



The Wheel

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Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, Nov. 24, 10:30 AM



Once again we will "gather together to ask the Lord's blessing" on Thanksgiving Day morning. Please join us as we give thanks for all that we are and all that we have as the people of God.

The Church Office will be closed November 24-25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. A blessed and happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Perfecting Our Faith Through Giving

Return pledge cards now

The Ingathering of our pledges of time, talent and treasure was held this past weekend. Through November 14, the 2006 pledges are going well. Thanks to all of you who already have made this commitment.

If you have not had the opportunity to do so yet, now is the time to make your pledge. Place your card in the collection plate at all services or return it to the office.

In order to meet the many challenges of next year (which include providing staff and clergy with an increase after four years without, repairing the roof on the old Parish Hall, satisfying the increase in mortgage for the expanded church facilities, and meeting the many outreach opportunities which depend on St Catherine's) we could easily use 20% more than the 2005 actual. Decisions relating to next year's budget begin before long. If you have yet to make your pledge, please do so for the budget to be planned to meet these real needs of our church.

Perfect your faith through giving. Bring the proportion you give closer to a tithe. Extra pledge cards are available at the church. Complete yours today.

Secret Santa Breakfast & Shop



Saturday, Dec. 3
9:00-11:30 AM

Enjoy a wonderful relaxed breakfast while your little ones do all of their Christmas shopping. Our youth will lead them through the Secret Santa Shop full of (inexpensive) goodies for all of the special people on their shopping list. After shopping they'll be assisted in wrapping their gifts. It's a great time to visit with other parents while your children enjoy a special shopping experience!

Cost for breakfast is \$2 for children and \$5 for adults. Reservations are suggested, however tickets will be available the day of the event. Pick up a reservation form in the lobby or contact the office. For more information please contact Lee Ann Sherry, 770-815-5299.

Christmas Trees

Orders Due Sunday, Nov. 20!



Get the freshest and the best trees and support our St. Catherine's youth! Trees will be available for **pickup at church on Sunday, Dec. 4.** Pick up an order form in the lobby or contact the office. Thank you!

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!

Vestry Elections



Candidates for Vestry will be announced December 2 and elections will be at all services Dec. 10-11. If you cannot be at church to vote on these dates, absentee ballots will be available starting Monday, Dec. 5 at the church office or they can be sent via email. The deadline for submitting absentee ballots will be Friday, Dec. 9 at 5 PM.

Next Baptism

Jan. 8, 2006

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

Did you know?

A few weeks ago I was fortunate enough to join some of our acolytes at the National Cathedral for the annual National Acolyte Festival. In spite of the inclement weather we had a great time! Our acolytes play an important role in the liturgy of the Church. We are blessed to have many faithful young people serve every week here at St. Catherine's. I'd like to share some history about the role of acolytes in the Church.

The earliest mention of acolytes in Rome dates from 251, and about this time they were subjected to the regional deacons, probably six to each region. Some acolytes became officers or secretaries to the Pope.

Acolytes first appeared as assistants to the deacons in their regular duties of distributing alms, visiting shut-ins and prisoners, taking communion to the absent, and generally ministering to those in need. Their liturgical duties, which may have begun somewhat later, are analogous: they "serve" during the celebration of the liturgy.

From the beginning, and for centuries afterward, the liturgical ministry of acolytes was an adult ministry. Today, in contrast, it is largely a ministry of children and adolescents.

Many thanks to our acolytes who serve God and St. Catherine's so faithfully!

