

The Wheel

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Planting Party & Lunch

**Saturday, May 3
9 AM to noon**



Come to the Great Grounds Get-together! Join us for a Playful Planting Party as we spruce up our grounds and plant flowers for the season. We'll also be removing some of the asphalt under the big oak. Bring shovels, gloves, hammers and rakes – lunch will be provided! Sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or call Gail McGill for more details, 770-971-8890.

Donations needed!

- mini nugget mulch
- purple verbena
- white and purple lantana

Spring Blood Drive

Come give the GIFT OF LIFE! The Red Cross Blood Drive is coming to St. Catherine's on **Monday, April 28**, from 2:30 until 7:30 PM. A sign up sheet for times is in the foyer along with reminder cards and information sheets regarding who can and can't give. Help is also needed with set up, check in, and canteen. Please contact Fred Massey at f_massey2@hotmail.com or 404.731.4466 with questions or to volunteer. Hope to see you there!



SUMMER'S COMING!

Some dates for your calendar:

- May 11 – Pentecost Sunday – **WEAR RED!** – and Mother's Day
- May 18 – One principal worship at 10:30 AM (7:30 service will be held)
 - Last Day of Church School
 - Parish Picnic follows at noon
- May 24 – Summer worship schedule begins: 8:00 and 10:30 AM
- June 14-21 – Visit from partner parish St. Elizabeth's
- July 7-11 – Vacation Bible School



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!

Pilgrimage Info Meeting

April 27, 4-6 PM

Join us for an informative meeting to hear all about the March 2009 "Following the Footsteps of Moses and Jesus" Pilgrimage to Egypt and Jordan. We hope our 2007 Israel pilgrims will join us no matter whether they are planning to travel in 2009 or not so that you can benefit from their experience of pilgrimage travel. If you have any questions feel free to contact Fr. Jim.

Ascension Day Service

Thursday, May 1, at 6:00 PM in the Memorial Garden

Elizabeth Inn

**Next date —
Monday, April 28**

To help please sign up on the Outreach table in the foyer or 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.



Holy Baptism

**Next date:
Pentecost, May 11**

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

Easter Continued

The services are back to “normal”, the plastic eggs are bagged and shelved for the year, the dresses and hats are in the closet ready for the next special occasion. Spring break is a thing of the past and we all have our sights set on the rituals of ending the school year and plans for summer vacation. For all intents and purposes, Easter '08 is over and done with.

Not so fast. I was an adult before I realized that Jesus actually lived with the disciples after his resurrection. I knew that he had been tried, tortured, killed, and resurrected and even that he appeared to the disciples on the dusty roads and on the beach and of course in the upper room with Thomas. But it wasn't until I was an Episcopalian that I realized that Jesus was actually a part of “the group” again after his resurrection.

As a liturgical church, we recognize our Lord's ascension into Heaven as being 40 days after his resurrection. I suppose that no one really knows how long Jesus ate,

drank, slept and ministered with the disciples after his death, but I can only imagine how wonderful those days were for his followers. So, until May, we are in Easter and we continue to light the Pascal candle on the altar and wear the white of joyous celebration.

In his Easter letter, Bishop Alexander invites us to continue the celebration. What would it look like, he asks, if we brought the same “Easter energy” to our lives after Easter as we see during our Holy Week and Easter celebrations in our parish communities?

“Alleluia, the Lord has risen! The Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia!!” What does that mean to you? How is it evident in your life? How does Christ's participation in the lives of the disciples after His death inform your faith? Think about it.

Faithfully yours,
Deacon Kathy +

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Courtney, Page Loyd, Jim Jones, David Kerley, Lillian Vu, Katie, James Herron, Mary Kuczo, Karen Marchant, Miche, Larry Harley, Linda, Sheila Akins, Nick Wolfe, Jason, Jane Lawrence, Dean King, Linda Butts, Justin Elliott, Douglas Simmons, Jim Hamilton & Family, M.E. Schnorf, Milan Korytar, Claire, Joann & Sam Sosbee, Cindy, The Stockett Family, Ann Snead, Zanny Dillson, Deborah Hurd, Mary

