



# The Wheel



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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!*

## An Invitation to a Holy Lent

### Wednesday Evenings

6:00 PM – Supper in the Parish Hall  
6:45 PM – Lenten Program for all ages  
7:45 pm – Evening Liturgy: Compline and Taize Music in the Sanctuary

### Tuesday Mornings

7:00 am – Holy Eucharist  
7:30 am – Brief Study

We will meet each Tuesday morning in Lent 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 and continue 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.

### 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, is now available. You can read the Reflection of the Day (and the whole booklet) on our website at [www.stcatherines.org](http://www.stcatherines.org).

**And, see inside this Wheel for lots of volunteer opportunities this Lenten season and beyond.**

## PHOTO DIRECTORY

Be part of our new parish-wide pictorial directory! Appointment signups continue at all services through this weekend, February 19-20. There is **no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken**, and you will receive **a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory** for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends, but you are under **no obligation** to purchase additional photos.



We can still use a few volunteers to help make this project a big success. If you are interested, please contact Terri Hogan at 770-565-1840 or Nancy & Alan Certain at 770-933-9277 or check the box in the Opportunity for Ministry flyer in your bulletin.

Our photography appointments will be held the week of March 7-12. If you cannot make one of the scheduled times we can arrange to make sure you can be part of this latest directory. We want to see and know everyone in our church family, so be sure to get your photo made.

Please contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to "seeing you in pictures!"

## Coffee Time Volunteers

If you enjoy sharing a cup of coffee with others after church on Sunday or if you want to be part of a ministry that would only take about 20 minutes of your time, volunteer to make and bring the coffee urns to the coffee bar on Sunday mornings after the 8:45 or 11:15 services. Please contact Maureen Donoghue, 770-973-9776 or email Georgiadonoghues@comcast.net.



### Next Baptism:

**MARCH 26**

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

## Don't Lose Heart

Sarah Stockton wrote a wonderful Lenten reflection which I ran across on a website which I highly recommend: [www.explorefaith.org](http://www.explorefaith.org). She specifically writes on the challenges of Lent.

There are several challenges before us during Lent. How to stay the course of Christ's journey without losing heart. How to not judge the way others are "doing Lent." How to keep the incandescent reality of our faith alive in the midst of the harsh reality of daily life. In some Christian denominations, Lent has also traditionally been used as a time of giving up something we enjoy or rely on, in order to demonstrate our personal repentance and our allegiance to the suffering that Christ experienced. Yet the story of Christ is not just a story of suffering, but of a human being who lived in the complete fullness of God. Our challenge therefore is to learn to live in that same complete fullness, as best we can, through Christ's example and his ever-present love. What is it that keeps us from full communion with Christ? What can we "give up" the Lenten season that has until now served as a barrier between us and Christ? Is it some behavior, some pattern, some way of thinking about ourselves or others? Or could it be some unrealistic desire that keeps us from the present moment? Or are we avoiding an unexplored dream that might fulfill us? Take some time to write about what you might "offer up" to God during this season as a way of acknowledging your desire to come closer to God. What door could you open, in what way could you stop hiding from God's love?

Peace,

Sherry+

## Prayers of the People

### For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Mary Koenig, James, Dawn Houston, Julie Heath, Barbara Perry, Jean Pitts, Jean Shrader, Harry Beswick, Tommy Hill, Andrew Harding, Stan Dickson, Cathy, Pres Shrader, Todd Magill, Patricia Ordner, Georgia Baumann, Jim Nixon, Sr., Maury Newton, Karen Ann Mosso, Ed Glynn, Ted Edwards, Jo Kelly, Don Hunt, Katie, Marion Fox, Cheryl Jones, Libby Rouleau, Bryan Derry, Anna Grace Derry, Adam Derry, Lee Blackshear, Anne, Morgan, Monique Hale Bagby, Rev. Bob Abstein, Dale Boxley, Jamie Harding, Lawrence Guy, Debbie Leonard, Anisah, Dan Donovan, Joe Hannigan, Marjory Snook,

Beverly Fambrough, Tom Bird, Jim Barletta, Lois & Earl Liverman, Caroline Lumpkin.

### Before Surgery

Jack Lazzaro, 2/25/05

### For the Deceased

James Davis, uncle of Deborah Guy's friend; Betty Jenkins, mother of Doug Jenkins, Susan Burkholder's friend; Dorothy Mary Martin Sherry, mother of Kevin Sherry.

