



The Wheel

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 22, 12:30 PM

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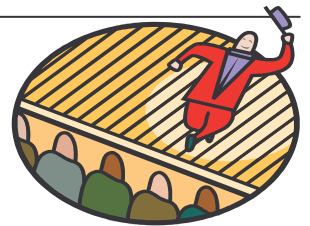
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The Parish Annual Meeting is a time to reflect on our year past and to explore the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in our new year. It is a time for the congregation to receive reports from the Rector, Senior Warden, Treasurer, and other organizations throughout the parish. We hope you will be a part of this most important time in our common life.



There will be only two worship services this day at 7:30 and 10:30 AM. A light lunch will be served from 11:45 to 12:30 preceding the meeting.

“Winter WONDER Land” Dinner & Talent Show



Saturday, Jan. 28

6:00 pm - Dinner, 7:00 pm - Talent Show

Come see a fabulous line-up of St. Cat’s parishioners as they showcase their talents in a fundraiser to benefit MUST Ministries! On the dinner menu is Seven Layer Salad, Chicken and Rice Casserole, Boiled Shrimp, with Green Beans, Rolls and Butter, Chocolate Éclair Cake and Cherry/Pineapple Dump Cake

Ticket Prices: Children: \$3, Adults: \$6 (family maximum: \$15). These prices are good as long as you **ALSO bring** at least one of the following items — the more the happier MUST guests will be (new or gently used and washed items only in good condition):

- Blankets - Towels - Wash cloths - Twin sheets - Pillow cases
- Deodorant - Tooth Brushes - Toothpaste - Lotion - Diapers
- Underwear - Sock - Coats - Warm Gloves - Warm Hats
- Pillows - Razors - Shaving cream - QTips - Lip Balm

YOU will vote for your favorite performers in the Talent Show with cash: the act that garners the most votes (\$\$) will be our first place winner, so please remember to bring quarters, dollars, etc., to vote.

The Talent Show will feature some vintage favorites (John Brooks with “Stomping through the Woods on a Snowy Evening,” Rick Buckalew as “Robo Rector” and Liz Rea with “Rinderceller”) along with some new talent, including the Jubilee Choir, Carol Rai, and Carla von Hoffmann with Marie Seay. Rumor has it that Father Jim and Joan will also showcase their talents. Our Master of Ceremonies will be the very funny—and always entertaining—Jim Waddell.

See you on January 28th for a great evening of fun and fellowship to benefit MUST! If you are practicing an act for in the Talent Show, please be sure Connie Bergeron has your information (Phone: 770.951.1411; e-mail connieb@Tmindspring.com).

*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!

Women's Retreat

A few spaces left! Join us on February 17-19 at the Center for New Beginnings. Please call ASAP Maureen Donoghue, 770-973-9776 or Lisa Cook, 770-971-9505. If you have signed up please get your payment to Rose **by January 23** so your reservation can be confirmed.



Save your stuff!

We know it's still winter, but start saving your unwanted items for our **Spring Yard Sale on April 29**. We will start collecting the items at church in mid-April. Tell family and friends to do the same so we have plenty of great things to sell!

Next Baptism

April 15

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

Faithful Stewardship

The Vestry on Tuesday night approved a balanced budget that is the largest budget ever approved at St. Catherine's. It represents a nearly 20% increase over the 2005 budget. You can imagine that the creation and approval process for this particular budget was unlike the last two years. In addition they reviewed and accepted the year-end report of the 2005 budget. We ended with neither a deficit nor surplus and we received \$10,000 more in income than was budgeted. I dare say that the air was filled with profound joy and thanksgiving.

Neither of these achievements would have been possible without the faithful response you have made to our stewardship effort this year. The Stewardship Committee did an excellent job of the telling the story and casting the vision. And then 206 households in this congregation gave generously and abundantly from their God-given gifts. The vast majority of pledges represented increased giving over last year.

This budget will allow us to increase the compensation of our staff for the first time in 4 years. Their across-the-board eight percent increases certainly don't make up for no salary increases previously but they do make a statement of support and thanksgiving for the unselfish effort given

to the life of this congregation. The budget also allows us to begin the restoration of programming monies, a return to 10% giving to our Diocese, increased building maintenance, as well as a small gift to the Diocese for our Centennial celebration.

In reflection, it seems to me that we did a good job talking about money this year. We held our conversations with one another in a safe environment. We expressed our concerns not only for the future of St. Catherine's but for the entire process of talking about money. Yet, we did so with trust that what was being said was true and right for our life together. I learned, as well, to trust in telling the truth about our financial situation without having to apologize for doing so. I think it was a good year for us as together we learned that we speak our many and varied voices and they will be heard.

We are just beginning this new year together but it is filled with hope and promise as we grow more fully into who God wants us to be. Our hope is founded on the past as we remember how God has been faithful to St. Catherine's and how each of you have consistently given yourselves to the mission and ministry of this congregation. This new year will be no different.

