

The count down!

Dear People of St. Catherine's,

I am counting down the days to the end of my radiation treatments (a couple more weeks - 33 in total) and to my return to you on September 24th! It has been a long time. My priority will be to re-connect with you, and get to know the new people who have joined the community since January of 2017. This will take a while. I look forward to sitting down with you, and to hearing what God has been doing in your lives since we were together.

I know that it will be an opportunity for growth for all of us for me to return and join you again in ministry as your Rector. When I began my medical disability leave in January, I probably knew the parish better than any other one person, having been Rector for just over 5 years. Now I realize that there is much for me to catch up on, and that this will also take a while. People have stepped up into leadership positions and our Sr. Warden, Terry Bechtel, has had to do the administrative work that usually falls to the Rector. Our parish administrator, Brenda Menendez, has also had to do more than usual

in my absence. I am deeply grateful to both of them and to all who have taken on more responsibilities. I remain deeply grateful to Fr. Allen+ who was with you the first four months of my treatment. I didn't worry a bit about the parish, knowing that Fr. Allen+ was doing the liturgies and pastoral care, and that Terry Bechtel was the Sr. Warden.

I know that some things have changed, some people have died or moved on, and many new people have joined the community! I look forward to re-engaging with the parish as it is currently, not as it was when I began my cancer treatment.

I also have been changed, deeply, by the journey through stage 3 cancer treatment. Not only is my appearance changed, but I have experienced the past 8 months as something completely different from anything in my life before.

Having a life-threatening illness, and extensive treatment for the same, can help put everything else in perspective. My life was slowed down, pared down to the daily necessities for living. For the first time in my life I was unable to predict how I was going to be, and what I was going to be able to do, from one moment to another It will be a while until my energy returns to what it was before my illness. I will have to be patient with that, and I ask your patience as well. **CONTENTS**

Through all of this I have felt God's presence, and support, in many ways. With the many challenges there have been many blessings. Thank you for all the wonderful cards and especially for the prayers which have held me up through this long time of chemo, surgery, and radiation.

So – I am changed, you are changed, and we are about to join together again in ministry in Christ's name and to the glory of God. I trust that God will show us the way forward, and I eagerly await our reunion on September 24th. I am deeply grateful to God that I am alive and well and counting down the days to September 24th.

In Christ,

Mother Susan+

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PARISH BUSINESS

A Note from Your Senior Warden

St. Catherine of Alexandria Mission Statement: "To nurture each other in the knowledge and love of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit –

and to share the Good News with all.

Praise the Lord, Mother Susan will return to us this month of September. If things go according to plan, she will return to our service on September 24th. As you already know, *we will only have one service that weekend and it will be at 10am on Sunday, September 24.* There are three reasons for having only one service:

1) The entire congregation can come together for one worship service to celebrate,

2) Since it is her first weekend back, Mother Susan will only need to conduct one service, and

3) We plan to have a celebration of Mother Susan's return after the service on Sept. 24, to include

a breakfast, a celebration cake and mimosas for all.

We are beginning a new school year. A lot of activity in our parish. We have seen nineteen (19) students come forward to have their back to school backpacks blessed by Father Rudacille. We have seen the resumption of our Sunday School program led by our Education Commission and Education Director, Rachel Rubottom. Our J2A program for our oldest children is in full swing, planning and learning for their futures, including a pilgrimage in 2018. The Service Commission adopted – and the congregation supported the adoption of – Temple Terrace Elementary School for school supplies and a backpack program to support less fortunate students. We have painted the Parish Hall, with plans for other building and grounds improvements in the near future. Our wonderful Choir returned to our 10am service. Our supply priests have been very faithful and responsive to the pastoral care and needs of our congregation. These are just a few of the indicators that our parish is vibrant and responsive to the spiritual needs of our members and our community. We await the return of our rector this month with a feeling of great relief, strength, and anticipation.

We will begin in the month of October with our Stewardship Drive for 2018. Ham Evans is chairing the Committee this year. The theme for this year's Stewardship Drive is *"Journey to Generosity"*. Ham has written a kick-off article for this Wheel edition, which you can find elsewhere in this newsletter. I simply ask that you prayerfully consider your contribution to the Lord's service through St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church as we begin this journey over the next couple of months. It is only through your generosity and commitment that we can continue our ministries to our congregation and our community.

