



CLERGY NEWS

Congratulations to Margaret Shepard, who will be the Interim-Rector of St. Francis, Gulf Breeze, effective September 19.

Congratulations and Welcome to Michael Schwarte, ELCA Pastor who has transferred from the Alaska Synod to our area, with his wife Ying. Michael has accepted a call to be Priest-in-Charge of St. Mark's, Troy, effective September 1. We are glad to have you both among us.

Welcome to John Childress, retired priest from the Diocese of Arkansas, who has recently moved to the Daphne area with his wife, Pam; to **Doug Halvorsen**, retired priest from the Diocese of New Jersey, who has recently moved to the Gulf Breeze area, with his wife Cheryl. Both John and Doug are in the process of being licensed to officiate, and will be available for supply work in the near future. We wish them all the best in their retirement with us on the Gulf Coast.

ORDINATION NEWS

Congratulations to Ansley Walker, who was approved for ordination to the Priesthood. Ansley currently serves as a Transitional Deacon at St. Christopher's in Pensacola. Following ordination, she will remain at St. Christopher's as their Curate. The Ordination date has been set for Wednesday, November 3, 2021 [more details to follow].

CLERGY CONFERENCE OCTOBER 6-8 AT BECKWITH

The annual **Clergy Conference will be held at Beckwith, October 6-8**. An email with details went out to all clergy in the diocese (active, retired, canonical, non-canonical) on 9/2: <https://conta.cc/3BzZ5MX>

[REGISTER HERE](#)

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DATE AND TIMELINE

The 51st Annual Diocesan Convention is less than six months away and will be held February 17-19, 2022 at the Emerald Coast Convention Center in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Please add these dates to your church calendar. It is our hope that we will be able to gather in person.

At the bottom of this document you will find an ongoing timeline for important items due leading up to the convention. Note items with an asterisk are established per diocesan canons. Please schedule your delegate elections and other meetings accordingly in order to meet the due dates.

DUE SEPTEMBER 1 ANNUAL CHURCH AUDIT

Reminder that annual church audits for the year ending 2020 were due to the Diocese by September 1, 2021. This is one of the very few canonical requirements that all Episcopal churches need to complete. An updated audit checklist and directions can be found on the Diocesan website at: <https://www.diocgc.org/administrative-resources> The new checklist was developed to assist and guide any church with an Audit Committee and provides a way to identify and track those processes that may need strengthening. Any questions, please contact the Administrator at dwright@diocgc.org or call the office at 850-434-7337.

LINK TO SUBSCRIBE TO DIOCESAN EMAIL LIST

Several churches have asked about adding the link to subscribe to our diocesan email list to their own church newsletters so we thought we would also provide it here. We would be so grateful if you would consider adding the link below to your regular church communications and on your websites so that members can stay connected to news from around the diocese. Thank you!

[SUBSCRIBE TO DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS](#) or Text DIOCGC to 22828.

CHANGES TO THE ONLINE SAFEGUARDING / RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Our Safeguarding system is currently migrating to a new platform. The name of this program is changing from the "Armatus" System to "Praesidium Academy."

Praesidium Academy will launch this new system during the month of July 2021. Administrators and anyone who has taken modules in the system with an active email may receive an email directly from Praesidium Academy with login information. Courses have been updated and you will find the system easier to navigate. If your coursework is over 4 years old, it may be considered dated/expired and may not have been moved over into your new account.

As we will be reviewing the new courses and updating the landing pages once we have access, additional information will be sent to parishes by September. In addition, we'll check in with all Safeguard Administrators once they have had the opportunity to take tutorial videos and review the system. After we get up to speed, we'll be available to answer any additional questions on how to navigate, run reports, sign new members including updates on our overall Safeguarding/Risk Management Policy currently being modified.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Poss or Dwight Babcock at 850-434-7337.

2021 LOGIN CREDENTIALS FOR TENS STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS

2021 Password: James1:17 (Note: a username is no longer required.)

We are a diocesan member of TENS, [The Episcopal Network for Stewardship](#). With our membership comes the ability for all of our churches to use the materials advertised by TENS. They include all the printable materials and resources for an eight-week giving campaign. This year's materials combined with the ZOOM workshops in July and August will help you and your congregation navigate these new times, using technical and pastoral best practices. Please download the tools through the members portal and invite your stewardship teams to sign up for workshops.

