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CLERGY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to **The Rev. David Chatel** (previous Rector of St. Stephen's, Brewton), who accepted a call as Rector of St. Paul's, Magnolia Springs, effective April 16, 2023; **The Rev. Stephen Pecot** (recently ordained a Transitional Deacon), who will be appointed Clergy-in-Charge of Trinity, Apalachicola following graduation from VTS, effective June 1; **The Rev. Carrie Wright**, who has accepted the call as Rector of St. Stephen's, Brewton, effective July 1, 2023. Carrie comes to us from the Diocese of Louisiana and will be ordained to the Priesthood in June, prior to coming here. (Carrie is also a newlywed to one of our own new priests, The Rev. Kenneth White-Spunner who is the Priest-in-Charge of St. John's, Monroeville). We extend our best wishes to all as they begin their new ministries.

NEW DUVALL CENTER CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The Duvall Center (office of the bishop and diocesan staff) will be closed on Monday, May 29.

NEW EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE ZOOM MEETING ON MAY 8

The COVID pandemic has made many outreach activities usually done by Episcopal Relief & Development with parish partners curtailed or ceased totally. While outreach activities have slowed, the need for assistance has not. As the pandemic has receded, activities with ministry partners have begun again.

To that end, our diocesan representative, Eugene Johnston (St. John's, Mobile), is hosting an Episcopal Relief & Development **ZOOM call on Monday, May 8, at 4:30 p.m. CST**. The call will last between 30 to 40 minutes. We will discuss:

1. Thousand Days of Love Campaign
2. Upcoming Episcopal Relief & Development activities
3. U S Disaster Programs and Response
4. Questions

Several experts will join us: Sean McConnell who is a member of the Episcopal Relief & Development staff. Sean has been with the organization for 10 years; and Nick Moga from the Diocese of Southwest Virginia who is also the coordinator for Province II. Both are very knowledgeable and excellent presenters. Please join us!

[LINK TO JOIN](#)

SENIOR WARDEN DAY ON JUNE 3

All current and potential senior wardens are invited to a day of learning about the role and responsibilities of this vital church ministry and how the bishop and diocesan staff can offer support.

Save-the-date: Senior Warden Day on June 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave Pensacola. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Jenn Johnson at jenn@diocgc.org by June 1.

PAST DUE 2022 PAROCHIAL REPORTS (Filed in 2023)

A reminder that the following churches have outstanding Parochial Reports. These are completed online using the DFMS Filing website; paper documents are not accepted. If your report is in progress, please finish up; if outstanding, please sign in and complete as soon as possible.

Parochial Reports Outstanding:

Atmore: St. Anna's and Trinity

Mobile: St. Andrew's

Fairhope: St. James	Port St. Joe: St. James
Chickasaw: St. Michael's	

Parochial Reports In Progress:

Mobile: All Saints	Niceville: St. Judes
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Remember that 2022 Parochial Reports were due March 1, 2023. This is only one of two items that are canonically required by TEC so please complete it timely. The Parochial Report is found online at: <https://reports.dfms.org> Each church will login into this site with their unique login (an email) and password. A reminder with your login ID was emailed to you in December by the General Convention Office. If you need your login ID again, please contact the diocesan office and we can provide. Instructions, blank forms, and a helpful screencast can be found at: <https://www.generalconvention.org/pr-workbook-and-instructions>

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

Annually, we request churches to update their leadership directory for the diocesan database. The update is especially important to report changes in vestry membership. Please submit your completed form, linked below, as soon as possible. Thank you! Direct questions to jenn@diocgc.org.

[CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY FORM](#)

2023 STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM TENS

Annual pledge campaign materials are available on the TENS website: This year's theme is "More Than Enough: Annual Pledge Campaign". Resources include: Graphics and Logos in many common formats; Customizable letters from Clergy, Stewardship Committee, and Wardens; Customizable pledge / promise cards, etc. All churches have access to TENS materials as they are included in our diocesan membership. The login credentials change each year for members. LOGIN at: <https://www.tens.org/>. *2023 password: Jeremiah17:8 (Note: a username is no longer required.)*

2023 DIOCESAN CONVENTION SUMMARY

The summary of our 52nd Annual Diocesan Convention is available on our website [HERE](#). The summary includes the recordings of Bishop Russell's Address and Becca Stevens keynote presentation, election results, approved budget, and visual presentation slides.

2023 PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE CHANGES

Unfortunately, the cost of property / casualty insurance in the Gulf Coast states have skyrocketed, especially in Florida. Many of our churches have maintained a very low AOP deductible (eg. \$1000). That means you are paying much higher premiums now to potentially pay less out of pocket with a future claim. However, paying higher premiums for this coverage may not be your best option. Please contact Dwight in the diocesan office; he can request AOP deductible options from CIC and/or additional recommendations that can provide more effective ways to secure premium savings.

