

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



October 8, 2017 - 8 a.m.
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 1960s, 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

Dear People of God,

This fall, we have begun a wonderful pledge drive with the **theme I Am. We Are. St. John's.** This theme is all about the value of telling our stories. We have heard stories from the lives of the clergy and some lay leaders and we **have shared our story with people we didn't know during** the announcements on Sunday morning. I hope that you have had a chance to hear a small story from another parishioner and to recognize what incredible people we have here in this church.



Your story is not yet complete. You and God are still writing it together. God gives you inspiration through the Holy Spirit and guidance through Scripture and worship, but it is up to you to decide who you want to be. Each day, when you awaken, you have a blank canvas in front of you. Your actions write the story of your life.

When we give money to God, we tell a story that defies the selfishness of this world. When we serve another, we make ourselves in the image of God. Who will have the last word? Will it be the hatred that screams out from the news every day? Will it be the man who shot and killed innocent fans at a music concert in Las Vegas? Or will the loudest story be one of generosity, of love at the core, love that knows no bounds?

You will be receiving a pledge card in the mail very soon. I challenge you to consider giving more generously this year than ever before. Live into the fullness of who you are. Tell a story of hope and kindness. Invest in the gospel story and let it become the story of your life.

May God's blessings rain down upon you.

In Christ's love,

Kate+

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. Please silence your cell phones.

Hymn 448 “O love, how deep, how broad, how high” (Stanzas 1-3) *Deus tuorum millitum*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People Forever and ever. Amen.

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.

The Celebrant and the People say together

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The Psalm is read in unison.

Psalm 80:7-14

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

A period of silence for reflection follows.

The People stand.

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to

collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Allen LaMontagne

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. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Almighty God, we bring before you this troubled world. Heal us of the hatred that infects our hearts. Help us to listen to one another. Bring peace to all races and peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We are St John's Cathedral and the love of Jesus has changed our lives. Help us learn to tell our stories so that we may invite others to know you and to love you.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Help us to preserve and protect this beautiful earth that you have created, that we may use its resources wisely and with grateful hearts give you thanks.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Be present with all who are lonely, sick or suffering in any way. Show them the light of your presence and give them hope to meet the days ahead.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Embrace the souls of those who have died, that they may find peace in the true story that never ends.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We ask you to bless the city of Jacksonville. Bring peace to our streets and understanding to our people.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

The Confession of Sin

The People kneel. The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

The People stand.

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

The Clergy and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 380, stanza 3 **“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”** *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Celebrant and People say

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and People say

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God. (Take them in remembrance that Christ 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.

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.

Hymn 552

“Fight the good fight with all thy might”

Pentecost

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.

SERMON NOTES

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

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9 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **Church on the Mat**

10 a.m. Cummings Chapel

Using the principles of yoga, professional teachers will lead a gentle class integrating body, mind and spirit with the reading of Scripture. Bring your yoga mat!

▶ **Christian Formation for all ages**

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

Adult Formation

Cathedral 101 - Ingram Lounge

Are you new to the Cathedral or just want to learn more about our faith and our community? Come join us for informal discussion with clergy and lay leaders.

Dean's Forum - Taliaferro Hall

MY STORY/GOD'S STORY – Hear the stories of some of our leaders. How did they come to know God? What brought them to church? And how can we learn more about our own stories by listening to theirs?

Parents' Group - Dean's Office

Have you been called to be a parent? It is one of the hardest and most rewarding jobs that God can give us. Join parents for confidential discussion, prayer and support.

Centering Prayer - Room 306, Third Floor

Pray in silence with a small group and experience peace of mind.

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

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

Children's Formation

Godly Play - Cathedral House

Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to learn about Jesus in an interactive Montessori-based curriculum.

3 and 4 year olds - Room 103

Kindergarten and 1st Grade - Room 104

Second and Third Grade - Room 202

Tweens (Grades 4 and 5) - Room 302

Grades 4-5 meet weekly to explore the scripture through the program *The Gospel According to Harry Potter Year 1*.

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **Hunger Fight Packing Event**

12:15 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

All ages are welcome to join our fun assembly line to crank out 10,000 nourishing meal packets. These packets will be sent to hunger-relief agencies. Sandwiches, fruit and cookies will be available as we'll be working through lunchtime.