### 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 All Saints' Church in Florence, South Carolina.

### Parish Cycle of Prayer (2/27/05)

Chris, Jan & Eugene Potter, Arthur & Kelly Weissinger, Jessica & Jeff Pierce; Sally Powers; Monica, Jason, Travis, & Marc Rader; Meg Ramsay; Carol Eskew & Shelley Ransdell

### (3/6/05)

John & Liz Rea, Katie Smith & Liesl Amoruso; Delicia Reily; Skip, Laurie, Greg & Clark Remter; Cindy Richards; Susan & Trish Roberts

## A General Scam Alert

We have issued a number of warnings lately about various scams that are making the rounds of church offices, and each time we do, we hear stories of still other scams. It must be the cold weather, or something, that preys on people's sympathies. In most of these, someone tells the church about a desperate situation, such as a stranded traveler, and asks for money. Please be alert to any suspicious requests. The scammers are quite skilled at what they do, and they appear very convincing.

On a couple of occasions people have come to the church during evening meetings seeking assistance for various reasons. We ask that if you are meeting here and are approached for assistance, please suggest to them that they return during normal office hours (8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday) and speak to one of our clergy. Please do not give them money. You need not feel obligated to engage them in conversation beyond giving them the above directions.

Please do let Rosemary Wolfe know if you encounter such persons. Thank you.

## Where in the World is Father Jim?

(Second in a series)

*On April 4, Father Jim Nixon will begin his four-month sabbatical, a time of renewal, reflection and refreshment for him and an interesting—hopefully exciting—time for the parish as well. "Where in the world is Father Jim Nixon?" is the theme the parish is using for communication about this sabbatical.*

As noted in our previous article, Father Jim's renewal program has five components. The first three relate to diversity; the fourth gives him the refreshment and reconnection with his family that he needs and deserves; the fifth will renew him for a long-term commitment to our congregation. Interaction with St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire is the first component.

One of the nation's oldest and most respected prep schools, St. Paul's School has attracted students with diverse racial and religious backgrounds from 46 different states and 20 different countries. Although primarily a Christian school, St. Paul's invites students and faculty members to create an extended family that respects and nurtures individual talent, personal freedom and responsibility, intellectual curiosity and public service.

"If we can develop a sense of respect and cooperation here at the school," says the Rt. Rev. Craig B. Anderson, the school's rector, "we will be able to prepare a very gifted group of students ... to not only tolerate other points of view but actually respect and embrace diversity in a deeper way. Our mission is not just to promote diversity because it is the politically correct thing to do, but to recognize that it is also the morally correct thing to do."

To learn how an established Episcopal institution practices such a philosophy, Fr. Jim will participate in a three-week resident program at the school. He will interact with faculty, staff, and students and will look specifically at the ways the school teaches acceptance, resolves conflicts, deals with language and social barriers, and promotes camaraderie.

"My desire to live in the community of St. Paul's is to learn how to integrate an ap-

preciation of diversity among and with our young people," says Father Jim. "Living in residence for three weeks will

give me the opportunity to meet with various groups, attend classes and events, and interact with students and faculty. I hope to be able to bring some of my learnings back to this community in general and to our youth specifically."



## Wow! Conversational Spanish Classes

Registration begins Feb. 20

"¿Habla usted español?"

"¿Entiende?"

"¡No entiendo!"

["Do you speak Spanish?"]

"Do you understand?"

"I don't understand!"

While Father Jim is learning Spanish in Costa Rico, you will have the opportunity to learn Spanish at St. Catherine's. Classes will be offered Wednesday evenings, 7 PM to 8:30 PM, starting April 13 through May 25. The classes are especially intended for those who are involved in any type of outreach whether it be Parish Life, Sunday greeters or volunteers at Elizabeth Inn.

Class size is limited for the course so don't delay. The fee for the course is \$199.00 which includes a textbook. HOWEVER...if you attend 6 out of 7 classes you will be reimbursed for the total amount from the Lilly Renewal Grant.

Applications will be available starting Sunday, February 20, and can be found on the table in the church foyer. Please have your application in by March 15. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Perry 770-565-3514.

## Adult Inquirer's Class

**Sundays at 4 PM  
April 17-May 22**

An Inquirer's Class is for adults who are interested in being confirmed, received, reaffirmed, or if you simply want to learn more about the Episcopal Church. The diocesan service of confirmation/reaffirmation will be held at the Cathedral of St. Phillip on June 5. For information please call the church office or speak with one of the clergy.

