



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!



Memorial Service

Sunday, April 30 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 the office if you can help, and please drop off your donations in the kitchen before the service.

Inquirer's Class

Begins April 23

Our Adult Inquirer's Class is for:

- A. Anyone considering confirmation, and anyone confirmed in another denomination wanting to be received into the Episcopal Church
- B. Anyone just interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church

The class will be held during the Sunday School hour, April 23 through May 21 (5 weeks). Please come even if you cannot be at all five sessions. Attending this class does not mean that you're committing to being confirmed. However, if you do want to be confirmed, that will occur at the Cathedral of St. Philip on the day of Pentecost, June 4. **Questions?** Contact The Rev. Sherry Coulter.

Yard Sale — Rain or Shine!

Saturday, April 29
8 AM to 2 PM

in the Parish Hall



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

Tell family & friends that their donations are welcome, and be sure EVERYONE comes to see all the treasures we'll have to offer the day of the sale!

Donations are currently being accepted. Bring them to the Parish Hall **no later than Wednesday, April 26. Please, no donations the day of the sale.**

Helpers needed!

- Sunday, April 23, between services to carry tables down to the parish hall for Yard Sale Set up.
- Monday, April 24, to help bring all the items from the pod to the Parish Hall.
- Help sort and price the items Monday through Friday, April 24-28, 9 AM - 2 PM, and Tuesday and Thursday evening 6-9 PM.
- Workers for sale day — Saturday during the sale hours, and a clean up crew for after the sale.

For questions please contact please contact Maureen Donoghue at 770-973-9776 or Georgiadonoghues@comcast.net.

Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Friday, May 5, for its semi-annual staff planning day.



Adopt a garden!

Four gardens around the church grounds need your help! Flowers need to be replaced for the summer in these beds: the gardens on either side of the front sign, the garden at the foot of the front island and the island around back. If you are interested in helping plant "New Gold" lantana in these beds, please contact Gail McGill at 770-971-8890.

Next Baptism

June 4 - Pentecost

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

William Sloane Coffin

This past week William Sloane Coffin made his journey from his earthly and earth-y life to spend eternity in God's heavenly kingdom. Coffin served as chaplain of Yale University, was senior minister of Riverside Church and was known for his work in the civil rights movement. His death led me to return to my copy of his book, *Credo*, which was published in 2004. The following was taken from his chapter entitled "Life in General":

Things to be well aware of:

"The narcissism of minor differences" (Freud).

A dog can't go anywhere if he's always stopping to scratch his fleas.

Not all roads lead to the peak of the same mountain; some lead over the precipice.

God's forgiveness is more than a blessing; it's a challenge.

Things not worth doing are not worth doing well.

"The highest reward for human toil is not what we get for it, but what we become by it" (John Ruskin).

To let a point pass that calls for a challenge is to be politely dishonest.

The simplest act of human kindness for a fellow human being is more important than any refinement of the mind.

Fear is the enemy of learning; it gives ignorance its power.

God loves us as we are, but much too much to leave us there.

"Our doubts are traitors

*And make us lose the good we oft might win,
By fearing to attempt" (Shakespeare).*

There never was a night or a problem that could defeat sunrise or hope.

Peace,

Sherry+

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, James, Natalie May, Ron Davidson, Ray Brooks, Missy Greene, Rosemary Scott, Curtis Bagby, Ann Wiseman, Danny Wilson, Madalyn Sailors, Vincent Saparo, Betty Boyce, Chris Morris, Jean Mote, Joe Hannigan, Marguerite Rice McLeod, Michael Barrett, Net Mabry, Walker Smith, Bob Freeman, Chris Seguro, Trevor, Steve Wolfe, Lisa Arnold, Nick Manno, Kelly Beard, Kristin Blackstock, Dean Motter, Eloise Willingham, Catherine Anne, Carol Monroe, Ginny Harvey, Margaret & Reese Ivey, Carolyn Hilley, Carl Roberts, Elizabeth Hotchkiss, Caroline Nuckolls, Devon Parker, Sean Cox

