



# The Wheel

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## Memorial Service

Sunday, April 24 at 6 PM

Our semi-annual Memorial Service will be held to celebrate the lives of those we have lost since our fall observance. Everyone is invited to join us at this beautiful service and support our parish members who have lost loved ones.

### Reception following

Donations of finger foods are requested. Please contact Chris Williams at 770-973-0530, and please drop off your donations in the kitchen anytime before the service on Sunday.



## St. Cat's Yard Sale

Saturday, April 30  
in & around the  
Parish Hall



Your trash is someone else's treasure! And just think of all the space you'll find at home when you move those things out!

April 23 is the last Sunday to bring donations to church. **Please, no donations on the sale day.**

**Help is needed** to move large items on the morning of the sale, cashiers, folks to help sort and price the items the week before, and people with trucks to pick up large items from parishioners' homes. Please sign up at church this weekend or contact Audrey Nesbit, [anesbit@afterhours.com](mailto:anesbit@afterhours.com) or Joan Nixon, [joann0813@bellsouth.net](mailto:joann0813@bellsouth.net).

*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!*



## Spring Planting Party & Picnic

Saturday, May 7, 9 AM to noon.

We'll spruce up our church grounds so the church will look fresh and alive for Mother's Day! All ages, please join us to dig in the dirt — lunch & fun will be served. Please RSVP in your bulletin or by calling the office so we know how many to expect for food.

We are working on arrangements with the Home Depot Landscaping Company to make our list. Please contact Gail McGill, 770-971-8890 for details about donating plants and soil.

### Planting plan:

- The front sign: dark purple Wave Petunias - 6 flats, bright red Geraniums - 4 flats.
- The Island bed: yellow Lantana - 1 flat, Big Red Geraniums - 2 flats
- In front of the rock: Blue Daze - 3 flats, fuchsia (Rosy Red) Geraniums—2 flats
- By the Memorial Garden - Blue Daze 4 flats, fuchsia Geraniums - 1 flat
- Parking lot island in back: Carlos Lantana (fuchsia with yellow) - 4 flats, fuchsia Geraniums - 2 flats
- We also need lots of garden/planting soil!

## Diocesan Celebration

Please join Bishop J. Neil Alexander and the people of St. Luke's Episcopal Church for a Festive Choral Evensong in a Diocesan-wide Ingathering and Celebration of the kick off year of the Alleluia Fund for Mission. The event will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 4:00 PM at St. Luke's, 435 Peachtree Street, Atlanta. A reception will follow.

Visit the website at [www.afm2005.org](http://www.afm2005.org) for more information on the Alleluia Fund for Mission and for directions to St. Luke's.

### Next Baptisms:

**MAY 15 - PENTECOST**

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

## Greeting

It's exciting to be at St Catherine's! This is a special time in my life and St Catherine's is a special place. So for my own personal spiritual reasons supplying here is sheer joy.

I'm yet alive, able to preach and celebrate; unexpected grace, a time unlike any in the past four years. I've struggled with one health event after another, a patient more than a priest. While at Crawford Long, I met Jim Nixon and Hazel Glover who came to visit me, Robert and Vera Bibbings kept us fed and Sherry Coulter came to Kennestone timely to pray for me. But don't be surprised to see a smile on my face. I can walk all the way down the aisle of the sanctuary without pausing to rest; a remarkable feat, once a simple act.

Then it's a joy to come home; this is where my journey to the priesthood found support from Larry Packard and a discernment group he appointed: Frank Brent, John Brooks, Winsome Hawkins, John Rea, Tacey Ranney and Ann Snead. With help from their spouses, they opened their homes so we could pray and explore what it means to be an Episcopalian, a priest and other things like how to discern when spaghetti is ready to eat.

Here Norma's aunt Lillian Oldham spent her last days with care from Stephen ministers.

Dick and Bebe Karekan, Richard Carter, Marion Cook and Vera Hale befriended her as she arrived, visited her when she was hospitalized and cared for her until she died.

On the way to the priesthood I joined Gene Wood and Bill Linstrom in teaching adult classes, became a Eucharistic minister, was sent to St Mary's for a personal retreat by Bill Bowden's vestry and with Larry and Mike Billingsley, preached in Sunday services.

All these treasured moments came to fruition because Norma and I found the next step in a transforming spiritual venture. We were told, turn right at Sherlock's; then right at the next light; it's the second church on the right. Once here, a whole lot of unpredictable life happened. Between April 1990 and April 1993, time at St Catherine's, we were changed.

I can't imagine what God will do with us and through us from April to July. But I'm glad to be in the game and privileged to see again those who knowingly and unwittingly blessed us; you are too numerous to name so excuse me for simply saying St Catherine's.

