

# JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



**ST. CYPRIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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**REV. DR. HECTOR SINTIM**



**St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church**  
**Sunday Worship Service at 10 a.m.**

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Photos ~ Courtesy of Lora Ham & Fannie Walls

# The Worship Experience...



While delivering a sermon, the Rev. Dr. Sintim is pictured on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

## Safe Church Training



The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia is offering training in three formats: In-person, zoom-based, and online via *Praesidium Academy*. The schedule for **Specialized Training** is listed below.

- Sat., June 13, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Emmanuel -Virginia Beach
- Sat., July 11, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
St. Barnabas -North Chesterfield
- Sat., Aug. 22, 2026, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
and Sun., Aug. 23, 2026,  
1-4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Sat., Sept. 12, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Christ Church -Amelia
- Sat., Sept. 19, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Epiphany -Norfolk
- Sat., Oct. 17, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
St. Paul's -Petersburg
- Sat., Oct. 31, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Eastern Shore Chapel -Virginia  
Beach
- Sat., Nov. 7, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Christ the King -Tabb
- Sat., Nov. 21, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Trinity -Portsmouth
- Sat., Dec. 5, 2026, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
St. David's -North Chesterfield

To register for any of the workshops, visit the Safe Church Training page of the Diocesan website.

## Racial Healing Workshop

Specific individual and groups within the diocese are recommended to participate in the Racial Healing Workshops. Those individuals and groups include search committees, vestries and leadership boards (Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Executive Board, among others), diocesan staff, church staff, and clergy. Workshop dates are listed below.

- Sat., June 27, 2026, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Christ & Grace- Petersburg
- Sat., Aug. 1, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Epiphany- Danville
- Sat., Aug. 29, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Bruton Parish -Williamsburg
- Sat., Sept. 26, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Good Shepherd -Norfolk
- Sat., Oct. 3, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Hungars -Bridgetown
- Sat., Nov. 14, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Emmanuel -Virginia Beach



Chanco is open year-round and available for church retreats, corporate groups, youth programs, and families who want a remote location to relax, learn, and connect. In addition to traditional camp sessions, Chanco on the James offers specialty camps for those seeking an exciting alternative. For additional information, visit the Diocesan website.



## RIDLEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now open for eligible college-bound and current college students. The Ridley Scholarship Committee seeks applicants who are pursuing higher education and demonstrate academic commitment, character, leadership, and financial need. Scholarships of up to \$6,000 may be awarded to qualified students. Families and students are encouraged to apply soon and visit <https://diosova.org/scholarships-grants/> or contact Chris Sacra at [christopher.sacra@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.sacra@gmail.com) for more information. Applications are due **June 7**. ~ *Maria Watkins*



## ANNUAL SAFE CHURCH POLICY AUDIT

St. Cyprian's Safe Church Policy was adopted by the Vestry in 2019. This document is currently posted in Randall Hall and may be reviewed at your convenience. It is our intention to provide you with yearly reminders of our Safe Church Policy and of our efforts to maintain a safe and healthy environment for every parishioner. The Annual Safe Church Policy Audit must be completed by **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, please contact the Senior Warden. ~ *Mary T. Jackson*

## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

### CERTIFICATE OF LAY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE

Churches must submit a Certificate of Lay Delegates and Alternates to register for the Annual Council. Certificates are due by **October 1, 2026** to the diocesan office. Two delegates and one alternate will be nominated by the Vestry to serve for a period of one year, beginning January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027. This term includes eligibility to vote at Pre-Council Convocation meetings, Annual Council in February, and any other Special Council or other called meetings that may occur during this period. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please submit your name for Vestry nomination to the Senior Warden. ~ *Mary T. Jackson*

## RIDE TRANSIT FREE ON JUNETEENTH



HRT is offering free fares on all bus, light rail, ferry, VB Wave trolley, OnDemand Ridesharing, and Paratransit services on **Friday, June 19**, in recognition of Juneteenth. Now in its sixth year as an HRT free fare day, Juneteenth is considered the longest-running African American holiday – starting in 1865 – and has been a federally recognized holiday since 2021.



## COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Shopping at Kroger? Link your frequent shopper card to St. Cyprian's, and help us earn money for the church! Please visit Kroger Community Rewards and search **St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church-Hampton** or use our code **VH749**. Please email William H. Walls Jr. with any questions.

Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support!



## DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN

To ensure preparedness before a disaster, the bishop's office directed every parish in the Diocese of Southern Virginia to develop a disaster response plan using the Diocese's template. The Vestry is updating St. Cyprian's Disaster Plan, which must be submitted to the diocesan office by **August 1, 2026**.

## ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will begin with the Convention Reception, Friday evening, February 5, 2027, from 5 – 7 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Williamsburg. The business of the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will take place at the DoubleTree on **Saturday, February 6, 2027**, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration to attend the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will open December 1, 2026. Scholarship funds are available to assist delegates to Annual Convention with registration fees. Contact Susan Allen, [sallen@diosova.org](mailto:sallen@diosova.org), for more information.



## A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

LORD,

*Bless this father  
and honor this prayer  
offered by the family  
in his loving care.*

*Give him the wisdom  
and strength day by day  
to guide those he loves  
in your glorious way.*

*Grant him good health  
and take care of his needs,  
as the love in his heart  
is revealed in his deeds.*

*Repay with your kindness  
Through your eternal plan,  
such a wonderful father,  
an incredible man.*

*~ Author Unknown*

# AROUND THE PARISH



Recognition Sunday

June 28, 2026

SAVE THE DATE!



A portion of the worship service on Sunday, June 28, 2026, will be devoted to recognizing and celebrating our members. We will honor members for their dedication and service to the church and faith community. We will also celebrate our 2026 high school and college graduates, those earning advanced degrees, and students moving to a new grade level or school span, such as elementary to middle school or middle to high school. Please send the names of promoted students and their new grade assignments to the Parish Administrator so they can be included in the recognition. Recognition Sunday will also honor those receiving promotions or starting new positions or jobs. We also welcome photos of honorees and a brief bio. Please email the names of all honorees to the Parish Administrator today. For more information, contact Mary T. Jackson. ~ **Mary T. Jackson**



## COLLECTIONS ACCEPTED IN THE NARTHEX

Each month, the following collections are received in the narthex after morning services. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated. ~ *The Vestry*

### 1st Sunday – The Virginia Peninsula Food Bank

This facility provides food assistance through various programs including mobile pantries, school-based markets and partnerships with local agencies. It serves over 61,000 residents across the Peninsula, including Williamsburg and York County.

### 2nd Sunday – Peake Childcare Center

This fully licensed, accredited center serves children from 6 weeks to age 5 and welcomes families of all income levels. Its first location was at St. Cyprian's on Tyler Street.

### 3rd Sunday – Revenue Enhancement Fund

This fund provides seed money for our fundraising efforts, including the Shrove Tuesday Supper, Fall Bazaar, and Fish Fries.

### 4th Sunday – *HELP* (Hampton Ecumenical Lodging and Provisions)

*HELP* provides food and lodging support for the needy in the Hampton community.



St. Cyprian parishioners Alberta Reid, Ele Pritchett, Lora Ham, Fannie Walls, and Jean Carnegie volunteered to help bag more than 400 cases of grapefruit in just two hours. The produce will be distributed to local churches and organizations enrolled in the USDA assistance program. St. Cyprian's parishioners also worked alongside several dedicated women, including members of the Women's University Organization of Hampton, who are pictured with the Cyprian Saints. The event offered meaningful fellowship while serving the community. Another volunteer opportunity is planned for June, with the date to be announced. ~ *Saints in Service*







Our next Vestry meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 11 a.m.** Please continue to share your comments, questions, observations, and suggestions with members of the Vestry. We thank the Vestry for their hard work on behalf of the congregation at St. Cyprian's. Copies of approved Vestry minutes by the Vestry are posted on the front hallway bulletin board. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a copy of the minutes emailed or mailed to you.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations for Altar Flowers are often given in memory of a loved one who has passed, or in thanksgiving for someone special in your life. The cost of altar flowers is \$35 for each side of the altar. If you would like to donate to this fund for the 2026 year, as an expression of love or remembrance, please sign the Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet or contact Eleanor Pritlchett or Fannie Walls.