The login credentials change each year for members. Website: <https://www.tens.org/resources/member-resources/>

INSURANCE UPDATES

- Attention Retirees: Effective Jan. 01, 2022, CPG will be migrating your Medicare Supplement Plan to a Group Medicare Advantage PPO plan. With this change, CPG will provide retirees with additional benefits at a lower cost. You can select one of two options (Premium or Comprehensive) during annual enrollment in October. However, if you do nothing, you will automatically be moved into the Premium plan. CPG and United Health will be having a number of virtual sessions on the new Medicare Advantage plan and benefits in September & October. This is an opportunity to have the experts provide information and answer questions. You can find out more at: <https://web.cvent.com/event/716a3ed0-bc54-4265-a054-116736114540/summary>
- Please visit our website for additional insurance info:
 - [CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCES](#)
 - [Risk Management & Insurance Basics for Religious Organizations \(recommended\)](#)
 - [Safety and Insurance Handbook for Churches \(recommended\)](#)
 - [2021 Federal Reporting Requirements for Episcopal Churches](#)

REMINDERS:

- As noted earlier, your annual church financial audit is due to the diocesan office by September 1 (per Canons). We fully understand if you are delayed due to COVID closure/distancing difficulties. We ask that you notify Kim or Dwight to provide a status of when you plan to complete your audit. Thank you to those churches that have completed your audit or checked in with us. Remember that without a current Audit on file, you might not be able to take out a church loan or conduct a property transaction.

CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION (as of 9/1/2021)

Andalusia, St. Mary's	Interim in place
Eufaula, St. James	Interim in place
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis	Interim in place
Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's Chapel	Interim in place
Milton, St. Mary's	Interim in place
Niceville, St. Jude's	Interim in place

For information, please contact:

The Rev. Massey Gentry, Canon to the Ordinary, at mgfairhope@gmail.com or (251) 459-4169.

Please do not contact the openings directly.

JOB POSTINGS [Submit a job posting](#)

Children and Youth Ministries Director position available at St. Simon's on the Sound, Ft. Walton Beach. [DETAILS](#)

LEARN - PRAY - ACT RESOURCES

As a recommitment to our work of Becoming Beloved Community, the Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation gathered resources for us to do this work. You can find the resources at www.diocgc.org/learn-pray-act.

MUSIC LICENSING

If your church offers music during services, it is important to follow all copyright guidelines, which include maintaining a license to perform, broadcast, or print copyrighted music. Review your church's licensing agreements, and be sure to add the streaming option if you are broadcasting services online. Recommended licensing companies include [One License](#), [Christian Copyright Licensing International\(CCLI\)](#), [Christian Copyright Solutions](#).

CYCLES OF PRAYER FOR DIOCESE AND PRISON MINISTRY

Congregations are asked to include both our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and our Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer in their Prayers of the People, newsletters, and/or bulletins. Both are available at www.diocgc.org/cycle-of-prayer.

BOOKMARK THE DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Stay up-to-date on diocesan events by bookmarking our calendar: <https://www.diocgc.org/calendar-of-events>.

COMMUNICATIONS QUICK LINKS

[Submit an article for publication](#)

[Submit a church/community event](#)

[Submit a job posting](#)

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Diocesan Office Closed for Labor Day	Sep 6	Duvall Center Closed
CANCELLED - Men's Conference	Sep 17-19	Cancelled
Racial Justice & Reconciliation Sacred Conversation Workshop	Sep 18	Online Register here
BayLights	Sep 24-26	Beckwith Register here
Clergy Conference	Oct 6-8	Beckwith Register here
Racial Justice & Reconciliation Sacred Conversation Workshop	Oct 16	St. James, Fairhope
Beckwith Women's Retreat	Oct 22-24	Beckwith Register here

BISHOP RUSSELL'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Visitation	Sep 5	Epiphany, Crestview
Office Closed	Sep 6	Labor Day
Lambeth Bishops' meetings	Sep 7	ZOOM
Commission on Ministry Nominee Orientation	Sep 11	TBA - in Pensacola
Visitation	Sep 12	St. Cyprian's, Pensacola

