

# The Wheel

In the race of life let us offer you something different...

## Rally Day & Ministry Fair

Sunday, August 19, 10 AM

**NO 10:30 SERVICE THIS DAY-** All are invited to Rally Day and Ministry Fair 2007 immediately following the 8:45 service. The theme of the day is "Run With Patience the Race" (from hymn 490, "I want to walk as a child of the light") and it will be incorporated with recognition of our ministries in our worship. After the service we will kick off the festivities in the Parish Hall with food, fellowship and fun! We will have a moonbounce for children, and serve hot dogs, hamburgers and a variety of side dishes.

Come learn about all the exciting ministries at St. Cat's. Rally Day will insure that everyone is excited and energized to start the year! See you there!

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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!*

### IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES AUGUST 12!

• **A visitor from St. Elizabeth's**

The Reverend Sue Duffield, vicar of St. Elizabeth's, our partner parish in White-rocks, Utah, is visiting and will preach at services this day. Please come meet and greet our distinguished visitor. **A light lunch reception** for Sue will be held at 12:30 after the Summer Parish Meeting.

• **Bring a Friend to Church Day**

Did you get your "Pens for Friends" on August 5? Please use them to Bring a Friend to Church this day. We will have a special blessing and a sheet cake to welcome our visitors! (Extra pens are in the narthex.)

• **Summer Parish Meeting  
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**



For all parish members in the sanctuary. Nursery and child care, and coffee and lemonade refreshments will be available. **Regular summer worship schedule will be held this day.**

### Christian Ed Open House and Fall schedule

Sunday, August 26

Join us this day for Christian Education Open House. Come meet the teachers and sign up for the Sunday School and other offerings which interest you:

- 10 AM: Youth and adult educational offerings
- 12:30 PM: "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" lunch and Open House for parents and children.

Our fall worship schedule resumes this date:

- 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 AM Family Holy Eucharist
- 11:15 AM Choral Holy Eucharist

**Church School at 10 AM begins for all age groups on September 9**

## Preschool Openings

St. Catherine's Preschool has openings for 2 years olds and some other age groups for the 2007-08 school year. Please spread the word to friends and neighbors about our quality program. Contact the preschool office at 770-971-2839.

## Holy Baptism

**Next Date: Oct. 14**

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

## Transitions

With the beginning of the school year we become aware that we will be transitioning into another season soon. Autumn is filled with so many transitions. Our children begin new chapters in their lives as they move into fall. Maybe they will begin to go to school, maybe a move into middle school or high school or college or to "real life". Days become noticeably shorter and our relaxed summer schedules tighten up as the rhythm of our days and evenings change. Some of us welcome the more paced, scheduled days of the school year and others of us grieve the loss of the lazy, slower pace of summer. Either way, we are in a time of transition.

I was privileged to be one of the many students of Gerald May. Jerry was co-founder of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, D.C.. He was a neurologist, psychologist, and spiritual writer and teacher. I recall Jerry encouraging us to make all our transitions "soft". So I am thinking now, just how might I do that? The major transition happening in my personal life right now is to accompany my mother as she moves from her home of 30 years to a residential community. Smaller transitions include resuming my spiritual direction schedule, preparing to teach an adult Sunday morning class, and taking an active part in the formation of an ecumenical spiritual direction community in the Atlanta area. Summer has flown by and fall is fast approaching promising an exciting yet challenging pace and I hear Jerry saying,

"Make all your transitions soft." What an enticing invitation this is.

My temptation is to "dig in" and "push through" and make this time productive and hope that I can rest up at the end of fall and enjoy a day or so with all my transitions complete. Experience tells me though that once fall is over, the holidays begin and I will once again "dig in" and "push through" and wonder where the winter went and gear up for spring vacation and the end of the school year and on and on it goes.

So, once again, just how to accept and enter into Jerry's invitation to move "softly" through my way-too-busy life? How do you eat an elephant? That's right, one bite at a time. I'm quite sure this is what Jerry had in mind. Can I take a few quiet moments to pray or welcome the day or do some deep breathing or just stretch when I wake up in the morning instead of jumping out of bed and running into the day? Perhaps I could have my morning cup of coffee or tea out on my back deck or on the front porch? Maybe I could turn off the radio in my car or roll the windows down or open the sun roof and just feel the air? I could take a few moments for silence or to listen to a favorite song before I get out of my car to go into the office. All are small spaces to just "be aware" of God's presence with and around me.

