



# The Wheel

## Valentine Dinner Dance & Auction



Saturday, February 12, 6:30 PM

Join us for the 12th annual Valentine's Dinner Dance and Auction! The night begins with bidding on the Silent Auction. We'll serve a formal meal of delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres with a distinctly global flavor. An open bar will be available throughout the evening with beer, wine, and soft drinks. During dessert is the spectacular Live Auction where items such as stays at vacation homes, gourmet dinners, fine art, and overseas trips will be offered. We'll conclude with dancing to music from a professional DJ. The entire night is a great chance to spend time with friends, eat great food, bid on great items, and raise money for the youth. This is our youth program's largest fund raiser and proceeds go toward the J2A pilgrimage.

Tickets are on sale in the foyer at \$25 per person so get yours while they are available – we usually sell out our seating (so please, no walk ins at this event). The Silent Auction will be open on the day of the event, 9 am - 3 pm for anyone in the church or preschool who would like to bid. For information contact the youth office. Thank you for your support!

### Auction items needed!

Please consider donating an item for the Live or Silent Auction this year – past items have included vacation homes, sports tickets, gourmet home-cooked dinners, gift certificates, crafts, collectibles, gift baskets... To donate an auction item contact the youth office. Remember, donations are tax deductible!

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*The people of St. Catherine's seek to share in the love that Jesus Christ has for us and the world by welcoming, accepting, nurturing, and serving all people through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*We Welcome You!*

## HOLY CONVERSATIONS

CONTINUING THE VISION FOR ST. CATHERINE'S

### Your input needed!

hear from YOU! Ten years ago, Father Jim commissioned the Emmaus Project to discern the vision for St. Catherine's. Through that planning and with God's grace we built our sanctuary, renovated the education wing and added administrative offices, built a youth house, formed ministry teams, grew our Catechesis and youth programs, shared time in liturgy and fellowship, and initiated more outreach. The results are too plentiful to list here, but we can say it has been a successful outcome to discerning God's plan for St. Catherine's. And now in support of our 50th Anniversary, Father Jim has commissioned the Holy Conversations team, a group of

All of St. Catherine's: we want to

ten parishioners including Father Jim, tasked with discerning God's plan for our next steps continuing that vision.

With God's guidance and yours, we will work together to identify the path for our congregation over the next 3 to 5 years. One of the first steps in this journey is to survey our congregation. You will also have the opportunity to provide thoughts and ideas face to face at ministry team meetings and two open forums scheduled for March.

Our goal is to have input from ALL members of the congregation. For all who respond we will have a live oak tree seedling. **Please go now to this web page: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H8PXNV3>** Your reply will be confidential unless you choose to include your name, and you will receive no spam or unrequested email by using this form.

## New Orleans Mission Trip

March 3 – 8

Join the St. Catherine's group traveling to our partner parish, St. George's in New Orleans to help with their Mardi Gras Spirits Café Thursday, March 3 through Tuesday, March 8. All interested in this ministry please contact Sue Jones at 770-565-1013 or 4sue@bellsouth.net.



## HOLY BAPTISM

**Next date:**  
**April 23 (Great Vigil)**

Please check with the office for more information and to request the customary booklet about Holy Baptism.

## A quilt is a marvelous thing

By Amma Susan+

A quilt is a marvelous thing. One of the most treasured heirlooms that I am blessed to have inherited from my grandmother is a handmade blue and white patchwork quilt. Quilts come in as many patterns as the people who are inspired to make them: pinwheel like my Grandmother's, double wedding ring, log cabin, crazy quilts, appliquéd quilts that tell a story of the family history, etc.

