



The Wheel

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Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 3 after 10:30 Worship

**NOTE: Two services only this day
at 7:30 & 10:30 am**



Everyone's invited! The men of St. Catherine's (and anyone who would like to assist) are putting on a picnic to celebrate the start of summer. And we're going to raise money to present to our high school graduates to help with book costs for those going off to college. The picnic will be held rain or shine.

Please join us for grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings and dessert in the back of the church outside the Parish Hall after the 10:30 a.m. service. Any and all donations at this event will help.

We're looking for plenty of volunteers to help put on the picnic! We need people to set up & prepare food the day/evening before, and to set up, grill, serve, tear down, clean up, and monitor the activities the day of the picnic. If you can volunteer in any way, please call Ben Frost, 770-565-8262, or contact the church office.

Wednesday Evening Programs conclude

 **May 23 —
"Kilowatt Ours"**

The Wednesday evening program on May 23 is sure to spark your interest: we'll watch a short, award-winning video, "Kilowatt Ours." Afterwards, a member of the Georgia Interfaith Power and Light board will lead us in a conversation about what we can do individually and collectively to better care for God's creation. We will also talk with members of the parish, including Rosemary Wolfe, who will discuss our power bills and how our approach to conservation can affect St. Catherine's bottom line. We'll discover how it is possible to prosper and care for creation. Please join us and let us know what new

ministries you can imagine funding with the savings that will result from our attention to conservation. There is much that we are already doing, but much more that can be done. We can make a difference! For additional information, please contact Kelly Beard, beardk@beardlaw.com, or telephone 404.961.7233 (day). Learn about Georgia Interfaith Power and Light on the Web at www.gipl.org.

We want to thank each of our dinner teams who have worked tirelessly to provide food on Wednesday nights. We were fed very well and we enjoyed seeing you enjoy the fellowship in the kitchen. Thank you to one and all.

Remember, dinner is at 5:45-6:45 PM, and programs for all ages follow at 7:00. No reservation is needed and the cost is just \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Nursery is available. See you there!

*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!

What's your favorite hymn?

Our tradition at St. Catherine's during the summer months is to sing your requested hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*. Is it for Christmas? is it for All Saints Day or Holy Week? – that's okay, it doesn't matter what season it's from! Please fill out the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact the church office with your favorites and we will try to schedule as many as possible.

Office hours

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28, for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Next Baptism

May 27 - Pentecost

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

The Ascension - May 17

Today is the feast of the Ascension. The Christian doctrine of Ascension holds that Jesus bodily ascended to heaven in the presence of his apostles, forty days following his resurrection. The collect of day prays, "...mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth..."

The Church is an all too human institution. When people question me about my faith in God I often say, I believe in God because after 2,000 years there is a church. History is filled with all too many circumstances where we as a people have done our level best to destroy the church. God in Jesus Christ exists because how else could the Church exist today? In ways that I do not completely understand, nor will I ever, Jesus Christ abides with his Church on earth.

The Church can disappoint us and it can raise us to new levels of joy we cannot have acquired without divine intervention.

And it can do both things in the same day or week or month. And we are left to comprehend why this is true. I don't know why it is true, but I do know that my confidence is that Christ dwells among us as the body of Christ. On most days we are faithful to such a proposition, on others we are left to wonder.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, James, Natalie May, Betty Boyce, Reese & Margaret Ivey, Jonathan Pearson, William Fleming, Dianne Blackshear-Wood, Jack Ruby, Justin VanHoy, Donna Arrants, Jane Tritchler, Jim Hamilton, Johnny Baker, Cecil Rabil, Leila Ruff, Martin Shaw, Ed, Courtney, Ven Hardie, Amy Morris, Christy Nickel, Barbara Haxton, Davin McCanny, Al Aigner, Doris Bailey, Betty Ayers, Bill Fisher, Jim Clarke, Jennifer & Bill Sensel, Brenda Green, Al Bishop, Jimmy Kilpatrick, Alan, Bonnie & Laura Silverman, George Wyatt, Julie Brannock, Nelson Gale, Mary Daneke, Brenda Jackson, Laura Palmer,

Tom Greger, Mary Mulrooney, Joel Newcomer, Richard Tuley, John, Risa Maier, Elizabeth Hotchkiss, Justin, Jean Hampton, Bernice Lewis, James Herring, Fran Corragio, Michael Guy, Cherié Macamar, Bill Betts, Nancy Mattox, Craig McHattie, Scott Heuke

Before Surgery

Trevor Kiefer, 5/22/07

Deceased

Frances Kate Greene, Jim Greene's mother; Ray Perry, Tyler Perry's father; Peter Horne; Thomas P. Simmons, Mary Lou Shannonhouse's brother; Lois D. Guthrie, Susan Hueke's mother

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.

