

# THE EVANGEL

MAY 2019

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## BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

April 24, 2019

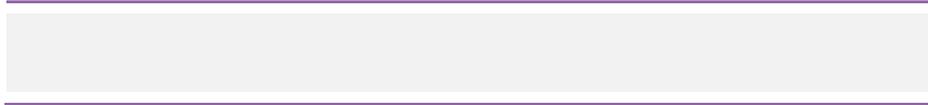
### Meeting Summary:

- Higher interest earned on Certificates of Deposit is a positive change
- Two insurance payments made in first quarter is reflected in negative quarterly balance.
- Two air conditioning repairs and standard maintenance noted as necessary expenditures.
- Annual Florida Not For Profit Corporation Report filed as required.
- Cross on roof of parish hall (part of the original 1897 structure) painted.
- Father McConnell is on vacation from April 28 until May 9.
- 2018 audit was completed by the Audit Committee and will be submitted to the diocese.
- Inventory Committee of four people will be organized by Vivian Stewart. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**
- A second safe will be acquired to protect important and historical documents.
- Scholarship Committee reported on \$1000 scholarships to be awarded to DeSoto County High School graduates. Father McConnell will present at the awards ceremony on May 16.

### FINANCIAL REPORT (March 2019)

	CONTRIBUTIONS*	EXPENSES
MARCH	\$12,568.88	\$13,039.55
YTD	\$31,331.54	\$31,441.69

NOTE: \*includes monthly contributions and prorated pre-paid annual pledges



## Upcoming Events

### May 2

10:00 am  
Daughters of the King

### May 12

Mothers Day Brunch  
following 10:00 Eucharist

### May 15

6:00 pm Men's Group (Slim's)

7:30 pm Bishop's Committee

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## PRIEST – IN - CHARGE

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On Easter morning we proclaimed “The Lord has risen, the Lord has risen, indeed”! This is a proclamation of promise and possibilities. Should we allow ourselves to enter into the place and time of the Apostles and disciples the proclamation would have been a question as they considered that Jesus had suffered a tortuous death on the cross. It took several appearances by the Lord on several occasions to establish that He had truly risen. What they had learned and experienced before the crucifixion began to take on new meanings as they saw that God had a plan for them that would take them into the whole known world to spread a Gospel truth about God’s love and forgiveness. Their mission was not bound by time or location.

Today we are no less called by the resurrection to go into the known world and spread the Gospel truth. On Maundy Thursday we washed our hands and proclaimed that they were being cleansed for service to the Lord. We serve the Lord when we serve others. We serve God and others by being present to the needs of others. One way in which we are called is by visiting shut-ins and those hospitalized. When we hear of suffering, it has become a sad cliché “our thoughts and prayers are with you”. Thoughts and prayers should generate action. Perhaps it is time for St. Edmund’s to consider putting together a visitation group. The purpose would not be home communion, we have folks for that, but to provide comfort and care through being present. That presence need not be limited to St. Edmund’s folks. This is something to think about and pray for.

Summer is upon us. Many of our northern families have left and returned back to their summer residences. We will miss them. We urge all to keep up their pledges. Church may have slowed down, but the bills have not. In other summer news, I have a pre-surgery consultation on May 22. Surgery on my left knee should soon follow. I will make arrangements for Communion services while I am out. In June the 8:00 A.M. service will be celebrated on first and third Sundays. May God grant us all a safe and pleasant summer.

Happy Easter,

Fr. Jim McConnell

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## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

### April 7

8:00 - 13  
10:00 - 32  
7:00 - 21

### April 14

8:00 - 8  
10:00 - 44  
7:00 - 23

### April 18 (Maundy Thursday)

5:00 - 26

### April 19 (Good Friday)

5:00 - 23

### April 21

8:00 - 14  
10:00 - 59  
7:00 - 26

### April 28

8:00 - 11  
10:00 - 41  
7:00 - 9

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## DEACON

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Easter Season, those fifty days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday, is a time of immense importance in our liturgical year. The contemporary church finds much satisfaction in the joy and “alleluias” of this season celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Certainly that hope and sense of festivity is important in our life of faith.

