



The Wheel

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An Invitation to a Holy Lent

Ash Wednesday — March 1

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, notice everything around us, the possessions we hold valuable, the persons we love and know that all will one day turn to dust.

The Great Litany March 4 & 5 All services

On the first Sunday of Lent we sing the Great Litany. The Great Litany is an intercessory prayer including various petitions sung by the priests, with fixed responses by the congregation. It was 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. Its use in church processions was ordered by Henry VIII when England was at war with Scotland and France. 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. The officiant and people may kneel or stand, or it may be done in procession.

More activities in Lent — PAGES 3 & 4!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 28
6 - 7 PM in the Parish Hall

Attention St. Cat's Pancake Lovers, and all who just want to have some fun! Please join our YOUTH for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Menu will include: **Banana Pancakes, Bacon Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes, Chocolate Chip Pancakes, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Bacon, Sausage, Milk, Orange Juice, and Coffee**, plus lots of fun for the children. Our Parish Hall will be filled with jazz music and Mardi Gras festivities with **a parade for the little ones!** Admission is donations to support our Youth program.



YOUTH who are planning to help should plan to arrive immediately after school. If you have questions, please contact Fred Massey, Susan Burkholder, or Ellis Kilgore.

Mark's Gospel LIVE!

February 24, 7:30 PM
in the sanctuary

What a wonderful opportunity to **invite family, friends and everyone to St. Catherine's!** No tickets needed, admission is a free-will offering. The nursery will be available for younger children. The production is "non-denominational." Information about the show states: *many children age 8 and up have enjoyed Mark's Gospel LIVE, and some younger children may also enjoy it—guardians should use their discretion. The show is about two hours long. Though the first half is often funny, light-hearted, and gentle, the second half includes the horror of crucifixion.* For details visit www.gospelofmark.us.

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!

Your Palms Needed for Ash Wednesday

The ashes for the Ash Wednesday liturgy are the burned palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. If you have palms to return from last year, please place them in the box by the church office **by Sunday, February 26.**



Next Baptism

April 15

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

The Value of Life: Memories

As many of you know Joan and I spent last week preparing my dad's home for eventual sale. He has moved into an assisted living facility in State College, Pennsylvania. He seems happy and is settling into a life style he has resisted over the past nearly seven years since my mom died. Of all that we accomplished last week, the greatest satisfaction came from seeing my dad happy.

Many have asked me about the experience of cleaning the house and I have responded in a variety of ways. It does seem to me that it was not as emotional as I thought it would be. It was physically harder than I thought it would be. I was glad I did it by myself (with Joan's help) rather than with my brother and sisters because it made it easier to make decisions about certain things. I'm not surprised that I discovered things about my mom and dad's life that I had not known and probably didn't need to know. I discovered that my life and yours and especially our possessions will ultimately come to the decision to create three piles: 1. throw it away; 2. sell it; 3. family may want it, if not, sell it. Those were the only three piles we could imagine as we prepared for the hard work of penetrating the dusty interior of a home lived in for some 25 years.

What I returned to Atlanta with, in addition to the legal papers I will need to care for my

dad, are memories. To be exact, five UPS boxes filled with pictures of several generations of family, friends, my sibling's families and my own family, and my dad's Alaska war experience. I returned as well with letters from my dad to my mom and vice versa during his war years, letters from my grandmother to my grandfather during her lengthy stay in Italy during WWI, and letters between my dad and I which he had carefully filled away as if knowing that in my carelessness I would not keep them.

I was surprised by what my dad valued about his relationship with me. It wasn't about the things of life but about the accomplishments of life, the pains of life (letters during my early years away from home for the first time), and the victories of life (both Procter & Gamble and the Church). My dad is not a rich man—indeed we must sell his home in order to support him over whatever years he has left with us. But somehow he knew the riches of life and he had boxes both large and small and file drawers filled with those riches, his memories. I am deeply grateful that I had the intimate experience of finding and saving those memories.

Thanks, Dad!