## Help us serve you

*Please let the church know when you or a loved one has a medical procedure, an illness, a life transition, or other special need. We are here to serve you. Please allow us the opportunity to share your experience and offer our support. Simply contact the church office at 770-971-2839. Thank you.*



## Your Mother Doesn't Live Here



One of the wonderful outcomes of our new buildings is that everyone wants to use them. We give thanks to God and the generosity of all who have made these facilities possible. We are doing our best to encourage the use of the buildings. Indeed, we have two new Girl Scout troops, a returning AA group, and a new group, Mothers and Moms, who begin meeting here March 29. One of our goals of building these facilities was to increase our role as a resource to the wider community. This is happening!

For those of us who live here, being a resource puts a special burden on us. It is our responsibility to keep these facilities clean and ready to welcome our own groups plus these community groups. This is where we can begin to do a better job.

As the saying goes, "your mother doesn't live here." There is no one to pick up after you! We have a new janitor service with whom we are well pleased. However, unlike Walter (our previous contractor) they do not set up or restore after functions—they clean, and that's it. We have struggled to provide storage space for

tables and chairs, for tablecloths and glasses, for pianos and sound systems. We expect that when you use something you will put it back—and that is not happening right now!

The staff have been overwhelmed by your generosity in offering help with the many tasks that are accomplished each week at St. Catherine's. One thing everyone can do is to return space to the condition in which you found it. If you don't, the staff has to. Please don't make us choose between the hospital or stacking chairs.

This means, for instance, in the Parish Hall stacking the extra chairs in the closet, not against the wall. Setting up 8 round tables with 8 chairs and a tablecloth. It means putting tables from the Board Room back after you use them in the Parish Hall or the Foyer. It means throwing away leftovers or taking them to MUST Ministries. (The staff does not eat out of the kitchen refrigerator—if there is something you think we might enjoy for lunch we invite you to bring it to the break area refrigerator.)

We want you to enjoy doing ministry and fellowship in our beautiful facilities. Let's work together to keep them that way.

## Volunteer for Literacy

Are you still looking for something to "take on" for Lent? Why not volunteer for one hour and help children experience the joys of a good book! Friday, March 4, is R.A.D.—"Read All Day" at Brumby Elementary School. We only ask that you devote one hour to reading aloud in classrooms and help distribute free books. Schedules are flexible, and between the hours of 8 am and 2 pm.

Would you like to do more? There is still a need for literacy volunteers at Brumby. Volunteer just one hour a week helping children. This is a wonderful way to allow God's love to shine through you. For more information contact Nadine Pope at 678-522-4384 or ronaza@mindspring.com. These opportunities are offered through The Georgia Literacy Connection, a program of Communities in Schools of Marietta/Cobb County, Inc., [www.cismcc.org](http://www.cismcc.org).

## Spring Yard Sale!



It's that time again... St. Catherine's 2nd annual Yard Sale! We're beating the June rush this year April 30th is the date. So get busy cleaning out the closets, the attic, the garage, you know the drill. Gather those items that have gathered dust

since last year but are still in good repair and working order—you know, the ones you had great plans to use but never got around to it again! Your trash is someone else's treasure. And just think of all the space you'll find at your house!

We'll announce the collection dates soon, so start packing! If you have questions, contact Joan Nixon or any member of the Fellowship Committee.

## Job Opportunities

➤ *Submitted by a St. Catherine's parishioner:* Small toy company in northeast Cobb County looking for part-time sales assistant to work with owner/traveling sales rep. Three person office. Flexible hours, about 20 hours per week. Individual must be organized self-starter, very detail oriented, have good computer skills, strong follow up and problem solving skills. Send resume and salary requirements to Job Opportunity, PO Box 669487, Marietta, GA 30066

➤ *Available mid-March:* Receptionist/Secretary at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, Sandy Springs. Candidates should exhibit friendly interpersonal demeanor with emphasis on hospitality and discretion. Qualifications include strong prioritizing and organizational skills, Microsoft Office proficiency. Proficiency in Automated Church Systems software a plus. Request application/ send resumes to James Verrecchia, Parish Administrator, Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, 805 Mt. Vernon Highway, Atlanta, GA 30327; fax 404-255-4023 or email [jverrecchia@holyinnocents.org](mailto:jverrecchia@holyinnocents.org).

## Have You Visited Our Library?

Did you know we have a new library? It is in the Administration Building in the space that used to be our Parish Hall. We invite you to drop by and take a look at the facilities. We have a wonderful collection of books. Through the generosity of Tom Hunter we have a wonderful collection of theological, historical, inspirational reading that was Tom's father's library. There are some wonderful books in this collection. We have a big screen TV with a VCR that can be used to screen videos for discussion groups. We have a wonderful conference table that will seat 8 people comfortably and more if necessary. We want to particularly thank Anne Whittle for recovering the upholstered chairs to match the decor of the room. We invite you to share your used books with us.