RESOURCE: LAY LEADERS DIRECTORY

The list of Lay Leaders who have been canonically certified as Lay Worship Leaders and Lay Preachers is available on the diocesan website. We have provided this list for many of our smaller parishes that have occasional need of assistance when supply clergy are not available. Bishop Kendrick and Dean Joy Blaylock work in conjunction with those who are invited to lead worship or preach at a church different than their own. This has been found to be a joyful fruit of the Lay School as it deepens the bonds of relationship and ministry across our diocese.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dean Joy Blaylock at joyblaylock@diocgc.org. You can find the Lay Leader list here: <https://www.diocgc.org/lay-ministry>.

CHANGES TO THE ONLINE SAFEGUARDING / RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Our Safeguarding system has migrated to a new platform. You can find links and guidelines on the diocesan website at: <https://www.diocgc.org/administrative-resources> The name of this program changed from "Armatus" to "Praesidium Academy." Each church must identify church Administrators; Admin's can be added to the system by contacting the

Diocesan Office. These Admins will add their church members to the Academy system and generate "invitations" to those needing to take Safeguarding modules.

To Sign Up for new Safeguarding system:

1. E-mail the Safeguarding Online Administrator assigned to your parish.
2. Your designated church Administrator will facilitate your access to Praesidium Academy by generating an "invitation email" which will be sent to you from donotreply@praesidiuminc.com.
3. Fill in the required information (including your desired password).
4. Click Accept Invite.
5. You will be redirected to the login screen - please log in with your email address and the password you just created.
6. You can now proceed to find and complete the required modules.

If your coursework is over 4 years old, it will be considered dated/expired and may not have been moved over into your new account. If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Babcock or Mary Poss at 850-434-7337.

TECHNOLOGY SAVINGS FOR NON-PROFITS

Remember that all churches have an account created for them on TechSoup, a technology non-profit that provides access to many tools for other non-profits donated by key companies such as Microsoft, Intuit, Adobe, Dell, etc. This allows your church to purchase software, hardware, courses, and other technology services at greatly discounted rates. Please contact the diocesan office to receive your association code and to provide the name/email of who will be your TechSoup administrator (required if you want to place an order). Visit www.techsoup.org to look over products.

CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION (as of 5/1/2023)

Apalachicola, Trinity	Call announced
Brewton, St. Stephens	Call announced
Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's Chapel	Call announced
Mobile, St. Paul's	In process
Panama City Beach, Grace Chapel and St. Thomas (joint search)	Interim in place; profile on parish website, receiving names

Please do not contact the openings directly. For information, please contact:

The Rev. Ashley Freeman, Canon to the Ordinary, at ashley@diocgc.org.

INSURANCE UPDATES

- Please visit our website for additional insurance info:
 - [Congregational Resources](#)
 - [Risk Management & Insurance Basics for Religious Organizations \(recommended\)](#)
 - [Safety and Insurance Handbook for Churches \(recommended\)](#)

COMMUNICATIONS QUICK LINKS

[Submit an article for publication](#) [Submit a church/community event](#) [Submit a job posting](#)

LINK TO SUBSCRIBE TO DIOCESAN EMAIL LIST

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 subscribe and stay connected to news from around the diocese. Thank you! [SUBSCRIBE TO DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS.](#)

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](#).

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.

CYCLES OF PRAYER FOR DIOCESE AND PRISON MINISTRY

Congregations are invited 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.

DID THE BISHOP VISIT YOUR CHURCH?

If Bishop Russell made a visit to your church for confirmation, reception or other special event, we would love to have a group photo or two on file for our records and sharing in our newsletters! Send high resolution images (1MB or larger file size) to jenn@diocgc.org, including the photographer's name for credit.

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

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Workshop - Sacred Conversations	May 6	St. John Robertsdale Details & Registration
Memorial Day - Duvall Center closed	May 29	Diocesan Office
Senior Warden Day	Jun 3	St. John's, Pensacola
School for Ministry Graduation	Jun 24	St. Cyprian's, Pensacola

BISHOP RUSSELL'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
On Sabbatical	April 2 - July 2	

**Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
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Treasurer's Report - April 2023

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of April 28, 2023)

