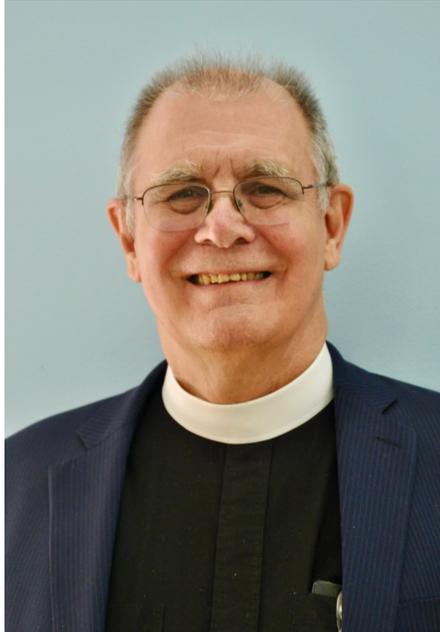
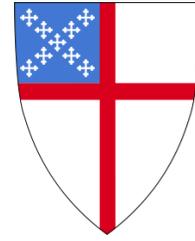


THE WHEEL

December 2020

St. Catherine of Alexandria
Episcopal Church



Dear People of St. Catherine's,

Lately I've been pulled to and fro by my grandson, Liam. Every time I drive up to his house, he bounds out the front door and hugs me and says: "Grandpa, I missed you." And when we get ready to leave his house after having been there awhile, he hugs me and says, "Grandpa, are you leaving?"

In his small-boy way, Liam is giving voice to the deepest longings of human hearts and his greeting and farewell capture the hope and anxiety that pull at us and find such rich expression in this season of Advent. When the world is a mess, like it seems now, with a merciless pandemic scouring not just our country, but the whole world, it is tempting to cry out "O God, we have missed you. Where have you been?" The canticles of hope we sing during this season lift our longing and allow us to stay in beseeching mode for a little while.

We would not be the first people to wonder and worry about why we suffer and God seems to be away. It is hard not to be suspicious of those claims of goodness and mercy that we long to believe are true. There is a reason that "Emmanuel" is the name that carries our hopes in this time of waiting and watching. It is "God present" whom we want to believe in. It is the presence of God that comforts us and carries us on when the way is darkest.

As much as we may miss God and want him present, we also miss each other. Each week, when I greet you at church, I see someone I haven't seen in several months. I realize how barren my life has been without all of you with me. I missed you. Liam has it right.

And, with each new warning about the ravages of Covid-19 I want to cry out, "are you leaving? Don't leave. Stay here.

But, take heart, sweet people. It is ok to feel like Liam. It is ok to "miss" God and greet God with a hug when we feel him near. And it is undeniably normal for us to cry out "Are you leaving?" when the din of bad news roars unabated, and we fear being left alone.

The good news of Advent – this Advent and every Advent – is that God is near, God is present, God is steadfast and God is with us. Full stop. Great good news. Tell all the world. Take courage and hope. All shall be well.

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

During this season of Advent and Christmas, there are services scheduled. I hope you are able to be with us, if you feel safe doing so. I look forward to seeing you, or talking to you. If God is anything like a grandpa – and that might be a stretch! – I'm sure he cherishes hearing that he has been missed and will reassure us that he does not leave us comfortless nor alone.

With great hope,

Allen W. Farabee
Interim Rector



First Sunday of Advent
November 29th



Second Sunday of Advent
December 6th



Third Sunday of Advent
December 13th



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20th

Advent Lessons & Carols: December 13th, 10 AM

Christmas Eve Services: December 24th, 4 PM and 10 PM

Christmas Day: December 25th, **NO SERVICE**

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Senior Warden

“Advent tells us Christ is near....”

In the 1940 Hymnal, the old #235 was included in the section “Hymns for Children.” Since I was a little girl, with great excitement, I looked forward to the lighting of our Advent wreath! The circle of the wreath reminds us of God’s love and mercy which has no beginning and no end. The greens speak of the hope we have in God, the hope of newness, renewal and eternal life. The candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son, Jesus: “One candle, burning bright; Chasing away the darkness from light; One candle, glowing light; The blessing of God giving new sight.” God’s love is with us, magnified within us. It’s a good thing to remember seeing God through the eyes of a child, even, and perhaps especially if that child is you.