Lawrence, Susie Girardeau, Alice, Allen, Miles, Sandra Lapierre, David Shannonhouse, Elaine Stergiou, Hale Sanders, Trudy Cobb, Patricia, Arlyn Cook, Lisa Grist & her family, Lara Rodgers, Pam, Vern, Carolyn

Deceased

Mary Love, Susan Bayless' aunt; Aaron Roth, friend of Scott McGill; Kim Carnes, co-worker of Jennifer Massey; Alex Rios, brother of Marion Cook's neighbor

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(4/20/08) Victor, Paddy, Ian, Keely & Quinn Phillipotts; Ed, Tracey, Cody & Wyatt Pitts; Rod, Nadine & Zach Pope; Chris, Jan & Gene Potter, Jessica Pierce, Arthur Weissinger, Kelly Weissinger; & Sally Powers

(4/27/08) Monica, Travis & Marc Rader; Jimmy, Carol & Annie Rai; Meg Ramsay; Shelley Ransdell & Carol Eskew; John & Liz Rea, Katie Smith, Liesl Amoruso

Handypersons needed

Volunteers are needed to do repairs for people in need, such as painting, small repairs around the house, lawn mowing, etc. If you are interested in adding your name to a list of want additional information please sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Gail McGill, 770-971-8890.

Calling All Graduates!

We will recognize all graduates, preschool through graduate school, on Sunday, May 4. If you or someone you love is graduating this spring, please fill out the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Rose Wolfe at rosewolfebellsouth.net. Please include the graduate's name, grade & institution, and if a high school graduate what college they will attend.



Rebuilding New Orleans

A reflection on the Spring Break ministry trip

By Al Jones

Ben Hilley, Shannon Jablonski, Kelley Kilgore, Emma Markette, Amelia Snider and I traveled to New Orleans last Sunday, April 6. The next three days we worked in the home of George Guyone installing insulation in the walls and ceilings and hanging sheet rock on these same locations. We worked with a similar group of 4 youth and 2 adults from a parish near Pine Hurst, NC, and with three from our partner Parish, St George's.

Mr. Guyone has lived in this house since birth in 1948. When Katrina came, the roof was damaged and the water-soaked insulation and plaster board collapsed into the house. Even though this part of the

city was not flooded, the damage to this house was similar to ones which were.

We made good progress and finished ceilings in 5 of 6 rooms and the walls in about half the house. In appreciation of our help, Mr. Guyone fried a turkey, and we had turkey Po' Boys for lunch our last day.

This was my eighth trip to work in this city. I love going there—the opportunity to help with rebuilding, the food, the music, seeing our friends at St George's and making new friends with other volunteers. It's a great experience.

If you have interest, consider participating in one of our next trips: June 18-22 or October 8-12.

Interested in joining St. Catherine's?



Inquirer's Class begins April 27

To inquire is to seek to learn by asking. Many ask, "How do I become of member of St. Catherine's?" Well, the journey begins with the Inquirer's Class. Christianity is a way of living with God and with one another and a way of looking at things. Over a series of eight sessions together we will seek, learn, and ask in order to discover how we, as Episcopalians, live with God and one another and how we look at things.

These classes are for both newcomers and established members who want to refresh their understanding of the church. For those members of the class considering confirmation or reception, we encourage you to attend each class. For those who are again exploring the Episcopal church, we invite you to journey with us each session. The material does build on the previous session's material, but to some extent each session stands alone. While attendance is not required for all

sessions, it will be to your benefit to be here and the class will benefit as well.

We will begin these classes on April 27 and will continue through June 8 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Sunday afternoons (no class on Mother's Day, May 11). The classes will be taught by clergy and lay members of the church and will touch on topics such as the "Book of Common Prayer," "Church History," "What are they doing now?", and "Everything you wanted to know about the Episcopal Church." The classes will end with an opportunity to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at the Cathedral of St. Philip on June 15, 2008 at 4:00 pm.

All you need to do is let us know if you are interested by calling the office (770.971.2839) or by signing up in the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin. Remember, we are not only learning about the Episcopal Church, we are learning about one another. Getting to know another of God's creatures can be a lot of fun as we discover, through one another, yet more about God and Jesus Christ.

Ministry Focus: *Liturgy & Music*

This month we celebrate the life and work of our Liturgy and Music Ministry Team. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact convener Gail McGill.