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, James, Lisa Arnold, Natalie May, Elaine York, Lori Matteson, Curtis Bagby, Ron Davidson, Karen Ann Mosso, Betty Boyce, Ray Brooks, Bernice Lewis, Joy Lewis, June Lewis, Pat Patterson, Karen Patterson, Joyce Hendricks, Renee Bradley, Jeroline Morris, David Shannonhouse, Jim Nixon, Sr., Nancy Riley, Scott Dickson, Alice Freeman, Judy Little, Ellen Brandt, Ashley Fowler, Trish Nowicki, Kate Williams, Brad Smith, Pam Miller, George Wyatt, Margaret, Elaine & Joy Gaddy, Alan, Brown, Libby & Lanie, Missy Greene, Ann Frensey, Rebecca Shaw, Lois Liverman & family, Fran Paist, Marion Cook, Roxanne Plichta, Michelle Voight,

Pansy Selby, Nick Brown, Robert Collett, Alice Martin, Jody Brown, Andrew Harding.

For the Deceased

Maury Newton; Flonnie Fletcher; Thad Gaddy, friend of Nancy Denton, Ann Brown, Julie Brannock's former mother-in-law; Margaret Bryant, Deborah Guy's cousin; Mark Walker, Jacqueline Hurley's neighbor; Richard Huffstetler, Judith Phillips' brother-in-law.

Special Prayers

Defend all the men and women of our armed forces at home or abroad especially in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait that they will have a sense of your abiding presence wherever

they may be.

Please pray for the friends of Lucy Hilley whose homes were completely destroyed by Katrina..

Parish Cycle of Prayer (1/29/06)

Hank, Madeline & Christi Nakajima; James, Audrey & Christopher Nesbit; Pam Newton; Lorraine Nichols; Jim, Joan, Katie & Matt Nixon

(2/5/06)

Bob, Karolyn, Sean & Ryan Olliffe; Gordon, Nancy & Ryan O'Neill, Lindsay Walls; Joe, Karen & Alexander Ordway; Mel, Michael, Caroline, Chase, Preston & Sally Paris; Paul, Sharon & Brandi Paris

Nursery Volunteers

Please check the schedule posted in the nursery. If you are scheduled to work a particular day but find you cannot, please be sure to contact someone from the list to cover your time and inform Susan Roberts as well. Additional volunteers are welcome on Sunday mornings. Please contact Susan at 770-578-6634 or see her in the Nursery.

Lent Reflections needed



Once again, St. Catherine's will produce a collection of reflections for the Lenten season written by parish members. It may seem early to think about now, but Lent will be coming along in not too many weeks (Ash Wednesday is March 1). If you are willing to write a brief meditation on a piece of scripture, please contact Karen Manno at karen@stcatherines.org or sign up with your name, email address (if possible), and phone number in your bulletin. We will be in touch with your assignment and your reflection will be due by Feb. 24.

News of our Parish Companionship

St. Elizabeth's in Whiterocks, UT

➤ Rev. Sue visits WWW on February 15

To help us learn more about Native American ministry, the Rev. Sue Duffield, Vicar of St. Elizabeth's in Whiterocks, Utah, will be at St. Catherine's as our guest speaker for the WWW program on February 15 with a presentation about St. Elizabeth's and the Ute community. We all look forward to seeing Sue again and hope that everyone will come to learn about the work of St. Catherine's and St. Elizabeth's.

WWW in Epiphany

Being the Light of Christ in the World

For our Wednesday night program during Epiphany we will discover the many and vibrant ministries at St. Catherine's and from representatives of ministries we participate in. Join us as we celebrate our own gifts of the Spirit for mission and ministry and ask God to help us develop them for the benefit of others.

PROGRAMS coming up:

- Jan. 25: The Extension, regarding the possible Women's Facility
- Feb. 1: Communities In Schools, Carol Fey
- Feb. 8: John Mueller, MUST
- Feb. 15: Rev. Sue Duffield, Native American ministry

Programs begin at 7 PM. Dinner is 6 to 6:45 PM. Please remember to make your dinner reservation by checking your bulletin or contacting the church office.

MENUS coming up: *Jan. 25* - Italian Night: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce; *Feb. 1* - Mexican Night: Beef & Cheese Burritos; *Feb. 8* - Southern Night with Homemade Chicken Pot Pie.

➤ Companion Parish Trip team forming

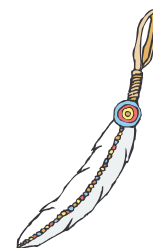
It is time to start thinking about our **2006 Companion Parish Trip to Whiterocks, Utah, on July 15-22**. This ministry trip is appropriate for adults and mature youth. To learn more, please come to the WWW program on the evening of February 15 to hear The Rev. Sue Duffield's presentation about St. Elizabeth's and the Ute community. A CD with photos from the 2005 trip will be shared during the program along with a handout regarding cost of the trip and meeting commitments including a overnight retreat.