2020 has been a difficult year. A pandemic, social and political unrest, all things that have impacted our life at St. Catherine’s in ways we are still trying to understand, and yet, we journey on, together, with hope, and with the belief that God is with us on our journey. At the start of the new liturgical year, we are reminded that this year we will call a new Rector, the person God has already called to be with us, the faithful pastor who will care for us, and “equip us for our ministries.” The Parish Survey is complete. The results are being compiled by the Hartford Institute, and when its report is done, it will be used by the Profile Subcommittee, along with other materials, to tell the story of our beloved Parish as we continue the journey. Once the Profile is complete and approved by the Diocesan Transition Minister, the Vestry will go into retreat with the results of the work of all the Subcommittees, to “reflect, pray, evaluate the marketing materials,” and, with the help of the Diocesan Transition Minister, to call the Search Committee. Once the Vestry calls the Search Committee and gives it its mission, the Search Committee will begin to receive the names of candidates among whom will be the one God has already called to be the 5th Rector of Saint Catherine of Alexandria.

This past Sunday we lit the first candle of Advent, the “Prophecy Candle,” reminding us of the prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah. It represents HOPE. In the weeks to come, we will light the candles representing PEACE, JOY and LOVE, and, on Christmas Eve, the Christ candle. “O Come, O come Emmanuel.” Rejoice! Rejoice!

Wishing each and every one of you, HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE, through this Advent and always.

Spread the Good News!

Manon Alewynse, Senior Warden
alewynse@icloud.com; (813) 507-1334

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Treasurer

The annual Pledge Campaign for St. Catherine's is well underway. The theme this year is "**Faith-Filled Generosity**". Each of us has received communication from the stewardship committee and our interim rector on the importance of this year's pledge campaign. We will in the coming months be calling a new rector and it is to our congregation benefit for our parish to be in sound financial condition upon the new rector calling.

For all of you who have submitted your 2021 pledge we want to express our thanks and gratitude. If you have not yet submitted your pledge we encourage you to do so soon. Each of the ministries within St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church is making plans for 2021. How effectively each of our ministries are able to carry on the Lord's work in the coming year depends on your pledge and commitment. Please prayerfully consider all the blessings you receive from the Lord and in turn, what portion of those blessings you will return to the Lord through your financial commitment to St. Catherine's for 2021.

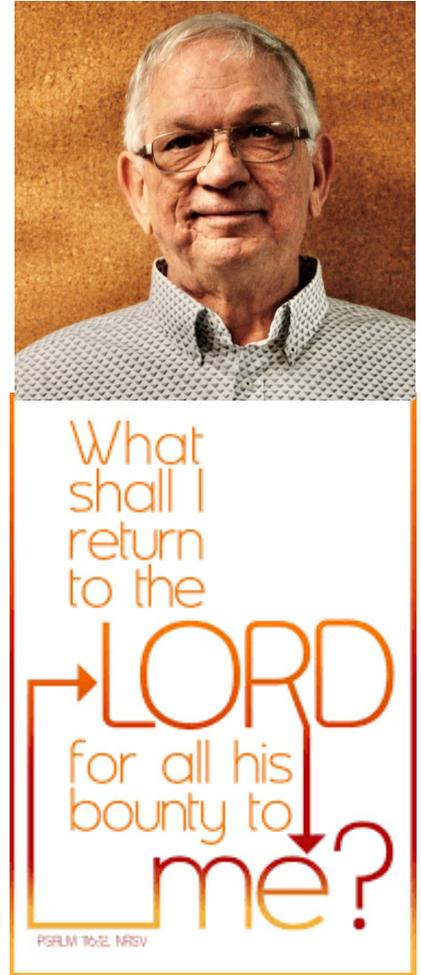
As we have stated previously there are several different ways to make your contribution:

- You may make your contribution online through our website at www.stcathht.org/donate.
- You may mail your contribution to our church office.
- You may drop off your contribution to the church office during business hours, Monday through Thursday 9:00A.M to 1:00P.M.
- You may place your contribution in the collection plate at the church services 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

FAITH • FILLED GENEROSITY

A note of thanks from the Stewardship Committee

As we fulfill this year's pledge drive for 2021, we wish to thank everyone for the support and thoughtfulness you have shown as we examined what faith-based generosity means to our community. Certainly our commitment to sustaining St. Catherine's as our place of worship is only part of the realization of our support for one another in supporting a faith-based fellowship.

We recognize how difficult this year has been in terms of growing and sustaining a parish. Yet we feel there has been an openness and willingness to do so as we have faced the challenges of the past year.

We hope you have enjoyed and gained some newer perspectives on giving from the weekly inserts and on what faith-based generosity means in creating a faith-based, caring community. For this, we are grateful for all who make-up this parish family. With this insight, we can enter the New Year with the recognition that we can, with God's help, prepare ourselves and our community for the future ahead.

