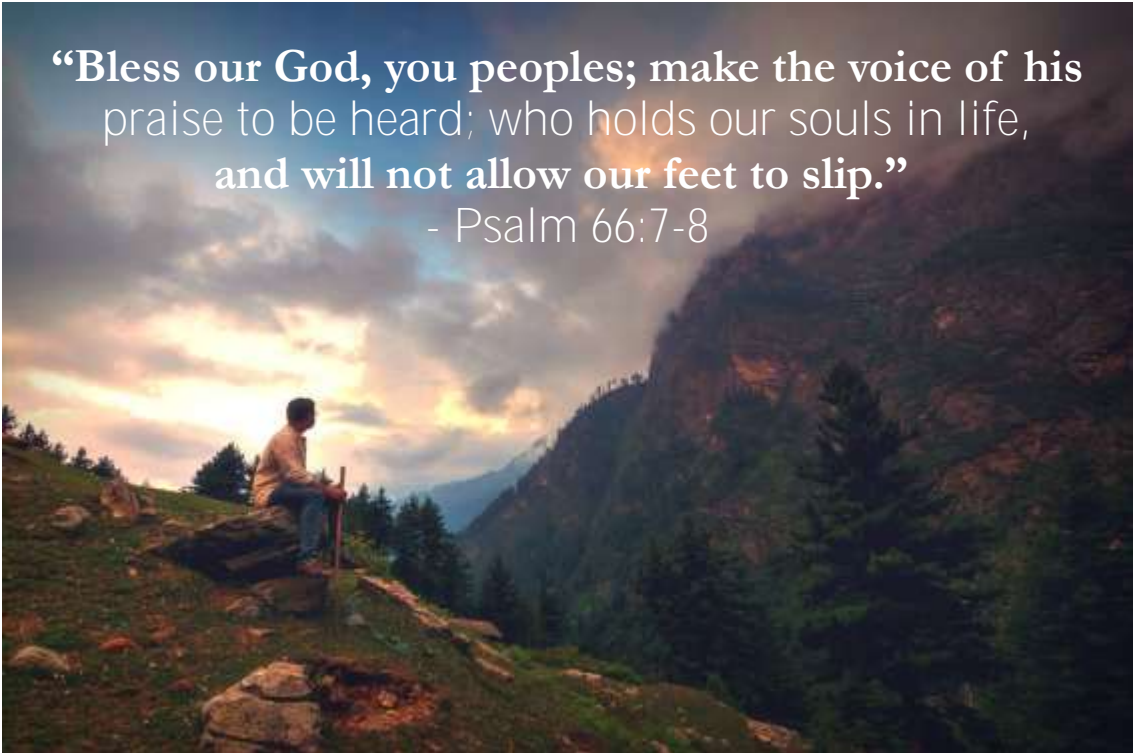


Welcome to **St. John's Cathedral**

**“Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his
praise to be heard; who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.”**

- Psalm 66:7-8



May 21, 2017 - 9 a.m.
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

LOVE *at the* CORE.

Welcome to St. John's Cathedral! We are so glad that you are here.

St. John's Cathedral has always stood on this very spot, Billy Goat Hill, the highest geographical point in Jacksonville. When the population began moving out of the downtown area in the 1960's, this congregation felt strongly that God was calling us to stay here in the heart of the city. Since that time, the Cathedral has birthed all kinds of ministries, caring for the homeless, for children and the elderly, and working to promote the arts, education and healthcare. We are now striving to create a vibrant neighborhood around Billy Goat Hill, a place where diverse peoples of many income levels can live and grow together. We believe that by worshipping and serving God in the urban core, we can catch a glimpse of God's love.

We welcome all people. Our nursery is open all morning on Sundays. We would love to get to know you better, and you can help us by filling out a visitor card located in your pew and placing it in the offering plate as it comes by, or by handing it to an usher. Please let us know if you need prayers and if you would like us to email you our online newsletter. Listening devices are always available for the hearing impaired and large-print bulletins for those who have trouble with their eyesight. Please ask an usher if you need these items or anything else. We want to help you feel at home here.

We believe that worship should be beautiful and sacred, a moment to hush the hurriedness of our lives and experience the peace of God. I hope that you feel God's love this morning.

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead,
Dean

PENTECOST AND CONFIRMATION: OUTWARD AND VISIBLE SIGNS OF INWARD AND SPIRITUAL GRACES

“Strengthen, O Lord, your servants with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their lives. Amen” (BCP, p. 418).



According to the rubrics of the prayer book, “**In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism**” (BCP, p. 412). **Therefore, on the Day of Pentecost (this year on Sunday, June 4),** we witness the presentation of adults and youth who have been duly prepared and will confirm their commitment to their baptismal covenant. This Pentecost, Bishop Howard will be with us at our 11 a.m. service to confirm our confirmands. At the same time, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, remembering the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, their being filled with the Holy Spirit and their abilities to understand one another even though they spoke in other languages.

