

## Dear Friends,

*“Our Lord has written the promise of Resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in Springtime.”*

— Martin Luther

I hope that you are well and enjoying some of our beautiful spring days. It has been wonderful to be with so many who are returning to our Sunday services. We are hopeful that our need to quarantine is decreasing as the vaccines are made available. The life of



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the Cathedral and the School continue to “thaw” after this long COVID season. We are beginning to make plans for Summer and Fall programs in the hopes

that our parish will be together again in worship and fellowship as we have in previous generations.

During the time of the quarantine, Mary Beth McVie agreed to extend her term as the Directress of the Altar Guild of St. Mark's. I want to thank Marybeth for being both available and flexible during the pandemic. Her care and organization of the Sacristy, the calendar, and the pastoral needs of the parish have been a tremendous help to us in the past months; we simply could not function as a liturgical parish without the care and assistance of our Altar Guild. When you have a chance please, with appropriate social distance, hug or fist-bump a member of our Altar Guild. Marybeth will be handing over the Altar Guild reins to Carol Peterson and Becky Bryant this month.

During the month of May we will be saying good bye to two

beloved members of our staff. Our Cathedral Canon for Music, Bryan Mitnaul, is retiring and will be relocating to Ohio where he plans to begin a well-deserved retirement. Bryan

has been an integral part of our ministry in music and spiritual formation in both the Cathedral and the School. We have shared many seasons with Bryan, and experienced many remarkable moments of beauty and holiness that are unique to our Anglican choral and organ tradition. Bryan has also forever shaped the lives of many young persons in our community through musical instruction in our Choral Evensong choir in ways that will touch future generations. His legacy will continue and he will be greatly missed as a friend and colleague.

We will also be saying good bye to The Reverend Canon Andrew Christiansen and his wife Rachel. Drew has answered a call to serve as high school Chaplain and Religion Teacher at Ascension Episcopal School in Lafayette, Louisiana. Drew has

been a wonderful colleague and fellow priest on our staff, and it warms my heart that he and Rachel began their life in the ministry at St. Mark's. Drew was both ordained and married within the Cathedral, and now he accepts the deeper call that Jesus places upon every life to go out into the world and serve the ongoing message of the Gospel. We send him forth with



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*To love and serve Christ. To love and serve one another in Christ. To love and serve the world for Christ.*

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 6:00 pm  
Sunday Holy Eucharist

**MAY 2, 2021**

#### *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 8 :26-40      1 John 4 :7-21  
Psalm 22 :24-30      John 15 :1-8

**MAY 9, 2021**

#### *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 10 :44-48      1 John 5 :1-6  
Psalm 98      John 15 :9-17

**MAY 16, 2021**

#### *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26      1 John 5 :9-13  
Psalm 1      John 17:6-19

**MAY 23, 2021**

#### *The Day of Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21      Romans 8:22-27  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37      John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**MAY 30, 2021**

#### *The First Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 6:1-8      Romans 8:12-17  
Psalm TBD:      John 3:1-17

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our blessing and the knowledge that Christ has greater things in store for the Christiansen's in the days ahead.

My hope is that both Bryan and Drew will visit St. Mark's in the future, and we will celebrate their "homecoming" with the good cheer and gratitude of those who have worked side by side with us in the vineyard. I have been in regular conversation with the clergy and lay leadership about the steps we will be taking in order to fill the positions that both Bryan and Drew are leaving. And I will be posting updates as we move forward in our decisions.

*Many Blessings and Godspeed,  
Alston Johnson – Dean, St Mark's*

## Oblationers Needed

Our Hospitality Committee invites parishioners (families, adult singles, siblings, friends) to serve as oblationers (gift bearers) at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. This is a meaningful way to serve the faith community. For more information please contact **Kathy Williams at 469-9211**.



**St. Mark's Physical Training**  
**Monday-Friday 5:30 am at the Cathedral**

meets at 5:30 a.m. every weekday morning in the field  
across from the parking lot.

## Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

### Wednesdays

7:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist  
Chapel

### Fridays

5:30 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist  
in the Garden  
Room



## We're Back!

We are re-starting our SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP on Mondays at 10:00 am in the library. The group is open to all who are interested in spiritual growth and participation in a caring and accepting group. (Other times to meet may also become available on request). For more information contact **Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net**.

## Lost Anything at Church?

Or maybe you're just missing some item and have no idea where it might have gone. Drop by or call the church office and check into our lost and found! We have everything from sunglasses to scarves to cell phones to jewelry (including some very nice pieces.) Check and see what you're missing!



A full-color version of *The Evangelist* is on our website! Go to "Media," then "The Evangelist."