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, Joy Lewis, June Lewis, Nancy Riley, Pam Miller, Missy Greene, Ann Frensley, Rebecca Shaw, Lois Liverman & family, Fran Paist, Pansy Selby, Alice Martin, Jody Brown, Joe Hannigan, Lane York, Travis Rader, Jane Lawrence, Lillian Swint, George Schnorf, Mel & Laurel Ayerst, Kimberly Blythe, Susan Roberts, Colleen Lambert, Mrs. Scott, Ron Boyle, Carol Crosslin, Dan Hodges, Mary Rofrano, Polly Morris, Jack Hamilton, Patricia Naftanniel, Kery Webb, Mary Webb, Jan Turner & Beth Sawyer.

Before Surgery

Nick Wolfe, March 17

For the Deceased

Alfred Turk, friend of Joyce Hendricks

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. **For Youth:** Guide the minds of those who shall choose a Youth Minister for St. Catherine's that we may receive a faithful and caring leader.

For Presiding Bishop: Look graciously on those nominated and strengthen the Bishops who shall choose the 26th Presiding Bishop of our church.

For those on Women's Retreat Feb 17-19: Susan Roberts, Joan Nixon, Sally Powers, Sallie

Sompayrac, Liz Rea, Ann Snead, Maureen Donoghue, Lisa Cook, Lorraine Nichols, Susan Jablonski, Julie Brannock, Rachel Bagby, Elizabeth Brinkley, Ginny Lummus, Nadine Pope, Lee Ann Sherry, Sherry Coulter, Barb Selby, Gina Baumann, Bettye Harris, Marcia Markette & Sarah Jordan.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(2/26/05) Ed, Tracey, Cody & Wyatt Pitts; Rod, Nadine & Zach Pope; Chris, Jan & Gene Potter, Arthur Weissinger, Kelly Weissinger & Jessica Pierce; Sally Powers; Monica, Jason, Travis & Marc Rader

(3/5/05) Meg Ramsay; Carol Eskew/Shelley Ransdell; John & Liz Rea, Katie Smith & Liesl Amoruso; Delicia Riley, Skip, Laurie, Greg & Clark Remter

WWW In Epiphany

Our series highlighting ministry at St. Catherine's concludes on February 22. Our speaker will be John Mueller on MUST Ministries. We hope you have enjoyed this series. See you then!

Catechesis Workshop

**Sat., Feb. 25,
9 am to 2 pm
in the Parish Hall**

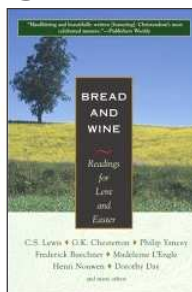
A LITTLE HELP, PLEASE — We need adults skilled in: Calligraphy, Woodworking, Lettering Photocopying, Sewing, Ironing General Putting-Together & Running After Children. We will provide raw materials, direction, meaningful work, snacks, and snappy banter. How great is that?

You want more? Okay. IF YOU RESPOND, we'll throw in Delicious Lunch and Childcare. Please call 678-560-9177 (Ana Martin). You have a cell phone? How handy! Call Now!

There will be a Catechists' meeting 8-9 AM this day, all are welcome.

Tuesday Mornings in Lent

We will meet in Lent each Tuesday morning for Eucharist and Study. This time is designed to meet your needs to have some mid-week worship and to do so at a time that fits with a hectic schedule. We meet for Eucharist at 7:00 AM with a short study immediately following. The time is kept to an hour so that promptly at 8:00 AM you can be on your way to your day's obligations.



This Lent we will study meditations by contemporary writers from the book *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter*. Each week we will reflect on a writing from each of themes of the book: invitation, temptation, passion, crucifixion, resurrection, and new life. Copies of the meditations will be ready on Sunday, Feb. 26 on our Lenten resources table in the foyer.

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays in Lent

Beginning March 8

6:00 PM – *Supper in the Parish Hall*
7:00 PM – *Lenten Programs for all ages*
8:00 pm – *Evening Liturgy - Compline and Taizé Music in the Sanctuary*

The adults will gather in the Parish Hall to participate in “Frogs without Legs For Lent.” Caring conversations, devotions, service, and ritual and traditions are the cornerstones of the “Frogs without Legs for Lent” journey. Based on the book, *Frogs without Legs Can't Hear*, this weekly event will provide a thematic presentation that will help members and friends, of the congregation, homes, small groups, and Bible study participants into a deeper experience of the life of the church that partners together with you and your family to bring us all into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. The gospel of Jesus Christ is meant to be heard, received, and lived in a way that shapes lives and welcomes others into God's reign of grace, mercy, and peace.