The practice of intentional awareness of

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## Prayers of the People

### For the Sick

Natalie May, William Fleming, Dianne Blackshear-Wood, Frank Lavar, Ed, Courtney, Justin, Fran Coraggio, Sharon Parisi, Barbara Eberhardt Ryan, Gene Ruggiero, Joanne Hawks, Mildred Webb, Jeremy & family, Gavin & Bryce Addison, Esther Hill, Laurie Wood, Jane Frothingham, Harry Hall, Todd Denton, Mike Thompson, The Rev. Doyle & Mary Lou Gayton, Lauren Leigh, John Jaeger, Page Loyd, Valerie

Shields, Susan, Barbara, Courtney, Anne, Diane, Bennett, George Wyatt, Steve Boyce, Jacqueline DeLorme, Jimmy DeLorme, Catherine Moore, Matthew Phillips, Cliff, Betty & Ryan Tyler, Glen, Janet Wheeler, Sarah, Julia, Joyce Fannon, Amy Senn

### Deceased

Chris Tyler, friend of Pam & Cary Phillips; Janet, added by Margaret Shaw

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

**(8/12/07)** Bill, Martha, James, Frances & David Bowden; Mick & Sallie Bowes; David & Eve Bowman; Larry, Meg, Andrew & Catherine Boyd; Ron & Julie Brannock;

**(8/19/07)** Frank & Pat Brent; Beth Brinkley; John, Fran, Patrick & Addison Brooks; Lani & Bailey Brooks; Jennifer, Michael, Caitlyn & Connor Buckalew



Let's go  
to the  
game!

**Family Braves Game outing, Sept. 23!** The Braves play the Milwaukee Brewers starting at 1:05pm. You are encouraged to attend the 8:45 family service, then we will head to the game after Sunday School. More to come on the ticket pricing. If interested please sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Scott Lummus

## Summer Video Series

Our series concludes on **August 12 immediately following 8:45 service**, in the Parish Hall. Join us!

## Youth WNL

Back to school party! August 15, 6:30 PM, at the Paris's neighborhood pool (NOTE: location correction from Parish Announcements email)

## Habitat For Humanity

### Build begins August 18

We are building a 3 bedroom home for Stephanie Hollins and her four children: Dontarian age 13, Dontavious age 10, Dezabrea age 7, and Kailyn age 3. Ms. Hollins likes the idea of everyone working together to make a community. The family has lived four years in a 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom apartment in Austell, which they find crowded and in need of repairs. She looks forward to Habitat's homeownership classes and the whole process as a positive learning experience.

We need many workers this year, so if you are 16 years or older, please sign up to help build one or more days. We work 10 or so Saturdays until the end of October/beginning of November.(not the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend). We are also responsible for food at the site on two Saturdays.

Look for the table at the church entrance to sign up or check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin. Please contact Tom Snead at 678-795-9508 or Connie Bergeron at 770-951-1411 for more information.

## Choir welcomes you!



This year is the right time for you to try us out. Our activity starts up soon. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights. There is no audition, and sight-reading ability is not required.

The **Youth Choir** welcomes all young people (boys who still have treble voices and all girls) from second through tenth grade. We sing at the 8:45 service each Sunday, and rehearse every Wednesday. If you are interested in finding out more, please come on Wednesday, August 22, 6:00 PM for our annual Start-up Dinner for the whole family, both new and returning members. In addition to dinner we will try on choir robes, discuss the policies of choir, and have a brief rehearsal while getting to know each other. If you have questions, please contact Director Martha Bowden.

## Wednesday Night Live!

### Programs Begin Sept. 19

This fall we are revamping WWW (Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays) and renaming all of our Wednesday evening programming "Wednesday Night Live." The evening will have something for everyone — food, fellowship, worship, and programs for people of all ages.

We are really excited about the changes we have made to our dinner component of the evening. Starting September 19 we will offer a catered meal each week for \$5 per person or a maximum of \$15 per family. Each month we will rotate between BBQ from Williamson Bros, tacos and salads from Moe's, fried chicken and fixings from Joyful Diner, and wings and chicken fingers from Wild Wings or Zaxby's. We are really excited about all the changes to Wednesday night and we hope you come join us for the fun!

