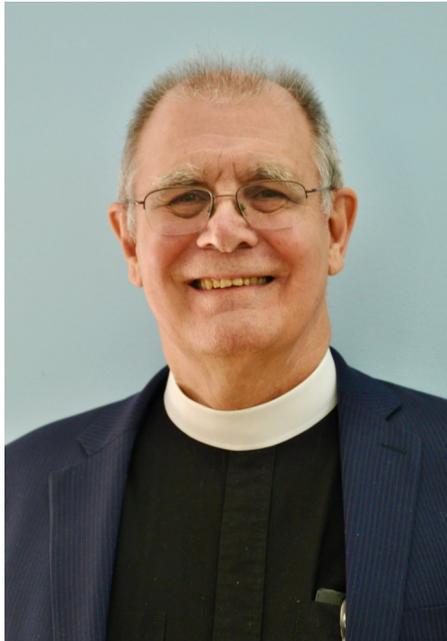
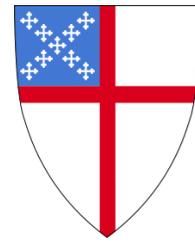


THE WHEEL

July 2020

St. Catherine of Alexandria
Episcopal Church



Dear People of St. Catherine's,

We are now in the most “extraordinary” of ordinary times! With Covid-19 cases spiking again in Florida, the continuing protests about the death of black men in police custody not going away, our political season beginning in the strange time of social distancing, it is anything but ordinary.

As I was preparing to write this letter to you for the July *Wheel*, I realized that I have been with you now for a year, helping you to gather your wits, rediscover your community of faith, take stock of yourselves as a parish, and begin the process of calling a new rector. It has been a year of great honor for me and I look forward to the rest of our journey together. We promised ourselves it would be a “Year of Grace” and it has been that and more. Again, I will be with you until your new rector is called and begins his or her ministry with you.

Over the last two months, I have found myself trying to walk with you through a thicket of difficult social issues, understanding that you hold some quite contradictory views on matters of great importance: race, our government, how faith should be exercised in public, and how to engage each other.

I have written you various letters in what I have called our “seminar on faith and citizenship.” Some of you would prefer that “politics” or “activism” be kept out of church. But that cannot be the way we live. Our basic baptismal vows require us to “wade in the water” and get ourselves a little muddied in the process.

This is especially true with the matter of race. How we live in our society, black and white. How we live in our church, black and white. How we see the world, black and white. You are a predominantly white parish, with some African American or African Caribbean members. I know that every member of this parish matters to each of you. But as we enter the summer in this “extraordinary” ordinary time, I want to share with you a few thoughts about being white Christians in this time in our history.

I recently came across a book about to be published next month: *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*. By Robert P. Jones. Mr. Jones grew up attending Southern Baptist Churches and went to a Southern Baptist College. He writes about how stubbornly racist ideas and even a vision of white supremacy has persisted in American churches. For example, in survey after survey, white Christians repeatedly deny that structural racism is a problem. White *non*-Christians, on the other hand, more often agree with black people that racial discrimination is systemic and continuing.

Episcopal bishops served as generals, not chaplains, in the confederate army. Priests, bishops and pastors preached sermon after sermon justifying slavery as God's appointed plan - and not just in the South. If you read the sermons in Mississippi in the 1950's and 1960's you would never have known there was a civil rights



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movement. Theology was constructed so that “salvation” was a personal and inner thing disconnected from any claims of social justice – a pattern completely at odds with the Biblical prophets and even Jesus. Black Catholics were required to sit in the back of the church and receive communion last. In my last parish, an African American member related to me that when she first came to that church, people would move away rather than receive communion after her.

I’m not telling this story to judge any member of St. Catherine’s. I am a white Christian, formerly a Methodist and for nearly 50 years an Episcopalian. We have a black Presiding Bishop whom I know. I know the slings and arrows he experienced growing up in Buffalo. I grew up in a church and home that was not, so far as I can remember, deliberately mean or racist. But the sin extends deep and wide, and as Dr. King said “11:00 AM on Sunday morning remains that most segregated hour in America.”

The first step we are all called to take on our journey to conversion is self-examination. I ask you, white parishioners, to take some time this summer, in our “extraordinary” ordinary time, to reflect on your experiences, where perhaps you have been aware of how our “white” church has been blind, or ignorant, or complicit. One of the most faithful African American members of this parish said to me: “It is not my responsibility to teach you what you should know.”

So, think hard, dear people. It is important. You are about to call a new rector to lead you into a new chapter of the life of St. Catherine’s Church. What kind of community do you want to be? What kind of community do you believe God is calling you to be? How might you take a lead in unraveling the terrible knot of racism that still scars the church and our society.