Let's continue the momentum in 2021!

Elissa Henderson,
Stewardship Chairperson

OCTOBER FINANCIALS			
	Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Donation Income	\$ 14,701	\$ 216,667	\$ 180,022
Other Income	\$ 452	\$ 39,900	\$ 43,165
Expenses	\$ 16,921	\$ 237,177	\$ 206,180
Net Total	\$ (1,768)	\$ 19,390	\$ 17,007

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

THANK YOU FROM THE BISHOP

The Rt. Rev'd. Dabney Smith sent a letter to St. Catherine's in November thanking our parish for the generosity with our gift to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Another example of our Faith-filled Generosity.

THANK YOU FROM SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

St. Catherine's was a polling place for the 2020 elections during March, August and November. Craig Latimer, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections, Natalie Hidalgo, Polling Place Liaison and AnnMarie Nichter, Clerk sent thank you notes to St. Catherine's for the use of our parish hall in support of our election process.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FOOD PANTRY

St. Catherine's partners with Corpus Christi to serve those in need.

SUGGESTED FOOD DONATIONS:

- Peanut Butter
- Powdered Milk
- Canned Vegetables / Pasta Sauce
- Beans - canned or dry
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Soups
- Canned Meats or Tuna
- Cereal

Place donations of non-perishable food items in the shopping baskets in the church entrance.

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



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 to be added to the Zoom invitee list.

WISDOM PRACTICE CIRCLE ZOOM MEETING

The **Zoom Wisdom Practice Circle** will meet on October 17th (3rd Saturday) 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 Ordinary times 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 date for baptism is **Epiphany, January 10, 2021**. Please contact Fr. Allen Farabee if you would like to be baptized.



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 [Facebook Live](#) at 10 AM.



AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Banners and Christmas Flowers *Advent and Christmas at St. Catherine's*

It's that time of year!

Flowers & Christmas Tree and/or Banners

A glorious way to honor Memorials & Thanksgivings as we prepare for the joyous arrival of the Christ child.

Please consider making a contribution to offset these costs. We ask you return this form no later than **12/14** to ensure your intentions make the Christmas bulletin.

Name _____

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Thanksgiving for

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Christian Formation



News from St. Catherine's

December 2020

*This Month in
Sunday School*

December 6

Saint Nicholas Day
Second Sunday of Advent
Mark 1:1-8

"A Messenger Sent from God"

Story: Sleepyhead

December 13

Third Sunday of Advent
John 1:6-8, 19-28

"The Light of the World"

Story: Boxes for Katje

December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:26-38

"Call His Name Jesus"

Story: Anything is Possible

December 27

First Sunday after Christmas Day
John 1:1-18

"Is Christmas Really Over?"

Story: The Jacket I Wear in the Snow

Hello Everyone!

A Blessed Advent Season to all of you!

I will be sending out some suggestions via email for making an "Advent at Home" craft.

I am a bit sad right now, because we should be preparing for our annual Christmas Pageant. I hope you will use the adapted script of our pageant that I will be sending out via email at home, so your whole family can still participate in this event.

Be sure to listen to this beautiful song, "Joseph's Lullaby" by Mercy Me. The link is below this article.

Blessings,
Rachel

Song of the Month:

"Joseph's Lullaby"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNpsHJIIQ5g>

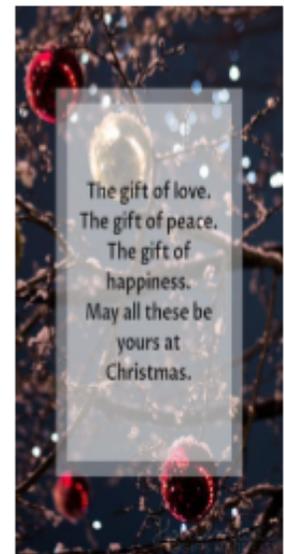


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Looking Ahead:

Happy Christmas!