Before Surgery

Joyce Hendricks, 4/26/06

For the Deceased

Frank Coraggio, Sue Snape's grandfather

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 Presiding Bishop: For those nominated to be our next Presiding Bishop and for the Bishops of General Convention who will elect and for the Deputies who will be asked to

consent to the election that we may receive a faithful pastor.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(4/30/06) Charles & Deanna Stewart; John, Katha, Abby & Livi Stuart; Stephen, Melinda, Paul, Fred & Elizabeth Stuk; Curtis, Monica & Alina Summers; Sara, Richard, James, Charlie, Katherine & Alice Tanner

(5/7/06) Mark, Shelly, Bronte & Ross Taylor; Clarke, Beth & Kaitlin Thomas; Matt, Cindy & Nathan Thompson; Joan Thurston; Jim, Karen, Jeffrey & Jason Tindall

Become a Prayer Partner

Get involved with our youth by becoming a Prayer Partner for a St. Catherine's young person. If you would like to pray daily for one of our youth, please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Hale Sanders at 770-565-2719, email halesanders@ATmindspring.com

Elizabeth Inn

**Next Date:
Friday, April 28**

Our youth are scheduled to work at the Inn on this date. We will need plenty of volunteers for the months coming up. St. Catherine's volunteers staff the Inn and provide dinner for the guests on the 28th of each month all year long. If you would like to help please contact our volunteer coordinators:

Overnight Team: Fred Massey, 404-731-4466, and Carolyn Hilley, 770-973-8636. Dinner Team: Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, and Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609.

Parish Forum and Election Day Liturgy



On the election of Bishop Coadjutor of Northern California

Joan and I will be in Northern California beginning Saturday, April 22 through Saturday, April 30. It will be a hectic week with meetings each day in a different city. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know the people of Northern California and for them to get to know us. It will certainly be tiring, but I imagine there will be many opportunities to see the church at work in the hearts, minds, and ministries of congregations not a lot different from the people of St. Catherine's and the Diocese of Atlanta.

We thought it might be a good opportunity for us to offer our reflections on the week in the midst of a **Parish Forum during Church School hour on Sunday, April 30.** This might a good time for the two of us to reflect with you about our experience during the trip and to respond to your questions. Many, many people will be able to ask me whatever questions they find im-

portant to discerning God's will for their Diocese and it seems only fair that you have a similar opportunity. And besides, why not put to use some of the great practice we get in Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Eureka, Redding and Davis, California. So come and join us for a cup of coffee or tea or a cold beverage and share with us in our experience and throw those tough questions at us.

Many have asked what the day of the election (May 6th) will be like. I have no idea! Perhaps when we return we will have more information. In either case, Joan and I want the day to have both a prayerful and joyful atmosphere. To that end, we are planning **a liturgy on Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 AM** at St. Catherine's to celebrate the day, to pray for the people of the Diocese of Northern California, and to pray that God's will be done not just in Northern California but throughout the Church gathered. I hope you will join us.

Jim+

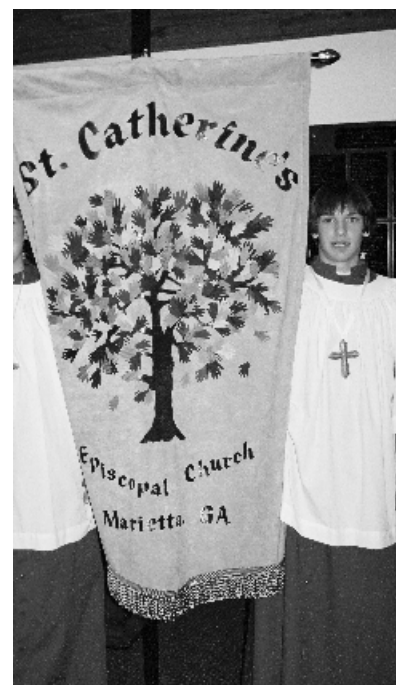
WWW resumes April 26

Our adult program for Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays during the Great Fifty Days of Easter will study Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*. Using a variety of resources (books, papers, and DVDs) we will wonder together about the "truth" of the story and draw our own conclusions as a group and as individuals. We will meet following dinner each evening through May 24 to plumb the depths and intrigue of this novel. We will also take the time to see the movie (premiering May 19) after we have studied the book. This will give us the opportunity to view this best-selling story through several senses.

