

The Ridge Runner

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St. Faith's is coming off a real HIGH in April, and a little breathing room is certainly welcome. That doesn't mean however, that everything stops, as things are still happening that that you need to be a part of. The **RIDGE RUNNER is taking a Summer break too, so keep this one handy through May, June & July, and we'll see you again in August.**

Cursillo Sunday – May 6th.



This Sunday is a day when Cursillistas (those who already attended a Cursillo) have the opportunity to share with others what the experience is about. Cursillistas meet in Reunion groups, which

enrich not just their own lives but the life of the Church. St. Faith's has Reunion groups, so if a Cursillista out there wishes to join up with one, speak to Mother Reid, and she can make the connection.

There are Cursillo weekends where teams of clergy and laity are called from around the diocese to serve, and at the upcoming Women's Cursillo on May 3 – 6, women from St. Faith's will be serving. Mother Reid will be serving as a Spiritual Director, and Ann Marie Abell will be a "Cha Cha". It's too late for registration to either of the two Cursillos taking place in May, (the Women's or the Men's) but if anyone is interested, you may speak with Fr. White or Valerie Hrasar.

May 6th is National Teachers' Day.



Thanks,
Teachers!

None of us would be where we are today without Teachers, so it is only fitting that we remember and honor them on National Teachers' Day.

St. Faith's would like to honor them at both Services on May 6th. by giving them that special Blessing that can only help them in their Calling. If you are a teacher (or ex-teacher), or if you have friends that are teachers, bring them to church with you on the 6th.

Honoring Our
Police and
Firefighters



St. Faith's would love to honor our Uniformed Public Servants on **SUNDAY MAY 20th**. They

include more than Police and Firefighters, though these make up the majority of our uniformed

public servants. We would be honored to have their presence in Church that Sunday, so those of you who have contacts/friends/relatives who belong to that courageous and often heroic group of people, let Mother Reid know, so we can prepare for them. They too will receive a St. Faith's blessing at our Services.

MOTHER'S DAY- MAY 13TH.



Mother's Day

We know what that means! Mothers look forward to that day every year, because that's their day off. Especially so at St. Faith's, when the fathers of the Church make the most delicious breakfast for

the mothers. Our chief father, Barry, will be looking for assistance from other fathers, so – please speak to him. Breakfast will be served between the 8 and 10 a.m. Services, so all mothers, grand-mothers, aunts, etc. can partake. Of course, they get to return the favor, come Father's Day. Let's see which breakfast comes out on top. Bring your Mom (or any woman who has been like a mother to you) to church on the 13th. and let her enjoy breakfast and a church service with you.

So back to Sunday May 20th. This is the



Sunday that the ECW's United Thank Offering (UTO) Spring in-gathering will take place. All those little blue boxes and envelopes that you picked up earlier, should be returned, filled with your

coins representing those expressions of thanks for blessings during the period that you had the box/envelope. Your UTO donations support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church.

Day of Pentecost – May 27th.



PENTECOST

Please remember to wear **RED** at Pentecost. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. Pentecost

is celebrated fifty days after Easter. It commemorates that day when the Holy Spirit was given to Jesus' believers as

they gathered to celebrate the Jewish Harvest Festival, ten days after His Ascension. Upon receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples spoke in various "tongues" so that each person listening to them could understand what they were saying in their own language. St. Faith's endeavors to relive that day. During the 10 a.m. Service, the account

of the first Christian Pentecost will be read in different languages. If you never heard it before, it's very interesting. Sounds something like how those disciples must have sounded. Kites will fly overhead, to depict the rushing wind movement of the Holy Spirit. It's a fun Sunday to go to church.

The Season of Pentecost that follows, starting on Trinity Sunday, is the longest season of the year, and ends at Advent. The colors for the Season are Green, which you will notice on the Pulpit and the Altar. Green symbolizes life and growth, which is what the Church promotes during this Season.

Saturday June 2nd.



The Next Calendar Planning Meeting will be held on June 2nd. All Committee and Ministry leaders are urged to attend as this is where you get to lay out your plans and dates for

activities for the balance of the year. The idea is to have sufficient time to organize and have successful events, and not to clash with any other group. **The Meeting will start with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and end before lunch at 11:30 a.m.** Please make every effort to attend, AND BRING YOUR PROPOSED DATES WITH YOU.

Annual Elaine Dingley Tea Party – June 3rd.



The Annual Elaine Dingley Tea Party will be held on Sunday June 3rd at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The ECW will host this fabulous Tea Party where teas of all varieties will be

served, as well as cakes, scones, finger sandwiches and much more. There will be lively entertainment, including a Hat contest and a Fashion Show. This is the ECW's main event of the year and they need the support of all the men, women and children of our parish. Tickets will be available for purchase by the 2nd Sunday in May, at a cost of \$15 per Adult and \$7 per child under 8 years. If you are interested in selling tickets, sponsoring a table, preparing food or working in the kitchen, please speak to Donna Lewis, president of the ECW. If not, just your presence and the presence of your friends and neighbors at the Tea Party would be wonderful. You are guaranteed to have a really good time!



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Bring your graduates to Church on Sunday, June 3rd. They will receive Blessings to take them into their future life, whether it's on to further education, or out into the wild wild world! If you are a

recent graduate, or have friends or relatives, or even acquaintances who are, at whatever level of graduation, bring them along. They are welcome

to stay behind after Church and share in our Hospitality.