Prayers of the People

(5/20/07) Mark & Karla Smolen; Jason, Sue, Owen & Eva Snape; Tom & Ann Snead; Amelia Snider; Peggy, Megan & Kelly Snook

(5/27/07) David & Susan Spence, Scott Albers; Phil, Lisa, Sydney & Caroline Spessard; Lillian Stanton; John, Carol & Jay Starr; John, Katha, Abby & Livi Stuart

Foyers End of Year Party

**Saturday, May 19
7 PM at the Massey's**

If you are part of a Foyers group, would like to learn more about Foyers dinner groups, or just want a fun evening of fellowship with other St Cat's adults, please join us for the End of Year Foyer's Party on Saturday May 19, 7pm at the home of Fred and Jennifer Massey. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The main dish of tenderloin and drinks will be provided.

Last day of Church School

Sunday, May 20

Thank you to all our wonderful Christian Education teachers for a great year of learning and growing in the knowledge and love of Christ.

“Safeguarding God’s Children”

Diocesan Child Abuse Prevention Workshop

St. Catherine's offers this class next on **Saturday, June 23**, 9 am to 12 noon. If you are or plan to be involved with working with children or youth at our church, you are required to attend this class. The certification is good for 3 years.

For information or to sign up please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Gail McGill, 770-971-8890.



Vestry Notes

From the May 15 Vestry meeting:

- The Rev. Sherry Coulter's ministry will be celebrated on May 20 with a reception.
- J2A Youth and Leaders leave for their Pilgrimage to Italy on May 26.
- Parking lot repairs will begin in June to fix areas in the Parish Hall parking lot.
- Five lay delegates are wanted to join the Diocesan Council.

The Feast of Pentecost – May 27

Pentecost marks an important feast for us as we focus on the gift of the Holy Spirit. It ends the season of Easter but it is not the end of the manifestation of God. The gift of the Holy Spirit empowers Jesus' disciples to boldly proclaim the Good News and subsequently, gives birth to Christianity. We celebrate the birthday of the Church on Pentecost. The gift of the Holy Spirit wasn't only for the disciples but continues to be given to us today. Each Pentecost we have another opportunity to be renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit for the work of God in the world.

For this Pentecost, we will celebrate at both services as in the past however; we will include an additional element to our liturgy with a time to reflect on seven particular gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are those given to the Messiah as found in Isaiah 11: 2 – “the spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord...” These gifts, along with piety which was added in the Greek Old Testament as the seventh gift, are promised to

all people. It is the life of the risen Christ that opens the way for us to receive such gifts of the Spirit. This is the way God's love given to us through Jesus, calls to us to remain in that love.

What gift would you like to ask God to give you this feast of Pentecost: Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Fortitude, Piety, Counsel, or Fear of the Lord (Awe and Wonder of the Lord)? **Come Sunday, May 27, and wear your brightest Pentecost colors – red, orange, yellow, or pink** – to either the 8:45 or 11:15 services as we celebrate together and ask God to renew us with gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Pentecost readers needed!

Our custom is to have people read during worship on Pentecost Sunday in as many languages as possible. If you speak a foreign language (including sign language) please contact Rosemary Wolfe ASAP at rosewolfe@bellsouth.net. We will mail you the translation ahead of time.

New Orleans trip coming up

Our next planned trip is July 25-29. Won't you consider making this trip to help the people of New Orleans? Have questions or want additional information? Contact Paul Parisi at 404.315.8850.

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.