Finally, you may ignore what I say. I’ve been at this priesthood business long enough to know that people don’t agree with me just because I say something. I know that some of you may resent my intruding uncomfortable matters into the loveliness of summertime. But, I just ask you to think about these things. Pray about them. Do the work of self-examination. If you are interested, there is a fine resource for such reflection called a 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge. I’m grateful to a parishioner of St. Catherine’s for bringing it to my attention. Try it if you wish. It’s free! You won’t be graded. Nobody else will know how you do or what you think about it. But it may stir your mind and heart. I invite you to try it. [Click here to open the 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge.](#)

I hope you all are staying well and out of harm’s way. Our battle with the Covid-19 virus is not over. Please be careful. We will continue our in-person worship and monitor the situation carefully. Have a blessed and sweet summer.

Yours in Christ,

Allen W. Farabee, Interim Rector

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Notes from the Senior Warden

Here we are. At the beginning of the dog days of summer. According to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, that's traditionally July 3 through August 11, coinciding with the dawn of rising Sirius, the Dog Star. All I know is that it's been hot and humid, even before 7:00 AM, and if I'm not walking by then, the last leg of my walk, an average of 7 miles/day, leaves me panting, in need of air, and water, and rest. If I'm really honest, I must tell you that these days it's not only *after* my long morning walk that I have difficulty breathing, and am in need of more air, more water, more rest. Maybe you all feel similarly?



These past months in “Ordinary Time” have been “extraordinary,” and the world as we know it has been turned upside down. The complex and drastic events of the last months, beginning with the shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery, jogging down the streets of a South Georgia neighborhood, hunted down by armed white citizens fueled with hate, then the murder of George Floyd, begging for breath, and with his last, calling out for his mama, and finally, Rayshard Brooks, who drank too much, should never have gotten behind the wheel of his car, was arrested, then summarily executed when in his stupor he resisted and attempted to flee. As these murders occurred, one right after the other, against the backdrop of political polarization, civil unrest and, oh, a *pandemic*, outrage bubbled up and over, and the world marched in protest - in one form or another. Yes, a pandemic. One where Florida threatened to become the next epicenter. In the advent of Phase 3, just this past Saturday, there were a record breaking almost 10,000 new COVID-19 cases! The actual 9,585 cases were a record that beat Florida's previous day's record high by more than 3,000 cases. In the span of less than an hour on Sunday, I watched the US Live Map and realtime counter record 60 more deaths. More than one per minute. *Extraordinary times* indeed.

We have been blessed to have had The Rev. Allen W. Farabee as our Interim Rector, with us now for a year! We have enjoyed his strong leadership and wise counsel, his attention to our worship, so important to us, from the Prayers of the People, to Eucharistic Prayers, to his thoughtful, well-crafted sermons. We have so appreciated his reaching out in love and concern with frequent phone calls, texts and emails, and how he has shared that he is grateful to each one of us. Fr. Allen has been in faithful communication, these last months in particular, with his seminars on “faith and citizenship,” telling us what we know already, that we are a parish community with polar opposite views. He has encouraged us to conversation, invited us to self-examination, to reach out in good faith “across the aisles of our differences.” He has reminded us of our Baptismal Covenant, has told us it is good to recognize our differences, and he has asked us to see what we have to offer our community. What *we* have to offer, despite our differences, opinions and experiences. He said, “We approach the same Lord's Table.” Yes, we do, as “fellow sinners, redeemed by the grace of God, with hearts yearning for conversion and transformation.” WE are God's beloved people, and we will find our way forward by his Grace. Thank you, Fr. Allen for reminding us of that, and for all you have done this past year. We are grateful, and so pleased you will be with us until we call our next rector.

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Last month I shared that the “Self-Study Subcommittee” had met several times to review questionnaires that would help us to understand what our congregation seeks in its ministerial leadership, and that we were in the process of contracting with the Hartford Institute to assist us with the “Pastoral Search Inventory.” This month your vestry supported the recommendation of the subcommittee to go with the Hartford’s own inventory, reserving the ability to make changes as deemed warranted. Although we have now formally entered into an agreement, as Connecticut just began Phase 2 in its Coronavirus Reopening Plan, there has been some delay in rolling out our questionnaire while the Hartford Institute gets up and going. Soon come. We’ll have the rest of the dog days of summer for the parish to complete the questionnaire, after which we will finish our Profile, and move on to our next step, the formation of the Search Committee.

I pray you and yours remain well. In a recent conversation with The Rev’d Canon Richard Norman, the Diocesan Transition Minister, I was asked when I thought I would be comfortable returning to church in person. Although I was careful in my response, referencing my two recent bouts of pneumonia, and assuring him in effect that I was still executing my duties and responsibilities as your Senior Warden, I realized I was being defensive. I *should* be there with you in person, I thought, and although I participate in and am appreciative of our online worship where I don’t have to wear a mask and where I can sing out loud, I miss church! I *miss* church, and I miss you! We miss each other! It certainly is difficult to be in community at this time especially because our physical proximity is so restricted, but remain in community we must. In his wisdom the Canon responded that he understood, that he was sure I knew what was best for me in this current time, and that “All is good,” and it is, or, at least, *it shall be*. With you as well.