The Wheel — get EVERY issue!

Email is becoming an important means for our parish communications! Does everyone in your family receive the *eWheel*, the electronic version of St. Catherine's newsletter? The weekly Parish Announcements email? Just note the emails 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 print versions.) You'll receive your online version via email so be sure to sign up and get all the news. .

"Praying for Pars" Golf Outings

Are you the kind of golfer that 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? NOOOOOO..... We want to encourage some fellowship by going to the early church service together, then eat breakfast, before heading out for 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 May (1st Sunday in May) and going through October. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

- May 4
- June 8
- July 13
- August 10
- September 14
- October 12

To get started, please send an e-mail to Walt McGill at wsmcgill AT 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. If you were on the list from last year, please look for an e-mail from Walt to confirm your participation this year.

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!!!



New Summer Schedule



Over the past couple of years we have considered looking at a new summer schedule. Earlier this year the Liturgy and Music team, the Parish Life and Fellowship team and the Christian Nurture and Development team met to brainstorm the options we have for a summer schedule. After a good deal of conversation and planning we have decided to offer the following schedule.

Each Sunday we will worship at two services: 8:00 and 10:30 am. Each service will have its own character. The 8:00 am service will have ushers, acolytes, lay readers, etc., not unlike our current 8:45 am service. We will have music on a limited basis with the goal of managing this service to no longer than 60 minutes. The 10:30 am service will be like our current 8:45 and 11:15 services with a full complement of music lasting 75 minutes or so. **This schedule will begin on May 25 and end on August 31.** On September 7 we will return to our normal school year schedule of 7:30, 8:45 and 11:15 am.

Each Sunday we will have coffee available at 7:30 am for early risers to gather for a cup and conversation prior the 8:00 am service. Breakfast will be served by the Breakfast Angels in the Parish Hall 8:45 to 9:30 am. The Lemonade Brigade will serve refreshments under the oak tree following our 10:30 am worship.

Beginning July 20 and ending August 10 we are planning a **4 week summer education hour (9:15 to 10:15)** built on the theme of "St. Cat's Country Fair." This will be an intergenerational (all ages) offering focused each week on the Gospel story of the day. Planning is just beginning on this offering so watch for more information. In addition we are working with the Jubilate Choir to lead and offer music in our 8:00 worship on these four Sundays.

We will try this schedule for one year. At the end we will ask you what you thought, what was good, what changes you'd make and whether you think we should do it again. We hope you will not only enjoy this new schedule for the summer but that you will give us feedback to make it a positive experience for everyone.

WNL continues

Wednesday Night Live continues weekly through May 14. Be sure to sign up for meals each week by 5 PM on the Tuesday before.

Films coming up for the adult program:

April 23.... *Cry Freedom*

April 30.... *A Man for All Seasons*

May 7 *Born on the Fourth of July*

May 14 *Les Miserables*

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.

ESL Progress Report

We have been working hard on the ESL (English as a Second Language) Program which will be offered to our community this fall. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer to help in any area, please email Lu Dumke at ldumke_AT_bellsouth.net.

• **Teacher/Volunteer Training:** We are very fortunate to have Holly Patrick, from the Latin American Association, who will provide our Teacher Training on Saturday, August 2, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in the St. Catherine's Board Room. Everyone who is interested in the program is welcome to come, whether you are interested in being a teacher, assistant, substitute, or even an occasional helper. (Come all day, come for just a while—we'd love to have you.)

• **Getting The Word Out:** We plan to have an information table in the church lobby on May 4th. We'll distribute information and volunteer questionnaires on that day. Please stop by and say hello!

We also have marketing efforts planned, and would love suggestions and volunteers. Currently, we plan to have an Open House for potential students several weeks before classes begin (Open House in mid-August, classes begin in early-to-mid September), to gauge interest and estimate the number of books/chairs/etc. we'll need. We will also place flyers throughout the community with information about the program, and probably a sign as registration nears. We're also working with other churches and will contact local schools to see if they can help get the

word out to non-native English speakers in the community who may be interested in signing up as students.