My grandmother's quilt was made at a quilting bee by a group of women who came together, pooling their vision, resources and talents to create this marvelous work of art. First they had to decide on their vision: which design to use for the quilt. Then the materials were gathered: blue and white fabric, batting, needles, thread, scissors and a quilting frame. Each person contributed what they were able to give to the project. Then everyone joined in cutting the fabric into the proper shapes to be sewn together into the many squares, delineated by blue strips of cloth. Next, a batting was sandwiched between the lay-

ers and placed on the frame. Then all of the quilters painstakingly sewed the three layers together with tiny little stitches. It was bound on the edge with a blue border. The completed quilt was then given to my Grandmother to be put to use.

Over its lifetime, Grandmother's pinwheel quilt has been used for many things: a warm cover to sleep under, a picnic blanket, a comforting shawl to ward off the night's chill as Grandmother sat up at night reading, a tent suspended over the back of two chairs where the grandchildren "camped out" in the living room, etc.

I thought of that quilt last night, as the parish treasurer presented the proposed annual budget to be voted upon by the vestry. As I looked at the rows and lines of numbers designated for each of our ministries, I saw more than the mere numbers on the page. I saw a stewardship quilt. Like my Grandmother's quilt, our stewardship quilt was first the vision of our many ministry teams, who discerned together what ministry design God was calling their ministry team to this year. Then they decided what

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## Prayers of the People

### For the Sick

Lillian Vu, Vi Pratt, Joe Tarentino, Linda Smith, Ray Cole, Marilyn Bradbury, Jean Wintrow, , Ingrid Carmines, Sharon Parisi, Alexandra Pepper, Madison Cox, Alycen, David Madison, Barbara Cordery, Lita DiPietrao, T.P. Hall, Bryan M., Melissa Bryan, Bud Bryan, Lori Brown, Vera Bibbings, Cindy, Marshall, Tommy Williams, Lou Cappiello, Julie Brannock, Arlene Brooks, Rachel Tezza, Clifford Nesbitt, George Lindley, Felicia Murray, Dick Kareken, George Williams, Carol Crosslin, Pat Weills, Ian McLeod, Dave Norton, Ann Correll, Eric Layton, Debbie Fronzak, Julia Ann Tinsley, Angie, Courtney Cardona, Annie Walls, Margaret White, Ginny Lummus, Sylvia Nash, Kathryn Webb-Jansen, Jeanne Warman, George Sutton, Althea Dillard, Russ White, Joe Porter, Dallas Ryder, Donna Hale, Sarah Besselieu, Padma Atluri, Kristin, Heather, Victoria

Moon, Olivia, James Day, John Bouman, Kathy Chavez, Bill Brinson, Grace Gerdes, Mary Alta Brause, Travis Rader, Elizabeth White, Katrina Williams, Brent, Mary, Juliette Jones, Judith Phillips, Liz Burlas, Robyn Fort

### Before Surgery

Ron Bergeron, 1/25/2011

### Deceased

Laura Ann Crenshaw, Rujeania Woods' cousin; Vasil Nocka, cousin of the Manno Family; Grant Pursley, Monica Rader's neighbor; Beatrice Ackenbom-Kelly and Sid Kelly, Bella Hutto's sister and brother-in-law

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

**(1/23)** Carolyn Hilley, Debra Stockton Hilley & Ben; Todd, Anne & Frannie Hitchins; Eric, Amy, Christian, Cameron & Lauren Hollis; Bill & Kathy Holman

**(1/30)** Toby Hopper; Rita Horne; Todd, Michelle, Elanore & Samuel Hudson; Joseph, Giovanna, Leighann & Neal Hughart; Jim, Amy & Claire Hunkler

### Birthdays

(1/24) Allen Jablonski; (1/25) Drew Laiz, Sidney Nabinger; (1/26) Keyton Weissinger, Ross Taylor; (1/27) Emily Bayless; (1/28) Tami Mace, Greg Caudle, Michael Caudle, Kate Buckalew, Nicholas Carswell, Foster Walton, Brooklynn Walker, Maddie Cox, Katja Michael; (1/29) Benjamin Kareken, Caitlyn Buckalew, Rod Deutscher, David Bowman, Al Maxwell; (1/30) Ash Gale, Riley Devault, Christian Hollis; (2/1) John Martin, Anita Gardner, Jana Williams; (2/3) Jacqueline Hurley; (2/4) Kristin Blackstock, Wayne Gammon; (2/5) Frederick Massey, Kelly Snook, Tom Day