Peace,  
George †

## Prayers of the People

### For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, James, Jean Pitts, Tommy Hill, Georgia Baumann, Karen Ann Mosso, Lisa Arnold, Olivia McLeod, Jim Pharr, Dorothy Elway, Charlie Stewart, Heather Manning, Giselle Galan, Carole Seim, Lisa Krebs, Bob Schottle, Linda Scales, Debbie Stokes, Armando Fiscal, Tom Bryan, Agnes Floyd, Lee Blackshear, Bourne Wayland, Trenton Kindred, William Gaines, Natalie May, Sally Granade, Kim Fusinaz, Patsy Ramsey, Laura Gary, James Rice, Roy Miller, Chuck & Larkin Hays, Chris Sexton.

### For the Deceased

Michael Knezetic, Paul Manno's uncle; Debbie Leonard, friend of Karen & Paul Manno and Jim Greene; Mary Esther Jones, mother of Al Jones; Jean Shrader, sister of Marion Cook; Kathryn Kiefer, grandmother of Chris Kiefer.

### 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.

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

**(4/24/05)** John, Carol & Jay Starr; James, Donna, Erica & Tyler Stephens; Charles & Deanna Stewart; Tom & Harriet Stinson; John, Katha, Abby & Livi Stuart

**(5/1/05)** Stephen, Melinda, Paul, Fred & Elizabeth Stuk; Curtis, Monica & Alina Summers; Richard, Sara, James, Charlie, Katherine & Alice Tanner; Mark, Shelly, Bronte & Ross Taylor; Clarke, Beth & Kaitlin Thomas

**(5/8/05)** Matt & Cindy Thompson; Joan Thurston; Charlotte Titus; Jim, Karen, Jeffrey & Jason Tindall; Kate, Rachel & Nathan Tomchik, Bruce, Tori & Garrett Brogdon

## Calling All Graduates!

If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring please let us know so we can list their names in the bulletin and *Wheel*. If a high school graduation, please let us know what college they will attend if applicable. Graduates will be recognized on Sunday, May 22. Please check your bulletin or call the church office.

## Have you read your *Wheel*?

### New news for you, twice per month!

Be sure to read your *Wheel* in online format (the e*Wheel*) for the latest news the first week of the month. Then, look for your next issue in your mailbox the third week of the month (occasionally we shift publication to the next week when there are 5 Friday mailing days).

Be sure you have everyone in your family who wants to read the *Wheel* signed up on our email list — check your bulletin or send an email note to editor Karen Manno— look for her email link on the “Staff” page of our website at [www.stcatherines.org](http://www.stcatherines.org).

## WWW in full swing

### Wednesdays — Dinner at 6, Programs for all ages at 7

*Please remember to make your dinner reservation each week by the Monday before*

Wonderful Wacky Wednesday is well into the Easter season. Our adult offering is a video-based series, “**The teachings of Jesus put to the test of time.**” This series contains powerful case studies of individuals who are in some ways heroic followers of Jesus. They reflect on their own experience of Jesus’ teachings. The videos look closely at commitment, inner peace, money, and forgiveness as they are lived out in our lives as Christians. The concept of “the test of time” is intended to pose questions like, “Is the teaching and example of Jesus relevant today? Can people today follow his teachings?” Please join us each Wednesday in the Parish Hall at 7 PM.



## WWW in May: “Money Anxiety”

**A special series on May 4, 11, 18**

Do you ever worry about money? Does it wake you up at night sometimes? It doesn’t seem to matter how much or how little you have. Most of us worry about it how should we spend it, are we saving enough, are we making enough? Heck—what is enough? These and other questions will be pondered and played with (yes, played with) in our series on “Money Anxiety” in May. Topics will include What is Money, Anyway? Knowing Your Money Life (yes you have one, we all do!), and Making Peace with Money. Come join us May 4, 11 and 18. You’ll be glad you did.



## Vestry Notes

April 19, 2005

- An assimilation team has been formed to oversee welcome of new members to St. Catherine’s.
- Our new Ministry Team structure is working together effectively to oversee all activities at St. Catherine’s.
- Youth Director Brian West made a presentation on this summer’s J2A Pilgrimage to England and Scotland.
- Rally Day 2005 is scheduled for August 28.
- The St. Catherine’s Ministry Fair will be held separately from Rally Day this year, on October 2.

## Newcomers’ Coffee

Sunday, May 8, 10 AM

### All newcomers at St. Catherine’s:

You are cordially invited to our next “get acquainted” coffee hour on May 8, during the Sunday School hour. This will be a social as well as informative gathering. Clergy and lay leaders will be present to answer any questions that you may have regarding our programs, services and ministries.



