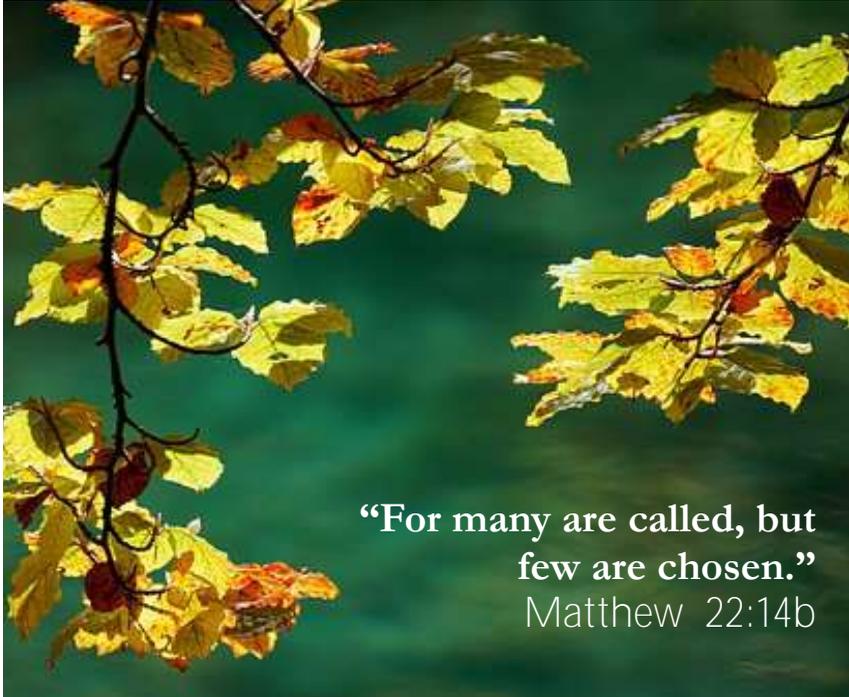


Welcome to **St. John's Cathedral**



October 15, 2017 - 8 a.m.
The Nineteenth 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 Friends,

Giving should be joyful. Giving arises from knowing that we are blessed with substance to some degree, and that realization leads to gratitude when God is recognized as the source of all good things.



Thus, in faith, everything we have is from the hand of God. But living in that truth may be easier said than done! Because we work, it's logical to think we've earned what we have and it is rightfully ours. This isn't entirely wrong, of course; that is, until our livelihood become detached from the faithful reality that everything—our very breath—comes from God, from whom all blessings flow. Our ability to live and breathe is not self-produced. It is God who makes, us, loves us, and keeps us. In the burial service, we say, "Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession." We do well to carry these words throughout "our earthly pilgrimage."

I think giving joyfully is just about impossible without faith. For it is only through belief in the Lord who "came that we may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10b), that we enjoy blessed assurance of God's providential care and the freedom to share out of that which we receive. With faith, joyful giving is not only possible, it serves to grow our faith. For in giving, we trust God with all that we are and have, and gratitude becomes us with no small measure of joy.

May the abundance of your life increase as you give charitably. Give until it feels good. God bless you!

Faithfully yours,
Allen +

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 remember to silence your cell phone.

Hymn 556

“Rejoice, ye pure in heart” (Stanzas 1-3)

Marion

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Exodus 32:1-14

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and

Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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 23

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A period of silence for reflection follows.

The People stand.

Gospeler

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Gospeler

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Christopher Martin

*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”

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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 345

“Savior, again to they dear Name we raise”

Ellers

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 wedding of Emily Nicole Bunnage and Thomas Saif Corey, IV on October 14;
in thanksgiving for the 67th wedding anniversary of Don and Jackie Neifert, October 14, 1950;
and by Nancy Altman in loving memory of Jim Altman.*

With gratitude from the Corey family—I am. We are. St. John's.

The flowers in the Ascension Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for three generations of marriages in the Cathedral:

Lorraine and Thomas Saif Corey, Jr. on October 12, 1952

Tammie and Thomas Saif Corey, III on July 23, 1988

Emily Nicole and Thomas Saif Corey, IV on October 14, 2017

Thomas Junior has been a member of St. John's for 75 years, his wife Lorraine for 65 years. Their five children and three grandchildren have been members since their birth. Our God is so very good!

The flowers in the Holy Communion Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the members of the Slater, Bunnage, Corey, Stoner and Lewis families who have gone on before us. Thanks be to God!

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

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.

Coffee, Tea and English - Room 305

Informal class to learn the English language.

Centering Prayer - Room 306

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

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304

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

▶ **Walking the Mourner's Path**

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

▶ **Reception and Book Signing**

12:15 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Meet and greet The Rev. Christopher Martin at coffee hour. Signed copies of *The Restoration Project* are available for purchase before and after each service.