## Elizabeth Inn

You can help at the MUST Ministries Elizabeth Inn Marietta homeless shelter. Dinner team on the 28th of every month: contact Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609, or Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411. Laundry team on the fourth Tuesday and fifth Wednesday every month: contact Fred Massey, 404.731.4466 or [f\\_massey2@hotmail.com](mailto:f_massey2@hotmail.com).



## Lessons & Carols recording

A live-recording CD of December's Advent Lessons and Carols service is available, made by a member of the choir. No charge, a donation of \$5 per copy is suggested to the St. Catherine's Piano Fund. To order please contact Karen Manno, [karen@stcatherines.org](mailto:karen@stcatherines.org), and indicate the number of CDs desired.

## Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday Night Live every week has dinner and programs for all ages. Early program time (especially designed for families with young children) 5:00-5:45 / Dinner 5:45-6:30 / Program time (all ages) 6:30-7:30. Please remember to make your dinner reservation by the Tuesday before each date you'll eat with us — fill out the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or contact the church office by 5 pm Tuesday each week you dine with us. Prices: \$3 children, \$7 adults, \$20 family maximum.

### “Faces on Faith”

Our adult program at 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Epiphany is a remarkable series of classic DVD-based interviews with some of the 20th century's giants of faith revealing their hopes and beliefs, offering valuable insights about life, faith, God, and the spiritual journey. You'll enjoy our stimulating and thought-provoking conversation!

- January 26 - Joan Chittister
- February 2 - Parker Palmer
- February 9 - Marian Wright Edelman
- February 16 - Frederick Buechner
- February 23 - Adele Gonzales
- March 2 - Marcus Borg



### Coming in Lent:

***The Light. The Word. The Bread.***  
**A Lenten Renewal Experience For Adults**

*“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you,” (James 4:8)* This Lent give yourself the gift of time to draw nearer to God. Over four Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm, you are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a prayerful time to reflect and discuss selected scripture that will enliven your relationship with God. The first session on Wednesday, March 16th will focus on The Gift of Relationship; March 23rd will focus on The Gift of Mercy; March 30th on The Gift of the Eucharist; and April 13th on The Gift of the Word. In addition to discussion, you will have the opportunity for your own prayerful self-expression through writing, drawing, music, or walking the labyrinth. Materials will be supplied. This special Lenten experience is designed as a gift to the adults of St. Catherine's, in honor of our 50th Anniversary, by the catechists of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

## Cat's Tales: Some history of St. Catherine's

### “The St. Cat's Scat & Saunter”

By Carroll Mitchell

Back in the 80s, St Catherine's sponsored a 5K run known as the St. Cat's Scat. I, being not at all inclined to run, invented the St. Cat's Saunter. Weeks of announcements led up to the event, wherein “Miss Manners”, the arbiter of all things excruciatingly socially correct, would tell the congregation that it was considered tacky to sweat, and totally unacceptable to run around in abbreviated clothing! When the day arrived a band of merry saunterers gathered at the church dressed in tuxedos, gowns, hats, gloves, and tennis shoes. We sauntered—slowly—across the street, and the minute we began to glow with the tiniest bit of perspiration we headed back to the church to sip mimosas in the shade!!

**Note:** Do you more memories of these fun runs? If you have remembrances of any of our history together, please send to Karen Manno, [karen@stcatherines.org](mailto:karen@stcatherines.org).