Contact:

Rachel Rubottom

Email:

Rachel@stcathtt.org

813-679-5737



DECEMBER SERVICE SPOT

	06-Dec-2020	13-Dec-2020	20-Dec-2020	27-Dec-2020
8 AM Reader	Ellen Buckley	Diana Grupposo	Susan Gough	Bernice Hull
8 AM Usher	Clara Arrington	John Grupposo	Don Clark	Walt Williams
10 AM Reader 1	Jess Wiggins	Manon Alewynse Jo Ann Averill-Snell	Rory Eubank	Jo Ann Averill-Snell
10 AM Reader 2 & Prayers	Carol Harlow	Ned Averill-Snell Rory Eubank Paul Johnson	Paul Johnson	Ned Averill-Snell
10 AM Acolyte	Ashley Riefler	Ellen Buckley	Michael Grant	Kate Grant
Choir Members	Norris Johnson Paul Johnson Kim Quire Andy Walsh Wilma Wiggins	Norris Johnson Paul Johnson Kim Quire Wilma Wiggins	Rory Eubank Norris Johnson Paul Johnson Kim Quire Andy Walsh Lara Whidden Wilma Wiggins	
10AM AM Usher	Donna LaMettery	Gloria Edwards		Steve Armstrong
Altar Guild	Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D
Counters	Paul Johnson Brenda Hunter	Paul Johnson Brenda Hunter	Paul Johnson Joann Ruger	Paul Johnson Joann Ruger

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SPOT

24-December	
4 PM Reader	Brandon Devoll
4 PM Acolytes	Abigail Kolka
4 PM Usher	
10 PM Reader 1	Manon Alewynse
10 PM Reader 2 & Prayers	Ellen Buckley
10 PM Acolytes	Kevin Carpenter
Choir Members	Rory Eubank Norris Johnson Paul Johnson Kim Quire Lara Joynes-Whidden Wilma Wiggins
10 PM Usher	

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

December 6, 2020	Bernice Hull
December 13, 2020	Eleanor Wells
December 20, 2020	Allen Currie
December 27, 2020	<i>still available</i>
January 3, 2021	<i>still available</i>
January 10, 2021	Mattison
January 17, 2021	<i>still available</i>
January 24, 2021	<i>still available</i>
January 31, 2021	<i>still available</i>
February 7, 2021	<i>still available</i>
February 14, 2021	<i>still available</i>
February 21, 2021	<i>still available</i>
February 28, 2021	<i>still available</i>



Suggested Donation \$10

December 6, 2020	<i>still available</i>
December 13, 2020	<i>still available</i>
December 20, 2020	<i>still available</i>
December 27, 2020	<i>still available</i>
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January 10, 2021	Grupposo
January 17, 2021	<i>still available</i>
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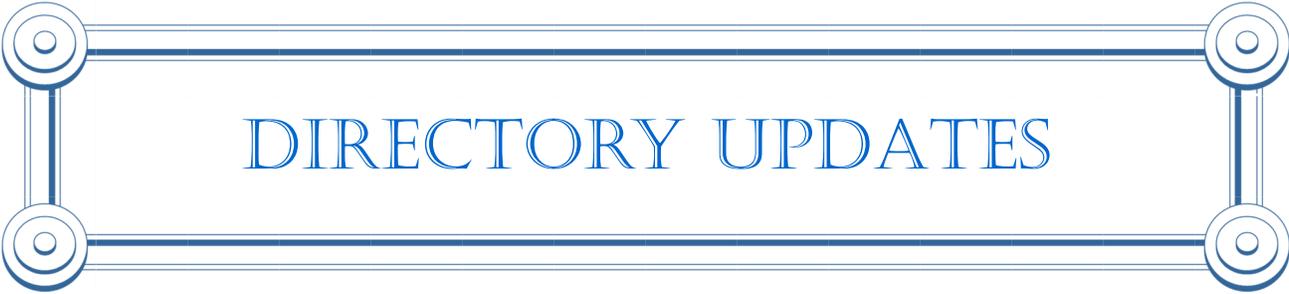
BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



Sienna Hoyte	12/01	Peggy Prosser	12/15
Frank LaMetterey	12/03	Jess Wiggins	12/17
Renee Stenbridge	12/04	Steve Graham	12/18
Kim Quire	12/05	Frank Johnson Jr	12/23
Sylvia Dixon	12/07	JoAnn Ruger	12/27
Frank Johnson	12/07	Chris Buckley	12/31
David McCallister	12/09	Norris Johnson	12/31
Allen Farabee	12/10	Patricia Maney	12/31
Raymond Hendrickson	12/11	Sylvia Smit	12/31
Marty Mantia	12/14		

Jess & Wilma Wiggins	12/17
Grace & Roger Sanders	12/21
Bert & Sybil Catala	12/28
Sylvia & Sherman Smith	12/28





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.**

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

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

Chris Conn - No home phone, Cell phone: 813-240-2711

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 Riflecrest Ave., Valrico, FL 33594

Deb Noonan - Home Phone: 984-999-4906, Cell Phone: 984-234-1202

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

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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!