



# The Wheel

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



March 8, 5-7 PM

Celebrate Mardi Gras St. Catherine's style at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Come to the Parish Hall for pancakes, bacon, spiced apples, King Cake, and fellowship. The youth will serve them up from 5 to 7 pm in the Parish Hall. No reservations, suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Come out to have fun and support the Youth Program!

## Invitation to a Holy Lent



Ash Wednesday, March 9

**Holy Eucharist + Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:30 pm**

On Ash Wednesday, we are signed with the outward sign of our humble beginnings and common end. The priest invites all to the observance of holy Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. After our period of silence before the Lord, our maker and redeemer, the priest puts ashes on our foreheads as we take responsibility for this living flesh. As

we take notice of everything around us, the possessions we hold valuable and the persons we love and know, we realize that all will one day turn to dust. This is one of two days the Episcopal Church calls us to fasting and church attendance – the other is Good Friday. Fasting is generally accepted to mean abstaining from food and beverage until the communion is received. Of course, we do not recommend this if there are extenuating health issues. Please make every effort to attend worship this day. Episcopal Churches throughout our community will have services, we will be delighted to give you information on the closest to your work or function if you call our church office.

## Tuesday morning Eucharist & Study

We will gather for Eucharist and Study through Lent beginning March 15, 7:00 to 8:00 am. Our study will use "Good Lord, Deliver Us - A Lenten Journey" by Leonard W. and Lindsay H. Freeman. Guided by the heart and vision of thirty-two timeless petitions from Thomas Cranmer's Great Litany and by the wisdom of lessons from Holy Week and the Great Vigil of Easter, these authors offer strength and encouragement for our walk to the cross as they look at ways in which deliverance comes to us.

Join us each Tuesday in Lent for Eucharist at 7:00 am and Study at 7:30 am. Study materials will be available for \$2.00 each.

## The Light. The Word. The Bread. An Adult Lenten Renewal Experience

"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 weeks 6:30-7:30 pm during Wednesday Night Live program time, all adults are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a prayerful time to reflect and discuss scripture that will enliven your relationship with God. The first session on Wednesday, March 16 will focus on The Gift of Relationship; March 23—The Gift of Mercy; March 30—The Gift of the Eucha-

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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!*

## Ministry Teams Quarterly Meeting



**Tuesday, March 1**

7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All ministry team members – conveners, committee and group chairs and members – and all those who are interested in ministry at St. Catherine's, be sure to attend this important meeting. We will share ministry team plans and needs for 2011.

## Monthly Taizé services



Join us for monthly Taizé Community

Prayer Services on the third Sunday at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. This form of Prayer Service includes Psalms and Scripture Readings; Music; Reflection; Silent Meditation; and Intercessions. Next date will be **March 20** – “Measuring Forgiveness.”

## 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.

## Bloom in our season

By Amma Susan+

Have you ever noticed how there is a progression of flowers that bloom in their own season? In the springtime, the daffodils are the first plants to pop out of the ground, but their beautiful yellow and white blossoms begin to fade as the tulips spring up in all their glory, followed by the peonies and lilies. Summertime is the season for the annual flowers to blossom in their abundance and riot of color. When these summer blooms have spent their strength, the chrysanthemums burst out in their autumnal hues. The winter is cheered by the brave faces of the pansies that brighten the season of chilly winds and snow.

Churches are like flowers. They go through seasons of blossom. In the spring of 1980, Bishop Sims asked the people of St. Catherine's to consider relocating to new property purchased by the diocese on Johnson Ferry Road. The decision was made to stay

where we were and “Bloom where we are planted.” St. Catherine's has continued to do just that. I think of our ongoing life as a parish as being much like the flowers, which bloom in their own season. The vision that causes St. Catherine's to blossom in all its glory for one season gives way to the vision that will generate the bloom of the next season and the next, and the next, and the next, so that we can continue to live into the ongoing will of God for this parish. God places in our hearts the hopes and dreams and the gifts to fit us for each succeeding season's blossoming vision.