~ *Altar Guild*



## VOLUNTEERS FOR VIDEO RECORDING

We are seeking four volunteers to share why they love St. Cyprian's for a short video presentation. Each recording will last 2–3 minutes and will be featured on our website. If you're interested in participating, please reach out to Fr. Sintim or Mark Farquharson by **Sunday, June 28, 2026**. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to participate in the video! The webmaster will work with volunteers to schedule the recording times and dates. ~ *Fr. Sintim*



**Recognition Sunday**  
**Sunday, June 28, 2026**  
**10 a.m.**

Please join us as we recognize our graduating high school and college seniors and those who may have received advanced degrees.

We hope this will be a joyous occasion as we celebrate our graduates and the youth of this church.

Prayers will be offered for them as they prepare for the next phase in their academic careers. We are excited to see all that lies ahead for them.

For more information, contact Mary T. Jackson.



**St. Cyprian's extends congratulations and best wishes to the 2026 graduates.**

## **College and Post-Graduate Degrees**



**Jordyn Lorean Hester  
Graduated May, 11, 2026 from  
Montclair State University, NJ  
Degree in Sports Communications**

**Daughter of Earl & Stacey Hester  
Sister to Janae Heste**



# *Happening at St. Cyprian's*

Coffee Hour Celebration for Pentecost



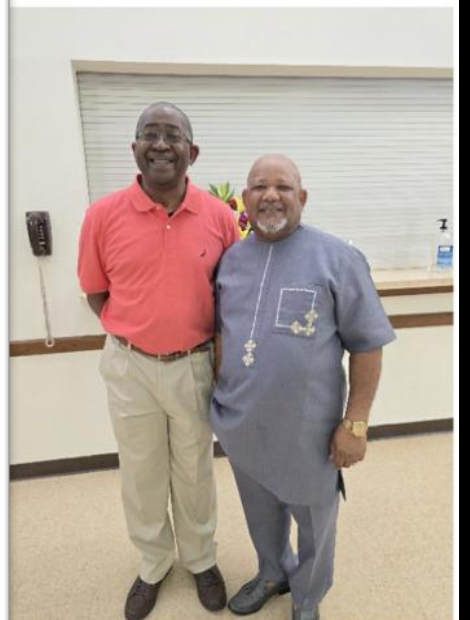


## A Three-Generations Family



## 65-Year-old Club Members and Caterers





# BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Stephen Ham, Rose Annobil Sintim, and Clayton Winston receive birthday blessings from Rev. Dr. Sintim for the month of May.





May birthday honorees were Stephen and Lora Ham, Joanne, and Rose Annobil Sintim.



# JUNE 2026 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



6/2	Vernell L. Walden
6/3	Mathew Farquharson
6/5	Donna Winston
6/7	Olivia Wilkerson
6/14	Lenese Walls
6/14	Clarice Farquharson
6/15	Maria Watkins
6/17	Alberta Reid
6/18	Jordyn Hester
6/21	Aden Dial
6/21	Braden Dial
6/26	Daisy Bell
6/26	Jeffrey Corbin, II



6/4	Hector & Rose Sintim
6/17	Dorian & Narcisa Smith Moore
6/21	Mary & Wayne Jackson

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know by calling the Church Office, (757)723-8253.

# FATHERS DAY - JUNE 21, 2026

May God Bless



All Our Fathers



Juneteenth 2026 will be celebrated/observed on **Friday, June 19, 2026.**

Juneteenth is observed on June 19 each year commemorating the emancipation of the enslaved African Americans back in 1865. President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law on June 17, 2021.