## Healing Service

Several months ago we re-instituted a monthly healing service. We said we'd evaluate the response after a few months. What is clear is that we gather as a community to support an individual and/or a family in their time of need. We celebrate our response. What is equally clear is when there is not a specific identifiable need the healing service is not attended. This certainly does not mean there is no need for healing, we are always in need of the sacrament of unction. What it does mean is that we come when there is a need. The healing service last year for Tom Snook was an excellent example. At this service we had 56 people. However, our January healing service drew 3 people including the celebrant and reader.

Your clergy are always ready to respond to particular needs in the congregation. It is clear to us, however, that a regularly scheduled healing service is not where we are now as a congregation. Therefore effective in February we will discontinue the healing service. We want you to know, however, that we will do our best to respond to a particular need either when we become aware of it or when you let us know of your desire to have such a service.

## Valentine Dinner Dance

February 5, 2005

Thank you EVERYONE for a wonderful evening and a great fundraiser for our J2A Pil-



## Flu Shots Available

Our congregational nurses now have flu vaccine available to them. If you are interested in a flu shot please contact Dani Dickson, 770-971-1141.

## Companion Parish Trip

We're putting a team together now for our summer trip to St. Elizabeth's in Whiterocks, Utah. The trip dates are June 11-18. We will help with their annual Vacation Bible School for the children of Whiterocks, enjoy a celebration of Native American culture at a special "Bear Dance," and participate in festivities for the 100-year anniversary of the parish.

This is an intergenerational trip, youth (rising 6th grade and older) and adults are encouraged to consider this wonderful opportunity. If you have interest in the trip, or would simply like to learn more about Native American ministry, please check your bulletin or contact Paige and Dale Schlenker, 770-993-4507.

## Ministry Fair is for Everyone!



### At Cathedral of St. Philip Saturday, March 5

Join hundreds of fellow Episcopalians as we come together in worship and fellowship to connect, grow and transform our individual and parish ministries. The Diocese of Atlanta's annual Ministry Fair provides opportunities for clergy, lay leaders and other parishioners to gain knowledge, skills, increased interest and excitement in a variety of ministries. This year the Ministry Fair will be held at the Cathedral in celebration of their new added education building and remodeling. With over 50 workshops, there's something for everyone!

Check at church or on the Diocese website, [www.episcopalatlanta.org](http://www.episcopalatlanta.org), for brochures with complete listings of the day's activities, and to register (online or by mail).

**LATE Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 22**—Registrations received after Feb. 8 will pick up packets the morning of the Fair; confirmation materials will not be mailed. (Registrations received after February 22 are not guaranteed workshop space or lunch.)

## Teacher of the Year

Parishioner Peggy Snook has just been named Teacher of the Year for 2005-2006 at Garrison Mill Elementary in Cobb County. Congratulations, Peggy!

## The "Windsor Report"

In continuing to live into our Vestry Statement on General Convention 2003, you will find copies of "The Windsor Report and the Anglican Communion: Beginning the Conversation" by the Rt. Rev. Carolyn Irish, Bishop of Utah, on our lobby resource table. We hope you find it worthy of reading and discussion.

## Tom Snook Named East Cobb Fellow

The Rotary Club of East Cobb will announce the award of East Cobb Fellow in honor of former parishioner Tom Snook at the 20th Charter night of the club. The Rotary Club recognizes as "Fellow" the outstanding contributors to its charitable and educational foundation. The East Cobb club has made a donation in Tom's name to the foundation and will present the award on Saturday, Feb. 19, to his wife, Peggy, and daughters Megan and Kelly. Peggy says, "What an honor and privilege it will be for the girls and me to receive this for Tom!!"

## Boxes From Home

### ...For Our Troops in Iraq

Through the end of February we are gathering items to send to soldiers in Iraq who are not receiving "goodie" boxes from home. Wish lists and collection baskets are in the church lobby.



#### WHAT TO BRING:

- \* Body wipes (particularly Lever 2000 brand, they do not leave residue on the skin)—*most popular item requested*
- \* Little packets of condiments, **ESPECIALLY** barbeque sauce, hot sauce, mayonnaise.
- \* Phone cards
- \* Liquid hand sanitizer
- \* Pringles, Peanut butter crackers
- \* Cookies, Gum, Mints, Twizzlers
- \* Nuts, Cheez Whiz, Slim Jims
- \* Letters and cards (have many people show their support by signing a letter or card)

Please remember if you donate food that "snack size" containers are best, and due to the extreme temperatures please do not include chocolate. Thanks for your support!

