

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, & REAFFIRMATION

The Rev'd David Marten, Youth & Young Adult Minister

On confirmation Sunday, you may be wondering what the fuss is all about. While it may not seem like a big deal, this is an ancient and Biblical sacrament that welcomes adults of all ages into the church.¹ This process is more than just taking some classes, passing an exam, and then receiving a certificate. Rather, it is the bishop praying for the confirmand to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in order to serve Christ and His church.

In this sense, confirmation introduces a person as an ordained member of the church. A priest in the diocese recently commented that the prayer to receive the Holy Spirit is nearly identical for both a confirmand as well as the ordinations of a deacon, priest, and bishop. It strengthens the individual's faith and introduces them to their new role as a member of the Church.

Questions to ask when considering confirmation are:

1. Are you of a mature age?
2. Do you have a knowledge of the Christian faith?
3. Are you willing to be tested by and held accountable to the church?
4. Are you prepared to promise to uphold the doctrines of the Church in word and deed?
5. Is your intention to lead a life of service to the church and the world?

Most of you are already familiar with confirmation, but do you know about reception and reaffirmation? Reception is for people who have already been confirmed in another apostolic tradition, like the Roman Catholic church, but would like to join the Anglican church. Here, the bishop prays for the strength, gifts, and guidance of the Holy Spirit, that they would be able to serve effectively alongside us in our mission.

Reaffirmation is for people who desire to publicly affirm their Christian faith, but have already been confirmed in our Anglican tradition. This is particularly useful when entering a new stage in life or ministry and seeking gifts to match and align with those changes. Anyone who is already a confirmed member may request to reaffirm their vows at the next bishop's visit.

Confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation all prepare people to participate more fully in the life of the Church. It is a rite of passage, during which candidates publicly reaffirm their baptismal vows and make vows to pursue Christ. It creates bonds with the Church and the opportunity to take part in the full life of the Church. People who have been confirmed are encouraged to participate in all aspects of parish life, from helping with worship, teaching Bible studies, serving in ministries within the parish, and leading in our common mission.

LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION, OR RECEPTION!

¹ See II Timothy 1:6; Acts 8:14-16; & Acts 19:6

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

LIFE: CHILDREN'S BIBLES NEEDED

A Women's Pregnancy Center (AWPC) always includes a Children's Bible in each Layette given to new moms just prior to the baby's birth. Please consider donating *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd Jones, available in the St. Peter's Bookstore. Bible donations can be left in Fr. Bill's office and we will deliver them! Any questions? Reach out to Life Core Captain, Elizabeth Carrouth, at 850.294.8610

LIFE: GRIEFSHARE CLASS

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences- the death of a family member or a friend. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through because of their own grief experiences.

The group will meet *Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm, June 7th-August 9th* at Northwoods Baptist Church.

For more information, please contact Caryn Alfsen at carynalfsen@tallycounseling.com

PRISON: KAIROS WEEKEND

Wakulla Correctional Institution (WCI) Kairos Inside Weekend 38 is scheduled for *August 25-28, 2022*. The first team meeting will be on *May 22, 2022, at 3PM in Room 201*. We will also be having team/training meetings in June and July.

If you're interested in being part of the Kairos team and would like to know more, please attend. If you have any questions, please contact Jason White (850.566.7702) or Bobby Carrouth (850.508.7296).

CAMPUS: FCA CHARACTER COACHES NEEDED

Love Jesus? Love Students? Love Sports? If yes, then consider becoming a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) character coach. St. Peter's Cathedral desires to impact the lives of students throughout Leon County by partnering with FCA. Currently, we would like to add character coaches at Maclay, Tallahassee Classical, and Leon High School. Jake Money is heading up the effort at Maclay but needs more volunteers to join him. We would also like to begin an FCA group at Tallahassee Classical School and strengthen the FCA group at Leon High School. If you are interested in helping one of these listed schools, or in starting a group at your child's school, please contact Campus Core Captain, Hope Carrasquilla at hopenetreec@gmail.com or call her at 850.688.0624. We hope to have a training session for new coaches in early June.

LIFE: BELLY BOUTIQUE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Belly Boutique, through A Women's Pregnancy Center (AWPC), is in its new location at *250 John Knox Road*. Because of expanded hours, new volunteers are really needed. For those who have the slightest bit of discomfort or fear, there is always a great need for just folding clothes and organizing donations. We promise that your heart will be blessed!

