

CHORISTER CAMP IS BACK!

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Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

-PSALM 47:6

Did you know that we have a Chorister Program at St. Peter's? You may have seen some of our young choristers on Palm Sunday processing in their red robes and cottas. WHAT DO THEY DO? THEY SING! The choristers' primary purpose is to learn how to skillfully sing for God's glory, an opportunity that allows them to carry out God's command to sing.

We are called to sing—Scripture supports this, but there are also many “fringe” benefits.

Singing helps us memorize scripture and the great truths of our faith. I admit that I still sing the “*thirty days hath September*” song when I try to remember the number of days in May! With St. Peter's using music throughout the liturgy, I'm sure most of you could sing the *Sanctus* or *Gloria* with little assistance.

So singing helps us memorize, but it also helps us emotionally engage with the words we recite. When we sing “*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*” during Lent, the words and music work together to share the sorrow and great joy of Christ's crucifixion. When we return to singing the *Gloria* after the long weeks of Lent, does it not fill you with great gladness?

Our chorister program is designed to teach the children to sing, (*a command*), but not only does it allow our children to memorize great truths and emotionally connect to them, but it also allows them an opportunity to serve the church body.

One parent says: “*Choristers is a way for my children to participate in the liturgy before they are old enough to acolyte. It gives them a chance to start serving at an early age, weaving them into the fabric of the Church.*”

Choral Evensong has been a tremendous opportunity for them to learn more music of the church as they help lead in worship at special Choral Evensong services and at other times throughout the Church year.

Our season has finished for the summer but will resume with our CHORISTER CAMP THE WEEK OF JULY 24TH.

This is considered our pre-season camp and is open to, and expected, of all who will be participating in the chorister program in the fall. This is a 4-hour camp that involves singing, games, and other creative outlets as we begin learning the music for the fall season and bonding together as a choir. At the conclusion of the camp, the choristers will lead a service of Evensong.

If you are interested in our program, please contact me at DebGarven@gmail.com.

WE'D LOVE TO INCLUDE YOU IN OUR CHORISTER FAMILY!

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

UNDER-RESOURCED: ECHO

School isn't the only thing out for summer. When cafeterias and lunchrooms are closed for lunch and breakfast during June and July, under-resourced families face bare cupboards and empty refrigerators as they try to keep up with the additional meals needed at home. ECHO needs your help to restock their shelves with assorted non-perishable items such as tuna, soup, cereal, pasta, and canned fruit & veggies during these busy months!

You can drop donations off in the usual peanut butter baskets, or contact Freddy Branham at fbranham@echothl.org or 850.224.3246 ext 204 to coordinate pickup/delivery. Thank you!

PARTNERED EVANGELISM: TARMAC BASKETBALL

Tarmac Basketball is inviting all seniors/grandparents/ the elder and wiser ones to come and visit with our players on July 19th at IOAM. Our goal is to provide a venue to combine the generations in Christ. We want you to share stories and conversations in Christ and how it has affected and impacted your lives as a way to pave a path for the younger generations. No public speaking or basketball skills are necessary—it's all about bringing the generations together for a faithful time of fellowship. Coffee and light breakfast goodies will be provided. Please join us at Immanuel Baptist Church at 2351 Mahan Drive at IOAM on July 19, 2023. RSVP via text to Susan Burton at 850.251.3418 or via email to thetarmacth@gmail.com.

UNDER-RESOURCED: TALLAHASSEE REFUGEE FELLOWSHIP DAY | St. Peter's is one of the churches that will be helping with a refugee "rummage sale" at ECHO on June 24th. Here are the ways you can help:

1. Bring and recruit donations of household items.
2. Bring and recruit donations of food staples and personal items.
3. Volunteer to help work the event, including folks with trucks to help transport items back to refugees' homes.

If you would like to contribute to purchasing toys for the kids to play with at the event or refreshments, contact Michelle Ubben at Michelle@SachsMedia.com. We hope you all will find some way to be involved in this worthwhile event. Besides meeting refugee families' physical needs, it is a great way to make them feel welcome and provide fellowship. So, please attend if you can.