## A Note from Father Drew

### To the congregation and school of St. Mark's,

The past four years of my life have forever changed me for the better because of you and the opportunity that God put in my life to be with you, serve you, and live in your community. Early on in my ordination process, I had no idea that I would get to serve at a large church and Episcopal school with the privileges of preaching to school students, teaching Christian education, working alongside a great and hospitable staff, the honor of introducing world-famous choirs that have come to visit our beautiful Cathedral, and visiting many of you in your homes and hearing from you about how meaningful it is for you to be a part of this Christian family at St. Mark's. The list could go on and on. I have experienced so much learning and growth from my time here serving at St. Mark's. This is something I am ever grateful for, which initially started with a phone call I received while I was nervously awaiting seminary graduation up in the Midwest not knowing where my life would lead next. On the other end of the phone was a Dean with a Mississippi accent to tell me of a position that would be a great opportunity for me. And that it was. I could not have started a better place.

Many of you have heard already that I will be concluding a chapter of my life and ministry here at St. Mark's Cathedral and St. Mark's Cathedral School and beginning another

in a new place. On July 1st, 2021, I will begin a new ministry in Lafayette at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and Ascension Episcopal School as a high-school chaplain. Rachael will also be working at Ascension in their pre-school. I say this with a mix of both excitement and great sadness. Like St. Mark's, this was an opportunity that came to me that I didn't see coming. It is an opportunity that after prayerful consideration, Rachael and I trust that God is providing us, to take the incredible formation we have received through our time at St. Mark's into a new direction He is leading us in.

Please know that I would not be able to do what I do without you, and I believe I am a testimony to how well it is that y'all form priests. Through your support and the grace you have given, you have taught me the courage to follow the Holy Spirit. Rachael and I will take many memories from here with us. We were married here. I was ordained here. But most importantly, I have gotten to know you as a family in Christ who took me in and entrusted me with the ministry of God's Word to you.

*In Christ,  
Rev. Andrew Christiansen*

## Cathedral School News

*by Dr. Chris Carter, Headmaster*  
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It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of this very strange year in which pandemic protocols and virtual instruction have become such familiar terms. Happily, it has now been some time since we have had any covid cases, and nearly all our virtual students have been able to return to school. As we enter our final month of school, we are working to maintain some of our traditions and special events, even as we strive to continue to be attentive to good public health and follow the mandates of State with regard to schools.

Most parishioners probably know that our Parents' Club Gala-Auction, Fiesta, is one of our major fundraisers as well as an important opportunity for parent fellowship. This year it has been reconceived and combined with our Field Day in order to provide a family friendly all-school event that can happen outside. An online auction, reduced in scale and scope this year out of respect for the challenges local merchants have faced, will occur the same week as Field Day, which will now feature food trucks and family activities. The auction and the



support of our sponsors will help fund the Parents' Club's many contributions to the school. Please accept our apologies for any inconveniences caused by Fiesta Field Day on Friday, May 7!

Other reconceived special events this month include our annual Navy Tie-Striped Shirt Ceremony, in which we welcome our 5th graders into the Middle School, as well as the Athletic Awards Banquet (now picnic lunch) and the 3rd grade Taste of Louisiana. We are so grateful to have the Courtyard and

be able to use it for events that would normally take place in the Cathedral or Parish Hall.

Graduation for Kindergarten and 8th grade will take place in the Cathedral, with the graduates sitting in the choir and each family in a separate pew. Although we will be masked and have to make some adjustments to our traditions, I am so glad that we will be able to have these ceremonies this year and celebrate our students' milestones in the Cathedral that is the heart of our school. I am so proud of how well our students, teachers, and parents have adapted this year and give thanks that we are slowly working toward something closer to normal for next year!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### May 1

Amy Brainard  
Tremper Williams

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Charlotte Spence  
Cole Guthrie  
Murphy Tamplin  
Malloy McInnis

3

Megan Campbell  
Connor Powers  
John Brainard  
Kate Hernandez

4

Pat Hennessy  
Ellis Deupree  
Cameron Martin  
Mary-Allen Nichols

5

Joseph Hargrove  
Traci Hardwick  
Quintin Hardtner, V

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Kathryn Prestridge  
John Mata  
Sherri Skrivanos  
Diane Wagner  
William Roy  
Joe Hernandez  
Leo Gillen

7

Trey Moore  
Berenda Brown  
Robert Hernandez  
Clay Nelson  
Delton Smith  
Lauralee Davis  
Francis McMurry

8

Celte Knox  
Betty Williams  
Roy Flores

9

Edwin Johnson  
Betsy Moss  
Leslie Stewart

10

Robert Thorton  
Gage Horn  
Nolan Sanderson  
Noah Courtman

11

Barbara Wilson  
Bill Torrans  
Davide Giacalone  
Ashley Atkins  
Brad Nichols  
Ashleigh Sherman  
Van Van Norman  
Camille Hernandez

12

Sandra Williamson

13

Ginny Homza  
Cissie Smith

14

Gloria Tooke

15

Kathryn Smitherman

16

Kay Martin

17

Linda Watts  
Walt James  
Robin LaBorde  
Gordon Caraway

18

Steve Glover  
Madora Simmons  
Erin Latch

19

Laurie Stone  
Suzie Sharp  
Tracy Brooks  
Ian Summers  
James Ameen  
Whit Douthitt

