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Team Hosts 82 for Dinner

On April 2, 16 parishioners from St. Cyprians were joined by 16 students from **The Pioneer School** for Dining with Dignity. The team served 82 hungry guests a nutritious, hot meal, complete with beverages and dessert—plus sandwiches, fruit, and snacks to take away. **Fr. Ted** and **Pastor Deena** pitched in as they always do. Organizer **Kate Cash** commented, “We are all blessed!”



George Sage (under the hat) gets his team ready to serve beverages.

Lenten Study Continues

About 30 parishioners are participating in the discussion series on the book, *Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawandi. As people of faith, the group is considering what it means to come from and return to dust. One participant said, “It’s an opportunity to face my mortality and make decisions about what’s important for me to have a ‘good ending.’ And we learn to support our loved ones as well.”

UPCOMING Events

Tuesday, April 2
Dining with Dignity

Wednesday, April 10
1:30—3:00
Lenten Discussion Series
Final Session:
Being Mortal

Wednesdays at 4:30
Centering Prayer

Wednesdays in Lent
at 5:30
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13
10:30—12
Cyprian Women

Tuesday, April 16
Mission Board Meeting

Friday, April 19
at 5:30
Good Friday Taize Service
and Labyrinth Walk

Sunday, April 21
at 10
Festival Holy Eucharist

Friday, May 3
Lonesome Bert
and Peacenix
100th Birthday Tribute
to Pete Seeger

First Coast Highlanders a Treat



On St. Patrick's Day, the **First Coast Highlanders Bagpipe and Drum Band** entertained an appreciative group at St. Cyprian's. The weather moved the program inside, but the pipers and drummers filled the church with lilting music. Fr. Ted and Nell Toensmann led the beautiful service of scripture readings and prayers. Fellowship followed in the Mission House. And that is how a chilly holiday evening was warmed.

Cyprian Women Discuss Lenten Observances



March's meeting of Cyprian Women brought out 17 women to join hearts and minds while discussing their Lenten practices. The gathering was led by parishioners **Deeh Israel** and **Denise Baker**. All women of the parish are warmly invited on the second Saturday of the month from 10:30—noon.

Expanded AA Programs in Mission House

Weekly AA meetings held in the church Mission House are now: 9pm Mon—FCYPPAA (Florida Council of Young People Participating in AA); 10 am Wed—Al Anon (*new*); 4 pm and 7 pm Wed; 7pm Thurs—Women only; and 9 am Sat.



From the Pastor

by Rev. Deena Galantowicz

Thoughts on Approaching the Last Week of Lent

Fasting, prayer and forgiveness are central to encountering the Lord in new ways during Lent. Yet, forgiveness seems to be very difficult for so many. Forgiveness is an essential tenet of Christianity. Contrary to popular wisdom, forgiveness is not forgetting. Forgiveness means that the offense no longer possesses the power to hurt us, but rather (re-) directs our lives in a new and fuller direction.

We all know that it is not easy because it is more than a declaration or a feeling. Jesus offers the way of forgiveness as THE way of true health and wholeness. Hear the words of Our Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our sins AS we forgive those who sin against us." Jesus forgives and wants us to do the same.

As we approach the last week of Lent and Holy Week, *practice forgiveness*. Ask for, and offer, forgiveness. Invite God in the power of the Holy Spirit to help you with this. Do not be surprised if the release is slow to arrive, but peace will come.

And I will see you at Eastertime when our Alleluias return!!



During March, St. Cyprian's collected **265** items of food for **St. Johns Ecumenical Food Pantry**.

The church's **volunteer day** at the pantry was on March 12. The shelves were stocked with groceries, and the fridges and freezers were filled with produce, pastries, and meats. The team provided nine families with a total of 14 orders of food.

Thank you to all who support the food pantry. To make a monetary donation, write a check to St. Cyprian's with "Food Pantry" in the memo line or go to stjohnsfoodpantry.org/

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Romanza *Festivale*: Save the Dates

St. Cyprian's music director, **Kathleen Vande Berg**, is Executive Director of the city's popular ten-day Romanza Festival of Music and the Arts. Held daily from May 3 - 12, the Festival offers over 75 events in all. There is something for everyone -- music, dance, theater, visual arts, cuisine, and heritage.

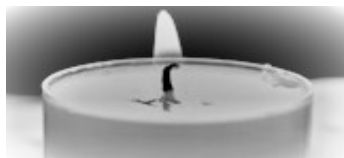


On the evenings of May 7 and 9, St. Cyprian's welcomes the Lincolnville Live! series to the beautiful outdoor Commons space. Tuesday's performers are **DRUMBEAT**, a hand drumming group from St. Johns Youth Academy, and the talented **Outa Sight Band** from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. On Thursday see the **Golden Flames Dance Troupe**, an award-winning youth performance team that dances in many styles, and the **St. Augustine Concert Band Ensembles**. The full Festival schedule is at romanzafestivale.com. Many of the programs are free.

Marian Anderson Tribute Held at St. Cyprian's



Early in March the church sanctuary was the venue for two performances of the **First Coast Opera's** tribute to celebrated African-American vocalist Marian Anderson. The show featured (left to right) **Carl DuPont**, **Mama Blue**, **Taylor-Alexis DuPont**, and **Lisa Lockhart**. The program was comprised of songs from Anderson's diverse repertoire, including arias, concert literature, traditional American songs, and spirituals. Both performances earned standing ovations.



Contemplative Moment

Offered by the
Centering Prayer Group

Faith is meant to be an ongoing dialogue of divine disclosures. Richard Rohr, *The Good News According to Luke*

St. Cyprian's has centering prayer weekly, a labyrinth and prayer wall on the Commons, and occasional Taize services.

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