Peace,

Sherry+

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, James, Lisa Arnold, Natalie May, Elaine York, Lori Matteson, Curtis Bagby, Ron Davidson, Bob Bibbings, Shirley Childs, Karen Ann Mosso, Jean Hampton, Martha Lam, Al Aigner, Ron Katis, Sally Granade, Winnie Spratlin, Linda Smith, Austin Brunhoeber, Linda Burke, Stacy McEllen, Jeanne Tweeten, Betty Boyce, Ray Brooks, Jane Scott, I.D. Jones, Sandy Asay, Gail McGill, Charles Mace, Lorene Lamb, Kate Williams, Joseph Mokiwa, Kate, Hugh Webb, Elacia Varnell, Lamar Floyd, Agnes Floyd, Bernice Lewis, George Wyatt

Before Surgery

Fred Massey, 11/29/05

For the Deceased

Mark O'Shaughnessy, Alan Massey's girl friend's father; Tom Bryan, Molly Frost's father; Robert Babcock, Robbie Bibbings' best friend's father; Julia Uitti, mother of The Rev. Aaron Uitti; Josh Massey, Jana Williams' cousin

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.

Please pray for the friends of Lucy Hilley whose homes were completely destroyed by Kristina.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(11/27/05)

Jerome Laux, Lynne Joynes; Victor, Sara, Victor & Christopher Ledoux; Dianne & Stephen Lee; Ken, Lisa & Abby Lewis; Bill, Ginney & Erika Linstrom

(12/4/05)

Carl & Amy Liebert; Fred, Elizabeth, Isabel & Olivia Lopez; Scott & Ginny Lummus; Charles, Tami, Noelle & Justice Mace; Todd Magill

Daughters of the King Prayer Ministry

As part of our prayer ministry, the Daughters of the King place prayer request cards in the pews. You may fill out a card and place it in the offering plate, or you may contact any Daughter with your request. This ministry is not meant to replace the St. Catherine's prayer chain, but is a complement to it.

Advent Reflections Coming

Our annual booklet of reflections on Advent and Christmas, written by our own St. Catherine's parishioners, will be available at church beginning the first Sunday in Advent, Nov. 27. Be sure to check our website to **get your Reflection Of The Day online all season long at www.stcatherines.org!**

Giving Tree begins November 26

Our Giving Tree will be in the church lobby and decorated on November 26 with ornaments for your selection supporting The Prison Ministry and Emmaus House in downtown Atlanta. Each ornament will have complete instructions on the back as how to participate. This year St. Catherine's has committed to supplying 100 gifts for youth ages 13-16. Emmaus House is also accepting donations of Christmas Paper and Christmas Bags for the collected gifts.



The deadline for gifts to be returned is December 13. They should be unwrapped, with gift tag attached, and placed under or near the

Giving Tree.

Each year Emmaus House hosts a Christmas Party on Christmas Eve for about 600 youth living in the community. This has been a tradition for over 20 years and St. Catherine's has supported this ministry for the past five years. This is a fun activity for kids of all ages! Select an ornament and make a difference in a young person's life. Questions, please contact Paige Schlenker at 770-993-4507 or psaskins@bellsouth.net.

Habitat Build Extended

We've extended our Habitat for Humanity build, each Saturday **now through Dec. 17** (not including the Saturday after Thanksgiving). We need **plenty of volunteers** to help finish up our project. We also need volunteers to bring food to the site **on Dec. 10**. Please sign up at the Habitat table in the foyer. If you have



questions, please contact Tom Snead (building) at 678-795-9508 or Connie Bergeron (food) at 770-951-1411.

Lessons and Carols Returns to St. Cat's

Sunday, December 11, 5:30 PM

The Adult and Youth Choirs of St. Catherine's, along with some special musicians, will present an Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday afternoon, December 11, at 5:30 PM. We hope you will make a point of saving this time and inviting your friends and family to be a part of this wonderful evening. This traditional service of Advent is a time for the community to gather in anticipation of Christ's birth and to hear the story of salvation told in the words of Scripture and haunting melodies of song.



Advent Eucharist & Study

Tuesdays at 7:00 AM

Our tradition in Advent is to celebrate an early morning Eucharist and Bible Study on Tuesday mornings. We will gather on **Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20** at 7:00 AM in the tradition of the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. This time is designed to fit within an hour so that promptly at 8:00 AM you can be off to work, school, or your day's plans.