### A marvelous quilt (cont'd)

financial materials would be needed. Each pledging member promised what they were able to contribute: the financial needles, thread, etc. The finance committee pieced together the promised gifts to meet the needs of each budget square. The completed stewardship quilt presented to the vestry last night was a beautiful work of art, made possible by the many generous hearts and hands of this community. It will soon be put to use for our many beautiful ministries: outreach to warm our community with God's mercy, Christian nurture and development for children, youth and adults to help each of us grow into the likeness of Christ, liturgy and music to spiritually nourish our journey of faith; parish life and fellowship – the glue that binds us together; pastoral care, wrapping the hurting and wounded in this body of Christ; parish administration & facilities that keeps our facility a safe place; salaries for clergy and staff; invitation ministry that opens our arms in welcome for all; financial resources to handle the monies responsibly, so we will be a loving community of faith and worship for generations to come. Our stewardship quilt is a marvelous thing.

**This week at St. Catherine's**

Monday, 1/24

**Susan's Day Off**

7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 1/25

10:00AM Morning Prayer

10:30AM Staff Meeting

4:00PM Catechesis-Catholic

6:00PM MUST Laundry Team

6:30PM Jubilate

Wednesday, 1/26

5:30AM MUST Breakfast

9:30AM Bible Study

1:30PM Preschool Staff

5:00PM WNL Program

5:45PM WNL Dinner

6:15PM Youth Choir

6:30PM WNL Program

7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 1/27

6:30PM EFM

7:00PM Men's Bible Study

7:00PM Holy Conversation

Friday, 1/28

**Jim's Day Off**

10:00AM Women's Bible Study

5:30PM MUST Spaghetti Dinner  
@ St. Ann's

6:00PM Elizabeth Inn

8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 1/29

5:30PM Young Families Movie Night

Sunday, 1/30

7:30AM Holy Eucharist

8:00AM Breakfast

8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist

10:00AM Church School

11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist

1:00PM The Journey

3:30PM FPU

## Building for MUST Ministries



### Spaghetti fundraiser at St. Ann's

MUST Ministries is in need of a new building to replace two old structures on the MUST Marietta campus. The goal is to replace them with one new structure having about 2,000 square feet of usable floor space, nearly the same as the St. Catherine's Youth House. A consortium of 5 churches called "Covenant Churches" is working to make this happen. They have been raising funds and building Habitat houses together for a number of years: St. Peter and St. Paul Episcopal, Mt Zion UMC, St. Ann's Catholic, The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, and The Lutheran Church of the Incarnation. St. Catherine's and the local Methodist coalition have been invited to join them in this building for MUST.

Covenant Churches' annual fundraiser is a Spaghetti Dinner, **5:30-8:00 pm on Friday, January 28** at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta, GA 30062.

Tickets are on sale at St. Cat's for this event, \$10/adult, \$5/children under 10 or a family ticket for \$25. Tickets also available at the door.

This project is an exciting opportunity. It's like a Habitat build, but will benefit many people who are MUST's clients and guests. Please watch for news as the planning develops. Contact us for information: Al Jones [4al@bellsouth.net](mailto:4al@bellsouth.net); Fred Massey [f\\_massey2@hotmail.com](mailto:f_massey2@hotmail.com); or Carol Eskew [carol@harvestmtg.com](mailto:carol@harvestmtg.com).

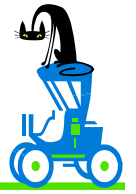
## Men's Book Study



### Next meeting February 21

The men's book study group will meet in February on the 21st at 6:30 pm at the home of Al Jones. This study is a fellowship-oriented look at our faith with lots of discussion and sharing. Men of all ages are invited to join us to look at what it means to be man in search of faith. Each month we meet at the home of a member of the group for a light dinner and our study. We will begin our next book soon – to be announced! For information contact Tom Hunter, [thunter41@bellsouth.net](mailto:thunter41@bellsouth.net).