INTERNATIONAL: DOHC NOTEBOOK COLLECTION FOR UGANDA | Our cathedral chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is supporting the St. Peter's Uganda Mission Team by providing notebooks to be used during conferences with the South Rwenzori Diocese. All parishioners are invited to send greetings to our brothers and sisters in Uganda by writing a note or drawing a picture on a bookplate that will go inside each notebook. Bookplates will be available in the narthex beginning Sunday, June 11th!



DISCIPLESHIP

YOUTH | CAMP ARAMINTA REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN! | 17-22 July | Camp Araminta registration is open! Consider attending this summer, it is a great time. Several cathedral students testify to how it has changed their lives and how it has drawn them closer to Jesus. There is something special about spending a week with peers; intentionally praying, having fun, studying scripture, and worshipping our God and King together. Camper registration (rising 4th-12th grade students) costs \$495 and will remain open until full or June 30th. LIT (*Leader in Training*), FA (*Flight Attendant*), and CIT (*Counselor in Training*) registrations (grades 10-12 staffers) costs \$395 and will remain open until full or May 29. Parish and diocesan scholarships are available upon request. ising 4th-12th grade students. Learn more and register at StPetersFL.com/Araminta

CARE MINISTRIES: PARISH VISITORS GUILD

The Parish Visitors Guild is a ministry of St. Peter's in which parishioners send cards, visit, and deliver flowers to fellow parishioners confined to their home, recovering from an illness or going through a difficult situation in life. We are always looking for others to join this effort to bring encouragement and hope into the lives of others. If you'd like to be part of this ministry, contact Alice Sanderson at ASanderson@StPetersFL.com

MESSY MONDAY MORNINGS | 9-10AM | MONDAYS IN JUNE & JULY

This is a great opportunity to get the kids out of the house and have fellowship with other families. This summer we will have lawn activities and messy art crafts each week.

SUPER SUMMER NIGHTS | RISING PREK-5TH GRADE

Rising PreK-5th Grade | 6-7:30PM

Join us for summer fun on Wednesday nights. Each week we have a special and fun activity and an enriching lesson!



SUPER HERO NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21



WACKY WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28



BiNGO NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5



COLOR CREATIONS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12



CHRiSTMAS IN JULY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19



WATER FUN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

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! Whether today is your first time or you've been coming for awhile, we are so glad you're here!

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 ASanderson@StPetersFL.com

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email ASanderson@StPetersFL.com to be added to the Cathedral Prayer List. **YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST OR CARE MINISTRY NEED AT STPETERSFL.COM/PRAYER**

Military: Lucas Bell, Jose Betancourt, Lt Col. David Chichetti, SSG Corey Daws, Lt. Col. Daniel Dean, Capt. James Dilworth, Capt. John Easterbrook Jr, Airman Drew Edwards, Sgt. Michael Gaskins, PFC John P. Warren SSgt Corey Owen, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Savannah B. Jax, 1st Lt. Parker Jax, Capt. Chandler B. Jax, 1st Lt. Carson Jax, 1st Lt. Rebecca Jax, Gabriel Melendez, Col. Burt Newman, Major Gen. John Richardson, Capt. Oliver Rushing, Spc. Andrew Sanderson, Lt. Cmdr. Chris Smith, SFC Dewey Spence, SN Benjamin Waddill Lt. Patrick Swain, Capt. Parry Thomas, Lt. Cmdr. Blake Van Brunt Jr, MM3 Tommy VanLandingham, PFC Sam Henri

Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends: Art, Amy, Nick Ciarlariello, Maryann Jones, Bart MacFarlane, Carroll Walker, Pat Barnidge, Fred Thomson, Jim & Helen Mosby, Tom McHaffie, Cindy Allen, Bill Pandolfi, Mary Meloni, Vicki Spitzer, Mary Alma Lang

as of 6.6.23

K-12TH GRADE CHORISTER CAMP

JULY 24-JULY 28 | 9AM-12:30PM

STPETERSFL.COM/CHORISTER-CAMP



FINANCIAL MINUTE

Total Operating Budget: \$TBA | % Collected YTD: TBA% | Debt Retired in April: \$12,159.66

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