# Youth

**Check the Youth page of the church website often for news!**

**Send materials, photos, ideas or suggestions for the youth newsletter via email to [stcatsyouth@bellsouth.net](mailto:stcatsyouth@bellsouth.net).**

**Remember in your prayers the Ski Trip youth and leaders, February 18-21:**

*Justin Baker, Taylor Baumann, Keith Dumke, Tom Heuke, Erin Hurley, Tegan Hurley, Sara-Alison Massey, Stuart Wallace, Brian West, Rebecca West, Bill Williams, Clare Frost, Julian Seneviratne, Molly Frost, Stephanie Burkholder, Alex*

## Wednesday Nite Live

Every Wednesday night – Dinner with families at 6 PM – Program revves up at 7:00.

Compline services complete our evening during Lent. Your illustrious colleagues are leading the services, come out and support them! Our lineup includes *Justin Baker, Taylor Baumann, Jillian Dumke, Tom Heuke, Shannon Jablonski and Sally Paris.*

## ➤ Sweet Valentines

We had a great Valentine Dinner Dance and Silent Auction—thanks so much to everyone who made it such a success. The Masseys were in charge of the event, and they did a spectacular job. The fundraiser was outstanding— we should have what we need for the J2A to go to Scotland!



## ➤ Sweet Pancakes, Too

Great job, everyone, at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Great turnout!

## ➤ Happening #43 April 15-17

If you're tenth grade or older, Happening is April 15-17. They're reducing the number of students going, and this Happening WILL fill up, so get your forms in soon. Go to [www.happeningatl.org](http://www.happeningatl.org) for candidate applications (**due by March 10**).

## ➤ Rite 13 Ceremony

Our next Rite 13 ceremony will be **in April**, details coming up!

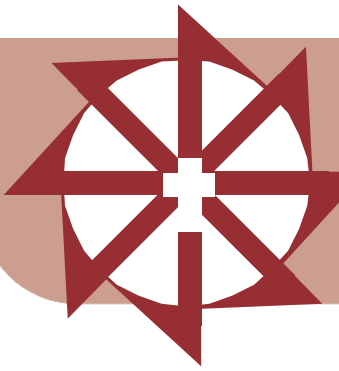
## ➤ Rite-13: Urban Plunge

Are you a Rite-13er and interested in doing an Urban Plunge at the Emmaus House in March? Mark your calendars for **March 11-13!**

## ➤ Spring Break Mission Trip to Chicago

Have you made Spring Break plans yet? We'll be in Chicago **April 3-9**, having fun together and reaching the world for Christ. This Spring Break Mission Trip will live on in St. Cat's legend... and you'll never regret putting your Spring Break to use in a world that desperately needs you. Won't you consider being a part of it?





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## Mark Your Calendars

- 2/18-21 .... Youth Ski Trip
- 2/20,3/1.... Morning Eucharist & study
- 2/23,3/2.... WWW
- 2/22-3/15.. Spanish Class registration
- 2/28..... Elizabeth Inn; end of collection for our troops
- 3/5.....Ministry Fair
- 3/7-12...Photo directory photo sessions

### *The Wheel*

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*What will you ADD  
this Lent?*



## Elizabeth Inn

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

Are you looking for an opportunity to have a special night out? Sign up to spend a rewarding night at the Elizabeth Inn. Saint Catherine's volunteers staff the Elizabeth Inn and provide dinner for the guests on the 28th of each month. We have a Foyers Group which has volunteered to do the meal in March.

If you would like to help with dinner please call Tracy Buckalew (770-956-9606) or Connie Bergeron (770-951-1411). To volunteer to stay overnight call Carolyn Hillely (770-973-8636) or Fred Massey (404-731-4466). Both tasks are very rewarding.

## Hunger Walk Coming Up



**HUNGERWALK|RUN2005**

an exercise in community

**Sunday, Mar. 13, Turner Field**

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

The Hunger Walk is a fun and meaningful Lenten activity that everyone can participate in. Whether you walk, run, give out of your abundance, and/or volunteer in some other way, we hope you'll want to be involved. Watch for registration info and other details in the Sunday bulletins and parish e-announcements. But for now, maybe, skip the fries and start collecting your left-over change!

*"Christ gave you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourself, and to take up your cross and follow him..."* — A New Zealand Prayer Book