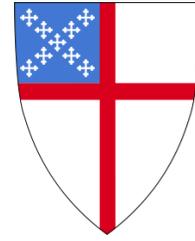


# THE WHEEL

September 2021

St. Catherine of Alexandria  
Episcopal Church



Dear People of St. Catherine's,

It is a sobering month, this September. We feel overtaken again by the Covid pandemic. Schools are in turmoil, more people are being affected by the virus, including members of St. Catherine's. Our schools have become battlegrounds over public health policies. And it seems never ending, this terrible pandemic.

The forces of nature and the darkness of political terror have risen up again to destroy people and communities, in Haiti after the earthquake and in Afghanistan, after the Taliban takeover. Even to us who shelter in place in relative comfort and safety, these are sobering reminders that the world is often dangerous and dark.

Finally, this month is the twentieth anniversary of that terrible day when suicidal fanatics flew planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and crashed in the field in Pennsylvania. Twenty years! An entire generation. Those who were orphaned on that awful day are now grown up. The rubble is long since removed, the victims of that horrific attack have been long mourned, we have now had three presidents since George Bush was seen reading to schoolchildren while his aide whispered in his ear about the attacks, and Osama Ben Laden is dead and gone.

But, this anniversary stands for us, now and always, as a testimony to the darkest impulses of religious faith. The worst thing of all, for me, about those attacks, is that God's name was shouted as the planes crashed. The terrorists believed that their terrible destruction was an act of the greatest piety. They trusted that they were pleasing God.

We cannot count the ways in which religious faith has been the justification for brutality, destruction, terror and harm. Witness the crusades, the enslavement of millions, the discrimination of women, gay and lesbian people, or just people who are different. Civil wars have been fought in America, Ireland, Sri Lanka, and all over the earth, with both sides claiming divine sanction. It's enough to make you renounce all faith.

Except, this month we are hearing the Letter of James in our Sunday liturgy, and if ever we needed this "epistle of straw" (as Martin Luther called it), it is now. James pushed back on the "just believe, baby" brand of Christianity. He said: show me your faith, don't just talk about it. And finally, he says what must be said in all times and places, when pretend believers are bellowing about "God" and are inflicting harm and fear on all around them. James says simply:

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father  
is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress.*

So, in this sober month, I invite you to return with me to the root of all religion. Let us care for orphans and widows. Let us keep schoolchildren safe. Let us allow all persons to live in dignity. Let it be our care and vocation to speak peace to all and render the world a place of honor and joy.

With hope in God for all the earth,  
Allen W. Farabee, Interim Rector

# AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

## *Notes from the Junior Warden*

Although I have not submitted a report for some time, there have been a number of ongoing projects that are being addressed and are moving forward.

First, we must thank Rick Schultz for the wonderful new cabinet that he designed and installed in the chapel. This multi-purpose cabinet now houses the new equipment that is being used to livestream the 10 AM service each Sunday. In addition, it also provides storage for the altar guild and usher supplies used each week during our services. Thank you Rick!



A number of lights that were burned out have been replaced with plans to replace others in the choir room, office entry and rector's office and also to repair the light fixture in the education hallway. A leak that was discovered in one of the classrooms has been fixed as well.

Two restroom issues have been addressed and should be repaired by meeting time. The first was a leak in a toilet in the parish hall men's room which required a new flush valve. The second is a slow flushing handicap toilet in the narthex women's bathroom which was due to sediment buildup over the years. The toilet is being replaced and the problem should be resolved.

Another estimate on roof replacement is in the works. I have met with Tampa Bay roofing and they came out on 8/13 to measure and determine the extent of damage needed to be repaired. That will give us 3 estimates to compare and the goal is to have all roof work completed and damaged ceiling tiles replaced before we have a new rector.

I am also meeting with another HVAC company on 8/16 to get an estimate on yearly maintenance of our many units. The goal is to have someone in place within the next few weeks as the units have not been looked at since the pandemic shut us down. Also being addressed is the AC unit in the entryway that is not working properly. I will update on the status of the unit in the future.

Respectfully,  
John Grupposo, Junior 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.