## Cats On Wheels



Mark your calendars for our upcoming activities and gatherings:

- February 19 - Day trip to Tellus Museum in Cartersville
- March 19 - Lunch at Olive Garden
- April 30 - Day trip to Callaway Gardens
- May 21 - Lunch at Salah Thai Restaurant

Cats on Wheels is our fellowship group for active senior adults and we welcome you! To get on the mailing list for all our activities contact [st.cats.on.wheels@gmail.com](mailto:st.cats.on.wheels@gmail.com) – Susan Johnson+, Vera Bibbings and Alan Certain.

## In The Community

### • St. Cat's featured in "East Cobb Patch" Blog

St. Catherine's parishioner Todd Hudson is a regular contributor to the East Cobb Patch blog (for those of us not versed in "Internet speak" a blog is a column published online). His article, "Faith Without Boundaries" talks about the how East Cobb's diverse religious faiths create "communities within the community." You can read it online at <http://eastcobb.patch.com/articles/faith-without-boundaries>.

### • Spanish Classes at Holy Innocents

Multi-Level Conversation Class – Winter Session: Mondays and Wednesdays January 24-March 2, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon; High Beginning Class – Winter Session: Mondays January 24-March 28, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Tuition is \$210. Location: Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, 805 Mt. Vernon Hwy NW, Atlanta, GA 30327. To register contact Holly Patrick, [hpatrick@teslgeorgia.net](mailto:hpatrick@teslgeorgia.net) or 404-531-4155. This program is a fundraising initiative to support English for Successful Living, a nonprofit program that provides an opportunity for immigrant adults to learn English, thereby enabling them to participate in and contribute more fully to every aspect of American society.

**This week at St. Catherine's**

Monday, 1/31

**Susan's Day Off**

7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 2/1

10:00AM Morning Prayer  
 10:30AM Staff Meeting  
 4:00PM Catechesis - Catholic  
 6:30PM Jubilate  
 6:30PM Conveners

Wednesday, 2/2

9:30AM Bible Study  
 12:00PM CN & D  
 5:00PM WNL Program  
 5:45PM WNL Dinner  
 6:15PM Youth Choir  
 6:30PM WNL Program  
 7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 2/3

6:30PM EFM  
 6:30PM Great Oak Fund  
 7:00PM Men's Bible Study

Friday, 2/4

**Jim's Day Off**

4th-6th Vestry Retreat  
 10:00AM Women's Bible Study  
 8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 2/5

8:30AM Jubilate

Sunday, 2/6

7:30AM Holy Eucharist  
 8:00AM Breakfast  
 8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist  
 / Jubilate  
 10:00AM Church School  
 11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist  
 1:00PM The Journey  
 3:30PM FPU

**Blood Drives 2011**

Mark your calendar now for giving at St Catherine's as follows:

February 22, April 26,  
 June 28, August 23, October 25, December 27. To schedule your time go to [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) or call 1.800.RED.CROSS (733.2767).

## New worship opportunity: monthly Taizé service

By Susan Jablonski



*"The desire for communion with God has been set within the human heart since the dawn of time. The mystery of that communion touches what is most intimate in us, reaching down to the very depths of our being."*

— To the wellsprings of joy:  
 Letter for 2004

What is TAIZÉ? Taizé is a town in France a few hours south of Paris. This town has come to be identified with the faith community founded there by Brother Roger during WWII. Brother Roger was called to provide a place of sanctuary during the war. He established there a community of faith based on service, spirituality and communion. "By its very existence, the community is a 'parable of community' that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples."

In Taizé, a community prayer service is part of the daily discipline. Many who have visited Taizé long to bring the spiritual mysteries of that liturgy back home with them.

St. Catherine's will hold a monthly Taizé Community Prayer Service on the third Sunday through this spring at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary, lasting approximately 30 minutes. This form of Prayer Service includes Psalms and Scripture Readings; Music; Reflection; Silent Meditation; and Intercessions. Our first service was January 16, and dates coming up are:

- February 20 – Blessings Everyday
- March 20 – Measuring Forgiveness
- April 17 – Whose Will Is It?
- May 15 – Protector and Rescuer
- June 19 – The Address

We invite you to join us in this unique and enlightening liturgy.

