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## Mandelas at Ready4Work Launch

The July 19 launch ceremony for Operation New Hope's R4W site in Lincolnville attracted a daughter and granddaughter of former South African President Nelson Mandela. Compassionate St. Augustine is partnering with other organizations on this nationally acclaimed program, which every year will give a second chance to 24 to 48 formerly incarcerated individuals returning to St. Johns County. Advocate Dr. Makaziwe Mandela spoke of unity as a key to social justice.



Dr. Makaziwe Mandela

## Church Welcomes Sheila Home

Did you know there are women in the congregation who grew up at St. Cyprian's? Emma Finney and Sheila Stafford fondly recall the church of their youth as the center of the Lincolnville community. Recently, Sheila shared some of her memories and memorabilia for current members.



Sheila sits with daughter Gretchen.

As a youngster, Sheila worshiped with her family, had many friends, attended special religious and social events, received sacraments, and sang in the children's choir. **(Cont. on back)**

# UPCOMING Events

**Tuesday, July 2**  
Dining with Dignity

**Wednesdays at 4:30**  
Centering Prayer

**Sunday, July 7**  
Visit of the Bishop

**Tuesday, July 9**  
Ecumenical Food  
Pantry

**Tuesday, August 6**  
Dining with Dignity

**Saturday, August 10**  
Cyprian Women  
10:30—12

**Tuesday, August 13**  
Ecumenical Food  
Pantry



## Bishop Henderson Visits

Thirteen members of the congregation received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, were received into the the Episcopal Church, or reaffirmed Baptismal vows.

Congratulations to **Magnus Perini**, **Elliot Trachim**, and **Caitlin Trachim**, who were baptized; **Ally Bauknight**, **Susan Clark**, **Liz Etheridge**, **Earl Knight**, and **Rebecca Perini**, who were confirmed; **Christine Labenski** and **Jonathon Trachim**, who were received; and **Melissa Bush**, **Alma Ceballos**, and **Dorothy Watson**, who reaffirmed their Baptism.



Bishop Dorsey Henderson

## Clerene Romeo-Jackson Explores Priesthood

In May, Bishop Howard gave his blessing for St. Cyprian's parishioner **Clerene Romeo-Jackson** to move forward in the discernment process for ordination to the priesthood. She was also approved by the Commission on Ministry and has recently begun meeting with a specially appointed Congregational Discernment Committee.



Clerene had been speaking with Fr. Ted about this for several years and recently attended two Ministry Exploration Weekends in the diocese. She first felt a call to the ordained ministry 12 years when she lived in Maryland.

## Speaking in Tongues for Pentecost

**Melinda Lang Hilsenbeck** was one of nine parishioners who helped recreate the sound of the apostles speaking in tongues as described in the Epistle from Acts 2. The speakers shared an excerpt from the Epistle in 13 different languages besides English.



## July Dining with Dignity Team Serves 60

**Earl Knight**, **Jim Vande Berg**, and **Ivan Kish** are at the head of the line and ready to serve diners.





## From the Vicar, by Fr. Ted Voorhees Beyond the Commons Update

WOW! What an amazing response to Beyond the Commons! With 41 Pledge Cards returned representing 65 members of the congregation, we are

well over our \$100,000 goal. And, a number of people in the congregation have returned Surveys about Extending Hospitality in the world around us, the combination of benches and chairs for the new sanctuary seating, and added items to our wish list.

The Mission Board is actively discussing renovation plans with contractors and will be moving forward with installing an additional restroom in the Mission House, putting a new roof on the Mission House, and seeking quotes on new signs around our campus. We have delayed the installation of new seating as we explore various options, and the flooring in the sanctuary will wait until the new seating is ready to be installed.

The new kitchen in the Mission House is part of a larger project ... removing walls and flooring, re-wiring and re-plumbing, kitchen layout, and appliance selection. It will also involve re-scheduling groups and activities in the Mission House while construction is taking place. Therefore, the Mission Board is moving a little slower to gather all the information they need to proceed.

Although those who have already pledged to the Beyond the Commons campaign have been very generous, our ultimate aim is to have broad participation by the members of the congregation. We are re-inviting those who have not yet pledged to submit a pledge for whatever amount you deem reasonable. In moving forward with our extension of radical hospitality at St. Cyprian's, we want to include everyone ... not because of what is in your wallet or pocketbook ... but because of what is in your soul. And, if you would like to have your voice heard on the Survey, the forms are still available on the chest by the church door.



In the month of **June**, St. Cyprian's collected several hundred items of food for **St. Johns Ecumenical Food Pantry**.

It was a busy shift on **July 9** for the church's volunteer day. Tommy and Kate delivered 31 bags of groceries from the church.

Melanie greeted and processed the clients' applications, while Joe, Tommy, and Bill filled orders. The back room was staffed by Diane, Kate, and Mary Beth. Together, the team provided 20 needy families with a total of 36 orders of food.

Thank you to all who support the food pantry with canned goods from your home. Monetary donations can be leveraged to purchase food in bulk. You can write a check to St. Cyprian's with "Food Pantry" in the memo line or go to [stjohnsfoodpantry.org/](http://stjohnsfoodpantry.org/)



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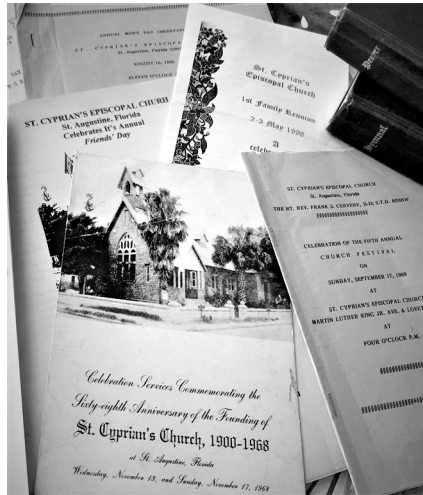
## Church Welcomes Sheila Home (Cont. from p. 1)

Her mother collected programs of special services over the years that tell the story of a vibrant church life.



Sheila and Ronald wed at St. Cyprian's

Sheila was married at St. Cyprian's in 1972 and later left when her husband Ronald became a pastor. With his re-

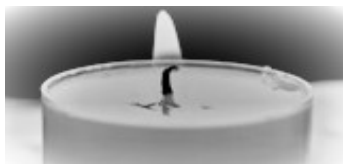


Programs collected by Sheila's mother

tirement from New Mt. Moriah Christian Ministry pending, she has returned to her church home and now worships with their daughter Gretchen. Sheila comments, "The church and grounds are beautiful. I feel the same loving dedication to God and community that I always felt." We at St. Cyprian's are grateful for Sheila's return and honor the history she represents.



One of St. Cyprian's youth choirs, approximately 1964, with Pastor Fr. Burch and Organists Nellie Brown and Elizabeth Calhoun



**Contemplative Moment**  
Offered by the  
Centering Prayer Group

***The biggest human temptation is to settle for too little.***  
—Thomas Merton

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

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