Congregational Pledges	MTD Actual (2023)	YTD Rec'd (2023)	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Pledge (2023)
Pledges				
Andalusia, St. Mary's	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	(\$1,000)	\$12,000.00
Apalachicola, Trinity	\$1,666.00	\$6,664.00	\$0	\$20,000.00
Atmore, St. Anna's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$200)	\$600.00
Atmore, Trinity	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$200)	\$2,400.00
Bay Minette, Immanuel	\$305.00	\$2,458.80	\$1,046	\$4,238.00
Bon Secour, St. Peter's	\$1,754.05	\$1,754.05	(\$159)	\$5,740.00
Brewton, St. Stephen's	\$1,028.00	\$10,256.98	\$4,286	\$17,914.00
Cantonment, St. Monica's	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,300	\$600.00
Chickasaw, St. Michael's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$172)	\$517.00
Chipley, St. Matthew's	\$850.00	\$3,788.00	\$1,588	\$6,600.00
Citronelle, St. Thomas	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$73)	\$220.00
Coden, St. Mary's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,833)	\$5,500.00
Crestview, Epiphany	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$200)	\$2,400.00
Daphne, St. Paul's	\$5,200.00	\$15,600.00	(\$4,633)	\$60,700.00
Dauphin Isld, St. Francis	\$1,022.00	\$4,088.00	\$0	\$12,266.00
DeFnk Spgs, St. Agatha's	\$554.15	\$1,692.55	(\$259)	\$5,854.00
Destin, St. Andrew's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,500)	\$7,500.00
Dothan, Nativity	\$4,500.00	\$18,000.00	\$0	\$54,000.00
Enterprise, Epiphany	\$0.00	\$2,625.00	(\$875)	\$10,500.00
Eufaula, St. James'	\$1,275.00	\$5,100.00	\$0	\$15,300.00
Fairhope, St. James'	\$9,648.38	\$32,802.39	(\$10,531)	\$130,000.00
Foley, St. Paul's	\$2,239.17	\$6,717.51	(\$2,239)	\$26,870.00
Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon	\$4,321.25	\$17,285.00	\$0	\$51,855.00
Greenville, St. Thomas	\$1,169.70	\$7,045.00	\$885	\$18,481.00
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis	\$986.00	\$3,995.00	(\$1,311)	\$15,918.00
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit	\$0.00	\$8,437.50	(\$2,813)	\$33,750.00
Jackson, St. Peter's	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,433	\$1,400.00
Laguna Beach, St. Thomas	\$1,478.00	\$1,478.00	(\$575)	\$6,160.00
Lillian, Advent	\$792.00	\$3,168.00	\$0	\$9,504.00
Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	(\$1,667)	\$20,000.00
Marianna, St. Luke's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,333)	\$10,000.00
Milton, St. Mary's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,820)	\$14,461.00
Mobile, All Saints'	\$1,666.67	\$6,666.68	\$0	\$20,000.00
Mobile, Christ	\$3,483.33	\$13,933.32	\$0	\$41,800.00
Mobile, Good Shepherd	\$300.00	\$940.00	\$70	\$2,609.00
Mobile, Redeemer	\$1,261.76	\$3,644.18	(\$1,022)	\$14,000.00
Mobile, St. Andrew's	\$496.00	\$1,314.00	(\$73)	\$4,160.00
Mobile, St. John's	\$620.10	\$3,864.10	(\$1,136)	\$15,000.00
Mobile, St. Luke's	\$0.00	\$5,000.36	(\$1,666)	\$20,000.00
Mobile, St. Paul's	\$16,250.00	\$65,000.00	\$0	\$195,000.00
Mobile, Trinity	\$1,333.00	\$5,332.00	\$0	\$16,000.00
Monroeville, St. John's	\$399.65	\$1,725.45	(\$1,403)	\$9,384.00
Navarre, St. Augustine's	\$0.00	\$453.00	(\$672)	\$3,375.00
Niceville, St. Jude's	\$2,800.00	\$8,400.00	(\$2,897)	\$33,890.00
Ozark, St. Michael's	\$0.00	\$2,278.00	\$1,519	\$2,278.00
Pnma City, Holy Nativity	\$3,025.00	\$12,100.00	\$1,100	\$33,000.00
Panama City, St. Andrew's	\$1,665.00	\$5,575.00	\$908	\$14,000.00
Panama City, St. Patrick's	\$233.10	\$692.58	(\$474)	\$3,500.00
Panama City Beach, Grace	\$0.00	\$3,108.00	(\$1,035)	\$12,429.00
Pensacola, Christ	\$10,591.00	\$29,566.00	(\$13,434)	\$129,000.00
Pensacola, Holy Cross	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0	\$24,000.00
Pensacola, Holy Trinity	\$682.73	\$2,730.92	\$0	\$8,193.00
Pcola, St. Christopher's	\$5,638.33	\$22,553.32	\$0	\$67,660.00
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,195)	\$3,585.00
Pensacola, St. John's	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$4,073)	\$16,718.00
Pt St. Joe, St. James'	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$500)	\$1,500.00
Robertsdale, St. John	\$135.00	\$540.00	\$0	\$1,620.00
SRB, Christ King	\$0.00	\$12,498.00	(\$4,169)	\$50,000.00
Troy, St. Mark's	\$1,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$0	\$18,000.00
Wewahitchka, St. John's	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,333	\$2,000.00
Total Pledges	\$100,369	\$391,971	(\$56,674)	\$1,345,949