I loved reading Greek mythology when I was a girl. One of my favorite stories was that of Pandora who opened a box left in her care, a box containing pestilence and all manner of evil. At the bottom of that box, however, was *hope*. In our Christian faith we are reminded by Desmond Tutu that “Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness.” There *is* Light, my friends! I pray we find the path to walk in it - together.

In Christ’s Love,

Manon Alewynse, Senior Warden

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Notes from the Treasurer

We have now worshipped together in our new norm for a few weeks. Beginning in July, we will worship together only once per week at our normally scheduled 10am service each Sunday. As you are aware, we livestream our service on the internet for those regular parishioners who cannot attend each week as well as make our service available to anyone via the livestreaming who may have an interest in St. Catherine Alexandria Episcopal Church. Through all this change and upheaval in our normal worship process, the parishioners at St. Catherine's have remained faithful in their giving and financial support of our parish. We have maintained the pledged monies each month such that the ministries supported by St. Catherine's have continued to move forward in these trying times.

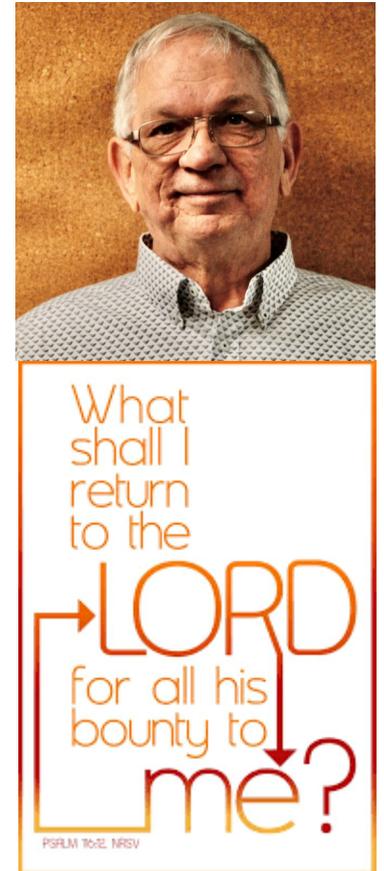
We are forever thankful and grateful to each of our parishioners for the very faithful giving we have experienced during these difficult times. We ask each of you continue to support your commitment to our Lord through your contributions to St. Catherine's. As we have stated previously there are several different ways to make your contribution; you may

- Make your contribution on line through our website at www.stcathtt.org.
- Mail your contribution to our church office.
- Drop off your contribution to the church office during business hours, Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 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 crisis. 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



Financials			
	May Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Donation Income	\$ 19,814	\$ 108,333	\$ 101,228
Other Income	\$ 229	\$ 20,301	\$ 41,116
Expenses	\$ 23,947	\$ 117,054	\$ 104,620
Net Total	\$ 4,362	\$ 11,580	\$ 37,724

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ST. CATHERINE'S IN-PERSON SERVICE



During the summer, beginning July 5th, we will celebrate one Eucharist on Sunday at 10:00 AM. Attendance at our service is currently limited to 40 people based on our Bishop's requirement that we adhere to 25% of maximum occupancy and 6 feet of physical distancing. 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, we continue to stream our service using Facebook Live. Visit our page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCatherinesEpiscopalChurchTempleTerrace/>



JULY SERVICE SPOT

10:00 AM	05-July-2020	12-July-2020	19-July-2020	26-July-2020
Reader 1	Ned Averill-Snell	Brandon Devoll	Ellen Buckley	Catherine Temple
Reader 2 & Prayers	Jo Ann Averill-Snell	Rory Eubank	Joan Kaywell	Phil Channell
Acolyte	Michael Grant	Ashley Riefler	Ellen Buckley	Abbie Kolka
Choir Members	Norris Johnson Paul Johnson Lara Whiddon Wilma Wiggins	Sybil Catala Sherry Rich Katie Saunders Sue Scully	Rory Eubank Norris Johnson Paul Johnson Wilma Wiggins	Sybil Catala Phil Channell Barbara Rutkin Katie Saunders Lara Whiddon
Usher	Gloria Edwards	Steve Armstrong	Donna LaMetterey	Don Clark
Altar Guild	Team C	Team D	Team A	Team B
Counters	Brenda Hunter / Bernice Hull	Brenda Hunter / Bernice Hull	Rich Schultz / Bernice Hull	Rick Schultz / Bernice Hull