Our study will use *Between Two Worlds: Daily Readings for Advent* by an Episcopal priest and mother, Kate Moorehead. Moorehead uses the witness of the scriptures, her wealth of experience in long years of ministry, and the wisdom of her own life of prayer to guide us in praying the ambiguity of living faithfully between "here and now" and "there and then."

It is not necessary to purchase the book to participate, but if you should want a copy you can order it directly through Cowley Publications at www.cowley.org. The cost of the book is \$9.95 plus shipping. Local stores may also have copies available.

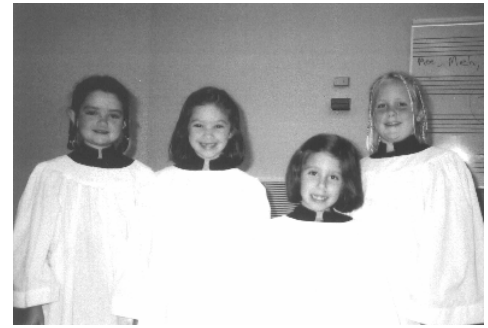
Vestry Notes

Notes from the Vestry meeting on Nov. 15:

- Nominations are being accepted for the 2006 Vestry elections.
- Vestry discussed The Hispanic Mission booklet in consideration of exploring Hispanic ministry at St. Catherine's
- The budget process has started. Budget requests are due from Ministry Teams on November 20.

Youth Choir Gets New Members

The Youth Choir was pleased to welcome four new members this fall — Erin, Mary Alice, Isabel, and Abby. All choir members are now working on special music for Advent and Christmas.



It's not too late to join!

ALL CHOIRS — Youth, Adult, and Jubilate —welcome new faces any time of the year. Please talk to a director or choir member, we would love to have you join us!



Hurricane relief

If you are interested in participating with hurricane relief and assistance efforts, please contact Outreach Chair Nadine Pope at ronaza@Tmindspring.com. We continue our collection of donations for hurricane victims at church every week as follows:

- 1st Sundays (Dec. 5): Non-perishable food items
- 2nd Sundays (Dec 11): Baby supplies
- 3rd Sunday (Nov. 20, Dec. 18): Toiletries
- 4th Sundays (Nov. 27, Dec. 25) Linens & pillows, new and gently used.

Liturgy and Music Update

In October, 6 acolytes and their leaders attended the National Acolyte Conference at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. They were very excited at what they saw, learned and were a part of. As a result of that trip, the Liturgy and Music Committee met to discuss the ideas they brought back. One of the things we are going to act on immediately is a St. Catherine's processional banner to use here and at other services and events where St. Catherine's is represented. Our plan is to have a banner ready by Easter. Other things discussed were incense, other processional concerns, and vergers. All these possibilities, we feel, are a part of our rich tradition and liturgy. If you have any questions or views on these topics, please contact Emily Gale, Ellis Kilgore, or Marcia Markette.

Congregational Nurse Meeting

Nov. 29 at 7 PM

There will be a meeting for Congregational Nurses on Tuesday, November 29, at 7 PM at church. Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact Dani Dickson.

Flu Shots

As of last Sunday our Congregational Nurses still have 20 doses for flu shots. Shots are given after 8:45 and 11:15 services in the workroom. The cost is \$20 and Medicare is accepted. If you have questions please contact Dani Dickson or any of our nurses.



Special WWW in Advent

We take the week off for Thanksgiving, then Advent will provide the opportunity for us to gather as families in the Parish Hall following dinner. During each of the three weeks we will participate in the creation of an Advent craft or custom that will engage every member of the family.

- On November 30 we will talk about the tradition of Advent wreaths and each family will have the opportunity to make a wreath to take home. We will provide all the materials including meditations for each night of Advent.
- On December 7 we will work together to make new *Chrismon* ornaments as a gift to help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas.
- We will finish our WWW Advent Program on December 14 as we celebrate **Las Posadas**, a Mexican custom in which as families we remember the pilgrimage Mary and Joseph made as they traveled to Bethlehem. This will be a fun and meaningful experience new to most of us, so please be sure to mark your calendar for this very special evening.