We have missed Mother Susan greatly and eagerly await her return. I also know she is as anxious to return as we are to have her back in our presence. We must remember that she has been through the treatment of a terrible disease. She has endured debilitating chemotherapy treatments, extensive surgery, and grueling radiation treatments. Upon her return, she will be a different person. Each of us will be a little different also.

Let us each consider Paul's letter to the Romans 12:4-5:

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to the others."

Terry Bechtel Senior Warden

PARISH BUSINESS

SERVICE COMMISSION

The members of the Service Commission want to thank all of you who contributed school supplies for Temple Terrace Elementary. The administrators who were present at the school when we delivered the supplies were delighted and expressed their deep appreciation to us.

Our next project involves the school's Backpack Program. Approximately 20 children at the school do not have sufficient food on the weekends. The school social worker buys food for these children, puts the food in backpacks every Friday, and sends the filled backpacks home with the children. If necessary, the social worker teaches the children how to use a microwave to heat the food.

We are asking our parishioners to donate \$5-\$10 each month of the school year to help finance the Backpack Program. It takes approximately \$1,000/school year to support this program, and we think it is extremely important. Please place money or a check – separate from your tithe check - in an envelope marked "Backpack Program" in the collection plate once a month. Alternatively, you can make a one-time contribution. We will make sure the funds get to the school.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Journey to Generosity

It is that time of year again – Stewardship Season! Time for us to rethink our contributions to St Catherine's in terms of our time, talent and treasure. Needless to say, God's gifts to us are not seasonal. Also time to remember that God's gifts to us are temporary – we are nothing more than caretakers of these gifts.

Stewardship is a spiritual expression, not a financial transaction when it comes to returning a portion of our treasure to God. The mission of St Catherine's is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to share the Good News with all. We cannot accomplish this mission without a portion of **your** time, talent and treasure.

Donate your **full and complete** time, talent and treasure to St Catherine's? Certainly not!! How much is enough? What should I be doing? Please keep in mind that no gift is too small and that the money you have is not yours anyway – it is provided by God! Sitting with a newcomer at breakfast to provide a warm welcome to St Catherine's is one way you can return God's gifts. While the Biblical goal pertaining to treasure is a tithe or 10% of your income, not everyone is in a position to do that. What is important is that you make a pledge to God to in recognition of God's gifts to you. While placing money in the offering plate is certainly appreciated and contributing to the mission of the Church, a pledge is a constant reminder of God's gifts to you.

There is a belief in the Episcopal Church that 20% of the congregation does 100% of the work in the Parish. That percentage is much higher at St Catherine's, but it can be even larger. This year – participate in a work day, make a pledge, volunteer to help with Christian education, greet a newcomer, join one of our ministries – become a participant, not a bench warmer.

You can be assured that your Vestry and the staff of St Catherine's are faithful and diligent stewards of your financial contributions to St Catherine's. An audit of the Church's finances is performed each year in accordance with guidelines disseminated by the Diocese.

PARISH BUSINESS

HOPE COMMISSION

Understanding HOPE

(Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality)

Pastor Bernice, First United Church of Tampa, put HOPE in perspective as she wrote in the August Wheel...

"It was one of those sweet moments...not only were they making permanent the pilot program for juvenile civil citation misdemeanor possession, but were expanding it to include all misdemeanors except for thirteen."

"Afterwards, as I spoke to Judge Ficarotta and Ms. Hold and Mr. Warren, each went out of their way to thank HOPE for the hard work and each remarked that without HOPE this probably wouldn't have happened."

Why did this three year effort regarding juvenile civil citation culminate in success?

...Our ACTIONS!

HOPE's largest event in the year is our **Nehemiah Action**, where we bring together over 1,000 people to stand face-to face with our decision makers. In the presence of our people we ask them to commit to make necessary policy changes that will positively impact the issues impacting our families. The Nehemiah Action is named after <u>the Prophet</u> Nehemiah who in a large assembly stood before the nobles and officials of his community and challenged them to stop charging the unjust and unfair interests on loans given to the people — and gained a promise from the nobles to stop.

Today, HOPE carries out the same work of holding our nobles and decision makers accountable through our annual Nehemiah Action.

I believe in HOPE! Our community has reaped many benefits.