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

▶ **Sunday Service times and Christian**

Formation offerings remain the same.

▶ **Now Thank We All Our God: A Hymn**

Fest Celebrating 500 Years of 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. Come. Sing. Celebrate!

Reception following in Taliaferro Hall.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, OCT. 16

▶ **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. 17

▶ **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. 18

▶ **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. 19

▶ **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. 20

▶ **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

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

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

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

RSVP to Devanne today:

djones@jaxcathedral.org or (904) 228-4814

▶ **Quiet Garden Morning**

9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Cummings Chapel and the

Cathedral Gardens
“Be Not Afraid: Yogic Wisdom for the Body of Christ” led by Megan Cochran

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

► **Ingathering Sunday and Celebration Luncheon**

8, 9, and 11 a.m. services for pledge offering, 12:15 luncheon in Taliaferro Hall

The final Sunday of the I am. We are. St. John's. Pledge Campaign. All will be invited to offer their pledge cards to God as they come to communion. After the final service, we will share a feast that our Middle Eastern ladies have prepared while enjoying a slide show of the story of this Cathedral and its rich history. All are welcome to bring items of their own histories to share with others too.

► **Preserve and Proclaim Honoring The Rt. Rev. Frank Cervený Speaker Series**

9 and 11 a.m. Services

The Cathedral welcomes The Rev. Billy Cervený as the first speaker in the *Preserve and Proclaim Honoring The Right Reverend Frank Cervený Speaker Series*. Billy is a Pastor at Midtown Fellowship in Nashville, Tennessee, a Jacksonville native (Episcopal School of Jacksonville Class of 1987) and the youngest son of Emmy and Bishop Frank Cervený, sixth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. Prior to serving at Midtown Fellowship, Billy earned his MDiv and studied counseling at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He was also a touring singer/songwriter and has recorded three studio albums (*A Horse Named Pride*, *AM Radio* and *Donnelly Carter Payne*). Billy currently lives in Nashville with his wife Charla and three children, Emmy, Wiley and Scout.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

► **Trunk-or-Treat**

5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in the grass parking lot

Dress up in your costume, bring a friend and a candy bag to Trunk-or-Treat at the Cathedral. Cars will be parked on the grass lot, trunks will be decorated and filled with treats. To join the fun and give out candy from your trunk, email Devanne Jones at djones@jaxcathedral.org or Terry Hunt at thunt@jaxcathedral.org by October 25.

MONDAY, NOV. 6

► **Civil Discourse Series—Land of Plenty**

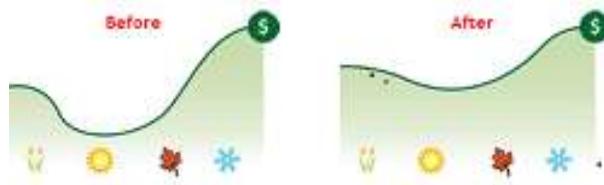
6 to 8:30 p.m., Room 304

The final forum for the year will complement the Cathedral Outreach Council's multi-year emphasis on hunger in Jacksonville. We will use a dialogue resource entitled "*Land of Plenty: How Should We Ensure that People Have the Food They Need?*" Please email Donna Meyers-Perry if you plan to participate: DMeyers-Perry@jaxcathedral.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **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.

► **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 stand-ins for the artist's physicality.

► **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.

► **Baptism on Nov. 5, the First Sunday after All Saints Day**

If you or a member of your family would like to be baptized, please call the church office.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL HUNGER FIGHT VOLUNTEERS

We really took a bite out of hunger in Jacksonville!

53 volunteers

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2,000 lbs. of food

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13,140 meals

10,000 meals were sent to St. Mary's, Downtown Ecumenical Services and other agencies providing food to families in Jacksonville. 3,140 meals are on their way to Puerto Rico.

► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, October 15

Jeff Martin, Katherine Martin, Leah Walker,
Carter Mosco

Monday, October 16

Ansley Blakely

Tuesday, October 17

Bob Hill, Victoria Ferber, Karen Culler,
Jamie Petteway

Wednesday, October 18

John Hunt, Malloy Haley, Noah Green

Thursday, October 19

Susan Dobson, Kathryn Wallis,
Lauren Doran, Michael Pignotti,
Jillian Berrey, Collin Lingaitis, Clara Erstling

Friday, October 20

Deborah Jackson, Mildred Dana,
Leda Carlson, Mary Mashour,
Kathryn Bissette, Charlene Gadison

Saturday, October 21

Perry Smith, Alexander Wucker, Bill Duncan

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