

## HOW IS OUR NEXT BISHOP SELECTED?

*The Rev'd Canon Dr. Michael W. Petty, Chair of the Standing Committee, Member of Bishop Nominating Committee*

On *Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>* the Gulf Atlantic Diocese of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) will elect a successor to our current bishop, the Right Reverend Neil Lebhar who will be retiring. How does our diocese elect a new bishop?

The process for electing a bishop is set forth in the canon law of the diocese and involves the following steps:

1. When the diocesan bishop gives notice that he intends to retire, the diocese requests permission from the College of Bishops to begin an election process. Once this permission has been granted, the Standing Committee appoints a Bishop Nominating Committee. This committee may consist of 6-9 people, two of whom must be on the Standing Committee. In addition to these, two members must be active clergy and two members must be active lay people. The current Bishop Nominating Committee consist of four clergy and four lay people. (The Standing Committee consist of three clergy and three lay people each of whom are elected by the diocesan Synod.)
2. After appropriate interviews and screening (specified by ACNA canon law), the Bishop Nominating Committee must present the Electing Synod of the diocese with 2 to 5 candidates. The names of the candidates must be made public at least 60 days in advance of the election. At the end of a long process (with 19 nominees), the Bishop Nominating Committee presented a slate of two candidates: Fr. John Wallace (Apostles-by-the-Sea, Rosemary Beach) and Fr. Alex Farmer (Servants of Christ, Gainesville).
3. Once the slate of nominees has been finalized, the Bishop Nominating Committee must provide an opportunity for each of the candidates to visit each deanery in the diocese. Our diocese has four deaneries. Fr. John and Fr. Alex have met with clergy and lay delegates at Christchurch in Montgomery AL, St. Peter's Cathedral, Grace Anglican Church in Fleming Island, and Christ Church in Vero Beach. The Q and A sessions from each of these four gatherings was recorded and posted on the Bishop Nominating Committee website ([GADBishopSearch.org](http://GADBishopSearch.org)).
4. Bishop Neil's successor will be chosen by the Electing Synod of the diocese. This body consists of clergy and lay delegates from each parish in the diocese. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive two-thirds of both the clergy and lay votes.
5. Once our next bishop has been elected, this election must receive the consent of the College of Bishops. Once this consent has been given, the new bishop may be consecrated. The consecration of our next bishop is scheduled for *Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>* here at St. Peter's.

Bishops have holy and awesome responsibilities. To get a sense of these, consider meditating on *The Form and Manner of Ordaining and Consecrating A Bishop*, found in *The Book of Common Prayer, 2019* beginning on page 497. Additionally, please pray for these two candidates, their wives and families, their current parishes, and for our diocese as we all discern the direction God is leading us in the coming days.

# MISSIONS & EVANGELISM



THANK YOU, AVODAH  
DAY VOLUNTEERS!

# DISCIPLESHIP

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## **FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

*Tuesday–Thursday, 7–9 June, 5pm–8pm* | We loved 'Family Style' Bible school 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](http://StPetersFL.com/FBS) BY MAY 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://StPetersFL.com/Araminta)

## **INTERESTED IN JOINING THE DAUGHTERS OF**

**THE HOLY CROSS?** | Discernment classes for those desiring to join DHC begin on *Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 3pm–4:30pm*. If you are interested in joining Daughters of the Holy Cross, please contact either Isabel Owen at [issybell03@aol.com](mailto:issybell03@aol.com) or Sarah Galarza at [sgalarza56@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **MARY & MARTHA GUILD**

*Monday, 9 May | 9:45am* | The Mary & Martha Guild will meet at the home of Joyce McNeill, 6240 Old Water Oak Road. Bring a salad to share in this beautiful home overlooking a lake!

Dues are due (\$25) and can be paid at the meeting or sent to our treasurer, Kathy Miller (429 Lacy Woods Court, 32312)

## **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](http://StPetersFL.com/AnnualMeeting)

## **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](mailto:StephenMinistry@StPetersFL.com) or speak with one of our Stephen Ministers. They will be in the Narthex wearing a blue Stephen Ministry name tag.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Visit [StPetersFL.com/upcoming](http://StPetersFL.com/upcoming) for more info:

- ▶ **Bishop's Election**  
*Saturday, 14 May*
- ▶ **Confirmation**  
*Sunday, 15 May | 9am*

- ▶ **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion & Baccalaureate**  
*Sunday, 22 May | 9am & 11:15am, respectively*
- ▶ **Family Bible School** | [StPetersFL.com/FBS](http://StPetersFL.com/FBS)  
*Tuesday, 7 June–Thursday, 9 June | 5-8pm*

# WORSHIP

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## 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](mailto:Alice@StPetersFL.com)

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email [Alice@StPetersFL.com](mailto:Alice@StPetersFL.com) to be added to the Cathedral Prayer List.

***Military:*** Lucas Bell, Jose Betancourt, NCC Ryan Blackmer, Lt. Col. David Chichetti, SSG Corey Daws, Major Daniel Dean, Capt. James Dilworth, Capt. John Easterbrook Jr, Airman Drew Edwards, SSG Corey Owen, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Savannah B. Jax, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Parker Jax, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Chandler B. Jax, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Carson Jax, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rebecca Jax, Gabriel Melendez, Col. Burt Newman, Major Gen. John Richardson, Capt. Oliver Rushing, Andrew Sanderson, Lt. Cmdr. Chris Smith, SFC Dewey Spence, Kurt Spitzer Jr, Lt. Patrick Swain, Capt. Parry Thomas, Lt. Cmdr. Blake Van Brunt Jr, Tommy VanLandingham MM3, Seaman Benjamin Waddill

***Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends:*** Lee Schneider, Joanna Zein–Eldin, Doug Harrison, Junior, Beverly, Jim Maples, Phyllis Schmidt, Elizabeth, Karen Halfhill, Ben Allen, Joan Moore, Vicki Spitzer, Tom McCaleb

## A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY

*Loving God, thank you for mothers and children and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home, and help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



### FINANCIAL MINUTE

Total Operating Budget: \$2,896,155.24 | % Collected YTD: 63.59% | Debt Retired in May: \$11,962.74  
For more information about making a pledge, visit [StPetersFL.com/Give](https://StPetersFL.com/Give)