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation outlawing slavery in the original confederate states on January 1, 1863. On June 19, 1865, the Union Army General Gordon Granger, under the General Order No. 3, enforced the freedom of enslaved people in the last held out state in the confederacy, Texas. For more information, visit

[https://www.calendardate.com/juneteenth\\_2023.htm](https://www.calendardate.com/juneteenth_2023.htm)



## **IN OUR CYCLES OF PRAYER:**

### **We Pray for Our Bishop:**

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

### **We Pray for Our Ministry for Postulancy:**

Cornelia Taylor

### **We Pray for Parishioners:**

Juanita Alexander, Ardelle Anderson, Daisy Bell, Jeffery Corbin II, Keri Corbin, Sandra Corbin, Crystal Diggs Gray, Patricia Dixon, Regal DuBose, Lorraine Edwards (aunt of Crystal Diggs Gray), Samuel E. Ewell, Jr., Olivia Ghanem (mother of Fr. Sintim), Gene Harden, Betty Lewis, Marc Miller, Delores Minor, Ron Minor, Gwendolyn Newsome, Shane Otey, Eleanor Pritchett, Alberta Reid, Angela J. Russell, Henry P. Russell Jr., Minnie Stiff, Vernell Walden, Wayne Walden, John Watkins, Sr., Bernice Wilson, Lucius Wyatt, and Samantha B. B. Burney

### **We Pray for Friends and Family:**

Derrick Edmonds, Lois Martin, Margaret Comegys, Clay Cane, Alexa Munoz, Cheryl Maxson, Doris Harris, Marcus Reid, Jeannie & Paul Saunders, Beverly Amaya, Lily Holloman, Allison Jordan, Greg & Patrina Newton, Kenneth Bullock, Peggy Winston, Dominique Jordan, Tony Leroy Duncan, Edith & Sana Harris, Jasen Fykes (*grandson of Eleanor Pritchett*), Sophia (*sister of Lucretia Clayton*), Shawna Mathias (*sister of Crystal Diggs Gray*), Joy Staton, Christine Calhoun, Jeffrey Peele, Oliver Christian (*brother of The Rev. Earl R. Christian*), Howard Moore (*brother of Lucretia Clayton*), Philip Whitaker (*brother of Crystal Diggs Gray*), Tyrone Comegys, Russell Rhorer (*brother-in-law of Samuel Ewell, Jr.*), Evita Ogden (*niece of Alberta Reid*), Phillip Wilson, William & Margaret Boyd (*nephew of Gwendolyn Newsome*), Barry Lockett (*neighbor of Lora & Steve Ham*), Yvonne Hargrove (*sister of Stephen Ham {Lora}*), Betty Rivera (*neighbor of Lora & Stephen Ham*), Nettie Smiley (*friend of Portia Goode-Herd*), Julyn Sheppard (*wife of the late Jerome Sheppard*), Doris Powell, Jaden Cooper (*nephew of Crystal Diggs Gray*), Jill & Mike Wojcik (*neighbor of Gwendolyn Newsome*), Thomas Dru Montague (*grandson of DeLaine Headen*), Claire Martine (*sister of Gwendolyn Newsome and aunt of Sharon and Sylvester Newsome Jr.*), and Lorean Hester (*mother of Earl Hester*)

### **We Pray for Those Serving in the Military:**

LaToya Artis (*niece of Dr. Minnie Stiff*); Major Luke Carpenter, III (*grandson of Bill and Fannie Walls*), U.S. Marine Corps; John "Holland" Watkins (*son of John & Maria Watkins*) U.S. Navy; and LT. Joy Maria Watkins (*daughter of John & Maria Watkins*), U.S. Coast Guard

# What's Happening

## CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2026

### JUNE 7, 2026

Sun.	June 7 <sup>th</sup>		Virginia Peninsula Food Bank Donations
Sun.	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	9 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun.	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Preacher – Rev. Dr. Hector E. K. Sintim
Sun.	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – <i>YouTube Live</i>
Sun.	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Communion Packet Pick-up
Tue.	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	Vestry Meeting/ Vestry Room
Wed.	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Packet Pick-up
Wed.	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.	Noonday Prayer
Thur.	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Packet Pick-up
Thur.	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thur.	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.	Bible Study
Sat.	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.~ 5 p.m.	Fish Fry