I like to think that my involvement in some way fulfills my baptismal vows. I now quote from the Book of Common Prayer. The final lines of The Baptismal Covenant are as follows:

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Frank LaMetterey HOPE Commission Member

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

SPECIAL EVENTS HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 9th: Homecoming Spaghetti Dinner at 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 16th: Acolyte Festival at The Cathedral in St. Pete 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Sunday, September 24th: Mother Susan returns to celebrate with us! That weekend will only have the 10:00 am service on Sunday, with a celebration to follow the service.

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Thank you to all the Painters who painted the Parish Hall on August 19th. This energetic crew got the whole Hall painted quickly!



Left (from top to bottom): Frank, Rick, and Jorge



Chris and Seth

Right (from top to bottom): Wilma, Elissa, and John







Rick, Kevin, Kate, Ashley, and Elizabeth



Jess, Lane, and Tiffany









YOUNG EXPLORERS

It is time again for all **5-8th graders** to participate in our **SEEDS Program** as part of the **Young Explorers** group at St. Catherine's. As a reminder, the kids are expected to come to Sunday School at least twice a month (preferably more), participate in all the Young Explorer activities (there are 6 and generally happen after the 10A Church Service), and are active with one of the groups that serve the congregation (acolytes, lay readers, choir, etc.).

As a reminder, **SEEDS** stands for the following: Service to the Church Education Emotion Diocesan Event Service to the Community

Last week, the kids chose Laser Tag at the Brandon Ice Forum as their bonding event, and they also selected their T-Shirt design. See below for the Laser Tag trip info.

YOUNG EXPLORERS LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, NOON – 3:00 pm LUNCH &TICKETS PROVIDED AT NO COST. CLASS TEACHERS WILL CHAPERONE & DRIVE THE KIDS TO AND FROM THE EVENT. *Please RSVP to Tiffany Grant*





What's up in Sunday School?

September 2017

September 3: Proper 17 Year A

Teacher 1 Lesson 7 Moses, Agent of Deliverance

<u>September 10:</u> Proper 18 Year A Teacher 2 Lesson 10 Ruth and Naomi

<u>September 17:</u> Proper 19 Year A

Teacher 3

Lesson 11 Stories of David

<u>September 24:</u> Saint Sunday Teacher 4 St. Teresa of Calcutta

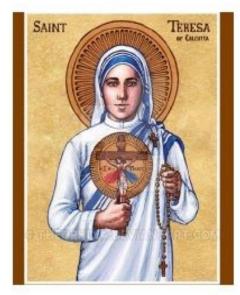
Hello everyone!

We have had an amazing start to our Sunday School year! Attendance and commitment is up, and I hear and feel the excitement as I look into the classrooms.

The classrooms have been outfitted with new supplies and we are in the process of cleaning out and organizing some of the ancient materials and supplies that have been in those cabinets for ages!

You are welcome to come have a look at our kids in action!

Rachel



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Mark Your Calendars!

September 24

Welcome Home Mother Susan!

> Questions? Comments? Ideas?

Please see Rachel Rubottom or Email her at Rachel@stcathtt.org Or call 813-679-5737



September 2	September 3	September 9	September 10
Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
5:30 pm	8:00 am	5:30 pm	8:00 am
J Kaywell (1, c)	B Hull (1)	D Schatzberg (1, c)	D Grupposo(1)
S Sharma (p)	D Prosser (2,c)	T Davis (p)	D Prosser (2, c)
	C Arrington (p)		J Ruger (p)
	10:00 am		10:00 am
	J Wiggins (1)		S Scully (1, c)
	C Harlow (2, c)		T Bechtel (2, c)
	R Schultz (c)		N Averill-Snell (p)
	J2A (p)		
September 16	September 17	September 24	September 30
Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Saturday
5:30 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am	5:30 pm
J Belote (1, c)	B Hull (1)	M Alewynse (1, c)	E Buckley (1, c)
C Barker (p)	S Gough (2)	R Graham (2, c)	H Evans (p)
	D Prosser (c)	P Chanell (p)	
	N Gough (p)		
	10:00 am		
	P Johnson (1, c)		
	S Graham (2, c)		
	D Schatzberg (p)		
	S Graham (2, c)		

Please switch with someone if you are unable to serve on the date scheduled

1 = 1st reading and psalm

 $2 = 2^{nd}$ reading

c = chalice

r = reader

p = prayers of the people



	<u>8:00</u>
ept. 3	Tracey
ept. 10	Tracey
ept. 17	Don
ept. 24	No Service

<u>10:00</u> Team 1 Team 2 Team 3 Team 1

Team 1 Celebration of Mother Susan's Return

Substitutions will be noted when possible.