Menus coming up

- April 26 – Big Nate's Chili Dogs, Cole Slaw, Apple Crisp/Ice Cream; PB&J Bar
- May 3 – Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad Bar, Cheesecake; PB&J Bar
- May 10 – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Fudge Cake; PBJ Bar

Our new St. Catherine's processional banner made its debut on Easter morning!



The Wheel — get EVERY issue!

Does everyone in your family receive the *eWheel*, the electronic version of St. Catherine's newsletter? Is everyone subscribed? Email is becoming an important means for our parish communications. Just note the email addresses of everyone who would like get their own copy on your bulletin or send them to Wheel editor Karen Manno at karenATstcatherines.org.

The Wheel is published twice monthly: generally, the online version on the first Friday of the month, and a printed version mailed to the parish on the third Friday of the month. (The two issues before Christmas and Easter are distributed as print versions.). You'll receive your online version via email, and you can find all current and prior issues of *The Wheel* on our website at www.stcatherines.org.



Vestry Notes

From the April 18 Vestry meeting

- A motion was made to establish a long-term partnership with St. George's Episcopal Church in New Orleans.
- Join us for worship on Saturday, May 6, at 10 AM as we support Father Jim and Joan, and pray for God's will in the election of the Bishop Coadjutor in Northern California.

Marriage Encounter:

Has squeezing the toothpaste from the middle doused the flames of romance in your marriage?

An Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the sparks you felt on your wedding day! 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 can make!

The next weekend is **May 5-7**. For information or to register, contact Ron & Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, atlantaemeATearthlink.net or www.stcatherines.org/atlantaeme.



Alleluia Fund

"With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all."
ACTS 4:33

Being able to worship God in an Episcopal church is a great grace. The liturgy and theology of the Episcopal Church reveal God to us in unique ways. Yet there are people in parts of the Diocese of Atlanta who do not have easy access to an Episcopal Church. During this season of Easter, give testimony to the grace that you have received by giving to the Alleluia Fund for Mission.

The Alleluia Fund For Mission is an initiative of the Diocese of Atlanta, and provides an annual giving opportunity for every Episcopalian during the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Through the fund we give from our abundance to accomplish the goal of planting new churches in the many areas of the diocese crying out for them. You may make online donations on the diocese website at www.episcopalatlanta.com, or mail a check made payable to Alleluia Fund for Mission to *Alleluia Fund for Mission, Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, 2744 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30305*.

General Convention

The next General Convention of the Episcopal Church is June 13-21 in Columbus, Ohio. Pre-Convention Forums for the Diocese of Atlanta will be held in May:

- Sunday, May 7 (4 p.m.) – St. Matthew's, Snellville
- Saturday, May 13 (11 a.m.) – St. Paul's, Macon
- Wednesday, May 17 (6 p.m.) – St. Martin in the Fields, Atlanta
- Saturday, May 20 (10 a.m.) – Emmanuel, Athens
- Sunday, May 28 (10 a.m.) – St. James', Marietta

Youth

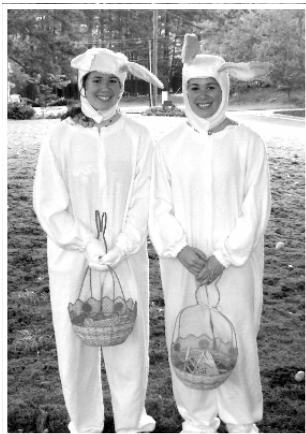
Send materials, photos, ideas or suggestions for the youth newsletter via email to stcatsyouths@AT

ST. CAT'S YOUTH —

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

VBS this summer!

Our annual summer Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 10-14.



Greetings St. Cat's!

I am amazed by your children. Since coming to St. Catherine's two and a half weeks ago I have been continually in awe of every youth that I have met. From the first picnic during spring break to listening and watching the various ways in which youth participated in the Holy Week and Easter services, I have thought many times that there are only very good things to come. After our Youth Sunday planning meeting yesterday I am convinced that on April 30th you will all be in awe of the young people of this parish. I invite you to come and worship with the youth as they lead the 8:45 service that day. You will see them participating in roles as various as helping with the altar guild to giving the sermon. We will sing hymns that people both young and old count amongst their favorites and listen to prayers written specifically by and for the youth of St. Catherine's. Youth Sunday will conclude with a cake and lemonade reception on the front porch honoring our youth and the parish that has raised them. Please and come and worship with the youth on April 30th as they serve us by leading our service.