What's on the menu??

Enjoy these meals by our new chefs in the weeks coming up!

NOV. 30: Baked Chicken Tarragon, Rice, Chocolate Cake, Salad Bar
Kids Option: Chicken Nuggets and Chips or PB & J Bar

DEC. 7: Stuffed Mini Pasta Shells, Italian Salad, Garlic Rolls (no Salad Bar);
Kids Option: Spaghetti with/Butter & Cheese or PB & J Bar

Please remember to make your dinner reservation by Monday each week by checking your bulletin or contacting the church office.

Letters

Dear St. Catherine's Family,

How wonderful it was to have your cards, your phone calls, and the visits from Sherry during my stay at Kennestone. Also thanks to the Masseys for bringing the beautiful altar flowers. I'm learning more every day how fortunate I am to have found such a loving, caring church family.

Sally Powers

From Episcopal Relief & Development:

Thank you for St. Catherine's recent gift of \$7,895.10... designated for our Hurricane Katrina Response Fund.

We greatly value your gift. Because of the overwhelming number of donations for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, this acknowledgement letter comes later than we would have liked. We are deeply moved by your compassion and thank you for your understanding.

... ERD staff will work with our partners to develop a comprehensive, long-term rehabilitation program so people can begin rebuilding their lives.

Your gift is making an immediate and long-lasting difference for those recovering after Hurricane Katrina. Through your ongoing partnership with Episcopal Relief and Development, lives are being changed. Please visit the Hurricane Katrina Response Center at www.er-d.org for updates.

For each of the lives your contribution has touched, thank you and God bless you.

Faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke, President, ERD

— In Our Community —

Christmas Decorating Donations

Beginning this Sunday, Nov. 20, we are collecting donations to fund the Christmas decorations of our church. You'll find brown envelopes in the pews for your donation. Please note on the envelope your name and of whom the contribution is in memory or thanksgiving, so it may be recognized in the bulletins.

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.

➤ Red Cross Needs Platelet Donors!

Just two teaspoons of your platelets can save the life of a local leukemia or cancer patient. Platelets are the clotting factor in our blood and are designed to help keep us from bleeding to death. Unfortunately, when a patient receives chemical therapy and radiation therapy, their own platelets are also destroyed and they are left unprotected.

- The shelf life of platelets is only five days, one of which is used for testing purposes.
- Approximately one-third of the patients requiring daily infusions of platelets are children.
- Platelet donors replenish the two teaspoons of platelets donated within 24-36 hours.
- Donors can donate platelets up to 24 times a year and not interrupt whole blood donations.
- There is no substitution for platelets.

Margie Nickerson, a representative from the Platelet Department of the American Red Cross, will be available **at all services on November 26 and 27** to provide additional information, answer any questions you might have and to urge you to try this donation process just one time! You can positively impact the life of a local patient within 24 hours of your donation.

Together, We Can Save Lives

➤ Concert with Jeremy Wirths

The Emory Department of Music presents our former choir director, Jeremy Wirths, baritone and piano with Melissa Plamann, piano, on Saturday, December 3, 4 PM, in the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts at Emory University. Admission is free. The program includes piano works of Mozart, Chopin, and Ravel, and vocal works of Schubert, Britten, Barber, and others.

➤ Third Annual Gobble Jog

Early registration ends Nov. 21, so hurry!! What better way to work up your appetite for turkey and dressing than a quick trip around the Marietta Square? Please join us on Thanksgiving Day on the Marietta Square for the 3rd Annual Gobble Jog to benefit MUST Ministries. You can register online at www.gobblejog.org. The event includes a 5K run, a 1K run/walk and a tot trot. Make sure you indicate that you are running for St Catherine's. Contact Tom Blackstock at 678-860-1459 if you have questions. Gobble, Gobble, Gobble!