Visitation	Sep 19	St. Mary's, Milton
House of Bishops' Fall meetings	Sep 21 - 23	ZOOM
Baylights	Sep 24 - 25	Beckwith
Visitation	Sep 26	St. John, Robertsdale
Lay Leadership training	Oct 2	St. Cyprians, Pensacola
Visitation	Oct 3	St. James, Port St Joe
Visitation	Oct 3 pm	St. John, Wewahitchka
Lambeth Bishops' meetings	Oct 5	ZOOM
Clergy Conference	Oct 6 - 8	Beckwith
Visitation	Oct 10	St. Jude's, Niceville

51ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION TIMELINE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE/HOW
Initial Convention Information Packet sent	Mid to late October	Emailed by Diocesan Office to Clergy and Senior Wardens
90 Days Until Convention		
*Resolutions to Amend Canons due	November 19	Link will be provided
60 Days Until Convention		
*Certificate of Lay Delegates due	December 19	Link will be provided
*Resolutions to Amend Canons posted	December 19	Emailed by Diocesan Office to Clergy and Lay Delegates; posted on diocgc.org.
45 Days Until Convention		
*General Resolutions due	January 2, 2022	Link will be provided
Convention Registration opens	January 3, 2022	Link will be provided
30 Days Until Convention		
*General Resolutions posted	January 18, 2022	Emailed by Diocesan Office to Clergy and Lay Delegates; posted on diocgc.org.
Other Items		
Commission/Committee Budget requests	TBD	Submit to dwright@diocgc.org
Pledge Reports mailed	TBD	Emailed by Diocesan Office to Clergy and Senior Wardens
Pledge Reports due	TBD	Submit to dwright@diocgc.org and kim@diocgc.org
Standing Committee Nominations due	TBD	Link will be provided
Commission/Committee Nominations due	TBD	Link will be provided
Commission/Committee Reports due	TBD	Submit to jenn@diocgc.org
Pre-Convention Meeting(s)	TBD	
Convention Study Packet sent	February 3, 2022	Emailed by Diocesan Office to Clergy and Lay Delegates; posted on diocgc.org

Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Green Sheet 2021

Treasurer's Report - August 2021

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of August 31, 2021)