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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.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAY MORNING



Fr. Allen would like to invite you to join him for a Zoom Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM. An email will be sent out with information on how to join our Bible study. 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 on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM. [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 **All Saint's Day, November 1st**. Please contact Fr. Allen Farabee if you would like to be baptized.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

News from St. Catherine's

July 2020

Happening This Month

July 5

Proper 9

Matthew 11:28-30

"Help With a Heavy Load"

Story: Wemberly Worried

July 12

Proper 10

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

"The Parable of the Sower"

Story: The Story of Frog

Belly Rat Bone

July 19

Proper 11

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

"Weeds in the Garden"

Story: The Jewel Box

Ballerinas

July 26

Proper 12

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

"Mustard Seeds and Yeast"

Story: The Carrot Seed

Hello Everyone!

As we begin planning for the Fall, I would love your input on how you think we should look. We will continue to seek out teachers, for, if, and when we get back together at that time. Please consider continuing your support for our Sunday School and the children we serve! If you know of someone who would be a great addition to our team, please let me know!

I will continue to include the Sermons4Kids lessons and the aligned YouTube video book during the summer.

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

Blessings,
Rachel



Jesus said God's kingdom is like a mustard seed. It is one of the smallest seeds in the world. But it grows and grows and grows! And when it is grown, it is one of the biggest plants in the garden. It is so big that birds come and rest on its branches.

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Looking Ahead:

Stay Safe!
**I hope to see
all of you soon!**

Contact:

Rachel Rubottom

Email:

Rachel@stcathtt.org

813-679-5737

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



Online Fourth of July Celebration from Washington D.C.

PBS 40th Year: <http://www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth/home/>

Online Fourth of July Celebration from New York, NY

Macy's 43rd Year: NBCNewYork.com/live

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

July 5, 2020	<i>still available</i>
July 12, 2020	Wiggins
July 19, 2020	<i>still available</i>
July 26, 2020	<i>still available</i>
August 2, 2020	Rezabek
August 9, 2020	Eleanor Wells
August 16, 2020	<i>still available</i>
August 23, 2020	<i>still available</i>
August 30, 2020	<i>still available</i>
September 6, 2020	Mattison
September 13, 2020	<i>still available</i>
September 20, 2020	<i>still available</i>
September 27, 2020	<i>still available</i>



Suggested Donation \$10

July 5, 2020	Sandra Boehning
July 12, 2020	<i>still available</i>
July 19, 2020	Sandra Boehning
July 26, 2020	<i>still available</i>
August 2, 2020	Grupposo
August 9, 2020	Sandra Boehning
August 16, 2020	<i>still available</i>
August 23, 2020	<i>still available</i>
August 30, 2020	Sandra Boehning
September 6, 2020	<i>still available</i>
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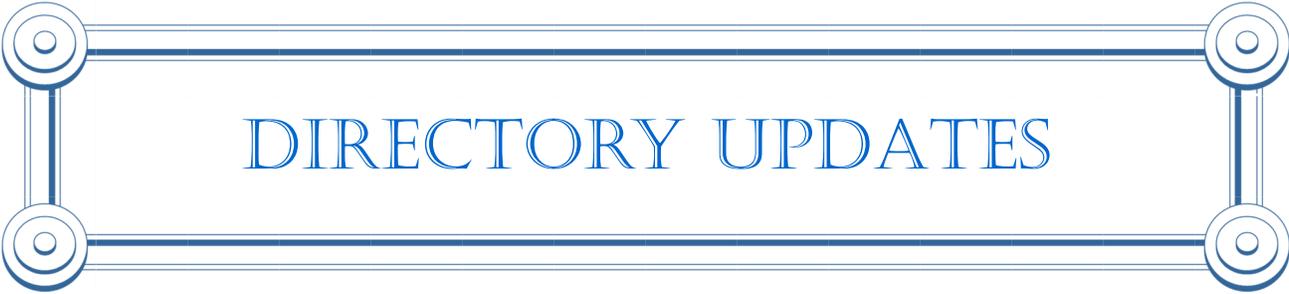
BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



Ellen Buckley	07/07	Don Clark	07/23
Melinda Gibbs	07/08	Corrine Cherpak	07/24
Mazie Armstrong	07/09	Ashley Riefler	07/24
Terry Bechtel	07/13	Pam Schultz	07/24
Wilma Wiggins	07/14	Judy Kimball	07/28
Don Prosser	07/16	Charlotte Maddox	07/28
Malcom Gibbs	07/20	Liz Lang	07/29
Lorrie Nertney	07/22	Ham Evans	07/30

Bob & Susan Crescentini	07/10
Barbara & Leo Branch	07/24
Amy & Lane Carpenter	07/27





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@stcath.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

***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
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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!