

Cathedral Life

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The Cathedral Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida

Cathedral roof replacement nears completion

After reporting and analyzing the roof damage, securing insurance funds, searching for county approved roofing materials, reviewing color options, negotiating contracts, acquiring building department approvals, addressing historic preservation issues, waiting for materials to arrive, weathering a few storms and soldiering on after a few acts of vandalism and material theft, we are well on our way to witnessing the fruits of our labor.



Torrential downpours delay existing roof demolition.

Phase 1 of the full Cathedral Restoration project is about 80 percent complete. The roof replacement has been no small task. At any given time we had as few as four roofers to more than 20. We also had our moments of intense prayer to keep the rains away during Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Last ditch efforts were made on Easter Eve day to seal areas of the roof toward the front of the building to prevent water from penetrating the roofing paper where the new roof was not yet installed.

Three critical steps remain in this phase. The first is to define the extent of exterior stucco damage so that the roof can be completed. The second is to develop a comprehensive Master Plan Study to define all aspects of the repair, restoration and preservation work that needs to occur and to lay out a projected time line and estimated budget. The final step is to bring in a geotechnical engineer to define and address what needs to occur to ensure stabilization of the Cathedral structure and all buildings on the property.

(Special thanks to Cathedral members Bob Horton and Ted Eldredge who provided the photos.)



The new main Cathedral roof is installed.



Trinity Cathedral
welcomes
The Most Reverend
Katharine
Jefferts Schori,
Presiding Bishop of
The Episcopal Church,
for Eucharist
& Conversation
Wednesday
April 16th at 6 p.m.

A message from the Dean

Revive, Restore, Renew

Dear Friends,

I have just returned from the North American Deans Conference in New Orleans where we had the opportunity to visit a number of areas affected by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The devastation is a reminder of how widespread and continuing the effects of a natural disaster can be. Looking out on a field of green grass seemed almost pastoral, until we realized that the grass covered slabs where 100 houses once stood. Businesses, schools and houses of worship were boarded up, some with grim notices across them stating that they were closed or were permanently relocating.

However, the response of church and community groups to the various recovery efforts is a testimony to the essential goodness of humanity. Throughout the city there are encouraging signs of hope, and mottos, slogans, posters and bumper stickers that signal a spirit which will not give up. One of my favorites showed a diverse group of neighbors with a backdrop of decimated houses and the words, "Revive, restore, renew."

What a perfect message for all of us to hear during Eastertide. God *revives* us time and again with a sense of confidence and hope for the future. God is able to *restore* our spirits no matter what difficulty or tragedy we may face. And God continues to *renew* the commitment of the Church to establish the divine reign of justice and peace despite the forces of evil that sometimes seem to thwart its purposes. In the Resurrection, God has assured us that abundant new life can be ours... it is a free gift that is available to each one of us—a gift we are called to share with others.

Even as we at Trinity Cathedral finalize repair of our hurricane-damaged roof, we are constantly reminded of our need to make a commitment to the future and to seek God's will for this place. What are our next steps? How do our buildings and grounds contribute to and shape the Cathedral's mission? How can our varied ministries offer new life to a city and community that desperately need to hear words of comfort, forgiveness and acceptance?

The challenges to our physical plant are real. But they cannot ever paralyze us so that we forget the purpose for which we exist—to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ. Let us do that with an Easter spirit that "*revives, restores and renews*" both ourselves and others.

See you in church,



Outreach Benefit May 30th

Join the Outreach Committee for an evening of good food, drink, and entertainment on **Friday, May 30, at 7 p.m.** at the **Miami Beach Botanical Garden**.

The evening will feature a raffle and silent auction to benefit the Cathedral's Outreach Ministry. **Donations of prizes for the raffle and auction are being actively sought.**

Ticket information and more details will soon follow. Please contact Hanno Mueller for more information at 305-776-0769 or hgmuller@aol.com.

Cathedral honors Frederick Kent with concert featuring his own compositions

On Sunday, May 4, at 4 p.m. the Cathedral music department will honor Frederick James Kent, who celebrates his 80th birthday on May 21. Frederick has been an active parish member of Trinity for more than 15 years, unselfishly volunteering his time and expertise as Trinity's music librarian as well as acting as the curator for the David R. Thurman Memorial Music Library.

Frederick has earned degrees in organ, composition, and library science. Since childhood, music has shaped his life and for the last several years he has played an annual organ recital in May to support the Cathedral organ fund. For this year's special concert, Frederick is joining with the Cathedral choir, Matthew Steynor and guest instrumentalists to present some of his original compositions for choir, organ, instrumentalists, and solo voice.

Please join the Cathedral music department in this unique opportunity to honor Frederick's lifelong devotion to music and to hear some of his original compositions.

A reception will follow in Cathedral Hall.

Become a Friend of Trinity Cathedral



Just six months after being launched, *Friends of Trinity Cathedral* continues to gain support from individuals and organizations from throughout the Diocese and around the country who are committed to restoring and preserving this historic structure. As with any historic building, time has taken a significant toll on the Cathedral, in particular its stained glass windows and beautiful mosaics. At this time, restoration and preservation costs are estimated at \$5-7 million.

A special level of supporters called “First Friends” was established to recognize the first 100 individuals and organizations who make a gift to *Friends of Trinity Cathedral* of \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 or more . To find out how you can become a *Friend of Trinity Cathedral*, or a First Friend, contact Cheryl Chapman at 786-888-6694 or admin@trinitymiami.org. You also can donate online through our “Friends” link at www.trinitymiami.org.

Special thanks to our ‘First Friends’

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Children hunt for eggs in the Garden on Easter morning.

Trinity Cathedral is an urban, spiritual community of healing, inclusion, challenge and compassion. We invite and welcome all in the name of Christ.

Upcoming events at the Cathedral

April

16 6 pm Eucharist & Conversation with the Presiding Bishop

27 6 pm Choral Evensong

May

4 4 pm Concert Honoring Frederick Kent

11 4 pm Pentecost—Rumi Poetry

18 10 am Trinity Sunday Confirmation & Reception

30 7 pm Outreach Benefit at Miami Beach Botanical Garden

New Member Classes for confirmation, reception or those who would like a refresher course will meet **Sundays, starting April 13th**, culminating with the visitation of the Right Reverend Calvin O. Schofield on Trinity Sunday, May 18th for confirmation, reception and renewal of baptismal vows. For more information please contact the office.

Episcopal Church Women

ECW is alive and well at Trinity Cathedral. A small but active committee meets the third Sunday of each month to plan future programs and Diocesan events, and promote fellowship among women and within the entire Cathedral community.

The group started the year with a very successful organ recital and dinner featuring the Cathedral's new Director of Music, Matthew Steynor. Proceeds from the event will go toward the Cathedral Restoration Fund as well as ECW administration costs. Last year ECW purchased a dishwasher for the Cathedral Hall kitchen.

If you would like to be involved with ECW, contact Shirley Pardon, ECW President at shirley_pardon@yahoo.com or 305-758-5005. Or speak with any other member of ECW.