Lenten Resources

You will find many resources on the table in our lobby for your whole family. In particular, our annual booklet of reflections on the season of Lent, written by our own St. Catherine's parishioners, will be available starting on Ash Wednesday. The Reflection of the Day (and the whole booklet) will also be on our website at www.stcatherines.org.

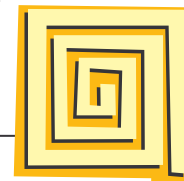
Lenten Quiet Day

Saturday, March 11 9 AM-noon

The Daughters of the King are sponsoring a Quiet Day on March 11. All in our church and community are invited. The program will include some readings, meditation, and an opportunity to walk a labyrinth.

If you have never experienced a labyrinth, we invite you to do so during this second week of Lent. Labyrinths are made of circuits, or paths, all winding toward the center, which traditionally represents a holy place of God. One walks a labyrinth by stepping into the entrance and putting one foot in front of the other. After traveling through all the paths and windings, the walker comes to the center. After a time there, the walker returns out to cover the same path out as in. According to Rev. Lauren Artress, “mother” of the practice of walking labyrinths, “It's a great way to quiet the mind and deepen prayer life.”

Join us from 9 to noon to “quiet the mind” during this season of Lent. Please contact Barb Selby if you plan to attend this day.



More Labyrinth Times

March 15-16

The Labyrinth will be set up in the Parish Hall and available for groups and individuals on the evening of Wednesday, March 15, after the WWW program. It will also be open all day and evening on Thursday, March 16.

Money Anxiety series continues

February 19 & 26
10 AM

Our special series continues during the Church School hour of two more sessions of discussion about the spiritual impact of money in our lives and how our anxieties over money keep us from spiritual wholeness. Chris Williams will lead the class, which meets in the Parish Hall - y'all come!



Altar Flowers and Candles

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

Faithful Mission Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of our St. Catherine's family we're pleased to report our *Faithful Mission* capital campaign has officially begun. This week the *Faithful Mission* Executive Committee and Steering Committee members met with Rob Townes (Sinclair, Townes & Company) for an orientation and comprehensive campaign plan overview. We focused on maximum participation (a plan to reach each constituency), training volunteers, campaign roles and timeline. Now that we have officially come together as a campaign committee, our next step is to finalize the Case for Support Brochure and prepare other campaign materials in order to answer your questions.

Our next meeting as a campaign committee will be an organizational meeting on March 9th to review our *Faithful Mission* brochure, complete training and define

strategy. We have lots of planning to do as a group, however, look forward to having conversations with each and every one of you. As with *Faith Builds!*, we are planning a kick off dinner in September, with campaign pledges due by November of this year (*Faithful Mission* will be a three year campaign 2007 - 2009). Please join us in thanking the following, who have graciously volunteered their time and talents to *Faithful Mission*:

Executive Committee: *John Barrington, Jim Nixon, Liz Rea, Diane Sanders*

Steering Committee: *Rachel Bagby, Bill Bowden, Ron Brannock, David Craig, Tom Donoghue, Emily Gale, Marilyn Hunter, Cary Kilgore, Ellis Kilgore, Karen Maxwell, Meg Ramsay, John Rea, Margaret Shaw, Phil Spessard*

God's peace,

Nelson Gale and Jennifer Massey
(Co-Chairs)

Talent Show 2006

More in next eWheel!

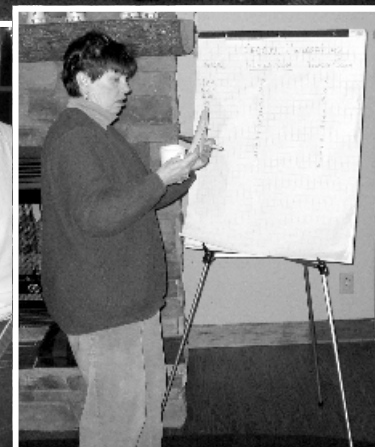


Entertainment supporting The Extension

Wonderful entertainment supporting a great cause! Plan now to see *Bus Stop* by William Inge at Theater in the Square, Marietta, on Tuesday, March 14. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in the church lobby between services. All proceeds benefit The Extension's new women's treatment facility. For more information, see Carol Fey, Carol Eskew or Nadine Pope.