### JUNE 14, 2026

Sun.	June 14 <sup>th</sup>		Peake Childhood Center Donations
Sun.	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	9 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun.	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Preacher – Rev. Dr. Hector E. K. Sintim
Sun.	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – <i>YouTube Live</i>
Sun.	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Communion Packet Pick-up
Sun.	June 14 <sup>th</sup>		Birthday Celebration-Coffee Hour
Sun.	June 14 <sup>th</sup>		Vestry Picture Day/ Samuel Ewell
Wed.	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Communion Packet Pick-up
Wed.	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.	Noonday Prayer
Thur.	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Communion Packet Pick-up
Thur.	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thur.	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.	Bible Study

### JUNE 21, 2026 – FATHER'S DAY

Sun.	June 21 <sup>st</sup>		Father's Day/Stewardship Sunday
Sun.	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	9a.m.	Bible Study
Sun.	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	10 a.m.	Preacher – Rev. Dr. Hector E. K. Sintim
Sun.	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – <i>YouTube Live</i>
Sun.	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Communion Packet Pick-up
Wed.	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Communion Packet Pick-up
Wed.	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.	Noon Day Prayer
Thur.	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Communion Packet Pick-up
Thur.	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thur.	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.	Bible Study

### JUNE 28, 2026-RECOGNITION SUNDAY/ LEADERS, GRADUATES, PROMOTIONS

Sun.	June 28 <sup>th</sup>		<i>H.E.L.P.</i> Sunday/Recognition Sunday
Sun.	June 28 <sup>th</sup>	9 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun.	June 28 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – <i>YouTube Live</i>
Sun.	June 28 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Preacher – Rev. Dr. Hector E. K. Sintim
Sun.	June 28 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Communion Packet Pick-up
Wed.	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Communion Packet Pick-up
Wed.	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	12 p.m.	Noon Day Prayer
Thur.	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thur.	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 p.m.	Bible Study



## JUNE 2026 SERVERS' SCHEDULE

Service	June 7, 2026	June 14, 2026	June 21, 2026	June 28, 2026
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gail B. Jones; Maria Watkins	Lucretia Clayton; Lora Ham; Eleanor Pritchett	Stacey Hester; Fannie J. Walls	Jean Carnegie; Fannie J. Walls
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Stephanie Kendall; Mary T. Jackson	William H. Walls Jr.	Dorian Wilkerson	William H. Walls Jr.
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Stephanie Kendall; Mary T. Jackson	William H. Walls Jr.	Dorian Wilkerson	William H. Walls Jr.
<b>Acolyte</b>	Tamyah Smith; Mary T. Jackson	Tamyah Smith; William H. Walls Jr.	Tamyah Smith; Lucretia Clayton	Tamyah Smith; William H. Walls Jr.
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Ham; William H. Walls Sr.	Connie McCullough; B.T. Brandon	Lucretia Clayton; Marshal Jackson John Watkins	Earl Hester; Stacey Hester; Mark Farquharson
<b>Visitor</b>	None Scheduled	None Scheduled	None Scheduled	None Scheduled
<b>Daughters of the King</b>	None Scheduled	None Scheduled	None Scheduled	None Scheduled

**Diocese of Southern Virginia**

*The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Diocesan Bishop*

**St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church**

*The Rev. Dr. Hector K. E. Sintim, Priest –in-Charge*

**Worship Services and Times**

**Sundays**

**10 a.m.**

**The Staff**

*Phyllis Holland-James, Director of Music Ministries*

*Bettie J. Swain, Parish Administrator*

**The Vestry**

***(Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month – 11 p.m.)***

*Mary T. Jackson (2028,) Senior Warden*

*Lisa B. Youngblood (2027), Register*

*Mark Farquharson (2028)*

*Marshal Jackson (2027)*

*Dorian Moore (2028)*

*Alberta W. Reid (2026)*

*Joy D. Strawn (2026)*

*Fannie J. Walls (2027)*

*Clayton Winston (2028)*

*Lora P. Ham, Treasurer*

*Mark Farquharson, Webmaster/Audio Visual Technician*

*Trustees – Stanley Carnegie; Gail B. Jones; Lucius Wyatt*

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*Saint Cyprian's Church is named after Cyprian, the first Bishop of Carthage, North Africa (248-258). He spoke for reconciliation of the Church with those who had denied their faith. Cyprian was beheaded for refusing to worship pagan gods and deny Christianity. Thus, he became a martyr of Christ's Church universal.*