I find a different level of solace and inspiration in the Easter Season. I like to reflect on the passages in the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles that describe the experience of those earliest followers of Jesus in the immediate days following his death and resurrection. For them it is a time of counter-culture experience, confusion, doubt, fear, personal growth, and revelation of the future for the people of God. That, for me, addresses my reality in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We can start with the event of the women going to the tomb of Jesus and finding it empty. We know that the resurrected Jesus speaks to one, “Mary”, and the women become the first ones to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus. His male followers have to rush to the empty tomb to verify it for themselves. In a culture that placed little value on the role women in society, this is an important episode in the story of Jesus that is repeated throughout the Gospels. It is very counter-culture to the time and subsequent centuries up to our own day.

One of my favorite Gospel accounts is the story of the journey by disciples to Emmaus on the evening of the day of resurrection. They are walking from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus. It is clear that they are confused about events of the previous few days. A stranger joins them, and while walking, he explains much to them using the Scriptures. After arriving in Emmaus, he joined them for a meal and they realized it was the resurrected Jesus: *When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:30-32)* It is a wonderful account of our experience of Christ in the Eucharist and in Scripture: “eyes are opened” and “hearts burning with us.”

During the post-resurrection days Thomas is honest enough to admit his doubt and disciples live in fear. Jesus appears at various times with the common greeting of “peace be with you” to alleviate fear and doubt.

The followers of Jesus remain fearful and self-protective until the 50<sup>th</sup> day when the Spirit inspires and enables them to go forth into the world proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. They become the Church with the message and ministry of Jesus.

My prayerful hope for this Easter Season is for eyes to be open, hearts burning within us, and peace being with us as we continue the work of the Church in proclaiming the message and doing the ministry of Jesus.

---Deacon Robert Vaughn

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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- ❖ What a glorious Easter we shared at St. Edmund's! If you helped in any way-bless you! The Easter Lilies are still beautiful-a big thank you goes to the forty people who donated toward them. The Altar Flowers were unbelievable-a big thank you to Bart and Nancy Plymale for their vision and to Ellis and Denise Cross for their artistic work. And a big, big thank you goes to Pat Moore and Rosanne Collins for your continuous help and artistic skill! Thank you, Father Jim, for the meaningful words and lessons of Holy Week-you touched our minds and our hearts. And thank you to all who served at the Altar and those who provided music. This Easter was truly a whole church effort. But, especially, thanks to everyone who shared the worship and the services. I felt so blessed sharing this Easter with you!
- ❖ Please remember John, Ruth and Stephanie Adams and all of the Adams family as they face a difficult time. Uplift them in your prayers. For me, John and Ruth have always been a part of St. Edmund's.
- ❖ Linda Gromen says it seems like years since they were in Florida. Bob Harrington asked them if they felt they were leading two lives and Linda says it truly does feel that way. Their return trip went very smoothly and the house, cars and lawn tractor all were as when they left them. Their son and his family visited them for Easter and brought most of the dinner! It was wonderful. Linda asks that if we have a spare moment, please pray for Barry's sister Cheri. She is in quite some pain right now. Thank you.
- ❖ Bob and Donna Euerle will be in Virginia Beach in June for their granddaughter's high school graduation. She will be attending college in South Carolina this fall. Their other granddaughter has completed four years in the Navy. She is in transit from the West Coast and hopes to go back to school in the fall (UAB). Bob and Donna are praying that we all have a safe summer.
- ❖ Ron and Carolyn Robins asked that we add their son Scott to the prayer list. He hurt himself at work and developed a bad infection in his finger. Surgery resulted on the finger and now he faces more surgery as it is infected from the initial surgery. Now they will have to remove his finger down to the first joint. I am so grateful that Ron and Carolyn are there with him.
- ❖ George and Connie DeWitt are in Knoxville, Tennessee, meeting their new twin great grandsons, now 5 weeks old. From there they will travel to North Carolina to meet their new great granddaughter, age 6 weeks. We miss Connie and George but rejoice with them in their happiness.
- ❖ A big welcome goes to Kent DeBruler and his wife as they become a part of St. Edmund's. They are still trying to get settled in. They have never moved into a home that was already full, and he means full, of furniture, dishes, etc! The DeBrulers celebrated 38 years of marriage on the 24th of this month and are looking forward to the future with St. Edmund's!
- ❖ Bob and Shelly Baumann enjoyed a visit in Naples with Bob's visiting nephew and his family. They had never met his wife and two children so there was a lot of excitement as they all got to know each other.
- ❖ Nancy Jo and Robert Vaughn had a wonderful week long trip to Manhattan where they spent time with Nancy Jo's brother, participated in Holy Week/Easter services at St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church ("Smokey Mary's"), attended various events, visited sites and enjoyed Irish