The **Adult Choir** welcomes all adults, and youth who are past the age for Youth Choir. Simply talk to Director Brian Williams, Organist Jana Williams, or any choir member to find out more. We sing at 11:15 service each Sunday and rehearse every Wednesday beginning September 5.

## Transitions (con'td)

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the Holy in the present moment will increase our capacity for connectedness to God in the larger transitions of our lives and as a result we can more consistently move through the challenges that accompany those transitions - "softly".

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Kathy

### The Calendar at a Glance:

- Monday, 8/13
  - Cobb Schools Begin
  - 7:00PM Women's Bible Study
  - 7:30PM Boy Scouts Troop 713
- Tuesday, 8/14
  - 10:00AM Morning Prayer
  - 10:30AM Staff Meeting
  - 6:30PM Finance
  - 7:30PM Fellowship
  - 7:30PM Youth Ministry
  - 7:30PM Mothers & More
- Wednesday, 8/15
  - 9:30AM Bible Study
  - 6:30PM WNL - Pool Party
- Thursday, 8/16
  - 8:00AM Executive Committee @ Nixon's
  - 6:00PM Adult Ed
- Friday, 8/17
  - 7:00PM Vestry Dinner
  - 8:00PM A.A.
- Saturday, 8/18
  - Vestry Day Retreat/Mtg.
  - 8:00AM Habitat
- Sunday, 8/19
  - 7:30AM Holy Eucharist
  - 8:45AM Holy Eucharist
  - 10:00AM Rally Day/Ministry Fair
  - 6:30PM Stephen Ministry

## College Book Scholarship Awards

We are so proud of our rising College Freshmen! On August 5 we recognized and awarded 11 college book scholarships to our fine young adults who are headed to college to continue their education:

- Justin Blythe ..... Georgia Southern University
- Stephenie Blythe ..... Berry College
- Karoline Fendley..... Georgia Southern University
- Claire Frost ..... University of Georgia
- Geoff Gardner..... University of South Carolina
- Stuart Gardner..... Auburn University
- Tom Heuke ..... University of Nebraska
- Erin Hurley ..... Valdosta State University
- Tegan Hurley..... Georgia College & State University
- Zach Hurley..... Lee University
- Catie Kilgore ..... Lee University



The St. Catherine's College Book Scholarship Fund began as the Dorothy Hanson Memorial Fund and is funded each year by gifts in her honor as well as proceeds from parish picnics and other individual gifts. To date, we have presented 55 scholarships for a total of \$7800. At this time we are able to give small scholarships to our rising college freshmen, but with additional gifts to this fund, we hope to expand either the amount of the gift or have the ability to help support our students each year of their college careers.

We appreciate any and all support of this fund!

## Beer, Brats, and Blues!

Saturday, August 25, 6-10 PM

A fundraiser for the Atlanta 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk featuring the band, "The Greasy Spoons." At the Meadow Grove Clubhouse, 2850 Meadow Grove Way, Marietta, GA 30067.



Donation: \$30.00 per ticket or \$35.00 at the door

Ticket price good for food, beverages and tunes! All money raised goes to the Walk. For tickets please call: 770-565-0195 or e-mail pad122ATatt.net.



## Seen around St. Cat's

Eileen & Roger Motter celebrate their anniversary with a little cake after services on August 5. Congratulations!



Visit our website at [www.stcatherines.org](http://www.stcatherines.org) for lots of new photos: New Orleans trip, fun at Mountasia, Borderlands trip, VBS, more!

## The Calendar at a Glance:

Monday, 8/20  
7:00PM Stewardship  
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 8/21  
10:00AM Morning Prayer  
10:30AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, 8/22  
Preschool Workday  
9:30AM Bible Study  
6:00PM Youth Choir Dinner  
6:30PM J2A Teacher Training

Thursday, 8/23  
Preschool Workday  
7:00PM D.O.K.