If you have interest in this ministry, please be sure to attend on Feb. 15. Also, for individual questions, please contact Dale and Paige Schlenker at 770-993-4507.

➤ St. Catherine's co-sponsors *Paths Crossing*

We are very excited about this year's national "Paths Crossing" Conference. St. Elizabeth's will be its host on **April 20-23**, with St. Catherine's assisting as co-hosts. The purpose of this annual Episcopal Church conference, now in its eighteenth year, is to provide cross-cultural exchanges of ideas, projects and understanding between American Indian and Alaskan Native congregations and non-Indian congregations of the Episcopal Church.

Father Jim, Dale and Paige Schlenker, Carol Eskew and Shelly Ransdell will travel to Whiterocks to represent St. Catherine's and participate fully in the conference. During the Thursday evening session Father Jim, Dale and Paige will speak to the group about "Why a Partner," and share remarks about the partnership between our two parishes. Our group will be there to do whatever is asked of us, including cracking a lot of eggs and cooking pounds and pounds of bacon while preparing breakfast on Saturday and Sunday for the conference attendees! This will be an exciting time for all of us and we look forward to working with our partners.



Elizabeth Inn

**Next date:
Saturday, Jan. 28**

Saint Catherine's staffs the Elizabeth Inn and provides dinner for the guests on the 28th each month. If you would like to help with dinner please call Tracy Buckalew (770-956-9606) or Connie Bergeron (770-951-1411). To volunteer to overnight call Carolyn Hilley (770-973-8636) or Fred Massey (404-731-4466).

Altar Flowers and Candles

The schedule to sign up for altar flowers and candles is now available at church. Thank you for your contributions.

Diocesan Ministry Fair

The annual Diocesan Ministry Fair is **Saturday, March 4**. Choose from more than 50 workshops — listings and registration materials are available on the diocesan website at episcopalatlanta.org or at church. Registration is either online or by mail.



Vestry Notes

From the January 17 meeting:

- The Vestry wishes to thank the congregation for their dedication to St. Catherine's for pledging to an outstanding 2006 budget.
- The Vestry acknowledges the gifts and talents given by the outgoing Vestry members: Jim Waddell, Scott Lummus, Steve Diffley and Barbara Perry.
- The new Vestry members are Ellis Kilgore, Al Jones, Hale Sanders, Gina Baumann and Maureen Donoghue.
- The Vestry continues to pursue a relationship with St. George's Church in New Orleans.
- A committee has been formed and is actively searching for a new youth director.

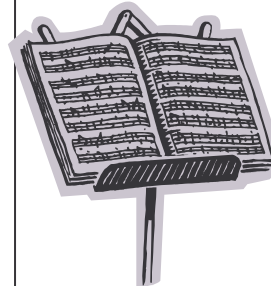
December Vestry Election Results

We are pleased to announce the following results from our Vestry elections for 2006. Elected for three-year terms were **Maureen Donoghue, Al Jones, Ellis Kilgore, and Hale Sanders**. Elected for a two-year term was **Gina Baumann**. We congratulate each of these people and look forward to their leadership over the coming years.

We thank **Ron Brannock, Donald Clark, and Rod Pope** for their willingness to offer their time and talents to St. Catherine's as Vestry members. We hope that each will consider running for the Vestry in 2006.

We thank everyone who took the time to discern God's will for St. Catherine's and to cast your vote. The year is shaping up to be a transformative year for this congregation. Thanks be to God!

Georgia Festival Chorus Concert



**Sunday,
March 26
4:00 PM**

The renowned community choral group, the Georgia Festival Chorus, will present its spring concert at St. Cath-

erine's on March 26. This 100-voice ensemble presents masterworks and the best of contemporary choral literature to audiences in Georgia and abroad. We look forward to a wonderful program of inspiring music. You can find out more on their website at www.tgafc.org. (Look carefully at the photos and you might find some of the five St. Catherine's Choir members who sing with them.)

Special series coming up: *Money Anxiety*

**February 12, 19, 26
during the Church
School Hour**



We will offer a special series during the Church School hour of three sessions of discussion about the spiritual impact of money in our lives and how our anxieties over money keep us from spiritual wholeness. We will start with "What is Money?", looking at how we define money and compare how culture defines money with how Jesus defines money. In the next session we will talk about our money lives: "Know Your Money Life." We'll learn about the different styles or attitudes about money that influence how we think about it and use it, and talk about how the source of our anxieties about money and how it affects our lives. Our last session is "Making Peace with Money." In this session, we will talk about aligning our attitudes about money with our core values and reducing our anxieties about money.