### MAY BIRTHDAY

1<sup>st</sup>-Ray Stewart  
9<sup>th</sup>-Sandy Stantz  
24<sup>th</sup>-Bob Blank  
24<sup>th</sup>-Larry DiCioccio  
31<sup>st</sup>-Deborah Long

### MAY ANNIVERSARY

7<sup>th</sup>-Patricia & Larry DiCioccio  
9<sup>th</sup>-Don & Ruth Reichert  
1<sup>th</sup>-Shelly & Bob Baumann

music and pub food. They joined in the Easter Parade on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue with Nancy Jo wearing the “Easter bonnet” created by her brother. Robert says he felt like Prince Philip—shoved aside while many photographs were taken of Nancy Jo and her bonnet. They returned home in time to rest on their 38th anniversary.

- ❖ We were so blessed that Rich and Pam Apps decided to extend their time with us another week. They have become so active with us—always willing to participate and help. We are going to truly miss them!
- ❖ Dante and Jane Lanzetta started on the way to their other home on Maundy Thursday and, after three days of driving in nasty rainstorms, they arrived safely home April 20th. The best surprise is that now they are having the nicest weather they have had this year—77 degrees and bright spring sunlight with the outburst of spring trees and flowers appropriate to both the season and the day. Easter services were every bit as lovely and full of promise, yet so hard to come home with their dear departed Gibbs and Pierre. Everything reminds them. He is so grateful that their “new” Miss Sugar Plum is settling in despite the relative hugeness of their house compared to their tiny “tin house” and the trouble it could cause a blind dog. Life goes on!
- ❖ Patty and Larry DiCioccio are leaving for Alaska May 12th and returning May 25th. We are wishing Larry a very happy birthday as he celebrates on the 24th. By the way, they celebrate their 31st wedding anniversary on May 7th. Wishing them many more!
- ❖ Dawn Crippen flies to her other home on May 8th to return to us in late October or early November. We will miss her. She says “thanks” to everyone who contributed to the two boxes of underwear and the coffee provided for DeSoto Cares!
- ❖ George and Joan Maver and their daughter Lori leave on April 30th to return to Massachusetts. I really, really like them and their Facebook postings! They will return for 2 weeks in November and then return again the first week of January.
- ❖ The McConnells are enjoying their time in Scotland at the time of this printing and they are missed! They are then looking forward to a quiet summer.
- ❖ I recently received a note from Ann Hilliard who moved away a while ago. She is living in Georgia with her daughter Sharon but they are moving to Perry, Florida, because Georgia is just too cold for them.
- ❖ Vivian Stewart traveled to Dover, New Hampshire, in April to visit with her daughter for five days. The weather was perfect, comfortably in the 50's during the day and cooler in the high 30's at night. Downtown Dover is full of beautiful brick buildings; most have been refurbished and house restaurants, coffee shops and quaint shops at street level. The upstairs are occupied by rental apartments, condo conversions and offices. The Cocheco River runs through downtown Dover adding to the beautiful setting since the river on one side of the main street is at a higher level than the opposite side of the street which creates a waterfall smack in the middle of town. Everyone was friendly and helpful and a real pleasure to chat with. Originally her daughter went there in hopes of kick starting a Publishing/Editing career in just about any medium she could break into at the ground level. She understands now why her daughter has decided to stay in Dover, in spite of the snow, wind chill, rain and sleet. This is a Florida born and raised 23 year-old who had never been near snow. She has made new friends, has had new experiences, such as making snow angels and snowmen...hasn't yet landed that dream job but she's continuing the search.
- ❖ Irene Pooser's cousin from Atlanta is getting married in May in New Orleans in the Courtyard at the Poosers' favorite hotel, The Royal Orleans in the French Quarter. We were delighted to receive an invitation to the Rehearsal Dinner, the wedding and the morning after breakfast. We thought about two seconds and then booked our flight and room—even deciding to stay an extra two nights to enjoy Commander's Palace, Antoine's and Pat O'Brien's Piano Bar. A big thank you to Pat Moore for taking care of Kelly during our absence!