St. Catherine's Native American Ministries

Our cross-cultural Partnership with St. Elizabeth's in Whiterocks, Utah, is predicated upon living out our Baptismal covenant by recognizing and honoring the dignity of each individual and by learning, exploring and sharing a culture that most of us are unfamiliar with. While for the past few years, a group has traveled from St. Catherine's to St. Elizabeth's, the partnership envisions cross-visitations, such as we experienced during our Diversity Weekend celebration three years ago which included a number of programs and presentations by our partners from St. Elizabeth's. While plans were underway to bring a group of adults and youth from Whiterocks to Marietta this summer to share in a number of activities including VBS, it recently became apparent that a number of conflicts and difficulties faced by the folks from St. Elizabeth's were insurmountable. We are all saddened and disappointed by the reality that we will not be able to have our Partners visit this year as previously planned. We are currently working on several alternative visitation possibilities:

- The first envisions a small group traveling from St. Elizabeth's to St. Catherine's for a several day visit in the early part of the summer.
- The second alternative is for a group to travel from Marietta for a three to four day trip to Whiterocks.
- The third is for both Parishes to share in the **November 1-3 rededication of the Jamestown Covenant in the Jamestown, Virginia**, conducted by the Episcopal Church's Office of Native American Ministries. Meetings and associated programs will focus on the rededication of efforts directed at Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation. All parishioners are welcome to participate in this gathering and celebration which will be attended by representatives from numerous Native American nations including our partners from St. Elizabeth's.

We will keep you informed of all developments regarding these visitation alternatives. In the interim, please call Paige or Dale Schlenker (770-993-4507) should you have questions.

"Praying for Pars" Golf Outings



Are you the kind of golfer who prays for pars when you get out on the golf course? If you are like most of us "hackers" then we invite you to come join your fellow parishioners to play golf on Sunday. Are we encouraging you to play "hooky" and skip church? NOOOOOOOO..... We want to encourage some fellowship by going to the 7:30am service together, then eat breakfast, before heading out to a 10:00am tee time. This will be an informal approach, with no big prizes or meals to help us keep the costs down. Each person will be responsible for paying for their own greens fees on the day of the outing. We just need for you to confirm your participation by the Sunday one week before each golf outing. We will make reservations for enough foursomes to cover who has registered.

We are planning to have these "Praying for Pars" golf outings on the second Sunday of each month, starting in June and going through September. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

- June 10
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9

To get started, please send an e-mail to Walt McGill at wsmcgill@aol.com or call him at 770-971-8890. We will use e-mail to communicate the logistics for each golf outing. If you cannot make it for some of these outings, it's no problem to just come on the dates that you can.

We look forward to some great fellowship together playing golf, regardless of whether you are "praying for pars" or "eyeing some eagles" or "trying for triples"..... See you there!!!

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 karen.AT.stcatherines.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.

GRADUATES 2007

We are proud of our graduates!

Michael Dirksen - St. Catherine's Preschool
Wyatt Pitts - St. Catherine's Preschool
Owen Snape - St. Catherine's Preschool

Davis Waldron - East Side Elementary

Justin Blythe - Kell High School

Stephenie Blythe - Kell High School, will attend Berry College

Karoline Fendley - Walton High School, will attend Georgia Southern University

Claire Frost - Pope High School, will attend University of Georgia

Geoff Gardner - Wheeler High School, will attend University of South Carolina

Stuart Gardner - Wheeler High School, will attend Auburn University

Erin Hurley - Sprayberry High School, will attend Valdosta State University

Tegan Hurley - Sprayberry High School, will attend Georgia College & State University

Zach Hurley - (graduated in 2005, did mission work) will attend Lee University

Claire Chironi - Elon University

Altivan Lewis - Bachelor's in Computer Science, Howard University,

Kyle Morich - BBA in Marketing & Finance, Emory University Goizueta Business School

Michael Smith - BA in Business & Finance, Columbus State University

Nick Wolfe - BA in Psychology, Sewanee-University of the South

Tyler Wolfe - BA in History, Sewanee-University of the South

John Brooks - Masters in Professional Writing, Kennesaw State University,

John A. Christian, III - MS in Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, accepted at University of Texas, Austin for PhD in Aerospace Engineering

Jim Greene - MA, Georgia School of Professional Psychology

Laura Moore - Masters in Special Education, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Jennifer Gale - Psy.D. (Doctorate of Psychology), Fuller Theological Seminary Graduate School of Psychology



NOOMA - short films for summer

**Coming - June 24, July 22, & August 12
9:45 - 10:30 in the Parish Hall**

Nooma is a non-profit company (started by Rob Bell - pastor at Mars Hill Bible Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan) that produces short videos (16 released so far) in a Christian perspective that fits into today's hectic world.

In Rob's own words off his website, www.nooma.com:

"It's short films with communicators that really speak to us. Compact, portable, and concise. Each NOOMA touches on issues that we care about, that we want to talk about, and it comes in a way that fits our world. It's a format that's there for us when we need it, as we need it, how we need it."