## Flowers & Candles

Thank you to all who have already signed up to provide flowers and candles to adorn our sanctuary this year. There are still dates available to make donations in thanksgiving for or in memory of a person or occasion. Please look for the chart in the foyer. And when you've signed up, please remember to submit a check for flowers (\$60/vase) and candles (\$20) on or before your scheduled date. Your donations are the sole support for these ministries and we appreciate your contributions.

Remember that you may go together with friends or family to sponsor a vase of flowers. The sponsorship for candles or vases of flowers for any date on the calendar is NOT limited to one or two persons or families. Again, thank you for your generosity.

## CONGREGATIONAL NURSES CORNER

### 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease



Your memory often changes as you grow older. But memory loss that disrupts daily life is not a typical part of aging. It may be a symptom of dementia. Dementia is a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. The most common form of dementia is Alzheimer's disease, a fatal disorder that results in the loss of brain cells and function. This list can help you recognize the warning signs of Alzheimer's:

1. Memory changes that disrupt daily life
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks
4. Confusion with time or place
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
8. Decreased or poor judgment
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities
10. Changes in mood and personality

For more information contact the Alzheimer's Association, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).



## Jubilate dates coming up

The Jubilate Music Team leads us in contemporary praise music on the first Sunday of the month at the 8:45 service and more. Upcoming Jubilate dates are February 6, March 6, April 3, May 8, and the April 24 Easter Sunrise service at 6 am. All are welcome to join this group as a singer and/or instrumentalist. Our rehearsals are Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 pm, and on the Saturday before these worship service at 8:30-10 am. For information contact Susan Jablonski, Sjablonski@water.com.

## Ministry Focus: Liturgy & Music

This month as part of our Anniversary Year of Celebration we celebrate the life and work of our Liturgy and Music Ministry Team. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact team convener Steve Diffley.

## WHY WE SING

By Director of Music Brian Williams

During Advent, I'd asked the Adult Choir to be thinking about why we sing. Their responses may enlighten our thinking about why we sing or why we sing in choir.

- *Singing choral music brings me joy - it lifts me up from even the darkest mood, is often moving to the soul and can bring comfort, it brings people together from all walks of life, and is the best way I can help to share God's word.*
- *Because to me it summarizes Church. The whole becomes greater than the sum of the parts. It fills me with a sense of peace and belonging that I cannot find anywhere else. It is a gift that I freely give, yet there is no cost, no beginning nor end. It is simply there, pure love.*
- *There's a thing that happens when two or three people are singing the same notes and they are bravely singing out and at the same time listening carefully to the other. The sound is beautiful and it is completely different than the sound of one voice alone. It's not the sound of one voice or the other, it's a third sound neither one owns. It is the musical expression of Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." and John 3:30 "He must increase but I must decrease."*
- *Singing is an act of creation. How often in your day-to-day life do you get to participate in the creation of something beautiful?*
- *We have a lot of fun working together towards a common goal. Because we spend so much time together, we support one another, we laugh together, we rely on one another, we trust each other.*
- *I sing because our sons sing and I have to be able to talk with them about music.*
- *I cannot imagine life without singing, although I never wanted to make a career out of it either... I sing for physical pleasure, for the connection with words that enhances the expression of feelings and ideas, and for the discipline of technique... Choral singing is a special subset of this pleasure, because it has the added benefit of fellowship with others... Singing has also allowed me to have a modest double life, which is fun in itself. Most people at St. Catherine's have no idea what my profession is; few of my colleagues know that I can carry a tune...*