The Boutique is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from *9:30am-4:30pm* and Saturdays, once a month, *9:30am-12:30pm*. Volunteers are asked to sign up for three-hour shifts.

If you are interested, please reach out to Belly Boutique Coordinator, Vicki Wood, at vicki@awpc.cc

SAVE THE DATE

Visit StPetersFL.com/upcoming for more info:

► **5th Grade Promotion & Baccalaureate**
Sunday, 22 May | 9am & 11:15am, respectively

► **Family Bible School | StPetersFL.com/FBS**
Tuesday, 7 June–Thursday, 9 June | 5-8pm

DISCIPLESHIP

FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Tuesday–Thursday, 7–9 June, 5pm–8pm | We loved 'Family Style' Bible school so much last year that we are doing it again! We are inviting the whole family to come and participate, learn, and grow in your faith together. Enjoy a boxed picnic each night on the lawn. After dinner, families and volunteers will join together in worship with live music. We will meet and hear from Moses, Daniel, and the Disciples. Families will be grouped together into tribes to play games, make art, and learn about God's Word together.

REGISTER AT StPetersFL.com/FBS BY THE END OF THE DAY TODAY, MAY 15th TO ENSURE YOU GET A T-SHIRT!

PARISH LIFE: PHOTO BOOK

We are planning to create a photo book (think yearbook) of Cathedral members to have available sometime this summer. The first step is for all members to make sure you have a photo in DiscipleLife and/or have updated your photo. Go to StPetersFL.com/disciplelife for an instructional video on how to do this yourself! *Thank you for your patience as this comes together and for your willing and gracious participation!*

YOUTH | CAMP ARAMINTA REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

July 18-23 | Camp Araminta is one very active week with ongoing, exciting programs and activities that keep campers busy from the crack of dawn until the evening. Camp is open to all rising 4th-12th grade students. We model discipleship by teaching youth how to filter the culture around us and discern what we listen to, say, and do (in music, media, and games). Learn more and register at StPetersFL.com/Araminta

ST. PETER'S ARTISANS | NEW GALLERY WALL

ART | Check out the Gallery Wall in the undercroft to see artwork by watercolorist, Sherry Allen.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING | VESTRY ELECTION

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on *Sunday, 12 June at 6:30pm*. For more information on the vestry nomination process, please visit StPetersFL.com/AnnualMeeting

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE DAUGHTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS?

| Discernment classes for those desiring to join DHC begin TODAY, *Sunday, May 15th from 3pm–4:30pm*. If you are interested in joining Daughters of the Holy Cross, please contact either Isabel Owen at issybell03@aol.com or Sarah Galarza at sgalarza56@gmail.com for information. If you want to learn more about us you are welcome to visit our meetings. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

YOUTH PARTY TONIGHT | 5TH GRADERS

INVITED! Join us after the *Choristers' Evensong* or at *6:30pm!* Bring your cooking creativity for *CHOPPED: St. Peter's Youth Edition!*

DISCIPLESHIP | CLASSES

| The spring semester for both Sunday School (adults, youth, and children) and Wednesday night classes is over. However, both will resume for the summer semester. Sunday School for all ages resumes on *June 12* and will conclude on *July 31*. Wednesday classes will resume on *June 15* and conclude on *July 20*. Watch for a listing of classes in the Keys soon.

PASTORAL CARE: STEPHEN MINISTERS

A Stephen Minister is a member of St. Peter's who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful. To learn more email us at StephenMinistry@StPetersFL.com or speak with one of our Stephen Ministers. They will be in the Narthex wearing a blue Stephen Ministry name tag.

CATHEDRAL CONVERSATION | NEXT SUNDAY

Cathedral Conversation with the Dean will be focused on the importance of remaining vigilant in recognizing abuse and misconduct. Why do we maintain certain requirements for all Cathedral volunteers? Hear why from Fr. Marcus and members of the Safeguarding Committee.

WORSHIP

VISITING THE CATHEDRAL?

Welcome—we're so glad you're worshipping with us today! Our nursery is available during Sunday morning services for children newborn through Kindergarten. We hope you'll join us on the lawn for coffee & other refreshments between morning services!

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST & CARE MINISTRIES



If you have any pastoral needs or know of someone who needs pastoral care and prayer, please contact Care Ministries Coordinator, Alice Sanderson at Alice@StPetersFL.com



FINANCIAL MINUTE

Total Operating Budget: \$2,896,155.24 | % Collected YTD: 64.49% | Debt Retired in May: \$11,962.74

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