Friday, 8/24  
10:00AM Preschool Open House  
10:00AM Folders  
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 8/25  
8:00AM Habitat  
9:30AM Cradle of Christianity Trip  
@ Emory

Sunday, 8/26  
Fall Schedule Begins  
7:30AM Holy Eucharist  
8:00AM Breakfast  
8:45AM Holy Eucharist  
10:00AM Youth/Adult Open House  
11:15AM Holy Eucharist  
12:30PM Catechesis Open House/  
Lunch

## Men's Bible Study

### Begins September 5

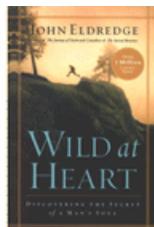
On Thursday evenings beginning September 6, 7:00-8:30 PM, men of St. Catherine's and any other men who want to join us will begin Volume 2 of "Journey Through the Bible" from Cokesbury. The Leaders' Guide is written by the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Abts Wright, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. A \$7 Student's Guide will be needed and can be purchased from Tom Snead. Participants are expected to read the Student's Guide and the Scripture before each Thursday session.

This 13-week study will cover Exodus through Deuteronomy and will take us through December 6 (we'll skip Thanksgiving.). The titles for each chapter are interesting: *Setting the Scene; God's Call-Initial Reactions; Worse Before Better; Get Ready, Get Set, Free!, Now What?; Being Channels of Blessing; and if They're Broken?; More Than Sterile Legalism; Neighbors and Strangers; Is the Hand of the Lord Short?; Israelites-the Next Generation; That Was Then, This is Now.*

There is a lot of material to cover and we hope that we can all share ourselves in this study. Tom Snead and Jim Mattox will lead this study.

## Men's Book Study

### Begins Sept. 10



The Men's Book Study group meets monthly. This fall our first book will be "Wild At Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul" by John Eldredge. Our first meeting is Sep-

tember 10, 6:30 PM at Tom Hunter's home. Please join us.

## Weekday Bible Study

Beginning August 15 everyone is invited to this study on Wednesday mornings each week, 9:30 -11 AM in the Library.

**NOTE** correction from Parish Announcements email: Everyone is invited, this is not a study group just for women. We welcome your friends and neighbors, too.

## Cursillo Week End Coming Up



### Seek And Ye Shall Find

On the evening of Thursday, September 27, Cursillo Weekend will begin at Camp Fortson in Hampton, Georgia. This renewal

weekend will run through the afternoon of September 30. **You are invited** to consider participation and/or attending this unique opportunity. The cost of this weekend will be \$125.00 and scholarships are available.

The Cursillo weekend is a special time that accomplishes two goals. Cursillo is intended to help Christians learn and live what is fundamental as a Christian as well as to help these same Christians discover and live out a personal vocation. It is a weekend that confirms and affirms present faith and leads participants to strengthen their present Christian lives. Many persons have found this weekend life changing.

The deadline for the application process will be September 20. Many past participants of Cursillo would be happy to talk with you about the weekend. The following persons are also contacts: Father Jim, Carla von Hoffmann (404) 213-7408 and Rick/Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609.

Christ is counting on you!



**EFM:**

## Fall classes forming

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a program from the University of the South where you can meet weekly to discuss the Bible, church history, church philosophy and your own personal theology. It doesn't require any prior Biblical knowledge or experience.

This fall we will have a Thursday evening class, and we hope to be able to offer both a day and night class. There is a charge involved and limited scholarships are available. If you are interested, if you want more information, please contact Chris or Jan Potter, 770-587-3512.

## Marriage Journey Groups Forming



### Conversation Dinner Sept. 9

*For couples to learn more, sign up on Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin.*

When, after a lengthy courtship, Colleen Brown and Peter Morich set a date to be married, they approached Father Jim Nixon, rector of St. Catherine's, Marietta, about premarital counseling. "We expected one additional couple to join Father Jim and his wife, Joan, in meeting with us," said Peter. "We expected there to be two or three meetings, some discussion of their successful marriages, some discussion of our former failed marriages and what is different this time. A blessing, holy water, sign of the cross and off to the wedding." It didn't turn out that way.

"As I thought about it," said Father Jim, who'd been married to Joan for 35 years, "I remembered a marriage group we had been part of in our parish in Memphis long before being ordained. It was an important time in our marriage, not just for the learning we got from it but the fellowship that fed us. I suggested to Peter and Colleen that we broaden the task and ask several more couples to join us in the journey. I wanted a group whose marriages represented a diversity of age, numbers of years married, multiple marriages, children, etc. In the end six couples made the journey together."

