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Black History Month Program Will Inspire

Sunday, February 17 at 5:30 is the next Jazz Vespers program at St. Cyprian's, and a powerful pair will be there to entertain and educate. **Mama Blue** returns with her signature style and bluesy-jazzy-soul sound. *Folio Weekly* readers recently voted her Best Female Vocalist in Jacksonville. Her visits to St. Cyprian's are always a special occasion.



The history of the civil rights movement in St. Augustine will be the subject of **David Nolan's** talk. Nolan is a writer and historian who was recently named One of "Ten Who Make a Difference" in St. Augustine. Called a "national treasure," Nolan helped to shine a light on the city's black history. He is a popular speaker who's been welcomed at St. Cyprian's for previous programs.



New Sound System Installed

No more popping, buzzing, or wah-wah-wah coming through the speakers in the church. The new sound system, installed by Eclipse Recording in January, is crisp and clear. The wireless capability gives Fr. Ted and Pastor Deena the ability to use a lavalier microphone rather than shouting from the altar. The feedback (from the people, not the electronics) has been great.

UPCOMING Events

Friday, February 1

Matt Venuti Benefit for
Operation New Hope at 7:30
Doors open 6:30

Tuesday, February 5

Dining with Dignity

Wednesdays at 4:00

Centering Prayer

Saturday, February 9

Cyprian Women 10:30—1
at Babs Lutton's house

Tuesday, February 12

Ecumenical Food Pantry

Sunday, February 17

Black History Month
Vespers with Mama Blue and
David Nolan at 5:30

Tuesday, February 19

Mission Board

SAVE THE DATE

**First Coast Opera
Tribute to
Marian Anderson**

Friday, March 1 at 7:30

Sunday, March 3 at 2:00
at St. Cyprian's

Tickets:
firstcoastopera.com

It's Official: We Are *The Best*

Folio Weekly's Best of St. Augustine voting is in. **St. Cyprian's** won Best Church; **Compassionate St. Augustine** – Best Cause; **Caren Goldman** – Best Community Activist *and* Best Social Crusader; **St. Francis Inn** – Best B & B; **Kathy Vande Berg** – Second (?) Best Musician. *Thank you* to everyone who voted for the church and our causes and associates. It's an honor to have your confidence and support.



St. Cyprian's Hosts First Coast Opera

St. Cyprian's historic Lincolville church is the venue for First



Coast Opera's tribute to Marian Anderson. Anderson, one of the most celebrated America singers of the 20th Century. Anderson became an important figure in the struggle for black artists to overcome racial prejudice in the United States during the mid-twentieth century.

The concert program will feature Saint Augustine soprano **Lisa Lockhart**; Orlando mezzo-soprano **Taylor-Alexis Dupont**; Jacksonville jazz singer **Mama Blue**; and bass-baritone **Carl DuPont** from Charlotte, North Carolina. The program will be accompanied on the piano by **Bonita Wyke** and hosted by FCO Artistic Director **Curtis Tucker**.



Tickets to the performances are **on sale now** through FCO. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1 and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3. **Contact firstcoastopera.com**

From the Vicar, by Fr. Ted Voorhees



God's Church, God's Mission

Congratulations to the people of St. Cyprian's for voting us *Folio Weekly's* Best Church ... not Best Small Church, but **BEST CHURCH!** What an honor ... and what a hoot!

Now that we've gotten the "congratulations" out of the way, let's not get a big head about all this. As much as we might want to think that this is about us, it really is about God. God may have concerns on God's agenda of which the St. Cyprian's is totally unaware. What we see as "our" mission is God's mission in which we are invited to participate. We don't have all the answer, but we are seeking to have a relationship with the One who is the Answer. Our primary task is to nurture that relationship by witnessing what God is doing in the world, i.e. by going out looking for God's presence and celebrating God's mighty work in the world and the church.

Our outreach defines the entire life of the church ... it is not just a budgeted item. It is what we at St. Cyprian's try to do all the time. In mission, we are primarily recipients, not givers. We are engaged with the world because that's where we are going to meet the Holy and be transformed. Whenever we begin to think that we fully understand mission, we are already wrong because we have taken over God's role.

So let's pat ourselves on the back for being named *Folio Weekly's* Best Church of St. Augustine. It was a lot of fun. Now, let's get down to the business of celebrating God's mighty work in the world ... and especially here at St. Cyprian's. That is what really makes us the Best Church.

With gracious thanks to the Rev. James Vande Berg from whom I stole most of these ideas.



Report From the Food Pantry Team

St. Cyprian's filled 34 orders of food for 23 families on our first shift of 2019.

It's a privilege to do this work and meet the clients. Two different women had recently lost one of their part-time jobs and were having trouble paying their \$1000 rent for small apartments.

Thank you to our parishioners, who donated 222 items of food in January, using the basket at the back of the church.

To make a monetary donation, write a check to the church with "Food Pantry" in the memo line or go online to stjohnsfoodpantry.org. We can purchase 7 pounds of food per dollar donated.

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Music of the Civil Rights Movement

In January, **Lonesome Bert and Peacenix** delivered an uplifting performance at Jazz Vespers. The program was in tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They sang classics from the civil rights movement like *I'll Fly Away* and *Will the Circle be Unbroken*. The audience left feeling like part of a family who takes seriously what Jesus took seriously. The wine and cheese reception afterwards was a perfect end to the night.

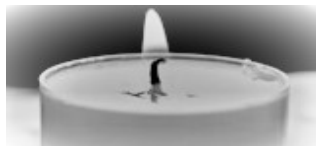


Starting the New Year with Dignity

St. Cyprian's dedicated Dining with Dignity team of organizers, cooks, and servers welcomed 63 guests on the evening of January 1. Here is a shot of the "takeaway table" with 2 kinds of sandwiches, hardboiled eggs, bananas, cookies, cuties, puddings, apples, and nabs. Diners always appreciate the extras.



Contemplative Moment



Offered by the Centering Prayer Group

Hope is not imaginary or illusory. It is that sonar by which the body of Christ holds together and finds its way. Cynthia Bourgeault, "Mystical Hope"

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

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