place the order with the florist.

# AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

## 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.

## WISDOM PRACTICE CIRCLE ZOOM MEETING

The **Zoom Wisdom Practice Circle** meets on the **3rd Saturday, August 21st at 3:00 PM.**

Email Carol Harlow, [walker\\_52@msn.com](mailto:walker_52@msn.com) to be added to the Zoom invitee list.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please join us on Facebook for a weeklong discussion/blog

[Adult Christian Education @ St. Catherine's](#) and click on "Join Group"

## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FOOD PANTRY

St. Catherine's supports the Corpus Christi Society of St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. The food donations helps 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

Cereal

## NAME TAGS

Wearing name tags during worship services and other parish events at St. Catherine's has proven to be an important practice for several decades in welcoming newcomers and visitors, as well as getting to know each other a little bit better. It has, however, literally suffered during our attention to dealing with the threat of COVID-19. Now, we believe it is time to revive and restore the wearing of name tags, and to make this happen, we would greatly appreciate it if you would do the following:

- Please check the name tag rack in the narthex, and determine if you have a name tag. If so, please wear it during worship service and other parish events. Don't forget to return it to its place on the rack when you leave.
- If you do not find a name tag, please add your first and last name to the form found on the small table in the narthex just outside the Sanctuary. Our Parish Administrator will make a new name tag for you and place it on the appropriate peg on the rack.



# Christian Formation



## News from St. Catherine's

August 2021

### This Month in Sunday School

#### August 1

Proper 13

John 6:24-35

"Jesus is the Bread of Life"

Story: Love You Forever

#### August 8

Proper 14

John 6:35,41-51

"Heavenly Bread"

Story: Being Frank

#### August 15

Proper 15

Ephesians 5:15-20

"Oh Be Careful"

Story: When God Made Light

#### August 22

Proper 16

John 6:56-69

"To Whom Shall We Go?"

Story: Somewhere in the World Right Now

#### August 29

Proper 17

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

"Clean or Unclean?"

Story: The Circus Ship

Hello Everyone!

Back to Sunday School, **August 8th** is Registration & Kickoff and **Blessing of the Backpacks**. Look for the Registration table in the Narthex.

We look forward to seeing everyone in person at **9:00 on August 15th**, which will be our first Sunday together. We will be meeting in **St. Christopher's Room**.

Please begin to ask anyone you know if they have **bricks to donate for our Labyrinth**. This will be an ongoing project to work on in Sunday School until it is assembled. We have lots of painting and sealing to do. **Everyone come and help! Adults, too!** We will work on the painting in the Young Explorers classroom.

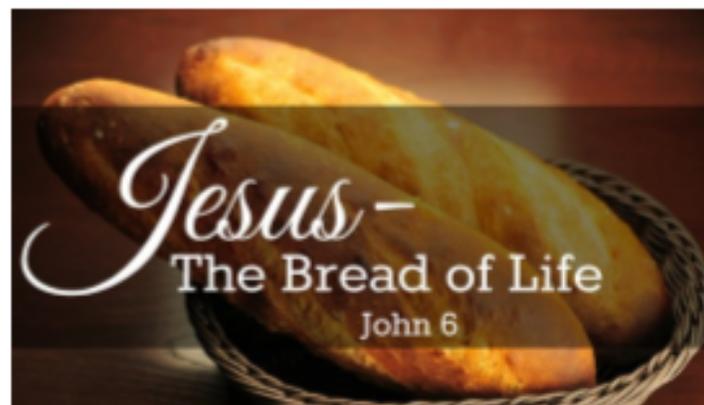
Rachel

Song of the Month:

"Bread of Life"

By ForeverBeSure

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i\\_bZIFJ95Qs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_bZIFJ95Qs)



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Looking Ahead:  
**Blessing of the Backpacks**

Christian Ed Registration

Parish Fiesta

Back to Sunday School

Hallelujah Labyrinth Art Project!

Contact:

Rachel Rubottom

Email:

[Rachel@stcathtt.org](mailto:Rachel@stcathtt.org)