Join us as we explore three Nooma videos and discuss their powerful message. For questions please contact Ash Gale.

Seen around St. Cat's!

Mother's Day 2007

2007-08 calendar planning

The staff will soon begin planning the church's schedule for the coming year. All ministry teams and committees, we need your activity schedule for 2007-08 to reserve space and services for your events. We will take your firm or tentative plans. Please send **by June 10** to Rosemary Wolfe, rosewolfe@bellsouth.net.

Let's get *Connecting...*

Are you subscribed? Our diocesan email newsletter, *Connecting...*, and the Diocese of Atlanta received a Polly Bond Award of excellence at the April meeting of the Episcopal Communicators. *Connecting...* was named best e-newsletter/webzine for 2006! Visit the Atlanta Diocese website at episcopalatlanta.org and click on "Connecting..." to sign up for the award-winning weekly email newsletter of the Diocese of Atlanta. You can also choose from a variety of communications from the Diocese of Atlanta including Christian Educators Update, Bookstore News and more.



May Ministry Focus is on Youth

This month St. Catherine's Ministry Focus celebrates the life and work of our youth ministries. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Youth Director Amelia Snider.

Elizabeth Inn

**Next Date:
Monday, May 28**

St. Catherine's volunteers staff the Inn on the 28th of each month. If you would like to help any month with dinner please call Tracy Buckalew (770-956-9606) or Connie Bergeron (770-951-1411). To volunteer to stay overnight call Fred Massey (404-731-4466) or Carolyn Hilley (770-973-8636). Both tasks are very rewarding!

St. Catherine's Book Scholarship Fund

Have you ever thought about how much college books cost? Think a couple of hundred or more dollars--and that's only for one semester!

Stan and I became aware of this through my mom who taught Russian at the University of South Carolina. She was involved with helping new students assimilate to college life and heard a lot about financial woes.

When Mom died in 1999 we decided to honor her by establishing the Dorothy Hanson Memorial Fund which has evolved into the St. Catherine's Book Scholarship Fund. This is a fund that anyone can contribute to as much as they like. The Men's Group has contributed to this fund every year since its conception.

St. Catherine's has a wonderful youth program and we as the congregation help them explore the world. Let's all of us also help them explore the world through books in college without the strain of financial woes.

Dani Dickson

Vacation Bible School

July 9-13

Welcome to "Avalanche Ranch," a wild ride through God's word! Join us this summer for an exciting celebration of Jesus' love filled with amazing Bible adventures, unforgettable songs, memory-making crafts, and life-changing missions. Sign up will be available soon at church.

All adults and youth with any interest in helping with VSB this summer are needed! Any and all talents are welcome: Bible story time, music time, game time, snack time, art time - Avalanche Ranch needs YOU to help in a flexible, fun and easy-to-follow program. Contact Susanne Muckerman at 678-560-0488 with questions or for additional information.



Letters

Father Jim, Karolyn and Vestry,

We had another great adventure at St. Catherine's this year! It is such a blessing for us to have such love and support from you. Thank you!

In Christ,

*Carol Seigust,
Wonderful Days Preschool, St. James*

[In thanks for inviting them to join with St. Cat's preschool in activities]

We deeply appreciate your contribution to the ministry of Holy Comforter, and sincerely thank you.

Yours in Christ's love,

*Rhoda Copus, Vestry
Holy Comforter Episcopal Church*

Letters were received from the following in thanks for contributions from our parish:

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Communities in Schools



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Mark Your Calendars

- 5/20 Recognition of graduates; Last day of Church School; Confirmation & Youth Pilgrimage dinner
- 5/23 ... Wed. evening program
- 5/25 Lifeline health screenings
- 5/26-6/4 Youth Pilgrimage
- 5/27 Pentecost
- 5/28 Elizabeth Inn
- 6/3 Parish Picnic; worship at 7:30 & 10:30 only
- 6/10 Summer worship schedule begins; Diocesan confirmation

The Wheel

Next Publications:
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Wednesday before

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Summer worship schedule begins June 10

Please join us on Sunday mornings for worship:

- 7:30 AM
- 8:45 AM
- 10:30 AM



Ministry Teams Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday June 5, 7 PM

The June Quarterly Ministry Team Meeting will be June 5 in the Parish Hall. All Ministry Team Conveners, Ministry Chairs/ Coordinators/Contacts, please plan to attend. Anyone interested in ministry of any type at St. Catherine's is invited to join us as we discuss Rally Day and plan for the upcoming year.