Please come for coffee and “goodies,” and get acquainted with your parish family! You never know whether something special may be offered in recognition of Mother’s Day!

## Vacation Bible School

July 11-15



This year we're going on **Serengeti Trek Vacation Bible School, where kids are wild about God!** Watch for registration at church beginning this weekend!

## Summer schedule begins May 29

Sunday School concludes on May 22. The summer schedule for Sunday worship begins on May 29:

7:30 AM—  
*Holy Eucharist*

8:45 AM—  
*Family Eucharist*

10:30 AM—  
*Holy Eucharist*

## Stress-proof your family!

Go on an Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones - and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference an Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend can make!

The next weekend is **May 6-8**, at Amberly Suites, in NE Atlanta . Registration is limited so a quick response is encouraged. For more information or to register, please contact Ron & Connie Bergeron, 3350 Turtle Lake Club Dr., Marietta, GA 30067-5025, 770-951-1411, [connieb@mindspring.com](mailto:connieb@mindspring.com) or go to [www.stcatherines.org/atlantaeme](http://www.stcatherines.org/atlantaeme).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's Mission of renewal in the church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

### *Already Encountered?*

We'd love to hear from you. As you may remember from your Weekend, the loving support of couples praying was an important element of its success. Also, you may want to make an Anniversary Weekend. The Weekend has changed — you may have, too. The next weekend is May 6-8, at Amberly Suites, in NE Atlanta . Registration is limited so a quick response is encouraged. For more information or to register, please contact Ron & Connie Bergeron, 3350 Turtle Lake Club Dr., Marietta, GA 30067-5025, 770-951-1411, [atlantaeme@earthlink.net](mailto:atlantaeme@earthlink.net) or go to [www.stcatherines.org/atlantaeme](http://www.stcatherines.org/atlantaeme).

## Prayer List - Active Service Men/Women

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan continue into their third years with this weekend's anniversary of the start of the war in Iraq. While we pray for all of the service men and women each week in the prayers of the people, unfortunately, there are so many people on the list that we cannot pray individually for them in our services any longer. But the very fact that there are so many makes it all the more important that we pray for each of them, not just for all of them.

The Daughters of the King would like honor this anniversary by compiling a list

of active duty service persons who are close to the hearts of St Catherine's parishioners and praying for them daily by name. A signup sheet is posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board in the Narthex. If

you have a friend or relative on active duty, especially if they are in Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other hot spot around the globe, please give us their name, and yours and your relationship [mother, cousin, friend, co-worker] - in addition to praying for the service persons, we will pray for you, too, because the burden of service is not just born by the person in the military. You may also contact Chris Williams (770-973-0530 or [cwilliams@thehartford.com](mailto:cwilliams@thehartford.com)) to add your service person's name to the list.





## Save the Date!



### ➤ Hors d'oeuvre Competition

**Saturday, June 4**

Watch for details

### ➤ Golf Tournament & Dinner

**Monday, July 25**

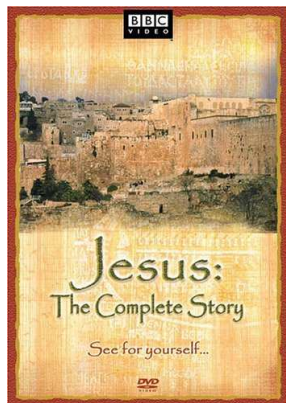
Help is needed for the annual Golf Tournament. Sign up in your bulletin, or contact Scott and Ginny Lummus, 770-649-5391 or [gslummus@earthlink.net](mailto:gslummus@earthlink.net).

## Prayer Partners

Our teens need your prayers. Won't you consider being a Prayer Partner? In just a minute of your time each day, you can pray for one particular teen in our church. For information, please contact Hale Sanders, 770-565-2719.

## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group meets the **third Thursday of each month**



from 6:30-8:00 in the Library. We will continue to learn about Jesus' life by watching *Jesus: The Complete Story* (a 3-part video series published by the BBC). This video

documents Jesus' early years, His mission and final days using biblical texts as well as contemporary scholarship and science. This series will continue for our meetings on May 19 and June 19. We will view a 50-minute segment of the video each month and have time for discussion after.

Light snacks, beverages, and childcare are provided. Please join us and feel free to invite a neighbor or friend. For more information or to sign up for childcare, please contact Elizabeth Lopez at 770-514-1482 or [eslopez@comcast.net](mailto:eslopez@comcast.net).