The sacrament of Confirmation is appropriately administered on Pentecost because, just as the disciples and followers of Jesus were strengthened and confirmed by the Holy Spirit, so the confirmands are strengthened and equipped by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Every confirmation is in a way a celebration of Pentecost. **Thomas Aquinas said, “In Confirmation, the Holy Ghost is given to the baptized for strength just as he was given to the disciples on the day of Pentecost.”** Thus, the sacrament of Confirmation perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.

This holy day encourages us to remember the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, the Sustainer, God moving among us. We are also encouraged on this day to be present to support our confirmands who stand **publically to “affirm their confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord”** (BCP, p. 860). We hope you will join us in celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit, both to the apostles, and through the centuries down to us!

Owene Courtney, Cathedral Lay Minister

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

A joyous and warm welcome to our visitors and guests. Please know how happy our Cathedral community is to have you worship with us. We'd love to know our guests, so please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate as it comes by.

Welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children age four through fifth grade follow the Cross in procession to Children's Chapel in Cummings Chapel. The children rejoin their families at the Peace.

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 431 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and

imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

Hymn

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton



The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Repeating Alleluia is sung again after the reading of the Gospel.

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon David Erickson

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *All remain standing as able.*

Father Eternal, we give you thanks for the resurrection of Jesus. May the gift of eternal life inspire us to serve you each and every moment of our lives on earth.

Risen Christ, *Inspire us.*

We ask you to embrace the souls of all who have died. May they see you face to face.

Risen Christ, *Embrace us.*

We beseech you to bring peace to our broken world. Protect the innocent, guide our government and bring harmony among races and peoples.

Risen Christ, *Guide us.*

We pray for all who are lonely, suffering, ill or grieving. Comfort them, and reveal to them the healing power of your Holy Spirit.

Risen Christ, *Comfort us.*

Stand with us, Risen Christ, and help us to become a people of resurrection hope, radical hospitality and radiant love in the core of Jacksonville.

Risen Christ, *Strengthen us.*

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Fishers of Men Harry D. Clarke; Talmage J. Bittikofer
We are the Church Richard Avery; Donald Marsh

The congregation is invited to sing the following song with the choristers:

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice.

St. John's Junior Choristers & Children's Chapel Friends

As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People. The people stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Celebration Hymnal 170

“Give Thanks”

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer III

Book of Common Prayer of the Church of Ireland

The People stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of
6 pow - er and might, — heaven and earth — are
11 full of your glor - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.
17 Bless - ed — is he who comes — in the
22 name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na
26 in — the high - est. — Ho - san - na
30 in — the high - est.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and people

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

People *We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

The Celebrant continues

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please join us at God's table.

All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest. You are also invited to receive prayers and anointing with holy oil in one of our transept chapels (Ascension to the south, and Holy Communion to the north) where anointers wait to pray with you.

Music at Communion

Celebration Hymnal 393

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Celebration Hymnal 389

“Spirit of the Living God”

Celebration Hymnal 391

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Invitation to Parents and their Children

All children are invited to attend our Sunday School classes following the service at 10 a.m. Parents are encouraged to escort their children to their Sunday School class. If you are unsure of where your child's Sunday School class is located, Terry Hunt, our Director of Children's Ministries, is at the back of the sanctuary to assist you.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say together

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 424 “The Servant Song”

The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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*The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of the ordination of The Reverend David R. Slaght.*

SERMON NOTES

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, MAY 21

► **Get your “holy” headshots!**

Volunteer photographers will be taking headshots of all of our parishioners after Sunday services today and next Sunday at the back of the church, in order to update the cathedral’s database profiles of its parishioners. These photos will also be a part of a special project in the fall. So please be sure to give your name to our volunteer photographers and smile for the camera!

► **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Holy Eucharist**

9 a.m. Cathedral

► **Christian Formation for all ages**

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

Children’s Formation

Pre-K to Kindergarten - Room 5, Basement
1st - 3rd grades - Room 202, 2nd floor

Tweens Formation

4th - 5th grades - Room 302, 3rd floor

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304, 3rd floor

Adult Formation -

Centering Prayer - Room 306, 3rd floor

This is a time in community to experience centering prayer as well as explore appropriate readings and reflections. All are invited.

Our Children, God’s Children - Taliaferro Hall

This Sunday, Dr. Karla Repper, child psychologist at Wolfson Children’s Hospital, will discuss the role of people of faith in taking care of children and youth with mental health needs.

Cathedral 101 - Ingram Lounge

Led by Dean Kate, Fr. David and Joe O’Shields, this class is a basic introduction to our cathedral community and to the Episcopal Church.

Parenting Group - Dean Kate’s office

This is a social opportunity for parents of young children to get to know one another and hear guest speakers.

► **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

► **Area Ultreya**

4 p.m. St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
(1924 N. Laura St.)

Cursillistas, please bring a covered dish to share!