Vestry Retreat 2006

Look for even more photos in the next eWheel!



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!



Sunday School offering for Lent

In the long run, our growth in forgiveness is a part of our growth in faith. We can't sever them from each other. As we grow in faith, we experience the change of mind and heart that brings us closer to what God has always aimed for us to be: citizens of the age to come, beloved friends to God and to one another, people whose lives overflow with God's love, people who practice justice and peace.

With these words the Episcopal priest, L. William Countryman opens his contribution to the question, "why forgive?" Questions we all ask; stories that help with the answers. **Join the Rector's Class** each

Sunday during Lent as we ask this question and study a sampling of stories that help us answer the question.

Each week we will read a reflection and share our own experiences of forgiveness as we make our individual journeys of reconciliation, forgiveness and restoration to the fellowship of the Church as we are invited to do on Ash Wednesday. Some of the questions we may consider are: What if I don't feel like forgiving? What good is forgiving when the damage can never be mended? Where can I learn how to forgive? How is forgiving someone else really more about myself?

We invite you to join us during the entirety of Lent or any one Sunday. A packet of resources and a schedule will be available on the Lenten resources table on Feb. 26.

Preschool Registration

Preschool registration for the 2006-07 year 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.

Georgia Festival Chorus

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

The renowned community choral group, the Georgia Festival Chorus, will present its spring concert, "Choral Gems," at St. Catherine's on March 26. This 100-voice ensemble presents masterworks and the best of contemporary choral literature to audiences in Georgia and abroad. Please be sure to bring your family, friends and neighbors! Visit www.tgafc.org for details.

Letters

What can I say about what St. Catherine's means to me? It seemed that all were here to visit, call, help out during Bob's illness. Then, on his passing, the whole world showed up.

Thank you to our whole parish -- everyone called, everyone came, everyone wrote, everyone gave so much support. Thank you to Jim and Sherry for everything. Thank you to the Sonshine Committee for wonderful meals. Thank you to Daughters of the King for the prayer shawls. Thank you to everyone who wrote a card or a tribute to Bob on the website, each one is nicer than the next.

*Thank you from
Vera Bibbings and her family*



Nursery News

Please welcome **Natalie Lewis, Shirley Miller** and **Ashley Cronon** to our Nursery staff. Natalie and Shirley will be with us each Sunday and also for week night programs. Ashley will be with us for our week night programs and will sub for us on Sundays on occasion. We continue to need volunteers on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If you are scheduled to work a particular day but find you cannot, please be sure to contact someone to cover your time.

We also want to welcome our new **Nursery Coordinator, Amber Shushan**, who will coordinate workers and issues with the nursery. Please thank her when you see her and let her know if you have suggestions.

Hunger Walk Coming Up



hunger walk/run
2006

**Sunday, Mar. 12,
Turner Field**

- 12:00 – Park Opens, Registration Begins
- 1:00 – 10K Certified Run
- 2:30 – 5K Fun Run & Walk

Come join the fun and the fight against hunger! Sign-up at the Outreach table in the church lobby or contact Susan Burkholder at 770-579-0534 or Paige Schlenker at 770-993-4507.

The Hunger Walk/Run benefits the Atlanta Community Food Bank and several other local charities including Episcopal Charities Foundation. Find details on the website at www.acfb.org (click on "Projects," then "Hunger Walk/Run").

Companion Parish Trip team forming



It is time to start thinking about our 2006 Companion Parish Trip to St. Elizabeth's in Whiterocks, Utah, on July 15-22. This ministry trip is appropriate for adults and mature youth. If you have interest in this ministry, please contact Dale and Paige Schlenker now at 770-993-4507.