Congregational Pledges	MTD Actual (2021)	YTD Rec'd (2021)	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Pledge (2021)
Pledges				
Andalusia, St. Mary's (131)	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	(\$1,360)	\$11,040.00
Apalachicola, Trinity (120)	\$0.00	\$9,331.00	(\$1,709)	\$16,560.00
Atmore, St. Anna's (114)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$400)	\$600.00
Atmore, Trinity (27)	\$200.00	\$1,600.00	\$128	\$2,208.00
Bay Minette, Immanuel (29)	\$0.00	\$3,743.68	\$1,610	\$3,200.00
Bon Secour, St. Peter's (165)	\$795.35	\$4,208.10	(\$635)	\$7,265.00
Brewton, St. Stephen's (168)	\$1,064.50	\$14,943.15	\$5,702	\$13,861.00
Cantonment, St. Monica's (118)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$400)	\$600.00
Chickasaw, St. Michael's (45)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$345)	\$517.00
Chipley, St. Matthew's (46)	\$450.00	\$3,150.00	(\$450)	\$5,400.00
Citronelle, St. Thomas (4)	\$0.00	\$440.00	\$240	\$300.00
Coden, St. Mary's (33)	\$0.00	\$5,227.00	\$2,505	\$4,083.00
Crestview, Epiphany (40)	\$600.00	\$1,560.00	(\$280)	\$2,760.00
Daphne, St. Paul's (675)	\$10,000.00	\$40,403.00	\$134	\$60,403.00
Dauphin Isld, St. Francis (55)	\$855.00	\$6,735.00	\$0	\$10,138.00
DeFnk Spgs, St Agatha's (52)	\$318.70	\$2,523.28	\$297	\$3,340.00
Destin, St. Andrew's (83)	\$480.00	\$3,360.00	(\$939)	\$6,448.00
Dothan, Nativity (511)	\$4,520.00	\$18,080.00	(\$136)	\$27,324.00
Enterprise, Epiphany (47)	\$300.00	\$5,900.00	\$0	\$8,832.00
Eufaula, St. James' (196)	\$1,200.00	\$9,600.00	\$267	\$14,000.00
Fairhope, St. James' (1453)	\$17,846.49	\$68,514.40	(\$334)	\$103,273.00
Foley, St. Paul's (263)	\$1,666.70	\$13,333.68	\$1,067	\$18,400.00
Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon (516)	\$3,259.21	\$29,872.75	(\$5,794)	\$53,500.00
Greenville, St. Thomas (130)	\$0.00	\$12,883.12	(\$1,250)	\$21,200.00
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis (243)	\$1,055.00	\$12,754.00	\$607	\$18,220.00
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit (375)	\$4,800.00	\$19,200.00	\$1,536	\$26,496.00
Jackson, St. Peter's (29)	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$541	\$1,288.00
Laguna Beach, St. Thomas (96)	\$467.36	\$4,290.68	\$581	\$5,565.00
Lillian, Advent (75)	\$938.50	\$7,508.00	\$148	\$11,040.00
Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls (201)	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	(\$3,740)	\$13,110.00
Marianna, St. Luke's (132)	\$0.00	\$8,166.00	\$1,134	\$10,548.00
Milton, St. Mary's (160)	\$0.00	\$4,250.00	(\$7,083)	\$17,000.00
Mobile, All Saints' (418)	\$1,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$0	\$18,000.00
Mobile, Christ (607)	\$3,483.33	\$27,866.64	\$0	\$41,800.00
Mobile, Good Shepherd (146)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$282)	\$423.00
Mobile, Redeemer (270)	\$1,046.97	\$8,765.12	(\$2,755)	\$17,280.00
Mobile, St. Andrew's (37)	\$324.00	\$4,406.00	\$2,216	\$3,285.00
Mobile, St. John's (119)	\$1,068.62	\$6,991.24	(\$5,189)	\$18,271.00
Mobile, St. Luke's (331)	\$1,666.00	\$11,663.00	(\$1,670)	\$20,000.00
Mobile, St. Mark's (6)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,600)	\$2,400.00
Mobile, St. Paul's (2033)	\$14,584.00	\$116,672.00	\$0	\$175,000.00
Mobile, Trinity (215)	\$1,100.00	\$8,800.00	(\$533)	\$14,000.00
Monroeville, St. John's (45)	\$169.40	\$6,635.30	(\$111)	\$10,120.00
Navarre, St. Augustine's (127)	\$165.10	\$1,370.65	(\$728)	\$3,148.00
Niceville, St. Jude's (238)	\$2,560.50	\$23,118.00	\$7,614	\$23,256.00
Ozark, St. Michael's (44)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,045)	\$1,568.00
Pnma City, Holy Nativity (706)	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0	\$30,000.00
Panama City, St. Andrews (250)	\$2,525.00	\$12,169.37	(\$3,831)	\$24,000.00
Panama City, St. Patrick's (64)	\$305.55	\$2,236.85	\$526	\$2,567.00
Panama City Beach, Grace (123)	\$1,834.00	\$7,336.00	\$0	\$11,000.00
Pensacola, Christ (1307)	\$20,350.00	\$80,638.00	(\$762)	\$122,100.00
Pensacola, Holy Cross (211)	\$1,800.00	\$14,400.00	\$0	\$21,600.00
Pensacola, Holy Trinity (90)	\$951.05	\$7,608.40	\$0	\$11,412.00
Pcola, St. Christopher's (603)	\$5,430.83	\$43,446.64	\$0	\$65,172.00
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's (45)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,263)	\$3,395.00
Pensacola, St. John's (104)	\$833.33	\$3,749.99	(\$2,917)	\$10,000.00
Pt St. Joe, St. James' (125)	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	(\$333)	\$4,250.00
Robertsdale, St. John (61)	\$135.00	\$1,080.00	\$501	\$869.00
SRB, Christ King (255)	\$3,036.90	\$25,352.70	(\$7,981)	\$50,000.00
Troy, St. Mark's (116)	\$2,840.00	\$12,780.00	\$1,420	\$17,040.00
Wewahitchka, St. John's (16)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,600)	\$2,400
Total Pledges	\$123,526	\$785,563	(\$29,682)	\$1,222,875