Every Tuesday night in June, (June 5, 12, 19 & 26) beginning at 7:30 p.m. - It's Movie Night at St. Faith's. Popularly acclaimed movies, often with a veiled message you never even thought about, are shown and discussed, while the Popcorn & drinks flow. Movie titles for the upcoming series have not yet been released, so watch your Bulletins and check the website. This is a fun 90 minutes, a good stress reliever. The Movies will be followed by Compline.



FATHER'S DAY

Sunday June 17th – FATHER'S DAY
Well we don't exactly expect them to chill out like this guy, but we will serve them Breakfast. Time for the Mothers to return the favor! ALL fathers, grand-fathers, uncles, big brothers, or even neighbors who have been a father-figure to you, are welcomed to join us for Breakfast, and before, or after, join us in Church for that special blessing. This will make their day, and show them just how much they are appreciated. Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m., between both services, so everyone can participate.



We will celebrate Independence Day on Sunday July 1st, with a commemorative picnic, after the 10 a.m. Service. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a picnic dish with them. We're going after ice-cream and cake, salads and sandwiches, fruit and chips and anything else a picnic should have. We may even have sparklers for all the kids (younger and older) that attend. Don't miss it!

77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church



The General Convention runs from July 5th to 12th in Indianapolis, IN. Mother Reid was elected by the Diocese of SE Florida to be a member of the House of Deputies and will therefore will sit on one of the two legislative bodies of the Convention; the other being the House of Bishops. These two bodies make decisions including the adoption of legislation that concern the church, amending the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution and/or the Canons of the Church, and more. You may find the link to follow the Convention on line at www.episcopalchurch.org Let's send Mother Reid off with our blessings and continue to pray for her and her colleagues at the Convention.



Fr. Tom's first Celebration of the Holy Eucharist as an Episcopal Priest was held at St. Faith's on March 31, and he had a grand turn-out. The Pot Luck Reception that followed was also great. Fr. Tom wishes to take this opportunity to say **Thank You**. See below:

"Greetings...and peace. I rejoice in the Lord always for the tremendous gift of your ever-present love, support and care that has lifted us up and led us forward. I cannot begin to express the gratitude that I have in my heart for the many acts of kindness, the generous gifts received, the wonderful hospitality provided and the outpouring of presence and prayer experienced, during the occasions of my reception as Priest of the Episcopal Church and my Celebration of The Holy Eucharist at St. Faith's. Please know that you will always hold a very special place in my heart and ministry. May Our Gracious and Loving God continue to bless you and allow your brilliance to shine like a diamond.

*Peace in the Heart of Jesus."
(Father Thomas Graf)*



We hope you get some sense of what Easter was like at St. Faith's from these two photos. Our Easter Orchid was in full bloom, and that set the tone for the Day. The Altar was magnificent, the Music soared, the pews were almost full, and everyone in Church was filled with Spirit and Good Will. It was a glorious day! Praise the Lord!

Mother Reid's Institution



St. Faith's has not seen a spectacle like this in a very long time. The Institution was truly amazing with over 300 people attending. The Procession included the Bishop and many visiting priests and deacons and totaled approximately 60 people. Choristers from other churches augmented the St.

Faith's Choir, the whole choir (including Dr. Greco) was outstanding. Mother Reid was presented with gifts from representatives of the ministries of St. Faith's, as well as the Dean of the Diocese and the Bishop. The Hall was beautifully decorated in peach and blue (Mother Reid's favorite colors) for the Reception, and peach roses adorned every table. It was a wonderful evening!

We acknowledge Birthdays for May & June in this edition of the [Ridge Runner](#)



Mark Hadley	May 2
Barbara Seykora	May 3
Johnnie Trail	May 3
Chastity Soto	May 5
Daryl Alvaranga	May 7
Carol Bertolli	May 10
Antonio Martinez	May 10
John Monteleone Jr.	May 12
Francisco Soto	May 13
Andrea Jones	May 20
Jeanette Astwood	May 25
Larry Ventura Jr.	May 27
Tom Johnson	May 28
Lavern Johnson	June 1
Carmen Cruz	June 1
Valerie Hrasar	June 2
Kwesi Farrington	June 3
Marcea Paul	June 5
Pat Whipple	June 5
Raschelle Freeman	June 7
Susan Price	June 8
Jennie Lou Reid	June 13
Ed Frye	June 14
Dottie Hughes	June 23
LeVar Duncker	June 25
Yolanda Payne	June 27

Look for July's Birthdays in the August edition!

Reminders

The Office goes into Summer Hours from June 15 to August 10, and will close on Fridays during that period. It will be also closed for Memorial Day and Independence Day. In case of an emergency, Gloria can be reached at home at (305) 230-0045.

Mother Reid is anxious to meet with any of our Youth interested in attending Camp or going to Kanuga. Please give her a call ASAP.



FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be in special need of drinks and snacks during Summer when the children are home on holidays. Your brown paper bags are also welcome.



Altar Flowers

Donations for Altar Flowers are always needed, but Mother's Day, Fathers's Day or Independence Day, are good times to acknowledge your loved ones whether they are still with us, or gone on ahead. Your sentiments will be shared in the Sunday Bulletins.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYONE, AND WALK GOOD MY FRIENDS!