▶ **Walking the Mourner's Path**

12:15 p.m. Dean Kate's Office

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Today is

..... National Clergy Appreciation Day!

..... Let our clergy know how much you appreciate them. Write a note and return it to an usher.
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NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

▶ **Sunday Service times and Christian**

Formation offerings remain the same

▶ **The Cathedral Welcomes Rev.**

Christopher Martin, author of *The Restoration Project*. He will preach at all three services. A book signing and coffee hour reception will be held after 11 a.m. service in Taliaferro Hall.

The Restoration Project is available now in the Cathedral Bookstore and a Restoration Project class is offered Wednesday night. To join this exciting study of discipleship, contact Owene Courtney: Owene_courtney@yahoo.com

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, OCT. 9

▶ **Friends of Bill W.**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Adult Children of Alcoholics**

6 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Boy Scouts**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Yoga**

5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Girl Scouts**

7 p.m. Basement “Coffee House”

▶ **Education for Ministry (EFM)**

7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Holy Communion, Cummings Chapel

12:10 p.m. Healing Service, Cummings Chapel

▶ **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**

5 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Suggested donation for dinner: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child under 12

Nursery available 5:30–7:30 p.m. Basement

▶ **ASD Music Clinic (Grades 3-7)**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

▶ **Musical Workshop (Third Grade and up)**

5:30 p.m. Room 202

▶ **Junior Chorister Rehearsal (Pre-K and Elementary School Ages)**

5:30 p.m. Room 201

▶ **Alpha**

6 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **The Restoration Project**

6 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Art Class**

6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement

▶ **Youth Group**

6:30 p.m. Undercroft

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

The group is currently reading *Henry IV, Part 2*. 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, OCT. 13

▶ **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

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

► **Opening Reception for Labor of Learning Art Exhibit**

5:30 p.m. Community Gallery, 207 N. Laura St, Suite 300

Please join our friends at Cathedral Arts Project for the opening reception of The Labor of Learning—An exhibition by Madeleine Peck Wagner. A brief Q&A session with the artist will begin around 6:30 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required. <https://capkids.ejoinme.org/mpw>

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

► **Youth Group Trip to the Corn Maze,**

4 to 9 p.m. Sykes & Cooper Farm, Elkton, FL

RSVP by October 15 to Devanne: djones@jaxcathedral.org or (904) 228-4814

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

► **Now Thank We All Our God:** A Hymn Festival Celebrating 500 Years of Continuing Reformation

5 p.m. in the Cathedral

A Diocesan Hymn-fest led by The Rev. Dr. Carl Daw and organized by St. John's Cathedral Canon of Music Timothy Tuller and St. Mark's Director of Music and Liturgy James Holyer to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Reception following in Taliaferro Hall.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

► **Book signing with Dean Kate in San Marco**

6:30 to 8 p.m. San Marco Bookstore, 1971 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

► **Preserve and Proclaim Honoring the Rt. Rev. Frank Cerveny—Speaker Series**

St. John's welcomes Rev. Billy Cerveny as the inaugural speaker for this series which celebrates the ministry of his father, The Rt. Rev. Frank Cerveny, fifth Dean of this Cathedral and sixth Bishop of Florida. Billy grew up at the Cathedral and is now a pastor at Midtown Fellowship, a Presbyterian church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Thank you Family Promise Ministry Volunteers!

During September, St. John's Cathedral made a difference for three families who were experiencing homelessness. This was our third and final week for 2017 that we welcomed families into our Cathedral and into our prayers. Dedicated Volunteers shopped for groceries, made dinners, provided breakfast and lunches, stayed overnight at the Cathedral, spent weekend afternoons with the families, contributed funds and prayed. Thank you to these volunteers who made the Family Promise week at St. John's possible:

Ansley Blakely, Boy Scout Troop 906, Owene Courtney, Lynn Doiron, Bill Dunford, Sharon Fisher, Vernon Garrett, Leah & JD Goryl, Terry Hunt, Laura Lane, Tim Lynch, Linda Martin, Donna Meyers-Perry, Gloria & Tim Miller, Brooks Moore, Roselyn Parker, the Riggs Family, Mike & Susanne Swann, Rebecca Tripi, and Tyler Winkler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