See you in church! Irene

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## MEMBERSHIP & CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Please contact Carolyn McConnell with any changes or updates to your address and contact information

### Have you looked at our Online Church Directory?

### Follow the directions below to log on the directory

To log in to the directory:

1. Go to **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com**
2. Click on the link: First time signing in? Create a login now.
3. Enter the email address as it is listed in the family portion of the directory.
4. Create a password. The password must be 8 characters long, and contain at least two of the following special characters: capital letters, numbers or symbols.
5. Retype the password to confirm it and click "Request Login."
6. Check your inbox for an email from service@instantchurchdirectory.com.
7. To complete the sign-up process, you will need to verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you in that email
8. Once you confirm your email, you may sign at members.InstantChurchDirectory.com.

You can read the directory online. Simply click on the name to see the details: photo, address, phone number, email, birthdays, anniversaries.

Your email with the password you created will work on all the Instant Church Directory apps on any device. All you have to do is go to "Apps" on your device and search for "Instant Church Directory." If you have not made an account yet, follow steps 2 through 7 above. If you have already used the program just sign in with the same username and password.

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## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

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The Daughters of the King (DOK) is a lay order of the Episcopal Church dedicated to prayer and service. The St. Edmund chapter was formed in 2006. The weekly prayer list is maintained by this group and used as focus for their prayer. The St. Edmund chapter meeting is the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. See chapter president Ruth Adams about becoming a member of DOK. This month's meeting is on Thursday, May 2nd, at 10:00 am.

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

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We would like to thank the people of St. Edmund Church for their generosity and kindness in supporting the 2019 United Thank Offering In-gathering. A total of \$793.92 was collected and has been sent to the Diocese to respond to requests for assistance and support. Last year's total was \$539.65; thank you so much for once again sharing.

The ECW Officers for this year have agreed to serve another year!

For 2019-2020 Charlene Michaud will again serve as President, Linda Gromen as Secretary, Irene Pooser as Treasurer and Nancy Jo Vaughn as United Thank Offering Chairwoman.

April 24th was the last ECW meeting until the fall. We will not meet in May but will resume on Wednesday, September 18th, at 5:30 at Beef O'Brady's.

However, we are planning our traditional Father's Day Brunch for all the men of St. Edmund's. Put it on your calendar for June 16th and watch for more details closer to the date!

Charlene Michaud



Many thanks to everyone who participated in the 2019 In-Gathering for the United Thank Offering.

We collected a record \$793.92 to be used in Episcopal Church ministries throughout the world.

This is a great program of our ECW and, as always, the St. Edmund congregation responded well.

Nancy Jo Vaughn  
St. Edmund UTO Coordinator

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## MEN'S GROUP

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**All ladies of the St. Edmund congregation are invited to the Mothers Day Brunch following the 10:00 am Eucharist on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. This is to honor all women who fulfill many different mothering roles and functions: biological mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, pet-mothers, mothers in the faith, and a multitude ways of nurturing those needing nurture and guidance.**

*St. Edmund men: there is a short planning meeting on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 Eucharist. If unable to attend the meeting but can help on the 12<sup>th</sup>, please contact Deacon Robert Vaughn*