Team 1: Michael Quire, Kevin CarpenterTeam 2: Caroline Kaiser, Chase KaiserTeam 3: Michael Grant, Brigid Averill-Snell

Acolyte Teams: Please attempt to find a substitute if you cannot serve as scheduled.



	<u>8:00</u>
. 3	Clara Arrington
. 10	Don Rule
. 17	Walt Williams
. 24	Don Clark

<u>10:00</u>

Bea & Rick Scott D. Rezabek & J. Selgado-Miller Jim Burns & Donna LaMetterey Don McKinney & Gloria Edwards



	<u>8:00</u>
Sept. 3	G. & N. Weir
Sept. 10	N & S. Gough
Sept. 17	C. Conn
Sept. 24	A. & P. Berman

<u>10:00</u>

L. Jenkins H. & A. Evans A. Rezabek & J. Delgado-Miller A. Carpenter



Sept. 2 & 3	Team B
Sept. 9 & 10	Team C
Sept. 16 & 17	Team D
Sept. 24	Team A (No Saturday Service)



SANCTUARY CANDLE

A powerful way to remember our loved ones and to celebrate our families and friends. Donation for the candle is \$10.

September 3, 2017 September 10, 2017 September 17, 2017 September 24, 2017 October 1, 2017 October 8, 2017 October 15, 2017 October 22, 2017 October 29, 2017

Boehning Scully still available Cook Neville still available still available Boehning Evans November 5, 2017 November 12, 2017 November 19, 2017 November 26, 2017 December 3, 2017 December 10, 2017 December 17, 2017 December 24, 2017 December 31, 2017 still available still available Wiggins still available still available still available Evans still available still available



There are open dates for the Altar flowers. This is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones and to celebrate our families and friends.

Donation for the flowers is \$50.

Boehning Warren Hull Cook Neville Grupposo still available still available Norris

November 5, 2017 Bartlett November 12, 2017 Scully November 19, 2017 Scully November 26, 2017 **Boehning** December 3, 2017 Hull Tucker December 10, 2017 still available December 17, 2017 still available December 24, 2017 still available December 31, 2017

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Morgan Boehning	9/1	Sher Birth A	Emily Laartz	9/16
Benjamin Rutkin	9/3	equention and the participant	George Weir	9/17
Ronelle Norris	9/3		Peggy Perkins	9/18
Denise Passmore	9/3		Jean Linder	9/20
Sean Buckley	9/3		Nancy Weir	9/21
Sonny Robitaille	9/4	A	Eleanor Howland	9/21
Lucas Knight	9/9		Allen Currie	9/22
Savannah Knight	9/9		Jillian Long	9/22
Zach Rocks	9/9		Olivia Pyfrom	9/22
Theodore Dorner	9/10		Bert Catala	9/23
Rivers Tyler	9/11		Ann Rezabek	9/26
Don McKinney	9/11		Haley Roberts	9/26
Kenneth Stanley	9/11		Jerry Carter	9/27
Lucas Gibbs	9/12		Lara Whidden	9/27
Barbara Rutkin	9/12		Shaday Wheatley	9/28
Stan Brown	9/13		Beth Jenkins	9/29
Chip McIlwain	9/14		Sylvia Kirby	9/29
			Erin Kolka	9/30



Wallace & Marlene Williams	9/2
Thomas Vaughan & Manon Alewynse	9/3
Joe & Hazel Bilella	9/4
R. C. & Mary Ann Tucker	9/5
Bill & Betty Kyser	9/12
Gene & Ruth Vredeveld	9/12
Brian & Tiffany Grant	9/12
Robert & Liz Lang	9/16
TC & Karen Kaiser	9/23

Directory Changes

Please inform the Church Office of any changes in your address, phone number or email. If your birthday or anniversary is not included in the celebration list, it is because we do not have that information. Please call Brenda Menendez, Parish Administrator, at 813-988-6483 or email <u>Brenda@stcathtt.org</u> to update. Thank you!

