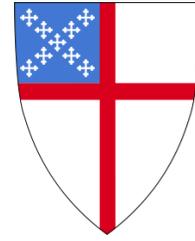


THE WHEEL

April 2020

St. Catherine of Alexandria
Episcopal Church



Dear People of St. Catherine's Church,

Once upon a time, Christian people were excited about the upcoming Holy Week. Lent was nearly gone and soon they would be gathered to bless the palms, process with hosannas, hear the Passion story, remember the last supper and Jesus sign of love, the washing of feet, stand before the cross in the mystery of suffering and love, and light the new fire, hear the great readings, feel the water of baptism and shout *Alleluia, Christ is risen*.

But something happened to derail their excited plans. The dreadful virus arose and spread to all corners of the earth, infecting people, killing some, and upending all normal social intercourse and plans. Schools were closed, the markets collapsed, businesses shut down, millions of people lost their jobs, people were forced to stay away from each other and – most unbelievably of all – the people's churches were required to close. Just when Christians most wanted to assemble together to remember and celebrate God's goodness and love for the world, they were sequestered in their homes, reduced to phone calls, emails and videos.

We are those people, dear people of St. Catherine's! This is not the newsletter I wanted to write you in April, 2020. But, as we have been reminded, we are not masters of the universe. And what we want is not always possible. So, this will be a Holy Week and Easter unlike any in my 50 years of ordained ministry. But it is still the time when the Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox calls forth *Alleluia, Christ is Risen*. And the great Story has not disappeared, nor has the promise of God that through suffering there is salvation. The tomb was cast open many centuries ago, and even this dreadful closure of the world, cannot close the tomb back up.

This is our different year. I will not see most of you during this upcoming Holy Week. We have to keep our "social distance" from each other. What a dreadful phrase. Let's think of it as "loving temporary separation for the health of the world." I will miss you so much. Will miss standing with you by our outdoor altar, blessing the palms and processing into the church. I will miss the quiet grandeur and sorrow of Maundy Thursday. I will miss the stark silence and sovereign mystery of Good Friday. I will really miss our milling around in the dark, lighting the new fire, carrying the Paschal Candle into the church, feeling the darkness filled with the light of candles. I will miss chanting for you the great Easter chant, *Exsultet*, hearing the ringing cadences of the creation story, the flood, the perilous dash to freedom through the sea and the promise of dry bones becoming flesh. I will miss seeing your faces around the baptismal font as we bring two small boys into their life in Christ. I will miss the lights shining, the Easter proclamation and the bread and wine of Easter Eucharist. I will certainly miss the mimosas on Easter morning!

We all will miss our fellowship, and the loving embrace of our parish community. But such separation is necessary. Our bishop has asked us and we owe each other our best care. But....I will actually be in church during Holy Week, with a handful of people, celebrating the great liturgies and streaming them on Facebook. It's the best we can do. And it will brighten this week. I hope you can join me. I will feel your presence. We will still proclaim the astounding good news of Jesus's death and resurrection. And after a period – short by God's reckoning – we will see each other again, stand together in church and sing, be filled with peace and joy, and feast on the goodness of the Lord. A blessed Holy Week and Easter to you all,

Allen W. Farabee, Interim Rector

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Senior Warden

Grace and peace to you all. May Christ's love wrap you in his warm embrace.

When I wrote my *Wheel* article last month, we had just been invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." Hearing this prayer on Ash Wednesday, never did I imagine that we would be enduring our own Judean Desert as we navigated the pandemic of COVID-19.



Although it might not seem so, we are blessed beyond measure! Despite "social distancing," we have each other, and our beloved Parish. **Thanks** to the efforts of our Interim Rector, Fr. Allen, and our Parish Administrator, Diana Gruposso we continue to have weekly communications, bulletins with wonderful "Prayers of the People" written by Fr. Allen and we have worship! Last Sunday, the 5th Sunday of Lent, the service was livestreamed on Facebook, and there are plans to live-stream services through Holy Week and Easter. **Thanks** to our Director of Christian Formation, Rachel Rubottom, we continue to have "Growing Together in Faith," the weekly Christian Education study sent to us via the Announcements, and available as a discussion group on Facebook. **Thanks** to our Interim Director of Music & Organist, Linda Ruescher, we were able to have music during our service last Sunday, and will have music during Holy Week and Easter. **Thanks** to our Financial Secretary, Brenda Menendez, the bills are still paid, and the lights are on, and **thanks** to Jennifer Goodman our campus remains clean, sanitized, and welcoming to staff, and to those support groups who members' very lives may depend on the continued availability of such meetings. The life of our Parish continues, even in these strange times, and the mission of the Church remains, "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." (BCP, p. 855).