## OUTREACH & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES

This is the third year that St. Edmund Church Outreach Ministries has given a certificate & monetary award to a DeSoto County High School JROTC cadet for outstanding community service. Bob Harrington, a member of the St. Edmund Community Outreach Advisory Board, presented the award to Cadet Miguel Montez at the JROTC awards ceremony on April 5<sup>th</sup>.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

DATE	ALTAR GUILD	LEM	ACOLYTE	8:00 LECTOR	10:00 LECTOR	PRAYERS	GREETERS
<b>May 5</b>	Irene Pooser	Joe Mancuso	Pat Moore	Bob Euerle	Pearl Kiellman Irene Pooser	Nancy Jo Vaughn	Bob Harrington Pat Novean
<b>May 12</b>	Ruth Adams	Pat Novean	Pat Moore	Haila Lewis	Rosemary Seal Pearl Kiellman	Pat Moore	Brenda Bucci Mary Williamson
<b>May 19</b>	Carolyn McConnell	Irene Pooser	Bob Harrington	Bob Euerle	Bob Harrington Carolyn McConnell	Bob Harrington	Charlene & Roy Michaud
<b>May 26</b>	Pat Moore	Pat Moore	Bob Harrington	Haila Lewis	Pat Moore Bob Harrington	Irene Pooser	Irene & Michael Pooser



## **2019 Easter Flowers are given for the Glory of God by**

**Bob Harrington** in thanksgiving for Pat and in memory of Carmel, Brenda, Denis, Josie, Robert, Wilda and Irene.

**Nancy and Bart Plymale** as a gift to the glory of God for Christ Jesus! Alleluia!

**Pat Novean** in thanksgiving for Life's Blessings.

**Beverly Bousen** with prayers for world peace.

**Bob and Sandy Stantz** in thanksgiving for their wonderful church family and for the many blessings in their lives.

**Vivian Stewart** in memory of her mother Ayde Fernandez.

**Bob and Shelly Baumann** in memory of Bob's dad, Clifford Baumann.

**Roy and Charlene Michaud** in thanksgiving for their grandchildren.

**Larry and Patty DiCioccio** in thanksgiving .

**George and Joan Maver** in memory of Lloyd and Pauline Maver, Shannon and Winnette Brackett, Kenneth J. Dyer and Richard L. Wainwright.

**Margaret Shillinglaw** in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

**Joanna Linders** in thanksgiving for the Church of St. Edmund.

**Rosemary Seal** in thanksgiving for God's many blessings

**Carol and Larry Burnett** in thanksgiving for family and friends.

**Connie DeWitt** in thanksgiving for good health.

**William Bless** in memory of Linda Bless.

**Bill and Bev Stephenson** in memory of Beatrice Zastrow, Harold Zastrow and Chester Stephenson.

**Gerry and Linda Call** with thankfulness for their health and dear friends.

**Rich and Pam Apps** in memory of their son Aaron David Apps.

**Joseph and Phylis Mancuso** in thanksgiving for all of God's gifts and in memory of their loved ones.

**Bob and Deb Long** in memory of Evelyn Couto and Winnie Borges.

**Father Jim and Carolyn McConnell** in thanksgiving for their families and their St. Edmund family.

**Rosanne Collins** in memory of David, Roberta and Eddie.

**Jennifer Evans** in memory of Joe Luzzi.

**Pat Moore** in memory of Jim Moore.

**Sue Chad** in memory of Ronald Chad on his birthday.

**Carol Wanless** in memory of her husband Gene.

**Mike and Irene Pooser** in thanksgiving for the blessing of wonderful friends and family.

May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2 10:00 DOK 5:30 DeSoto Cares 7:00NA	3	4
5 Third Sunday of Easter	6	7 7:00 NA	8	9 7:00 NA	10	11
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH	13	14 7:00 NA	15 6:00 Men's Group 7:30 Bishop's Committee	16 7:00 NA	17	18
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter	20	21 7:00 NA	22	23 7:00 NA	24	25
26 Sixth Sunday of Easter	27	28 7:00 NA	29	30 Feast of the Ascension 7:00 NA	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

SUNDAYS: Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:00 pm