We have now entered a period of visioning for the future of our parish, in which each member of the parish is invited to participate in Holy Conversations. That conversation will not be complete until each one of us has filled out a survey. Your contribution to holy conversations is needed to help our parish “Bloom in our season,” to the praise and glory of God. Thanks be to God.

## Prayers of the People

### For the Sick

Lillian Vu, Vi Pratt, Joe Tarentino, Linda Smith, Jean Wintrow, Alexandra Pepper, Madison Cox, Alycen, David Madison, Barbara Cordery, Lita DiPietrao, T.P. Hall, Bryan M., Melissa Bryan, Bud Bryan, Lori Brown, Luke McWilliams, Lou Cappiello, Arlene Brooks, Rachel Tezza, Clifford Nesbitt, George Lindley, Felicia Murray, Dick Kareken, Pat Weills, Ian McLeod, Dave Norton, Ann Correll, Julia Ann Tinsley, Angie, Annie Walls, Margaret White, Ginny Lummus, Kathryn Webb-Jansen, Jeanne Warman, Althea Dillard, Dallas Ryder, Sarah Besselieu, Padma Atluri, Kristin, Heather, Victoria Moon, Olivia, James Day, John Bouman, Kathy Chavez, Bill Brinson, Mary Alta Brause, Travis Rader, Elizabeth White, Katrina Williams, Juliette Jones, Judith Phillips, Liz Burlas, Bob, Dan, Russ White, Karen, Mary Ann, The Rev. Bob Abstein, Roberta Abstein, Janis Oxford, Chris Kallas, Joanne Astolas, Terri Borchardt, Margaret Cowart,

Dianne Blackshear-Wood, Mara Canning, Jenny Ward & baby, Sally Shimell, Joan Nixon, Sharon Parisi, Eric Brown, Kathie Elliott, Martin Shaw Keith Bollete, Kim Selby, Harriett, Jan Dennis, Dan Lonon, Gordon, Rebecca Cantrell, Sally Powers, Dustin Meineke, Lauren & his daughter, Tracy Theriault, her mother and daughter Haley, Cortney Ellis

### Before Surgery

Julie Brannock, 3/15/2011

### Deceased

Tom Carter, Carla von Hoffmann's son-in-law; Elma Westgate, Paige Schlenker's mother

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

**(2/20)** Roy & Susan Johnson; Al & Sue Jones; Sarah Jordan; Chris & Barbara Kallas; Jim & Kathy Kareken  
**(2/27)** Kevin, Robin, Nathan & Kelley Keith; Tina, Michael & Justin Kerr; Chris, Rebecca, Trevor & Robin Kiefer, Justin Baker; Ellis, Claudia & Kelley

Kilgore, Catie Nelson; Steve, Missy, Jennifer & Will Korwan

### Birthdays

(2/21) Marilyn Hunter, Cosy Gale, Steve Pyburn, (2/22) Joyce Carter, Sarah Denton, Michael Baumann, Katie Barrington, (2/24) Natalie Whitlow, Ian Phillpotts, (2/25) John Pennington, Emily Dillson, Roy Johnson, (2/26) Nate Thompson, (2/27) Will Korwan, Jeff Harris, (2/28) Ben Shushan, Hannah Harris, (3/1) Bryce Edwards, Candy Jansen, (3/2) Charlie Zimmerman, Millie Fey, Martin Michael, (3/3) Gary Parker, Elizabeth Lopez, (3/4) Mit FitzSimons, Ethan Cook, Becky Riney, Stephen Lee, Creed Smith, (3/5) Jim Dirksen, (3/6) Jim Hunkler, Courtney Ragan

### Anniversaries

(3/4) Jeff & Alison Harris

### Special Prayers

James, Jada, Cody & Larry, II Ellis give thanks for the blessings received from the St. Catherine's Parish.