20

Kempton Schwab  
Mary Ellison Sewell  
Kate Schwab

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Jacques Lasseigne

John Bartle

Gahagan Pugh  
Kathleen Cush

Jay Crowder

Joshua Thigpen

Colby Grayson

Caroline Atkins

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Kay Goodrich  
Leslye Gilchrist  
John Zum Brunnen

24

Tom Allen  
Christine Zimmer  
Andrea Labor

25

Tom Colquitt  
Kem Hargrove  
Brenda Graves  
Austin Love  
Caroline Hannigan  
James Holtsclaw  
Finley McSwain

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Hallie Hart  
Thatcher Payne

27

Kathryn Gaiennie  
Lloyd Brown  
Jonas Prince  
Max Storer  
Ollie Storer

Charlotte Campbell  
Piper Overdyke

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Gerry Hammett  
George Nelson  
Wiley Baldrige  
Ginny Murphy  
Beale Locke  
Caroline Zimmer

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Mary Alice Rountree  
Laurent Humphrey  
Lad Shemwell  
Lee Harrison  
Brandy Griffies

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Gil Shanley  
Claudia Wright  
Tom Giles  
Mary Wheless  
Russ Sanderson  
Carol Ann Harrison

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John Montelepre  
Robin Himes  
Dorothy Kalmbach  
James Haynes, IV  
Hadden Gilder  
Caroline Hall

## St. Mark's EYC News



EYC continues to meet each Sunday for dinner, activity, and compline from 6:15 to 7:30 pm. For all updates and info regarding St. Mark's EYC, please follow us on Facebook and **Instagram @smceyc**

*Fr. Drew+*



## Meals On Wheels Opportunity!

It's only a one hour volunteer opportunity every Monday delivering Meals on Wheels to eight seniors at Evangeline senior apartments (across street from Betty Virginia Park) St Marks would like to get a team together to do this once a week. The team can decide on their schedule for the each month. Please email Jennifer for more information. [Jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:Jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net)

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

### May 2

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John & Emily Fell, Miles & Shirley Pratt, William & Bobbie Bell, Jr. and Joseph & Mary Kelly.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of David Yancey and Amanda Johnson.

### May 9

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty-Lane Querbes Kayser, Raymond F. (Buddy) Kayser, Jr. and Andrew Querbes, Jr.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Daniel William Deupree, III, Martha Hearn Linsday, Martha Linsday Deupree and Knox Williams McGuffin.

### May 16

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dalton Eugene Cruse, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gahagan Pugh, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Querbes, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Frances Kayser, Jr.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Altar Guild of St. Margaret of St. Mark's Cathedral and in memory of Kim Stroud and all deceased members.

### May 23

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanor Hodge Grigsby Moreland, Frank Wright Grigsby, Francis Pollard Grigsby, Catherine Murphey Evans and William Spearing Evans.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Youree Alexander McCall.

### May 30

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Robinson Fry, Emily Glassell Comegys, and Penelope Fry Richards.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn Monroe McCraw.

## BIRTHS

**Eve Fowler Tietjen-Skrivanos**, on April 12, 2021. Parents are **Claire Skrivanos & Lib Tietjen**. Grandmother is **Sherri Skrivanos**.

## BAPTISMS

**George Kayser Kneip**, son of **Mary Catherine & Stephen Kneip**, on March 27, 2021.

**Trinity Reign Faith**, daughter of **Candace Faith & John Medlock**, on April 17, 2021.

**John Barron Drummond**, son of **Sarah & David Drummond**, on April 24, 2021.

*You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.*

## DEATHS

*Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**Nancy McAllister**, sister of **Margaret Badgley**, on March 30, 2021.

**Edna Lillian Thompson**, aunt of the **Rev. Rowena White**, on April 5, 2021.

**Dr. Paul Winder**, on April 6, 2021.

**Cleo Cook**, mother of **Holly Woodard**, grandmother of **Hannah & Joni Woodard**, on April 8, 2021.

**Lance Stansberry**, brother of **Laurie Bijou**, on April 19, 2021.

**Lloyd Overdyke**, husband of **Laura-Ashley Overdyke**, father of **Lola & Piper Overdyke**, on April 20, 2021.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## If you are going through a difficult time...

...one of the Stephen Ministers from St. Mark's may be able to help. Stephen Ministers are laypersons who have received special training to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support for persons who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. After all, there are many difficulties and transitions in this life! Why not give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister who can accompany you on part of your journey? The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Rowena White by email: [Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net).

## Birthday Card Ministry

This year, we launched a birthday card ministry to celebrate all of our parishioners. If you find yourself wanting to serve but needing to do it on your own time, please consider this meaningful ministry. Materials are provided. For more information, please contact **Lauren Ewing** at 550-1743 or [lauren.ewing@me.com](mailto:lauren.ewing@me.com).



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