*Most important I sing because I can't imagine not doing so.*

- *With a piano playing Mother and a singing Father, I learned to enjoy singing early. Singing the words makes them more important, more relevant, more joyful, and more profound to me. Singing allows the meaning to touch my soul. Singing gives me great joy! When I sing I hear everything better. I love to sing!*
- *Singing is the way we use our spiritual gifts to glorify God in Music. Through song we can melt the hearts of man.*
- *I sing for three reasons: (1) To the best of my ability to make a joyful noise to the glory of God. (2) To offer music as a ministry to those in our audience. This alone provides continuity of the word of God through the only medium that is universally understood. (3) I sing because it makes me feel the spirit of God. There is no warmer feeling than when a musical chord surrounds me with all its glory in the choir.*
- *To me, singing is not just a form of praise but of prayer. Singing touches my heart and feeds my soul.*
- *Why do I sing in the church choir? Because it's the only place in church where age doesn't matter... while some tease me for being young, I don't feel like I don't fit in (especially with the basses sitting behind me goofing off every other minute). That's why I sing in choir...to always have a place where I belong no matter what my age is.*
- *Why do I sing? I enjoy it. That sounds like a bad reason, I know, but I do. Singing fills me with joy and demonstrates my feelings. God gives us all gifts, the gifts of public speaking, mathematics and the list goes on. My gift is the ability to sing and to share it to bring joy, comfort, healing and prayer. Certain songs remind me of people, experiences, situations and I am moved beyond words. Lyrics become a prayer and the music the breath.*

So, there you are. Singing is something we humans do. It is what we Episcopalians and Christians do! It means many things to many people but in the end, we do it still. An excerpt from a well-known hymn: "The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing; All things are mine since I am his — How can I keep from singing?"

I encourage you to join us even more diligently and with greater fervor to experience the joy of singing at St. Catherine's!

## Youth News

By Mike Peterson

Hello St. Catherine's! Despite the forced hibernation many of us experience due to recent inclement weather, the St. Catherine's youth program has continued to keep business rolling. After a surprise week out of school, the 9th and 10th graders of the J2A class piled into the church van on January 7 to head up to Nashville, TN for their Urban Adventure. This trip to a major city is almost entirely planned and led by the J2A class every two years. Once our youth-navigator had safely led us to our hostel in Nashville (with only one slight detour that, had it been worse, could have landed us in Louisville instead), I put the keys to the van in my bag and left the next three nights entirely in the hands of the ten youth on the trip.

With great energy and drive (and varying degrees of purpose, direction, and organization), the J2A youth selected activities, figured out how to get to them, and even kept detailed accounts of what they spent and how much money they had left. In addition to several pairs of sore feet from countless miles walked, the weekend included a scavenger hunt at Bicentennial Park, a parade to honor the inauguration of Tennessee's new governor, meals from a variety of restaurants and/or stores, discounted admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame (courtesy of our youth's ability to sweet talk the employees there), great

views from all over the city, a few trips to interesting western-wear stores and tourist merchandise vendors, a trip to Nashville's replica of the Parthenon, and a lot of group bonding and development of young leadership.

The J2Aers showed a wonderful knack for sharing and trading off the responsibilities of leadership. Though there were inevitable delays and slots where time could have been used more efficiently, it was still a very full weekend that allowed everyone to work together and grow much closer with each other. We also joined up with the confirmation class at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday morning and attended a service there as well. Through this experience the J2Aers got to meet new young people who are in similar stages of their faith journeys, as well as get some good first-hand advice about Nashville.

Across the board, the youth have reported that the weekend was "amazing," and that they felt they really bonded as a group. Though we all returned from Nashville a bit tired, things do not slow down for the J2A class. Our Valentine's Dinner Dance on February 12, which raises money for the J2A pilgrimage in summer of 2012 is fast approaching (please see page 1) and we will be working hard to solicit donations and put together the best possible evening event that we can. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Young Families Movie Night

**Saturday, January 29**

Please join us at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall for a Movie, Pizza and Popcorn



Picnic!

Bring your blanket and we'll gather around the big screen with pizza,

drinks, popcorn and some treats as we watch "Toy Story 3." We'll start serving the food at 5:30 with the movie beginning at 6:00. \$10 per family. Please RSVP by **Thursday, January 27** in the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Molly Banko, [mdbanko@comcast.net](mailto:mdbanko@comcast.net).