## Where In the World Is Father Jim Nixon?

*(Fourth in a series)*

*On April 4, Father Jim Nixon began his four-month sabbatical. "Where in the world is Father Jim Nixon?" is the theme the parish is using for communication about this sabbatical.*

By now, most everyone knows that 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. Experiencing the Taizé community in France and interacting with youth from various parts of the world comprise the third component.

The Taizé Community calls together more than 5,000 young people from 75 different countries during the summer and fall months. These pilgrims gather each week in this "parable of community" to pray, sing, study and do the work of reconciliation. In this atmosphere, Fr. Jim will explore how youth and their openness to the "other" become agents of unity amidst the diversity of cultures and Christian traditions. Fr. Jim will visit the Taizé Community for one week beginning in late June.

This experience—along with his time at St. Paul's—provides a foundation

for Fr. Jim, together with our youth leaders, to develop youth ministry that empowers young people to be creators of trust and peace in a world wounded by division, violence, and isolation.

"Taizé has been a place where my heart has been calling me since the early days of my ministry," says Fr. Jim. "Ever since I learned about the community from other pilgrims, I have longed to worship in the Church of Reconciliation with hundreds of young people from all over the world.

**Check in with Father Jim on the bulletin in the lobby or on our website at [www.stcatherines.org](http://www.stcatherines.org) (click on "Clergy Renewal").** You'll find the latest photos, videos and a complete schedule!



**Fr. Jim's Bon Voyage reception on April 3**

## “The TALL and the SMALL”

*Atlanta Guild, Network of Biblical Storytellers*

David and Goliath...  
Zaccheus... Samson...  
Your favorite! Anyone is invited who is interested in telling or listening to biblical stories. If you wish, bring your own story of “The TALL and the SMALL” — real or made up — to share with the group. Sunday, May 1, 3:30 – 5:00 PM at St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church, 3110 Ashford-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta. Meet and Greet, Cookies & Coffee & Stories! For info, contact Eyleen Barnes, St. Martin in the Fields, ebarnesATstmartinschool.org, 770-393-2428. Visit NOBS website at [www.nobs.org](http://www.nobs.org)

Coming up — NOBS Festival Gathering on Aug. 10 - 13, Simpsonwood Retreat Center in Norcross

*“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD”*

## Inquirer’s Classes

Did you miss the start of our Inquirer’s Class on April 17? Don’t worry — you are invited to come this Sunday at 4 PM, whether or not you were able to attend the last one.



What are inquirer’s classes? Continuing through the end of May we will offer a series for anyone who wishes to learn more about the Episcopal Church and St. Catherine’s. These classes are for any adults who wish to learn more about the church, pose questions, understand customs and consider membership in the Episcopal Church. Through these informative sessions, we will look at the history of the church, what we believe as Episcopalians, the structure and leadership of the church, how Episcopalians approach Holy Scripture, and any questions that you might bring to us in these particular areas or any others that we might overlook.

The classes will meet each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM for two hours and will be taught by a variety of leaders so that you will have a chance to get to know St. Catherine’s as you’re learning more about the Episcopal Church. At the end of the class you will be given the opportunity to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at the Diocesan-wide Confirmation service at the Cathedral of St. Philip on Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 PM.

If you want to know more please sign up on the Opportunity for Ministry form in your bulletin or feel free to call our clergy.

## Cursillo Weekend April 28 - May 1



Cursillo Weekend #44 will be April 28 through May 1 in Hampton, Georgia, at Camp Fortson. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Jim, or Carla von Hoffmann at 404-213-7408. This is a renewal, retreat weekend that is a powerful spiritual learning experience.

## Theater Nights



- Come join the fun! So far, 35 people are attending the play, "Menopause the Musical." Join us for a wonderfully hilarious time at the 14th Street Playhouse on May 12 at 8 PM. Tickets are \$34. Checks need to be made payable to St. Catherine's no later than Sunday, April 25. Join us for dinner as well. Reservations will be made at 6 PM at the South City Kitchen located off of Crescent Ave. (less than a block away from the theater). Contact Gail McGill to RSVP by Sunday, April 25, so that we include everyone in the dinner reservation.
- The theater group will see the production of "Godspell" at Mount Bethel United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 7, 7PM. Our own Stephanie Burkholder will be starring in the play! Tickets are \$10.
- Watch for possible plans to Movie Under the Stars on a Saturday evening in June



## April Ingathering

The Extension - Residential Recovery Program and emergency winter shelter program has an urgent need for sack lunches due to the expansion of their programs and the return of cold weather. Donations will help ensure that residents have a nourishing mid-day meal while they are at work and provide a much appreciated evening meal for the guests of the winter shelter. Please consider contributing items from the following list and place them in the ingathering basket in the church lobby:

**Small cans of beanie-weenies, small boxes of raisins; individually wrapped cereal/snack bars, clear sandwich bags; paper bags (to pack lunches in).** If you’re looking for a “home” for the **individually wrapped spoons and forks** you’ve collected from fast food restaurants, you can bring those too! Many thanks!