Youth

Send materials, photos, ideas or suggestions for the youth newsletter via email to stcatsyouths@bellsouth.net.

ST. CAT'S YOUTH —

What we're about:
Learning to know God
and to live like Jesus.

Summer camp dates set at Mikell

Summer camp dates and counselor applications are available now on the Camp Mikell website at www.campmikell.com. On-line registration will be available. For more information, contact Amanda Segers, registrar, at 706-886-7515



Valentine Dinner Dance and Auction

Saturday, February 11 —
Tickets on sale now!

- 6:00 PM - Silent Auction opens
- 7:15 PM - Dinner
- 8:00 PM - Live Auction

The annual J2A Valentine Dinner Dance and Silent & Live Auction will be held in the Parish Hall and will include a gourmet meal served by our youth, a fun-filled evening of music and dancing, and an exciting live and silent action. This annual event will raise funds for the group's Pilgrimage, scheduled to take place at the completion of their two-year program (Summer 2007). Tickets will be on sale at church each weekend. The cost is single - \$40.00, couples - \$75.00 (reservations required).

J2A members are asking our parishioners for donations to be auctioned off. In the past, we have had vacation rentals, vintage wine, classes and lessons, gourmet-cooked dinners, antiques, collectibles, jewelry, gift certificates, pottery, tickets to sporting events, and much more. If you have suggestions, opportunities, or can assist our youth in helping make this event a success, please contact Ellis Kilgore or any of the J2A Leaders or Youth.

Please plan to participate – it is a wonderful way to support our youth program and have a great time as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks,

Your J2A Youth Group

Youth Director Search Underway



We have begun our search for our next youth director. A search committee of youth and adults met on January 10 to review the job description, compose ads and plan our networking so that we might encounter the candidates we wish for this important position. We met with the youth at Wednesday Night Live the following night to get their input concerning the qualities of a new youth director.

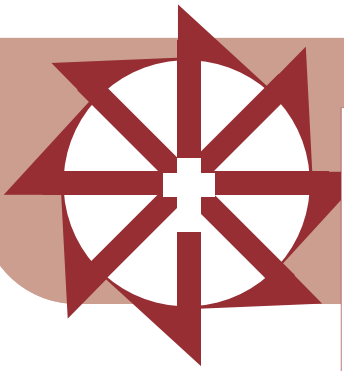
The Vestry has decided to not change the funding for this position, leaving twelve months of salary and benefits in the 2006 budget. This should allow sufficient funds to pay search expenses as well as increase the salary of this position to a living wage. We have several candidates who have expressed interest and we will be talking with them soon. As soon as we have resumes the search committee will meet to begin the interview process.

Some have asked how the search committee was formed. It's easy! Anyone who spoke to Father Jim about wanting to be on the search committee is on it. If you spoke to someone else about being on the committee and haven't been asked— simply speak with Father Jim and you're on it.

► Coming up: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 28 —
Mmm, bacon
pancakes!





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Mark Your Calendars

- 1/22.... Annual Meeting
7:30 & 10:30 ser-
vices only
- 1/25, 2/1, 8, 15, 22
.... WWW
- 1/28.... Talent Show;
Elizabeth Inn
- 2/3-5... Vestry retreat
- 2/11.... Dinner Dance &
Auction
- 2/12.... Preschool
registration
- 2/17-19.... Women's retreat
- 2/24.... Mark's Gospel Live

The Wheel

Next Publications:
Jan. 20, Feb. 3
Deadline for Articles:
Wednesday before
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Mark's Gospel LIVE

WOW!

*A first-century story of
love, betrayal and
newness of life!*

**February 24
at 7:30 PM**

We are bringing a wonderful one-man show to St. Catherine's for everyone in our parish and our community! The actual 15,000 words of the Gospel of Mark are staged and performed as a play by the Rev. Joseph Morris of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Marietta. *Mark's Gospel LIVE* has been presented throughout the United States and England.

Don't miss it! Be sure to invite family, friends, everyone to this exciting performance. Admission will be a freewill offering. You can learn more about this show on the website at www.gospelofmark.us.

Church Nursery Worker Needed



St. Catherine's is hiring a new worker for our nursery who should be 18 years or older; enjoys working with infants ages 0-5; has own transportation; reliable worker; able to work flexible hours; and a team player. Background checks will be conducted. Experience working with infants a plus. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Rosemary Wolfe in the church office at 770-971-2839.

Preschool registration



Preschool registration for the 2006-07 year begins soon! Currently enrolled students will register Feb. 2-15. Members of St. Catherine's not already in the Preschool will register **Sunday, Feb. 12, at 10:30 AM** in the Preschool office. Open registration for the community will be **Thursday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 AM** in the Parish Hall. Visit the Preschool page on our website at www.stcatherines.org/preschool.htm for school and registration information. As always we appreciate your referrals to our school.