Although the Diocesan Staff is functioning and open for "Essential Tasks Only," we continue to be in contact. The Search Process has slowed, not only for us, but for all seeking to call a Rector, or to be called by a Parish. However, there are still things we can do. The **Self-Study Subcommittee** met the last time we gathered for our Lenten Supper, and we are exploring Zoom as a way for us to meet again. The **Profile Subcommittee** is about formed, and can certainly begin its work. Know that we will keep you informed as to what's happening, and what's happening next! PLEASE continue to pray for that person God has already called to be our 5th Rector, and for us all as we seek to be faithful in the process. Above all, let us remain in community, with God, and with each other. Whatever it takes.

from *Episcopal Relief and Development*:

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead.
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you.

This we pray in Christ our Lord!

In His love, Manon Alewynse

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Junior Warden / Building & Grounds Chairman

I am writing this report to you from my home where Pam and I are doing our part to stay out of harms way or should I say the virus' way. My wish for all of you is to stay safe until this present situation has past and we can get back to our normal, everyday life.

One of my primary goals for the past month was to have the trees trimmed and the mess cleaned up. This has not happened yet, but we are on the schedule of the tree trimmer and have high hopes that this will be completed shortly.

Dominic Valenti has done much research on the type of security system we should have installed on our property. Our number one concern is the safety of all people in our building as it is important to know who is in the building at all times. We will be working on this project for the next few months and will go to the Vestry with our recommendation.



Our biggest news this past month has been our fantastic workday. We had 17 parishioners show up to the workday and work they did. There were 24 projects on my list and we accomplished 22 of these and the other 2 projects were started.

My thanks goes out to Tiffany Grant, Wilma Wiggins, Paul Johnson, Manon Alewynse, John Grupposo, Marc Vanderveen, Heather Vanderveen, Jim McIlwain, Chip McIlwain, Ronelle Norris, Leslie Provence, Andy Walsh, Grant Miller, Renee Stembridge, Don Clark, Frank LaMetterey, Pam Schultz and Rick Schultz.

Pam and I installed the chair/table rail in the parish hall last week and hope to save our walls from any further damage.

One final piece of news... the carpeting throughout the church was cleaned; the parish hall floors were stripped and polished; and the curtains in the education wing were washed thanks to Wilma Wiggins and Bernice Hull.

If you have any thoughts or concerns of any type regarding the building please send me an email at prschultz@tampabayrr.com.

Respectfully,
Rick Schultz, Jr. Warden

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

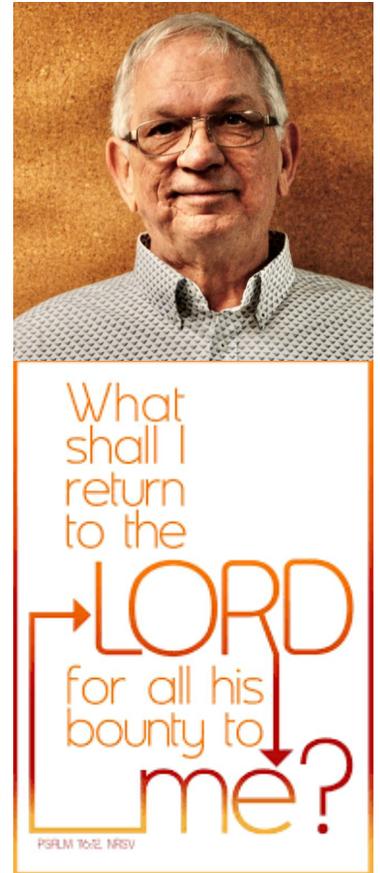
Notes from the Treasurer

In these troubling times it is of comfort to know that the financial position of our parish is very solid. To date parishioners have been very faithful in maintaining their financial commitment to St. Catherine's. Our parish is able to maintain all our financial commitments and responsibilities for the foreseeable future.

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 each of us and is also very supportive. Our faith and trust in our Lord is very comforting during these trying times. We thank each of you for your continued support and commitment to St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church.

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://stcath.org/donate>, scroll down to click "Pledge to Operating Expense." Complete the payment information and a receipt will be emailed.
- Drop off your pledge at the Church office, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

WORSHIP IN HOLY WEEK AND EASTER, Fr. Allen Farabee

By now, you know that we cannot be together in church for Holy Week and Easter. Therefore, with the amazing help of a handful of staff and parishioners, we will livestream the liturgies to you throughout the week. Our schedule is a little bit altered from normal, but please join us on Facebook if you can. We will email you the leaflets for these liturgies and you can follow the readings, songs, sermons and receive spiritual communion. It is the best we can do this year.