# 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 [stcatsyouths@bellsouth.net](mailto:stcatsyouths@bellsouth.net).

## Parents — Nursery Help Needed!

Until we get a replacement worker in the nursery, I need volunteers on Sunday mornings, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please let me know when you will be able. I can be reached at 770-578-6634.

Thank you

Susan Roberts,  
Church Nursery  
Coordinator

### ➤ Wednesday Nite Live

Dinner is at 6 PM with WWW, program at 7! Don't miss a week!

### ➤ Mission Trip Chicgo 2005

What a great trip!! Thanks to everyone who came and who made it possible!!

### ➤ J2A PILGRIMAGE to England & Scotland

June 15-25: Personally escorted by Youth Director Brian West and joined by Father Jim. We begin in **York**, thought by many to be the most important sacred site in all of Europe. We will see **York Minster**, the **Shambles**, and **Jorvik Viking Center**. Next we head for **Lindisfarne**, known to many as Holy Island, where we plan to celebrate Eucharist at the Anglican church of **St. Mary the Virgin**. Next we hike between **Jedburgh Abbey** and **Melrose Abbey** along the border of England and Scotland. In **Edinburgh** we will attend services at **St. Giles Anglican Cathedral**, then tour the city including **Edinburgh Castle**, the **Royal Mile**, and the **Palace of Holyroodhouse**. We visit **Stirling Castle** and on to the coastal village of **Oban**. We travel by ferry to the **Isle of Mull**, then on to **Iona** where we will worship and visit **Iona Abbey** and the **Heritage Center**. We travel through **Glen Coe** and **Trossachs** to **Loch Lomond** for a cruise of the Loch. We take our leave in **Glasgow**.



Former St. Catherine's pastor David Wayland & wife Ginny visit St. Catherine's on August 10

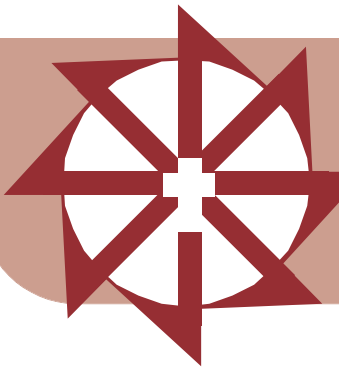


Our supply pastor, George Alexander, with wife Norma and Ron Cook

At the Newcomer's Party on April 17. We love our newcomer's!







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## Mark Your Calendars

- 4/24.....Inquirer's class  
each Sunday,  
Memorial Service
- 4/27.....WWW each Wed.
- 4/28.....Elizabeth Inn
- 4/30.....Yard Sale
- 5/7.....Spring Planting Day  
& Picnic
- 5/8.....Mother's Day,  
Newcomers' Coffee
- 5/15.....Pentecost
- 5/22.....Last day of Sunday  
School, Parish  
Picnic

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## Elizabeth Inn

**Next date:  
Thursday,  
April 28**



Saint Catherine's volunteers staff the Elizabeth 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 stay overnight call Carolyn Hilley (770-973-8636) or Fred Massey (404-731-4466). Both tasks are very rewarding!

## Sunday School Picnic

**Sunday, May 22**



The men of St. Catherine's are throwing a picnic to celebrate the end of Sunday School. Donations will be accepted to cover the scholarships we give to our high school graduates as they go off to college and the cost of the picnic.

We need plenty of helpers for this event. Any and all men are asked to volunteer. If you can help in any area, please contact Tom Snead at [tom.snead@earthlink.net](mailto:tom.snead@earthlink.net) with your name and phone number.

## Pentecost is May 15

**Remember to wear red!**

**Pentecost Readers** — Our custom is to have people read the Gospel on Pentecost in as many languages as possible. We need lots of readers for all services on Saturday (the 14th) and Sunday (the 15th). Please check your Sunday bulletin or contact the church office if you are willing to participate and we will mail the translation to you.

### **Church Nursery Worker Needed:**

Individual must be 18 years or older; enjoy working with infants ages 0-5; have own transportation; reliable worker; able to work flexible hours; a team player. Background checks will be conducted. Experience working with infants a plus. This is a paid position. Contact Susan Roberts at 770-578-6634.