➤ Charlie Denny in world competition

Charlie Denny of St. Elizabeth's, known to many of us as a champion hoop dancer, competed in the 16th annual World Hoop Dancing Competition at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, AZ on February 5. Charlie took second place for an outstanding performance with sixteen hoops! Way to go!!

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.

Children's and Youth Stewardship

Teaching children about stewardship is an important part of their Christian formation, and we can accomplish it by modeling—through our actions and responses to opportunities to be good stewards. It is important to allow children to experience the joy and satisfaction that comes when they actually put their stewardship into practice by sharing time, talent or treasure with those in need.

One of the most exciting outcomes of our stewardship campaign this year has been the strong response we've had from our children and our youth. Regular "adult" pledge cards have been made available to the youth. Children in Kindergarten through fourth grade were given special pledge cards, that list activities and ministries in which that they too can share their time and talent. There was a great deal of excitement among the children as they recognized this invitation to join in!

Offering envelopes are now available for all children and youth who have turned in a pledge card and pledge statements will also be sent. If your child or youth has not yet received their envelopes, please check with their Sunday school teachers. It is important that the envelopes be used when making the offerings so that each individual's pledge statement will be accurate.

It isn't too late to make a pledge! Children's pledge cards are available in their Sunday school classrooms. Youth (fifth grade +) use the "adult" pledge cards, which are available in the church lobby.

To date, 23 youth and children have made pledges totaling over \$700.00. The previous record response was 9 pledges in 1999.

Summer camp at Camp Mikell

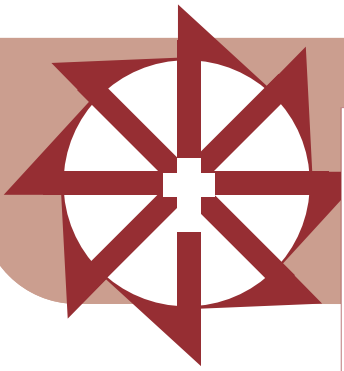
Summer camp information, dates and counselor applications are available now on the Camp Mikell website at www.campmikell.com. This year registration and information for summer camp will be available primarily on-line. Reservations are first come, first served basis, so register early for best selection.

Summer Camp counselor applications are available on the website and are **due by March 8**. For more information, contact Amanda Segers, registrar, at 706-886-7515

➤ **All Youth planning to help with the pancake supper on Feb. 28, plan to arrive immediately after school to start setting up!**

YOUTH DIRECTOR POSITION

➤ Interested persons should contact the Rev. Jim Nixon at fatherjim@bellsouth.net or 770-971-2839.



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Mark Your Calendars

- 2/19,26 ... "Money Anxiety" series
- 2/22, 3/8,15..... WWW
- 2/24 Mark's Gospel LIVE
- 2/28 Pancake Supper; Elizabeth Inn
- 3/1Ash Wednesday; Lent begins
- 3/4Ministry Fair
- 3/7 Lent morning study & Eucharist begins
- 3/11 DOK Quiet Day
- 3/12Hunger Walk
- 3/26 Rite13 Ceremony; Georgia Festival Chorus concert



Elizabeth Inn

**Next date:
Tuesday, Feb. 28**

Are you looking for an opportunity to have a special night out? Why not sign up to spend a rewarding night at the Elizabeth Inn? Saint Catherine's volunteers staff the Inn and provide dinner for the guests on the 28th of 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).

"Work is love made visible." – Kahil Gibran

Diocesan Ministry Fair

**Saturday, Mar. 4 8:30AM - 4PM
at Cathedral of St. Phillip**

Reservations recommended **by Monday, Feb. 20**, for best selection! The Ministry Fair includes displays and over 50 workshops on leadership skills, spiritual growth, education, administration, and more. Tom Key, renowned local actor, will be the special guest for the Great Gathering. It's easy to register online or by mail with credit card or check—go to www.episcopalatlanta.com and click on "Ministry Fair." Information is also available in our church lobby.

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Invitation for St. Catherine's Parish

George and Sheila Bishop would like to invite their St. Catherine's friends to join them at their wedding blessing ceremony on Saturday, February 25, at 7:00 PM, with a reception to follow. The ceremony and reception will be held at the church.