813-679-5737

# AUGUST SERVICE SPOT

SUNDAY	08-Aug-2021	15-Aug-2021	22-Aug-2021	29-Aug-2021
<b>8 AM Reader</b>	Ronelle Norris	Ellen Buckley	Diana Grupposo	Ellen Buckley
<b>8 AM Usher</b>	John Grupposo	Don Clark	Walt Williams	John Grupposo
<b>10 AM Reader 1</b>	Rory Eubank	Paul Johnson	Jo Ann Averill-Snell	Rory Eubank
<b>10 AM Reader 2</b>	Paul Johnson	Brandon Devoll	Ned Averill-Snell	Carol Harlow
<b>10 AM Usher</b>	Mike Slakie	Juana Delgado Miller	Terry Bechtel	Donna LaMettery
<b>10 AM Crucifer</b>	Michael Grant	Ashley Riefler	Kevin Carpenter	Abigail Kolka
<b>10 AM Acolyte</b>	Kate Grant	Amelia Boehning	Kiersten Carpenter	Bridgette Kolka
<b>Live Stream</b>	Jeff Boe	Tiffany Grant	Diana Grupposo	Steve Armstrong
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team Martha	Team Mary	Team Martha	Team Mary
<b>Counters</b>	Rick Schultz / Terry Bechtel	JoAnn McQuaid / Terry Bechtel	JoAnn McQuaid / Bernice Hull	JoAnn McQuaid / Paul Johnson

## 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](http://www.SignUp.Org). When signing up for flowers, please allow two weeks to allow time to place the order with the florist.



Suggested Donation \$50

August 1, 2021	<b>Eleanor Wells</b>
August 8, 2021	<b>Mattison</b>
August 15, 2021	
August 22, 2021	<b>Catherine Temple</b>
August 29, 2021	<i>still available</i>
September 5, 2021	<b>Sandra Boehning</b>
September 12, 2021	<b>Bernice Hull</b>
September 19, 2021	<b>Susan Scully</b>
September 26, 2021	<i>still available</i>
October 3, 2021	<i>still available</i>
October 10, 2021	<i>still available</i>
October 17, 2021	<i>still available</i>
October 24, 2021	<i>still available</i>
October 31, 2021	<i>still available</i>



Suggested Donation \$10

August 1, 2021	<b>John &amp; Diana Gruppso</b>
August 8, 2021	<b>Sandra Boehning</b>
August 15, 2021	<i>still available</i>
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August 29, 2021	<i>still available</i>
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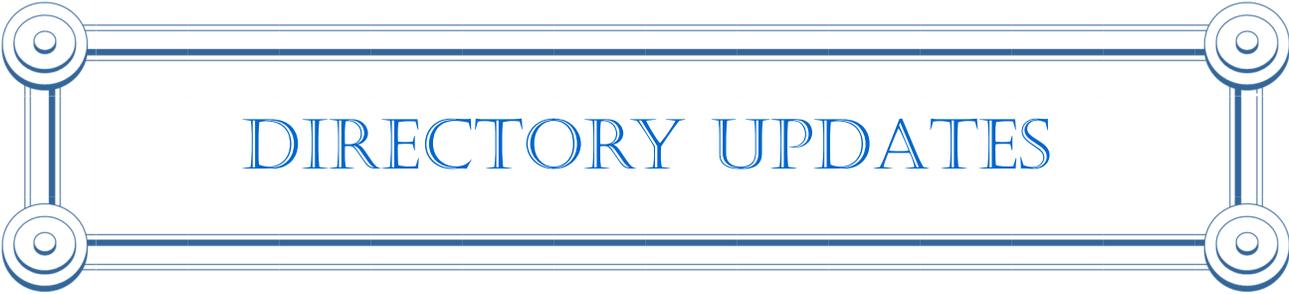
## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



Donna LaMetterey	08/01	Catherine Temple	08/24
Jennifer Manning	08/03	Jeanne Willis	08/24
Chelsea Arrington	08/08	Judy Brown	08/26
Amelia Boehning	08/11	Mary Reid	08/27
Jennifer Cook	08/15	Hilda Hendrickson	08/28
Sandy Boehning	08/16	Logan Alderman	08/28
Tiffany Grant	08/16	James Whittemore	08/29
Charles Kimball	08/18	Hirama Auguste	08/30
Geoffrey Roberts	08/23	Anne Evans	08/30
Diane Roberts	08/24	Laura Schaffer	08/30

Lagretta & Mark Lenker	08/02	Catherine & Milton Temple	08/23
Bea & Rick Scott	08/05	Monica & Marty Mantia	08/27
Liz & Doug Riefler	08/16	DeeDee & Glenn Schatzberg	08/29
Katy & Richard Saunders	08/16		





# 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](mailto: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](mailto:ellensb5891@gmail.com)
- Sybil & Bert Catala - Address: 11312 Linarbor Place. Temple Terrace FL 33617
- 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 Riflecrest 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 McQuaid - Address: 19741 McKabben Lane, Land O'Lakes FL 34638  
Phone: 813-766-6881 / email: [rugerjoann@gmail.com](mailto:rugerjoann@gmail.com)**
- Sue Scully - Address: 8585 Montravail Circle, Apt. 817, Temple Terrace, FL 33637  
No home phone / email: [susandscully@me.com](mailto:susandscully@me.com)

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## Worship Services

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

## Office Hours

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

## Staff

The Rev. 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/](https://www.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.



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