Directory Updates

We will keep a running list for corrections to the directory. NEW changes will be in RED with a star.

HOSPITAL VISITS / PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Please let us know if you or other parishioners are in the hospital, so that we can visit.

The Church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until Noon.

For pastoral emergencies every day, call the Senior Warden -

Terry Bechtel <u>813-973-1879</u>



Church E-Mail List

We communicate about events and things of interest to our parishioners via e -mail. If you would like to be on this list, please write your name on a Church service bulletin and give it to an usher after the service, or call the church office. We will not share this information with anyone.



Search for "St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church", or use the link from our website: <u>http://www.stcathtt.org/</u> If you are on Facebook, 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, so do not tag anyone under 18 in a photo, please.



The Rewarding Formula:

Go to <u>www.stcathtt.org</u> + click on Resources (at the bottom of any page) + click on the Amazon.com button = commissions for St. Catherine's at no extra cost to you!



The School of Fine Arts offers music lessons for all ages and levels. Lessons are available for piano, voice, and more. In addition, St. Catherine's hosts a summer fine arts camp. To get more info, please contact the School of Fine Arts Director, Becky Brall at 813-748-6668, <u>Rebekah.brall@gmail.com</u> or St. Catherine's at 813-988-6483. Becky has her Master's in Piano from USF and has been director of the School of Fine Arts for over 5 years.

Becky Brall - SOFA Director

Jeff Chodil - piano

Brandon Kouri - piano

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.

September 2017

Saturday	2 The Rev. Rick Campbell 10:00 AM OA Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II	 9 The Rev. Ed Henley 9:00 AM Tai Chi 9:00 AM OA Meeting 10:00 PM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Wisdom School 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II 6:30 PM Spaghetti Supper 	16 The Rev. Rick Campbell 10:00 AM OA Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 1:00 PM Dave Norris Funeral 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II	23 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM OA Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting	30 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM OA Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Pet Blessing 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II
Friday	1 7:30 PM AA Meeting	8 7:30 PM AA Meeting	15 SANCTUARY CLEANING 7:30 PM AA Meeting	22 7: 30 PM AA Meeting	29 7: 30 PM AA Meeting
Thursday		7 6:00 PM Evening Prayer 8:00 PM AA Meeting	14 SANCTUARY CLEANING 6:00 PM Evening Prayer 8:00 PM AA Meeting	21 6:00 PM Evening Prayer 8:00 PM AA Meeting	28 6:00 PM Evening Prayer 8:00 PM AA Meeting
Wednesday		6 11:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Commission Meetings	13 11:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Tai Chi 6:30PM Committee Meetings	20 11:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting	27 11:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Tai Chi
Tuesday		5 10:00 AM Tai Chi 7:00 PM OA Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM AA Meeting	12 10:00 AM Tai Chi 7:00 PM OA Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM AA Meeting	19 10:00 AM Tai Chi 7:00 PM OA Meeting 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM AA Meeting	26 10:00 AM Tai Chi 1:00 PM Lunch Bunch 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM AA Meeting
Monday		4 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM Tai Chi 7:30 PM AA Meeting	11 6:30 PM Tai Chi 7:30 PM AA Meeting	18 6: 30 PM Tai Chi 7: 30 PM AA Meeting	25 6:30 PM Tai Chi 7:30 PM AA Meeting
Sunday	Sunday 12 Step Group Meeting Schedule 1:00 PM AA Meeting 4:00 PM OA Meeting 5:30 PM 12 Step Meeting	 3 The Rev. Ed Henley 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:00 AM Children's Chapel 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:00 AM Breakfast 	 10 The Rev. Ed Henley 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM Commissioning of the Choir 11:00 AM Breakfast 	 17 The Rev. Ed Henley 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 	24 10:00 AM Children's Chapel 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:00 AM Breakfast 7:30 PM Florida Wind Band





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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday : 8:00AM-2:00PM *Worship Services at St. Catherine's* Saturday 5:30PM – Holy Communion Rite II Sunday 8:00AM – Holy Communion Rite I Sunday 9:00AM – Education Hour for All Ages Sunday 10:00AM – Holy Communion Rite II Sunday 10:00AM – Children's Chapel *Services Currently Suspended* Monday - Thursday 6PM – Evening Prayer Wednesday 10AM – Holy Eucharist & Healing Second Thursday 7:00PM – Contemplative Service