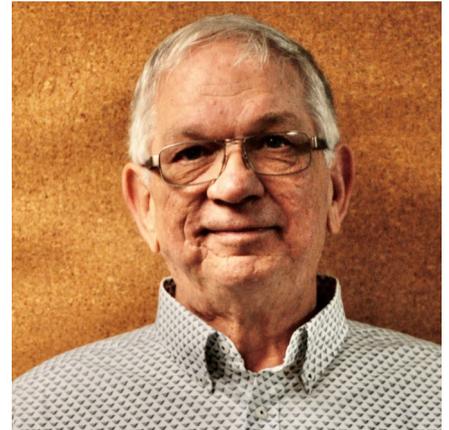
As we have stated through several monthly articles in this newsletter there are several different ways to make your contribution:

- 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

## BACKPACKS FOR TEMPLE TERRACE ELEMENTARY

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity during our Backpacks for Temple Terrace Elementary drive this year. **We ultimately sent 73 backpacks plus additional supplies to the school!**

In addition to our parish participation, we received donations from St. Mark's Episcopal as well as the Derrick Brooks Foundation. We truly appreciate their help! **A special Thank You goes to Liz and Ashley Riefler**, but especially to Ashley, who single-handedly packed 17 of the backpacks herself. Great work everyone!



## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, the Search Committee members met with Canon Norman, our Diocesan Transition Officer, and Manon Alewynse, our Senior Warden. We received a wealth of information regarding how our Dioceses assists in the search process, which has evolved and improved over the last 10 years since our church last went through this process.

The Search Committee members will receive a list of candidates from Canon Norman sometime after September 7<sup>th</sup>. These applicants will have met Diocesan criteria and cleared the first round of background checks. The list of applicants is approved by our Bishop before being submitted to the Search Committee.

In the meantime, St. Catherine's Search Committee members meet again the first week of September to review our Parish Profile, Ministry Portfolio, and Parish Survey. You can expect to receive more information about these items in the next few weeks.

How can you be a part of this process?

- Be in prayer for this search process and members of the search committee. We ask for your patience and clarity towards wisdom and discernment.
- Review updates that will in our monthly Wheel, posted with the weekly emailed Bulletin, and/or our website.
- Look with confidence and hopefulness that that a new Rector will soon be called to St. Catherine's.

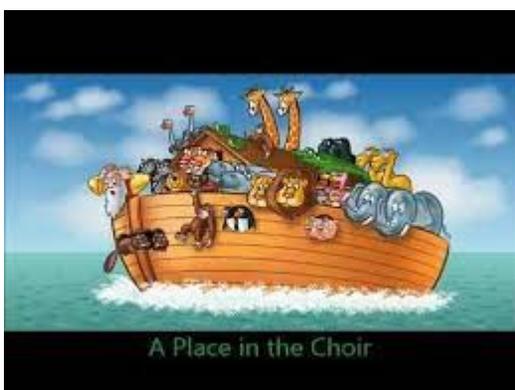
Search Committee Members: Tiffany Grant, Bernice Hull, Paul Johnson, Kim Quire, Renee Stembridge, Milton Temple, and Ellen Buckley – Chairperson.

# AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

## ST. CATHERINE'S CHOIR

**Start Date and Important Time Change.** Choir resumes on Sunday, September 12! Choir rehearsals will be Sunday morning from 8:45 - 9:45 AM in the choir room.

**Young People Welcome**, grade 6 and higher, are welcome to join the 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!

## ST. CATHERINE'S IN-PERSON SERVICE

**Holy Eucharist is celebrated on 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 10 AM service is livestreamed Online**  
on our [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube Channel](#) at 10 AM.

## 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.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please join us on Facebook for a weeklong discussion/blog

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

# AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

## FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Just a reminder, any loose offering made on the first Sunday of each month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

## 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:

- Check the name tag rack in the narthex, and determine if you have a name tag. Please wear your name tag when inside the church.
- No name tag, add your first and last name to the form found on the table in the narthex just outside the Sanctuary. A new name tag will be placed on the appropriate peg on the rack.

## 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.

## FAREWELL FROM THE MILLER FAMILY

Dear people of St. Catherine's,

We are so grateful for your love and welcome while we were in Florida and your prayers as we moved to Virginia. We are now settled and wanted to pass on our new address:

7011 Fieldhurst Court, Alexandria, VA 22315

We would love to hear from you! We miss you deeply and send all our love.

Morgan, Grant, and Brynn Miller



## NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM

The next opportunity for Baptism is in November.  
Please contact Fr. Allen Farabee if you would like to be baptized.

# HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

## 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.

### SUGGESTED FOOD DONATIONS

Peanut Butter	Powdered Milk
Canned Vegetables	Canned Pasta Sauce
Beans - canned or dry	Canned Fruit
Canned Soup	Canned Meat / Tuna
Cereal	

The food pantry also needs **clean empty egg cartons** and **plastic grocery bags**.

## EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

Recently, events from many corners of the globe have laid before us sorrows, troubles and woes. The earthquake that struck Haiti has brought more suffering to an already woe-begotten country and people. Buildings have been flattened, thousands of people killed, infrastructure damaged, and thousands more without home or food. It is bad enough to see the damage on television. But we have a personal connection to Haiti. Fr. Pierre Auguste, rector of St. Sauveur Church in Les Cayes, has been affected. The stairs to his apartment were destroyed and he cannot get into his house. We want to invite you to respond to this need, either by contributing to [Episcopal Relief and Development](#) or through the church to assist Fr. Pierre.

## EPISCOPAL MIGRATION MINISTRIES

Around on the other side of the world, we have seen the chaos and political, military and social collapse of Afghanistan. There will be plenty of time to account for what has happened and why. But there are thousands of Afghans who will be coming to America as refugees, most of them people who assisted American troops. Their lives are in danger in Afghanistan. Like the Hmong people from Laos who assisted the American troops in Vietnam, they need help.

The Episcopal Migration Ministries is a ministry of our church that works with the U.S. government to resettle refugees. [Click here for an Episcopal News Service article](#). Clearly, they are going to have their hands full in the next months and years. We invite you to assist the work of EMM to help desperate refugees find hope and safety here in our country. [Click here to contribute to the Episcopal Migration Ministries](#).



# SEPTEMBER SERVICE SPOT

SUNDAY	05-Sep-2021	12-Sep-2021	19-Sep2021	26-Sep-2021
<b>8 AM Reader</b>	Diana Grupposo	Ellen Buckley	Susan Gough	Ronelle Norris
<b>8 AM Usher</b>	Don Clark	Walt Williams	Don Clark	John Grupposo
<b>10 AM Reader 1</b>	Ellen Buckley	Catherine Temple	Paul Johnson	Carol Harlow
<b>10 AM Reader 2</b>	Terry Bechtel	Paul Johnson	Rory Anne Eubank	Brandon Devoll
<b>10 AM Usher</b>	Steve Armstrong	Milton Temple	Gloria Edwards	Mike Slakie
<b>10 AM Crucifer</b>	Ashley Riefler	Kate Grant	Kevin Carpenter	Abigail Kolka
<b>10 AM Acolyte</b>	Ellen Buckley	Rick Schultz	Kiersten Carpenter	Bridgette Kolka
<b>Live Stream</b>	Brandon Devoll	Tiffany Grant	Jeff Boe	Steve Armstrong
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team Martha	Team Mary	Team Mary	Team Martha
<b>Counters</b>	Paul Johnson JoAnn McQuaid	Brenda Hunter Paul Johnson	Brenda Hunter Paul Johnson	Brenda Hunter Rick Schultz

## 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

September 5, 2021	<b>Sandra Boehning</b>
September 12, 2021	<b>Mattison</b>
September 19, 2021	<b>Susan Scully</b>
September 26, 2021	<b>Sandy Sharma</b>
October 3, 2021	<b>Bernice Hull</b>
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>
November 7, 2021	<i>still available</i>
November 14, 2021	<i>still available</i>
November 21, 2021	<b>Wiggins</b>
November 28, 2021	<b>Bernice Hull</b>
December 5, 2021	<b>Sandra Boehning</b>



Suggested Donation \$10

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## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



Morgan Boehning	09/01	Noah Oswandel	09/18
Ronelle Norris	09/03	Peggy Perkins	09/18
Ben Rutkin	09/03	Eleanor Howland	09/21
Miles Cole	09/04	Nancy Weir	09/21
Savannah Knight	09/09	Bert Catala	09/23
Rivers Tyler	09/11	Haley Roberts	09/26
Barbara Rutkin	09/12	Ann Rezabek	09/26
Stan Brown	09/13	Lara Whidden	09/27
Chip McIlwain	09/14	Sylvia Kirby	09/29
Emily Laartz	09/16	Erin Kolka	09/30
Anjolienna Mingo	09/17		

Marlene & Wally Williams	09/02	Tiffany & Brian Grant	09/12
Mary Ann & R.C. Tucker	09/05	Liz & Robert Lang	09/16
Claudia & Scott Benner	09/07		



# 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
- 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
- JoAnn Ruger McQuaid - Address: 19741 McKabben Lane, Land O'Lakes FL 34638  
Phone: 813-766-6881 / email: rugerjoann@gmail.com
- \* Morgan & Grant Miller - Address: 7011 Fieldhurst Court, Alexandria, VA 22315**
- Deb Noonan - Home Phone: 984-999-4906, Cell Phone: 984-234-1202
- Ann Rezabek - Address: 4100 E. Fletcher Ave, Apt 918, Tampa FL 33613
- 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

## 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  
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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