► **Ancient City Brass Concert**

5 p.m. Cathedral

Come and enjoy a free concert of sacred and jazz music with organist and Canon for Music Tim Tuller and the Ancient City Brass, a group of retired teachers, professional musicians and talented amateurs. Reception to follow in Taliaferro Hall. All are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, MAY 28 - FAMILY PROMISE WEEK BEGINS

► **See Sunday service times and Christian Formation offerings on previous page.**

► **For the “Our Children, God’s Children” series, Reverend Adam Green, Headmaster at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, will lead us on a discussion of theology, ethics and the youth of today.**

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, MAY 22

▶ **Friends of Bill W.**
5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Boy Scouts**
6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 23

▶ **Holy Eucharist**
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Yoga**
5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **EFM (Education for Ministry)**
7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Girl Scouts**
7 p.m. Basement “Coffee House”

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

▶ **Holy Eucharist**
7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**
7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, MAY 25

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**
9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge
The group is currently reading *Henry IV, Part 1*.
For more information about the Shakespeare
Reading Group, contact Peter McCranie at
petermccranie1@gmail.com.

▶ **Holy Eucharist**
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**
5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, MAY 26

▶ **Lectionary Bible Study**
10 a.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Clara’s at the Cathedral**
11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

▶ **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Stations of the Cross**
5:30 p.m. Cummings Chapel
This service is offered every fourth Friday of the
month, except in November and December. All
are invited.

▶ **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, May 21
Ryan Riggs, Collin Brown

Monday, May 22
Linda Martin, Heather Johnston, Colin Thakkar,
Richard Still, Paris Nichols

Tuesday, May 23
Julia Stark, Brett Puckett, Howard Mullis,
Fouad Zabaneh, Ian Burr, James Mason

Wednesday, May 24
Jeremy Johnston, Mark Romano

Thursday, May 25
Leta Stever, Matthew Knight

Friday, May 26
Mary May, Annette Boling, Richard Faulkner,
JoAnn Tredennick, Chris Steilberg,
Nicholas Masters

Saturday, May 27
Sharon Wilburn, Jeremiah Moore,
Emma Kate Beard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **St. Mary's Bag-a-month Club - May Items**

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for May is personal care items. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday and fill it with soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, etc. Bring your bag back before the last Sunday of the month.

► **Election of Convention Delegates for 2018**

Due to this year's Diocesan convention being held later than usual, we will be voting for our convention delegates for next year's Diocesan convention at the coffee hour between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Come to Taliaferro Hall during the 10 a.m. hour, where you will be given a ballot to fill out. A ballot box will be available where you can drop your ballot. You must be a pledging member of the cathedral to vote, and no absentee voting is allowed! Our nominees for convention delegates are Barbara Fiser, Judith Halpin, Jerry Jones, Ellie Smith and Charles Winney. You may only vote for two!

► **Calling all cake bakers (or buyers)!**

Pentecost is coming soon (June 4) and we need your help to celebrate the birthday of the church with birthday cakes for coffee hour between and after the services. If you can provide a cake to represent one of the 12 months, get out your creative chef hat or pick out a delicious cake to bring. Contact Carl Worrell (632-9104 x 108 or cworrell@jaxcathedral.org) to sign up or for more information about providing birthday cakes on Pentecost. The deadline to sign up to bring a cake for Pentecost is Thursday, May 25!

► **Baptisms and Confirmations at Pentecost**

Pentecost Sunday this year is June 4. Baptisms will be held during the 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. service only. Confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations with Bishop Howard will be held during our 11 a.m. service only. Please contact Carl Worrell (632-9104 x 108 or cworrell@jaxcathedral.org) to sign up or for more details.

► **Ordination to the Diaconate for Mark Richardson**

Mark Richardson, a faithful parishioner and former Vestry member of St. John's Cathedral, will be ordained as a vocational deacon at All Saints Episcopal Church (4171 Hendricks Avenue) on Sunday, June 4 at 5 p.m. All are invited to attend. We pray for Mark and his new ministry at All Saints.

► **Showcase your ministry by hosting a summer breakfast!**

Summer breakfasts will begin on Sunday, June 11 at 9 a.m. in Taliaferro Hall. Our service times will also change to 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. during the summer months beginning on this date. Gather your ministry group and host a fun themed summer breakfast or coffee hour where you can discuss how your group serves Christ. Hand out information and connect with others looking for ways to serve. What ideas do you have? Contact Carl Worrell (632-9104 x 108 or cworrell@jaxcathedral.org) to sign up or for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 28 - SUNDAY, JUN. 4: FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

This is a great opportunity to make a hands-on difference for families experiencing temporary homelessness. Please consider volunteering for the following opportunities: preparing a meal, serving as an overnight host, shopping for groceries or being a Saturday or Sunday afternoon host. For more details on these opportunities, contact Brooks Moore at 382-8981 or Gloria Miller at 654-9426.

MONDAY, JUN. 5

► **Feed the Homeless**

2 p.m. Sulzbacher Center

Dinner preparation begins at 2 p.m. and is served at 6 p.m. Please call Don Wucker at 398-4776 for more information.

► **Men's Grill 'n Chill**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

All men of the cathedral are cordially invited to this fellowship dinner on the first Monday of each month. Bring your own steak (or chicken, or fish or veggie burger) to cook and a drink. A starch, vegetable, salad and bread will be provided. We suggest a donation of \$3. Men, please consider bringing your sons with you, regardless of age. This is a monthly opportunity for all the men of the cathedral to gather, so please join us!

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