## Blood Drive

**Tuesday, February 22**

Please join us for our Red Cross blood drives throughout this year. Blood drives are held in our Parish Hall from 3:00 - 8:00 PM. Schedule an appointment by going to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code: HOLTRC. For information contact Jennifer Massey, [jmmassey@att.blackberry.net](mailto:jmmassey@att.blackberry.net), 404.375.8327

## Parish Retreat

**August 26-28**

Revive your body, soul and mind by going on retreat. Re-charge through fellowship, worship, delicious food and plenty of free time. We have reserved Lake Logan Episcopal Center in Western North Carolina. Get information about Lake Logan and see pictures of their beautiful mountain setting at [www.lakelogan.org](http://www.lakelogan.org).

The retreat will be for all of St. Catherine's – adults, youth and children. Details coming soon but mark your calendars now! Questions? Contact Father Jim Nixon, [fatherjim@stcatherines.org](mailto:fatherjim@stcatherines.org) or Ginny Lummus, [gslummus@gmail.com](mailto:gslummus@gmail.com).

## HOLY CONVERSATIONS

CONTINUING  
THE VISION FOR  
ST. CATHERINE'S

**We want to hear from YOU!** As you have no

doubt heard, we invite ALL to fill out the Holy Conversations survey. It's only five questions and will take less than ten minutes. With God's guidance and yours, we will work together to identify the path for our congregation to grow over the next few years. You will also have the opportunity to provide your thoughts and ideas face-to-face at ministry team meetings and three open forums in early March.

Please let us know what YOU are hearing ... We ask you to search your heart and ask God for guidance in answering these questions. Do not leave something out of your answer because you may think it is too hard, too expensive or too silly. If it is to be our task, God will provide. For all who re-

spond to the survey, we will have a live Oak Tree seedling for you to use as you wish to commemorate our 50th anniversary.

Please reply online by going to [www.stcatherines.org/survey](http://www.stcatherines.org/survey), or pick up a printed form and return it to the Big Green Box in the church foyer. (If using the online form your reply is secure and you will not receive any spam or emails as a result.)

### Open Forum Discussions in March

Join us for the Holy Conversations Open Forum Discussions. This will be an opportunity to vocalize your hopes, dreams, concerns for St. Catherine's future in a public forum. Contact Stephanie Yucius with questions.

- **Wednesday, March 2** — 6:30 - 7:30 pm (WNL dinner 5:45 - 6:30)
- **Sunday, March 6** — with light lunch after 11:15 service
- **Sunday, March 13** — Rector's Forum Church School class, 10 - 11 am

## St. Catherine's Interactive Timeline



by Amma Susan

Your "Cats Tales" are needed for the St. Catherine's Interactive Timeline. The memories are beginning to add up. There is already a delightful mixture of personal and parish events and all of them are important. The timeline will be on the bulletin board in the foyer at the top of the grand stairs through the month of February. The finished timeline will be published on a CD so that those who come after us will know where we have been. There are some other particular memories that we would love to have included. Tell us! Do you remember...

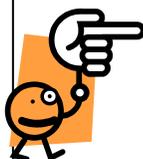
- St. Catherine's was established in 1961. How did the civil rights struggle impact St. Catherine's?
- In the 1970's women were first allowed to serve as lay readers, vestry members and girls as acolytes. Do you remember who the first women or girls were to serve in these roles at St. Catherine's and when that took place?
- What other memories do you have of events/people at St. Catherine's relating to the Episcopal Church at large at the time?

## Men's Book Study

**Next meeting: February 21**

Our next book is decided: we are reading *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World* by Henri Nouwen. Our group is a fellowship-oriented look at our faith with lots of discussion and sharing. Please obtain your own copy of our selection to read—whether from the public library, purchase new or used from your favorite source, or borrow from a friend.