In addition to meeting on Sunday nights for dinner and discussion, the group had some reading homework, "The Marriage Journey: Preparations for Life Together" by Linda Granz and Delbert Glover. "I like the book because it gives a realistic basis for conversation and reflection," Father Jim said.

When she got the invitation to join the group, said Susan Jablonski, who had been married to Allen for 18 years, "I was very nervous and anxious that maybe we didn't belong in this group of couples, that maybe our marriage wasn't as strong or perfect as it should be, that it might be uncomfortable or painful to talk about some things."

"What surprised me was that everyone's marriage, however strong, is imperfect. It surprised me how refreshing and encouraging it is to talk about issues—both positive

and frustrating issues."

For Jason Snapes, who has been married to Sue for 10 years and has two small children, it was "inspiring and energizing" at the first meeting to learn "we were not there to lecture or be lectured at, but to simply share our experiences. It was a cascade of perspectives."

Said Sue: "What surprised me was that I felt like we offered just as much 'advice' about marriage as those that have been previously married or married as long as I've been around, or longer."

Joan Nixon, too, found the shared experiences provided "sound advice." "When the topic is mulled over by the group, the pearls of wisdom shine. One of my favorite phrases is 'None of us is as smart as all of us. That applies to our Marriage Journey group as well.'"

The invitation Father Jim sent read that everyone participating would "support Colleen and Peter in preparation for marriage." But Colleen said something more happened: "We bonded in such an authentic way that I believe there will be no end to the support that Peter and I feel from each and every one of those dear friends."

That bond was felt especially strongly by Carol Eskew and Shelley Ransdell, married 10 years. "Jim's choice of age range, length of marriage and mixtures of experience and background was God-inspired, I am sure," Carol said. "And it became a very strong support group for us when Shelley was diagnosed with lung cancer."

After Colleen and Peter were married, the group, which included Woodie and Ralph Patrick, who have been married 44 years, didn't want the journey to stop. So it has continued with another program that is video-based, "Growing Together: Building a Marriage That Lasts."

The group's journey may provide a route for other couples, for it has convinced Father Jim "that there is a hunger for such community and fellowship and for an opportunity to discuss our marriages in a spiritual environment. I hope that it will grow to include more couples and that, while it might not fit every marriage preparation situation, it might be used again to prepare a couple for marriage."



## August Ministry Team Focus: *Liturgy & Music*

This month we celebrate the life and work of our Liturgy and Music Ministry Team. The groups in this team include Acolytes, Adult and Youth Choirs, Altar Guild, the new Needlework Brigade, Flower Guild, Funeral Coordinator, JuBiLaTe Music Team, Lay Readers, Youth Readers, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, Wedding Coordinators. To find out more or get involved with their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact convenor Gail McGill.

## Georgia Aquarium Volunteers

Join the world's largest aquarium; spend time with whale sharks, beluga whales, sea otters, sea lions & an exhibit with over 85,000 fish!

Volunteer positions include working on the floor, engaging guests, talking about the animals, assisting in the 4D theater, aiding special events and working with visitor services. Opportunities also are available behind the scenes including positions in husbandry, diving, water quality, and others. The Aquarium is looking for volunteers at least 18 years of age who commit to serving one day per month. Candidates attend an interview session, pass a background check and drug screen and attend an orientation. Go to [georgiaaquarium.org/joinourteam/volunteer.aspx](http://georgiaaquarium.org/joinourteam/volunteer.aspx) for an online application or contact Dennis Deaton, 404-581-4232 with questions.

## Acolytes Recognized

These acolytes were recognized on August 5. Each received cords which indicated their number of years of service. Thank you to all who serve in this vital role at St. Catherine's!



