SERVE FOR THE SAKE OF SERVING
BLESS FOR THE SAKE OF BLESSING

Voices from Chaplaincy Frontlines
• The Rev. Rich Clark, Chaplain
  Saint Stephen’s Episcopal School in Bradenton

• The Rev. Michael Todd, Chaplain
  State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota

• The Rev. Adrienne Hymes, Chaplain
  St. Anselm’s Episcopal Chapel Center, USF Tampa
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY
PRE-K3 THROUGH GRADE 12

The Rev. Rich Clark, Chaplain
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FOR GOD IS AT WORK IN YOU
PHILIPPIANS 2:13

Episcopal School Chaplaincy
• Worship
• Teaching
• Pastoral Care
• Episcopal Identity
WORSHIP

Music - Piano or organ as students enter

Greeting and Prayer - Matthew or Rev. Rich (1 min)
We gather together in the presence of God, the Lord of heaven and earth: the Creator of our world and everything in it, the One who gave us life and breath, the One who is never far away from any of us, the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Let us worship God together, not only right now- here today- but also every minute of every day and in every way we can at Saint Stephen’s.

Faculty Speech - Mr. Yaneli’s speech is titled, “Don’t Sail Too Close to the Shore” (10 min)

Music - Peter Balos singing “Thinking Out Loud” by Ed Sheeran w/ Ms. Hambrick accompanying on piano (4 min)

Announcements - Mrs. Cotton (5 min) and Mr. Forrester (2 min)

School prayer - Alana to lead and all students please pray (1 min)
Loving God, gracious Lord, Thank you for the life we share at Saint Stephen’s Episcopal School. Help us to do our part in making this community a place where we all can become whom you created us to be. Empower those who teach and those who learn to be fulfilled by sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. Open our hearts to your love, that we might feel your presence among us. Guide and strengthen us by your spirit, that we might love one another as you love us: freely and fully, expecting nothing in return. In Your most holy name we pray,
Amen.

Closing and Dismissal - Matthew

Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 4 | 8 a.m.
Lower School Playground
FOR GOD IS AT WORK IN YOU
PHILIPPIANS 2:13

Teaching

- Lower School - Story of God
- Intermediate School - 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens
PASTORAL CARE

• Students
• Faculty
• Staff
• Parents
• Village
EPISCOPAL IDENTITY

- Christ Episcopal Church
- Diocese of SW Florida
- National Association of Episcopal Schools
- School Chaplains’ Mentor Program
“FOR GOD IS AT WORK IN YOU”
PHILIPPIANS 2:13

FRONTLINE INSIGHTS

• Meeting Students and Families "Where They Are"
• Holy Perspective
• Communication and Synergies with Local Parish
HIGHER KINGDOM MENTALITY

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State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota
“SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD...”
MATTHEW 6:33

• Discipleship
  ❖ Followers of Jesus, not a denomination
  ❖ Faith formation
  ❖ Personal ownership
  ❖ Meat, not milk
“SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD…”
MATTHEW 6:33

• Relationship
  ❖ Presence
  ❖ Availability
  ❖ Hospitality
  ❖ Serve
“SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD...”
MATTHEW 6:33

• Fellowship
  ❖ Friends
  ❖ Community
  ❖ Diversity
  ❖ Openness
“SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD…”
MATTHEW 6:33

• Partnership
  ❖ Inside and outside campus
  ❖ Churches and ministries
  ❖ Delegation
  ❖ Humility
  ❖ Higher purpose
“SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD…”
MATTHEW 6:33

• Leadership
  ❖ F.A.T.
  ❖ Equipping
  ❖ Hands-on ministry
  ❖ Freedom to serve
  ❖ Mentor
  ❖ Evaluate
“SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD...” – MATTHEW 6:33

FRONTLINE INSIGHTS

• There is a harvest.
• Young adults do have spiritual questions.
• Your *continuing* presence matters. It builds trust.
• Prayer opens doors.
• Seek *first* to serve – not tell.
• Partner with others in what God is already doing to reach them.
• Jesus is their hope and peace!
CREATING A CULTURE OF CARE

The Rev. Adrienne Hymes, Chaplain
St. Anselm’s Episcopal Chapel Center, USF Tampa
“...THE PLACE ON WHICH YOU ARE STANDING IS HOLY GROUND”

EXODUS 3:4-6

• Campus ministry is NOT youth ministry
• Chaplaincy is a ministry of relationships, not religion
• Emerging adult population
• The spiritual core of the Academic Village

TRANSITION ➔ CHANGE ➔ LOSS ➔ GRIEF

• Condensed and Intensified Life Cycle
  • Birth (matriculation)
  • Life (day-to-day demands)
  • Death (transfer/graduation)

• Unattended Woundedness
Thank you so much Mother Adrienne! Thank you for your support, guidance & renewal of faith when I was starting to lose mine

Hello Mother Adrienne, how have you been? My mother has gotten better with chemotherapy and with everything calming down, I'm ready to get back into the church much more often!

I was wondering if you would want to come to my new apartment and do a blessing sometime after I move in next Friday

Wasn't it called the pascal mystery?

Hello! Nothing happened & that's kinda the reason I'm asking haha. I just feel very isolated & I feel like if I can get connected to something it'll make this endeavor a lot less lonely

I'll try to stop by Bulls Market between classes and I'll be sure to check my email. I look forward to seeing you and being more dedicated to my faith. Have a blessed evening!

Hey Mother Adrienne, sorry to bother you again, do you have any connections in San Antonio possibly?
THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN THE ACADEMIC VILLAGE
BIRTH, DEATH & THE LIFE IN BETWEEN

BIRTH
Matriculation

Jesus
Gospel

DYING & DEATH
Graduation
All transition=Change
All Change=Loss
All Loss=Grief

LIFE
Reformation of Identity
Relationships formed/broken
Isolation/Belonging
Confidence/Uncertainty
vocational discernment, career planning
Academic demands, challenges
Adoption/Rejection “Village” Culture

Holy Ground
Jesus
Gospel
MEANING-MAKING THROUGH SACRAMENTAL LENSES

• The Church’s mission (BCP, p. 855)
• Seeking depth, structure, proven longevity
• Hunger for sacred space
• Appreciation for ancient ritual
• Episcopal Church liturgy & identity
• Intentional teaching
NURTURING LONG-TERM WHOLESNESS

- Embrace Change
- Befriend Grief
- Develop tools for meaning-making
- Nurture Resilience
- Lean into faith

Moving through spiritual suffering while making sense of it
“...THE PLACE ON WHICH YOU ARE STANDING IS HOLY GROUND”
EXODUS 3:4-6

FRONTLINE INSIGHTS

• Adopt:
  - Mindset of Service
  - Mindset of Scarcity
• Focus on foundation, not FUN
• Prepare the “pipeline” for lifelong disciples
• Don’t dumb down faith tradition; authenticity builds trust
STAY CONNECTED

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