The men's book study meets on the second Monday monthly at 6:30 PM—however in February we'll meet on the 21st at the home of Al Jones. For information about this group and directions to the meeting locations contact Tom Hunter, [thunter41@bellsouth.net](mailto:thunter41@bellsouth.net).



## WNL on Feb. 23

Wednesday Night Live will meet on regular schedule this date. However because of the Cobb

County Schools Winter Break this week, the **dinner is BYO** — the meal will not be provided but please bring your own food and we will eat together at 5:45-6:30.

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

Monday, 2/21

**Susan's Day Off**

21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Cobb School Holiday  
 6:30PM Men's Book Study  
 7:00PM Kneeler Project  
 7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 2/22

10:00AM Morning Prayer  
 10:30AM Staff Meeting  
 3:00PM Blood Drive  
 4:00PM Catechesis-Catholic  
 6:00PM Adult Ed  
 6:00PM MUST Laundry Team

Wednesday, 2/23

5:30AM MUST Breakfast  
 9:30AM Bible Study  
 1:00PM Safeguarding Group  
 5:00PM WNL Program  
 5:45PM WNL Dinner  
 6:15PM Youth Choir  
 6:30PM WNL Program  
 7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 2/24

5:30PM Journey  
 6:30PM EFM  
 7:00PM Men's Bible Study

Friday, 2/25

**Jim's Day Off**

25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Happening @ Camp Mikell  
 6:30AM Men's Bible Study  
 8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 2/26

Sunday, 2/27

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  
 5:00PM Stephen Ministry

**Palms needed**

If you saved your palms from Palm Sunday last year, you may return them in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Please place in the container in the foyer by Sunday, March 6.

**The Journey:  
Preparing for Lent**

by Amma Susan

Lent is just around the corner. The beginning of Lent marks the beginning of stage three in The Journey. This is a period of intensive preparation for candidates before receiving the sacraments of baptism, confirmation or reception.

There are two special liturgies that mark the beginning of this stage. The first rite: Enrollment for Lenten Preparation will take place on Ash Wednesday. The baptized members of The Journey who have been exploring the implications of their baptismal covenant and are preparing to reaffirm it on Pentecost will be recognized as examples of continuing conversion for the congregation in its journey through Easter. The candidates will have ashes imposed on them by the priest and they in turn will impose the ashes on their sponsors and catechists. On the second Sunday of Lent, the adults preparing to be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter will be enrolled as candidates for baptism.

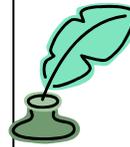
Throughout the season of Lent we will pray for these candidates and their sponsors in the prayers of the people. They will be examples for us all of the need for continuing conversion, recognizing that in spite of our best intentions, we do not always succeed in doing what is right. These candidates remind us that when we fail, we return again to Jesus Christ, who promises to forgive, and we begin again. As examples among us of continuing conversion, these candidates remind us that there are things we cannot do on our own. They remind us that Lent is not so much about what we take on or deny ourselves, but is about what God has done and will continue to do through us, in spite of our failings. As examples among us of continuing conversion these candidates remind us that what we can count on in Lent and throughout the rest of our faith journey is not our will power to always do what is right, but rather, we can count on God's promises to us. When we fail and seek God's forgiveness, it is always given, because God has promised to love us, no matter what. This is grace, God's gift to us. It is the promise that gives us life and hope.

**Cats On Wheels**

Mark your calendars for our upcoming activities and gatherings:

- 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 our activities contact [st.cats.on.wheels.AT@gmail.com](mailto:st.cats.on.wheels.AT@gmail.com).

**Letters**

Dear St Catherine's Family

Thank you all for your prayers and encouragement while I was laid up with a compression fracture. It was a long haul and you stuck with me. Father Jim and Amma Susan were there to visit and lift up my days. Also many thanks to Ginney Linstrom for being my go between. Can't tell you how much all the cards and get well wishes from my St Catherine's Family were deeply appreciated.