### Beginning their 1st year of Service

Allison Dupuis	4-2007
Ethan Cook	4-2007
Nat Whitlow	7-2007

### One Year of Service

Mary Alice Barrington	9-2006
Abby Baumann	10-2006
Erin Donoghue	10-2006
Jenni Gardiner	8-2006
Isabel Lopez	10-2006
Nicholas Muckerman	10-2006
Keely Phillipotts	10-2006

### Two Years of Service

Katie Barrington	1-2005
Ben Frost	9-2005
Paul Maxwell	4-2005
Megan Shannonhouse	9-2005
Gaby Sutton	9-2005

### Three Years of Service

Caitlyn Buckalew	11-2004
Stephanie Burkholder	11-2004
Kelly Donoghue	11-2004
Austin Jablonski	11-2004
Ryan Olliffe	11-2004
Sean Olliffe	11-2004
Zach Pope	5-2004
Russell Sloss	11-2004
Ross Taylor	11-2004

### Years of Service Designated by Color of Cording:

<i>One year of service</i>	<i>ivory</i>	<i>Five years of service</i>	<i>gold</i>
<i>Two year of service</i>	<i>hunter green</i>	<i>Six years of service</i>	<i>sage green</i>
<i>Three years of service</i>	<i>sky blue</i>	<i>Seven years of service</i>	<i>mauve</i>
<i>Four years of service</i>	<i>burgundy</i>	<i>Eight years of service</i>	<i>navy</i>

### Four Years of Service

Riley Barrington	12-2003
Scott Burkholder	12-2003
Alex Dillson	12-2003
Emily Dillson	12-2003
Kelley Kilgore	12-2003
Emma Markette	12-2003
Sally Paris	12-2003

### Five Years of Service

Taylor Baumann	9-2002
Rachel Bottoms	9-2002
Matthew Shannonhouse	9-2002

### Six Years of Service

Josh Kraeger	10-2001
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### Eight Years of Service

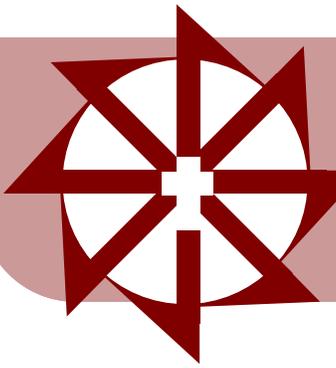
Sara-Alison Massey	10-1999
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### Graduating Seniors

Claire Frost	9-2000
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### Co-Masters

Bob Olliffe
Barbara Barrington



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## Mark Your Calendars

- 8/12.... Bring A Friend Day; Summer video; Summer Parish Meeting; Rev. Sue Duffield's visit; Golf outing
- 8/15.... Weekday Bible Study begins; Youth WNL
- 8/18.... Habitat build begins; Vestry Day retreat
- 8/19.... Rally Day & Ministry Fair
- 8/26.... Fall sched. begins; Chr. Ed Open House
- 9/3..... Labor Day Holiday
- 9/9..... Church School begins; Marriage Journey dinner

## *The Wheel*

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## Men's Retreat

**Reserve now!**



We have a web page! See [stcatherines.org/mens\\_retreat.html](http://stcatherines.org/mens_retreat.html). Sign up ASAP (and invite a friend!) with a \$100 per person deposit. The retreat is Sept. 28-30 at Montara Farm in the north Georgia mountains. Fill out the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact the office to reserve.



## Next New Orleans Trip

**Sept. 12-16**

Won't you consider making this trip to help the people of New Orleans? Sign up now on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin. Please contact Paul Parisi, 404-315-8850, for information.

## Foyers Dinner Groups

### Kickoff Dinner Sept. 15

Do you like to... Eat good food? Meet new friends? Or reconnect with old ones? Foyers, or Dinner Groups, is a great way to meet and socialize with fellow parishioners outside of a church setting. Groups meet once a month to get to know one another, have great conversations, and lots of fun. Activities can be the same each month or rotate between hosting dinner or a pot luck in your home, meeting at a restaurant, park outings, etc. The group decides!

It's simple — you'll be matched with a group of six to eight people, couples or singles.

Gatherings with children can be arranged, too, if you'll just let us know.

Dinner groups form in the fall with a kick-off dinner and conclude in May with an End of Year Party. Says one long-time Dinner Group participant: "No matter the ages in the group, we have discovered that we really have so much in common with them all. Even if our careers take us in different directions, it is amazing that we all have similar goals."

Sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin, or contact Maureen Donoghue, [Georgiadonoghues@comcast.net](mailto:Georgiadonoghues@comcast.net), or Joan Nixon, [joan0813@bellsouth.net](mailto:joan0813@bellsouth.net).