Youth Sunday Weekend Events

Sat. 4/29: 10am-12 noon *Youth Sunday Practice*

Sun. 4/30: 8:45am *Youth Led Service* with Reception immediately following

Sun. 4/30: 5-7pm *BBQ at the Massey's* for the Youth, Youth Leaders, and Vestry

Elizabeth Inn

Members of the J2A group will serve dinner at the Elizabeth Inn on Friday, April 28th at 6:15pm. Any J2A youth who would like to attend can meet at St. Cat's by 5pm and we will take the church van to the Inn, we plan on being back to the church by 8. Also, any members of the YA group who would like to spend the night at Elizabeth Inn please contact Amelia at Amelia@stcatherines.org.

Attention J2A Parents!!!

There will be a meeting on Sunday, May 5th at 5pm for the parents of the J2A group to discuss the pilgrimage next summer. Please come to hear about the options for the 2007 pilgrimage and spend some time with the other J2A parents. The meeting should last no longer than an hour and light snacks will be served. If you want to bring any drinks or snacks, please call Amelia at the church office or e-mail her at Amelia@stcatherines.org. Thanks!

➤ **Youth Sunday — April 30**
at 8:45 service

➤ **Barbecue at Massey's**

On April 30, 5-7 PM (note this time!) at the Massey's home **for all youth and youth leaders**. Everyone come!

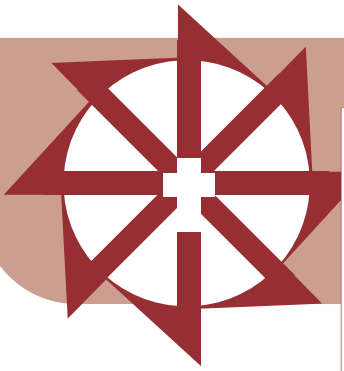
➤ **Stephen Nicholson Memorial Hike**



Saturday, May 13 —
Youth & adults!

An all-day to Hemlock Falls on Moccasin Creek in north Georgia. The hike starts at the Lake Burton Hatchery and goes for 2.5 miles along Moccasin Creek. We visit the hatchery first, then hike to two gorgeous waterfalls, a stream fording, and possible swim in the pond. While it is alongside a mountain stream, there are some fairly difficult areas crossing ravines and the stream, so be prepared for a hike of medium difficulty. To register, contact Hale Sanders (770-565-2719, email halesanders@ATmindspring.com) or Chris Potter (770-587-3512).





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Mark Your Calendars

- 4/23.... Inquirer's class begins; Catechesis Liturgy of Light
- 4/26.... WWW resumes
- 4/28.... Elizabeth Inn
- 4/29.... Yard Sale
- 4/30 Youth Sunday; Parish Forum; Youth barbecue; Memorial Service
- 5/5..... Office closed/staff planning day
- 5/6..... Election of Bishop Liturgy
- 5/12-13 Whiterocks team retreat
- 5/13.... Memorial hike

The Wheel

Next Publications:
May 5, 19, June 2
Deadline for Articles:
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Billy Blood Drop is coming!



Our next Red Cross blood drive will be Monday, May 1, 3:30 to 7:30 PM. Please select a time slot on the sign up sheet in the church lobby.

Help is needed the day of the drive. Please contact Fred Massey at 404-731-4466

Calling All Graduates...

If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring (all levels of education) 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 21. Please fill out the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin or call the church office.

A wedding at 11:15

Sunday, May 21



On Sunday morning, May 21, at our 11:15 AM service we will celebrate the marriage of Peter Morich and Colleen Brown. Peter and Colleen have been preparing for this wonderful day for some time as they have gathered with a group of five other couples to prepare spiritually and emotionally for their marriage.

They want everyone to know that they have chosen to celebrate their marriage as part of our regular worship service as an expression of the important place this congregation has in their lives. They can think of no other group of people they'd rather witness and affirm their covenant with one another before God. The liturgy that day will be changed slightly as we add the marriage service as the liturgy of the word. The choir will sing some special music and the Jubilate Choir will join us for communion music. There will be a fine reception in the Parish Hall following our worship. Everyone is invited to attend!