God Bless,  
 Vera Bibbings

Dear St Catherine's,

Thank you so much for your unfailing support of Jim and me during my recent eye surgery. From the prayers, cards, phone calls, messages, sitting with Jim and waiting patiently, delicious food from Sonshine, it just goes on and on—you are terrific! Your care and support is never failing. I'm truly blessed by this community. Thank you!!!

Sincerely,  
 Joan Nixon

Dear St Catherine's,

Chris and I thank you for the beautiful altar flowers for his recovery from ice fall and our 48th anniversary. It was a pleasant surprise as Ron and Arlyn [Cook] delivered them Sunday afternoon.

Sincerely,  
 Barbara Kallas

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

Monday, 2/28

**Susan's Day Off**

6:00PM Elizabeth Inn  
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 3/1

10:00AM Morning Prayer  
10:30AM Staff Meeting  
4:00PM Catechesis - Catholic  
6:30PM Jubilate  
7:00PM Quarterly Ministry  
8:30PM PA & F

Wednesday, 3/2

2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> CGS Level II Training,  
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, 3/3

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

Friday, 3/4

**Jim's Day Off**

6:30AM Men's Bible Study  
10:00AM Women's Bible Study  
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 3/5

8:30AM Jubilate  
9:00AM Stephen Ministry

Sunday, 3/6

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

**Hold These Dates**

- March 26-April 8 – Adult Pilgrimage to Turkey
- April 17-23 – Holy Week
- April 24 – Easter Day
- May 15 – Spring Memorial Service

## Come to the Diocesan Ministry Fair

*by Al Jones*

This annual event will take place Saturday, March 12 from 9 am until 4 pm at St. Philip's Cathedral. I somehow started attending about 5 years ago and have been every year except one. There has always been a very inspirational keynote speaker and a wide variety of workshops which cover many practical aspects of our lives as members of the Body of Christ. There's a box lunch and opportunities to see many exhibits, to visit the Diocesan Bookstore, and to meet folks from all over.

I'm hooked. I already registered online, [www.episcopalatlanta.org/Content/Ministry\\_Fair.asp](http://www.episcopalatlanta.org/Content/Ministry_Fair.asp), or you can pick up information and registration forms in the church foyer. I encourage you to look at the agenda and workshops. It's a great opportunity. Let me know if you would like a ride.

*From the Diocese:* Join hundreds of other Episcopalians for a full day of fun, fellowship and learning at the 12th annual Diocese of Atlanta Ministry Fair. Registration is \$20 per person includes breakfast snack and lunch. Choose three workshops from more than 50 topics, including Christian Formation, Interfaith, Leadership, Music, Prayer & Spirituality, Social Issues, Church History, Outreach Ministries, Worship and much more.

## Vestry Retreat Reflections

*by Father Jim*

Your Vestry met in retreat at Montara Farms February 4-6. We had a very good weekend with a great deal of focus, discussion, and excitement about the coming year. No one article can convey all that we discussed so if you have further interest please do speak with one of your Vestry members.

In addition to the normal activities of elections of Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary (congratulations Tanya Bowers-Dean, Tom Blackstock and Kimberly Blythe) we took time to orient our newest members as well as our continuing members to the financial management of St. Catherine's. Over a nearly three hour period we left no stone unturned as we were led by our Treasurer and Parish Administrator into a deeper understanding of the financial management of nearly 2 million dollars between the Church and the Pre-school.

On Sunday morning we – like everyone at St. Catherine's – took time to complete our own Holy Conversations survey. Our intent was to pass along to the Holy Conversations team our dreams and visions for the coming years while at the same time harvesting any "low hanging" fruit that we could begin work on in the immediate future.