- Palm Sunday – 10:00 AM
- Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM
- Good Friday – 7:00 PM
- Great Vigil of Easter – 8:00 PM
- Easter Sunday – 10:00 AM

In addition, there is a video on our [Facebook](#) page of Fr. Allen praying the night office of Compline. Please join in that office whenever you wish.

We will send to you the prayers and devotions for the Stations of the Cross. This traditional devotion follows Jesus' journey from his judgment hall to the crucifixion. You may have noticed the physical stations in our church along the walls. You may wish to use these prayers during the upcoming Holy Week as a personal devotion.

We may not be physically present with each other during this momentous time of the year. But we will be present, close to each other through the technology that allows us to bring the liturgies to your home.

NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM

The next date for baptism is Pentecost Sunday, May 31st.
Please speak with Fr. Allen Farabee if you would like to be baptized.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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



News from St. Catherine's

April 2020

Happening This Month

April 5

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11
"The King is Coming"

April 12

Easter Sunday

Matthew 28:1-10
"An Easter Surprise"

April 19

Second Sunday in Easter

John 20:19-31
"Doubting Thomas
Believes"

April 26

Third Sunday in Easter

Luke 24:30-31
"The Road to Emmaus"

Hello Everyone!

During this joyful season, we remember that Easter can be in our hearts and spirit even if we can't all be together to celebrate.

I wish all of you Easter Blessings, and I hope that you will enjoy the lessons that are being offered on your email.

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

Blessings,
Rachel

St. Catherine of
Alexandria
Episcopal Church

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Looking
Ahead:

Stay Safe
I hope to see
all of you
soon!



Contact:
Rachel Rubottom
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.



Suggested Donation \$50

April 5, 2020	<i>still available</i>
April 12, 2020	<i>still available</i>
April 19, 2020	<i>still available</i>
April 26, 2020	<i>still available</i>
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	Eleanor Wells
June 14, 2020	<i>still available</i>
June 21, 2020	<i>still available</i>
June 28, 2020	Bernice Hull
July 5, 2020	<i>still available</i>



Suggested Donation \$10

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April 19, 2020	Diana & John Grupposo
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May 10, 2020	<i>still available</i>
May 17, 2020	<i>still available</i>
May 24, 2020	Sandra Boehning
May 31, 2020	<i>still available</i>
June 7, 2020	<i>still available</i>
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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



Mike Duffy	04/01	Sophie Pierre	04/20
John Babbitt	04/05	Brenda Menendez	04/21
Carla Bourne	04/05	Lesley Spencer	04/24
Barbara Branch	04/07	Eleanor Wells	04/24
Doug Riefler	04/09	Noah West	04/24
Amy Rose	04/11	Rory Ann Eubank	04/25
Carol Harlow	04/12	Frank Hansen	04/25
Eddie Wheatley	04/13	Leslie Provence	04/29
Kiersten Carpenter	04/15	Nelson Gough	04/30
Abby Vanderveen	04/15		

Elizabeth & Shane Ward	04/10
Carol & Terry Bechtel	04/20
Frank & Patti Hanson	04/24



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.

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

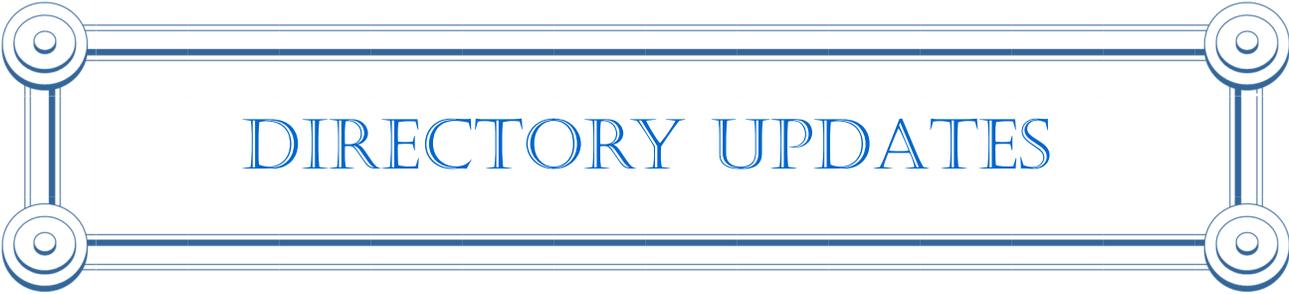
Brandon Baltodano - Piano

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.





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@stcathht.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

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 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.



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!