## Hold These Dates

- March 8 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- March 9 – Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
- March 12 – Diocesan Ministry Fair
- March 13 – Hunger Walk @ Turner Field
- March 26-April 8 – Adult Pilgrimage to Turkey
- April 17-23 – Holy Week
- April 24 – Easter Day
- May 15 – Spring Memorial Service

## Letters



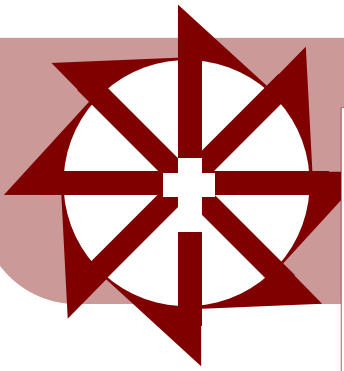
Our family would like to thank St. Catherine's for all the support and prayers over the last 16 months of unemployment. As of January 3rd this year, I have returned to full time employment. During this time, we have received support in so many ways (too many to list) from fellow parishioners, Father Jim, and Amma Sue. It has touched us deeply and renewed our faith.

*The Hunkler Family*

To the People of St. Catherine's,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness on the death of my father. The many cards, calls, emails and personal conversations were all appreciated. Thanks to the Sunshine Committee for a great meal and to Fr. Jim and Amma Susan for their visits. And to all the church community for your prayers – thank you all!

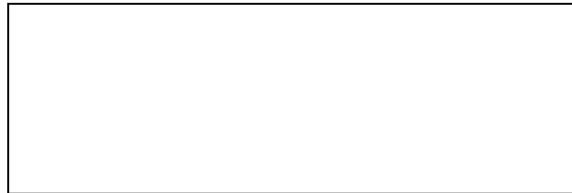
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## Mark Your Calendars

- 1/26, 2/2, 16, 23 ... WNL
- 1/25 ... Elizabeth Inn laundry
- 1/28 ... Elizabeth Inn dinner;  
MUST Spaghetti fundraiser  
@ St. Ann's
- 1/29 ... YF Movie Night
- 2/4-6 ... Vestry Retreat
- 2/12 ... Valentine's Dinner  
Dance & Auction
- 2/19 ... Cats On Wheels @  
Tellus Museum

## Parish Annual Meeting



**Sunday, January 23, 12 pm**

- **Worship at 7:30 & 10:30 am ONLY**
- **Church School 9 - 10 am**

St. Catherine's Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 12:00 PM, immediately following the 10:30 principle service. A light lunch will be served preceding the meeting. We hope you will be a part of this most important time in our common life.

## MARK'S GOSPEL LIVE!



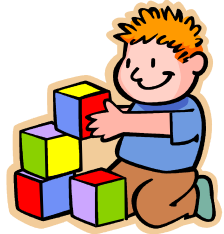
**Saturday, January 22, 7:30 pm**

Experience the entire Gospel of Mark in two amazing hours of awesome storytelling by priest and actor, the Rev. Joseph Morris in the sanctuary of St. Catherine's. Not a reading or talk but a dynamic proclamation of ancient story about God's healing love. This amazing experience is brought to you by the Liturgy and Music Ministry Team as part of our 50th Anniversary celebration. No charge for admission, free-will offering.

## Preschool Registration

Preschool registration for the 2011-2012 school year is here!

- Tours are available Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 AM to noon
- Currently enrolled students will register January 24-31.
- St. Catherine's Church families not currently enrolled may register February 9 and 10, 10 AM at the preschool office.
- Open registration for the community will be Friday, Feb. 11 in the Parish Hall beginning at 10:30 am.



Please visit our website for more information on our wonderful preschool. As always, we appreciate referring your friends and neighbors to our quality preschool program for ages one to pre-K.

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## The Wheel

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