Some of the immediate work identified included our desire to create opportunities for everyone at St. Catherine's to participate in serving our wider community. Someone put it best as they spoke of a desire not only to be known as the most "welcoming" church but also the most "serving" church. To that end we invite you to stay tuned to our various communication tools for the announcement of the first annual Vestry Day of Service (VDOS) now being planned as part of the celebration of our 50th Anniversary. In addition to serving our community, we vowed to work on the following initiatives in the coming year:

- Inaugurate intergenerational adult social activities
- Make us more visible from Holt Road
- Explore a desire to work with other churches in the Marietta Convocation
- Create communal structures for open, healthy, safe conversations to address difficult issues (in the church, our community, our nation, our world).
- Inaugurate an online service guide to opportunities to serve the wider community.
- Speak with our youth leadership about sponsoring new St. Catherine's t-shirts and other clothing during our 50th celebration.

## New Men's Bible Study

**Fridays 6:30-7:30 am**

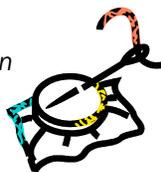
A new Men's Bible Study has been added to support men in search for continued personal enrichment, but their schedules do not allow them to participate in the evening sessions. Weekly sessions will be held 6:30-7:30 AM in the Conference Room for the Winter/Spring series. We will break for the summer and continue the next series in the fall. If you would like to participate, please contact Tom Snead, 678-795-9508, tom.snead@earthlink.net, or Hans Kraeger, 404-512-5124, hans.kraeger@AT gmail.com.

## Ministry Focus: Adult Christian Formation

This month as part of our 50th Anniversary we celebrate the life and work of the Adult Christian Formation Committee of the Christian Nurture & Development Ministry Team. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin, or contact committee chair Amma Susan or ministry convener Ellis Kilgore.

## Needlework Brigade

by Beverly Fambrough, Chairman



For those of you who could not attend the annual meeting, I thought I would bring you up to date on the St. Catherine's kneeler project. Work continues on this endeavor, though as we all knew from the beginning, it is a long and involved process. Significant in 2010 was the fact that all of the collection plate silencers were completed and dedicated. Four of the six clergy party kneelers have been completed and we're hoping to have the remaining two completed shortly and in the hands of the upholster so the dedication of these pieces can be scheduled.

Work continues on the altar rail kneelers and I thought that you might be interested in a couple of statistics of why it is such a long term project.

Each altar rail kneeler contains approximately 584 square inches that must be stitched. On average, an experienced stitcher can complete one square inch per hour if only one color of yarn is being used. This would be the case for the kneeler background. When stitching the graphical portion of the kneeler, requiring countless changes in yarn color, the average grows to close to two hours of work for each square inch. It would not be overstating the case to estimate each kneeler requires between 800 - 1,000 hours of work to complete. Some, even longer, depending on the complexity and detail of the graphics. Typically it's a 15 - 18 month project to complete a kneeler. We have a total of 22 kneelers. To complete the entire project, this will involve between 17,600 and 22,000 hours work on the part of many dedicated volunteers from our church.

Let me tell about the volunteers and what they are tirelessly working on.

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Susan Jablonski      | St. Luke & Seal of the Diocese   |
| Nancy Denton         | Creation                         |
| Susan Heuke          | Mankind                          |
| Courtney Shillington | Noah's Ark                       |
| Frances Bowden       | Abraham & Isaac                  |
| Julie Brannock       | Joseph & the Coat of Many Colors |
| Michael Paris        | Moses                            |
| Jennifer Buckalew    | 10 Commandments                  |
| Karen Tindall        | Jonah & the Whale                |
| Martha Bowden        | Birth of Christ                  |
| Carol Fey            | Magi                             |
| Jodi Gammon          | Baptism                          |
| Peggy Towery         | St. Peter                        |

So when you see any of these volunteers at church, take a moment to thank them for their dedication and hard work. What they are doing is truly a labor of love and a service to our church and a visible addition to the beauty of our sanctuary that will be around for decades.