➤ Visit Epiphany's Nativities

For the tenth holiday season, The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany presents an exhibit of over 200 nativity scenes from around the world from Nov. 28 through Dec. 4. Many of the nativities are accompanied by scriptural quotes and hymn texts. Catered lunches are available (weekdays only), by reservation. Admission: \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors & students, children under 12 free. The church is at 2089 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta. For more information call 404.373.8338.

Youth

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

Send materials, photos, ideas or suggestions for the youth newsletter via email to stcatsyouth@bellsouth.net.

ST. CAT'S YOUTH —

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

► Christmas Pageant—coming soon!

Please watch your bulletin for announcements of planning meetings and rehearsals beginning soon for the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 18. Lots of children AND lots of parents will be needed to make this year's pageant a wonderful experience for all!

► WNL Every Wednesday!! See you then!!

► Things Coming up

- Christmas tree sale through this weekend — tree pickup by buyers on Dec. 4
- Secret Santa Shop — Dec. 3

► Diocese-wide Events

Check the Diocese youth webpage at www.episcopalatlantayouth.org for complete details and registration forms for all these events:

- Please pray for all youth and adults at HAPPENING, Nov. 18-20
- JR. DYC -- December 2-4
- SR. DYC -- January 6-8 (Registration deadline is December 15)

► REMEMBER!

- Check the schedule – It's changed recently, and may change again!
- Sign up early for things -- transportation space is limited!

► The story behind Narnia...

The movie of "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" debuts in theaters on December 9. Readers and movie fans worldwide know the land of Narnia. Now, meet the extraordinary force who created this beloved fantasy. C.S. Lewis comes to life in a special program premiering on The Hallmark Channel, "C.S. Lewis: Beyond Narnia," Friday, December 9, at 8 PM. The one-hour docudrama beautifully filmed in many of the actual locations in England where Lewis lived, worked, and imagined is a fascinating account of his life that dramatically explores the inspiration and spiritual quest behind "The Chronicles of Narnia."

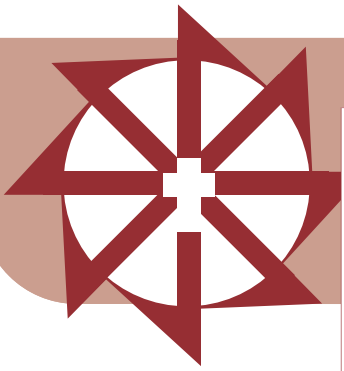


Ladies and Gentlemen...



... What do I hear for a starting bid?

Friends: in order to help make **next year's J2A auction** a rousing success, the Youth are dependent upon your kind donations. If you have a treasure or talent that you are willing to donate, they will auction it off to benefit their J2A Pilgrimage. Youth will be contacting folks for donations in the coming months, but please don't be bashful — if you can help, let us know now. Please contact Chris Williams at 770-973-0530 or at cbjw@earthlink.net. As soon as we determine a storage location, we will print it in these pages. Thank you!!



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Mark Your Calendars

- 11/23..no WWW
- 11/24..Thanksgiving Day;
10:30 AM worship
- 11/24-25 Office closed
- 11/27..1st Sunday in Advent
- 11/28.. Elizabeth Inn
- 11/29..Advent morning study
- 11/30.. WWW & WNL
- 12/3.... Secret Santa shop &
breakfast
- 12/4.... St. Nicholas Day;
Christmas tree
pickup
- 12/10-11 Vestry elections
- 12/11.. Lessons & Carols

The Wheel

Next Publications:
Dec. 4, 18
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Wednesday before
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Elizabeth Inn


Next date: Monday, Nov. 28

Saint Catherine's volunteers staff the Elizabeth Inn and provide dinner for the guests on the 28th 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).

2006 budget requests due Nov. 20

 Budget request forms were distributed for all budget items at the November Ministry Teams meeting. All Ministry Teams and committees should return their 2006 budget requests to the church office by November 20.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY Celebration

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Dec. 4**, morning through lunchtime. We hear that the saint himself may even come to visit!