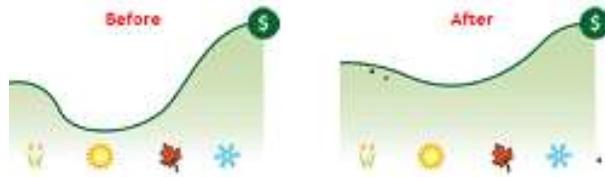
► **The Labor of Learning: An Exhibition by Madeleine Peck Wagner**

Through December 14 Community Gallery, 207 N. Laura St, Suite 300

The Cathedral Arts Project presents an imaginative art exhibit. Pillow forms are used as stands for the artist's physicality. The forms are simultaneously a matter of conspicuous consumption and transformation. The duality suggested by the pillow allows for multiple suggestions and meanings – from seduction and comfort, to bulbous grotesquerie. These forms, though sloppy, sidle up to sensuality. In this way, they investigate ideas of expectation, perfection, and realness. Because really, who wants a tiny, hard pillow?

► **Online Member Portal and Church Life App**

Over the past few weeks, if you are a pledging member, our Bursar, Meredith Cataland has been actively enrolling you in our online member portal, Access ACS. As you receive the email to activate your profile, we encourage you to check out the online giving if you have not yet done so. Online giving is beneficial to our cathedral because it is more convenient for you and it also provides much-needed consistency to our church. If you're a weekly giver, you no longer need to write out 52 checks a year. If you are unable to attend a service because you are out of town or ill, our church will still continue to receive your gifts on an uninterrupted basis. Here is a graph that illustrates the effect that online giving can have on smoothing out the church's seasonal budgetary slump through the year.



If you want to still participate in the act of putting something in the plate, Meredith can even mail you a stack of 52 pre-cut, business card size cards that you can put in the collection plate each week that just say “I give electronically”, much like the current giving envelopes you receive each year. Online giving also provides increased security because there is less handling of cash and checks, and it has a positive impact on our environment. We average 100 checks a week which creates a stack about 1.5” tall. Think of all that paper that could be saved!

► **St. Mary's Bag-a-Month for October**

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for October is non-perishable food items to add to Thanksgiving baskets next month. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday and fill it with stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, etc. Bring your bag back before the last Sunday of the month.

▶ Family Promise of Jacksonville Annual Cardboard City
November 17-18 CrossRoad United Methodist Church 10005 Gate Pkwy N
Cardboard City helps raise awareness of homelessness in our city and raise funds for Family Promise. Participants in the event commit to spend the night in a cardboard box, tent or their cars to simulate what homeless families experience every day. For more information, contact our St. John's coordinator, Lynn Doiron at doironl@comcast.net or cell 703-0847.

▶ Did You Know?

Our clergy is available to pray with you before surgery. If you're scheduled to have surgery, chances are you're worried even if it's not your first time. Prayer can bring peace, relieve your mind from worry and help you relax. Please call the office if you or a family member has surgery scheduled and would like prayer beforehand.

▶ Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)

ERD is actively helping those affected by hurricanes and earthquakes around the world. To make a donation online, visit: www.episcopalrelief.org. If you prefer to send a check, make your check payable to Episcopal Relief & Development Hurricane Fund and mail it to: Episcopal Relief & Development, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Your money will get where it is most needed more quickly if you send it directly to ERD rather than to St. John's Cathedral.

▶ **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, October 8

Pat Clance, Jim Jamison, W.C. Parker, Sr., Ginny Hough, Stephen Horne, Rae Richards, Mary Beth Kaylor, Eugenia White, Edward Booth, Jr.

Monday, October 9

Jane Freedman, Carl Simmons, Martin Atkinson, Joshua Randolph

Tuesday, October 10

Jim Ward, Janet Skeels, Don Whittall, Chloe Hensley

Wednesday, October 11

Diane Richardson, Will Courtney, III

Thursday, October 12

Lori McGowan, Robert Cronin, Jr., Heather Turvey, Fritzie Parman, V

Friday, October 13

Rosetta Boyle, Bob Sarson

Saturday, October 14

Nina Jansen, Jim Hewett, Olivia Bush, Owen Drury

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
and Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

You can now watch our 11:00 a.m. service live on our website!
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904-584-3116. (Example: \$20)