We need more stitchers and if any of you reading this article have ever done needlepoint or counted cross stitch before, we would love to have you join us in this endeavor. Even if you have limited experience, we can teach you. Once a month, members of the Needlepoint Brigade meet at the church to discuss our progress and stitch together. It's a lot of fun and fellowship.

Currently, we have four kneelers that do not have sponsors. When these are sponsored, no more will remain. If you've been considering a sponsorship, please contact me. We have these kneelers available.

- Adam and Eve
- David & Goliath
- Peter's Denial
- The Crucifixion

At our next monthly meeting, we plan to take pictures of the kneelers being stitched and will include them in the next issue of the E-Wheel.

## Thank You for your gifts to Emmaus House!



366 Items received from the Soup For Emmaus event in January:

Dry milk and juice	68	Macaroni & Cheese	12
Breakfast Items	70	Peanut Butter and Jelly	16
Tuna/Chicken/Salmon/Meat	27	Pasta Sauce	24
Can Soup, Veggies, Fruit	63	Various Other Items	21
Pasta, Rice & Dry Beans	65		

## Youth News

By Mike Peterson

### • Sincerest Thanks from the Youth Director

As usual, there is a great deal happening in the world of St. Catherine's Youth. We have the New Beginnings middle school diocesan retreat and Happening high school diocesan retreat in the next couple of weeks. Rite 13 is beginning preparations for the Rite 13 Ceremony on May 1 and we will soon begin classes with the J2A group for confirmation, which is on June 5. Those and many other doings of the St. Catherine's youth will come up again in future editions of *The Wheel*, but I feel compelled to employ this space in this edition to extend my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of St. Catherine's for their



support in making the Valentine Dinner Dance such a success. Though numbers are never the measure of any parish events worth, these numbers certainly are impressive. We hosted over 100 guests, served over 30 different dishes and tapas, put 124 offerings (almost all of them donated by St. Catherine's parishioners and/or collected by the J2A youth who made dozens of phone calls and went all over town asking for donations) up for auctioning, had over 30 people bid on these items, and raised over \$18,500 to assist in offsetting the cost of the Youth Pilgrimage in summer of 2012.

Even more touching than the impressive numbers behind this event were the moments we shared, the many, many people who worked tirelessly to make it happen, the opportunity for the youth and the parish to serve each other in their own ways, and the fellowship that was fostered across varying generations and peer groups. Everyone who attended, donated, served, cooked, decorated, crunched numbers, ate, danced, and/or enjoyed themselves helped to make this the fantastic evening it was.

The list of people who deserve thanks is quite long, and while I would truly like to mention each them specifically, the world may not have enough trees for me to take up the space doing so. However, I would be remiss if I did not recognize LeeAnn Sherry

for chairing the Valentine Dinner Dance committee and being the tireless driving force that made this event come together. I hope to list everyone else in the next e-Wheel where I am not as constrained by space. So many deserve recognition.

Above all, I am thankful to the St. Catherine's community as a whole. This entire community stepped forward to live our vision of "welcoming, accepting, nurturing, and serving" through the power of the Holy Spirit. Personally touching to me was the number of people, from store owners who called to donate auction items after a visit from one of our youth to parishioners who simply came out to enjoy themselves and show their support, who told me how polite and mature our J2A youth were and how well they represented our church. As I watched everything unfold last Saturday evening, I found myself incredibly proud to be a member of this parish family and humbly yet highly honored to be the Youth Minister to these extraordinary young people.

### • Spring Break Youth Mission Trip April 3-10



#### Space limited, reserve now!!

Our Spring Break Youth Mission Trip is to New Orleans, April 3 through 10. We will be working with the Episcopal

Community Services of Louisiana's Rebuild Program, a fine program with which St. Catherine's has worked several times and by whom your humble youth director was employed for two years before coming to St. Catherine's. This trip will be a fantastic opportunity to get the people affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita back into their homes after five½ years while also experiencing the unique cultural gem that is New Orleans. All travel, meals, and five nights of lodging will only cost \$150 per person, and financial assistance is available. I can't think of a better way to spend spring break!

#### • Save the date:

#### For ALL Rite 13ers:

Saturday, April 30th – Pre-Rite 13 Ceremony Dinner; Sunday, May 1 – Rite 13 Ceremony

#### For J2Aers:

Sunday, June 5 – Confirmation

## "Safeguarding God's Children"

Saturday, March 5

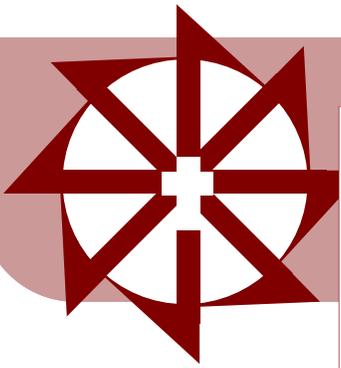
The next "Safeguarding God's Children" workshop at St. Catherine's will be held on March 5. This training is required for everyone at St. Catherine's who works with children on a regular basis, as well as vestry members and church staff. Please sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Nadine Pope, ronazaATMindspring.com to assure that ample materials will be available. Please also note that both "Safeguarding God's Children" and "Safeguarding God's People" are offered at the Diocesan Ministry Fair on March 12.

## Take a Walk for Hunger



Sunday, March 13

The 2011 Hunger Walk at Turner Field in Atlanta will raise money for Atlanta Community Food Bank and Episcopal Charities Foundation. Episcopalians across the Diocese of Atlanta will join with organizations around Atlanta. For details go to [www.hungerwalkrun.org](http://www.hungerwalkrun.org).



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### Mark Your Calendars

- 2/21 ..... Men's Book Study
- 2/23 ..... WNL
- 2/22 ..... Blood Drive;  
Elizabeth Inn laundry
- 2/25-27 ... Happening @  
Camp Mikell
- 2/27 ..... Lent reflections due
- 2/28 ..... Elizabeth Inn dinner
- 3/2, 6, 13 ... Holy Conversations  
open forums
- 3/8 ..... Shrove Tuesday  
pancake supper
- 3/9 ..... Ash Wednesday
- 3/15 ..... Lent Tuesday morn-  
ing worship & study  
begins
- 3/ 16 ... WNL Lenten series  
begins

### *The Wheel*

Next Publications:  
Mar. 4, Mar. 18, Apr. 1  
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### Preschool space available



A few spaces are still remaining in our preschool for the 2011-12 school year. Tours are available Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, 10 AM to noon, no appointment needed. We appreciate you referring your friends and neighbors to our quality program for ages one to pre-K. Please visit our website at [www.stcatherines.org/preschool.htm](http://www.stcatherines.org/preschool.htm) or call 770-971-2839 for information.

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rist; April 13— The Gift of the Word. You will also have opportunity for prayerful self-expression through writing, drawing, music, or walking the labyrinth. This special Lenten experience has been designed as a 50th Anniversary gift to the adults of St. Catherine's by the catechists of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

### First Sunday in Lent: The Great Litany

On the first Sunday of Lent, March 13, at both our 8:45 & 11:15 services we will use the Great Litany. The Great Litany is an intercessory prayer including various petitions sung by the priests, with fixed responses by the congregation, used as early as the fifth century in Rome. It was led by a deacon, with the collects led by a bishop or priest. The Litany was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and first published in 1544. It was printed as an appendix to the Eucharist in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer ( BCP). The 1979 BCP titled it "The Great Litany," distinguishing it from other litanies in the Prayer Book. The Great Litany may be said or sung.

### Lenten Resources

Lenten materials will be available on our resource table in foyer for children, youth and adults. In particular, our annual booklet of reflections on the season of Lent written by St. Catherine's parishioners will be available starting on Ash Wednesday, and also be on our website at [www.stcatherines.org/reflections/lent.htm](http://www.stcatherines.org/reflections/lent.htm).