• **Volunteers Needed:** We are currently in need of volunteers (lead teachers, assistant teachers, and substitutes) to teach each of our three classes: beginner, advanced beginner, and intermediate. Our current plan is to hold classes once per week, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. And don't worry if you have no teaching experience, ESL experience, or cannot speak another language. All this commitment requires is an open heart and a desire to reach out and give the gift of language to those in our community who desperately want to learn English. We will also receive training from Holly Patrick of the Latin American Association, so you'll be fully prepared before classes begin!

We'll also need a few "floating" helpers on class nights. When the classes begin, we will need help with testing, greeting, helping with conversation exercises in class, directing people to the right places, and helping make our visitors feel welcome at St. Catherine's. Being a floating volunteer is a great opportunity for our teens as well.

• Course Specifics:

Levels: Begin with three levels—beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate. (But this will be dependent on applicant needs.)

Materials: English in Action, Heinle Thomson (review copies ordered) Classes: Once per week, day of the week to be determined

Charge: \$35 per student (books are \$27.50 plus shipping). Texts will be provided free-of-charge to teachers.

Help Needed with CN&D Appreciation Dinner



An Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 4, to show appreciation for all our Christian Nurture & Development teachers, leaders, and committee representatives: Adult Ed. Teachers, Youth Leaders, Catechists, Marriage Journey & Encounter Leaders, and the leaders of EFM, Cursillio, WNL, VBS, Children's Chapel, Nursery, Christmas Pageant, and St. Nicholas Celebration. If you can help with one of these items please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Kristin Blackstock, kgblackstock_AT_hotmail.com or 770 971 2649:

- Help make food for Sunday, May 4th.
- Help with set-up from 3-4:30 pm.
- Help with clean-up from 6:30 – 8 pm.

Letters

We deeply appreciate your contribution to Holy Comforter's ministry. The kindness of your generosity will not be forgotten.

Yours in Christ's love,

R. Copus, Vestry

(donation from our Outreach Committee)

Next Cursillo Weekend

April 24-27

Wondering what to do with your new-found energy after Lent? Want to celebrate and enhance your spirituality? The cost for the next Cursillo weekend at Camp Fortson in Hampton, GA, is \$100 and scholarships are available. If you have questions contact Father Jim, Carla von Hoffmann at 404-213-7408, or Rick/Tracy Buckalew at 770-956-9609.

U.P.W.A.R.D. Update

(Uniting Parishioners Where All Are Recognized Disciples)

The Vestry met in March as subgroups to discuss ways to achieve the goals that were created at our Vestry Retreat. The following reiterates the goals that were created at the retreat as well as the tasks that each subgroup came up with to accomplish those goals.

How We Talk (Improved communication to newcomers, community and congregation)

Goal

- To effectively communicate with members of St. Catherine's in a timely, appealing, clear and consistent manner so that each member can understand when and what the ministries are doing.

Tasks

- Revise the Ministry Team Booklet to include photos and make larger.
- Continue dialogue regarding Rally Day revisions.
- Advertising on the website as well as other publications.
- Research what other churches are doing.

How We Work Together (Ministry structure and function)

Goals

- To provide a scheduling process to eliminate scheduling conflicts so that people are given the opportunity to participate in a fair and timely manner.
- To discuss with ministry teams their adding a public relations function to convey information to newcomers and the congregation, and to improve communication between the ministry teams.

Tasks

- Research scheduling software and use a core group of Sunday service participants as the pilot group.
- Discuss with conveners at the next meeting (May 6th) to discuss ways to foster succession within these teams as well as a person, who might be other than the convener, that can act as a public relations type person to communicate activities, etc. with others.

How We Get/Stay Involved (Ministry of invitation)

Goal

- To design, develop, and implement a "shepherding" program to pair each newcomer with a member of St. Catherine's to get the newcomer involved in a ministry of their choice.
- To develop a system to identify and ask current members to be a part of a ministry.

Tasks

- Continue further research of shepherding programs in other Episcopal churches on what information is given to newcomers as well as how we might invite others to become involved in ministries within our church.

Each subgroup also came up with questions to pose to the congregation in a survey. This survey will be provided in the coming weeks. If anyone is interested in being a part of this process, please contact myself, Al Jones or Fr. Jim Nixon.

*Ginny Lummus
Jr. Warden*

Youth House build each Saturday

Inspections passed! Insulation to be installed soon and we hope to proceed to sheetrock in the near future! Watch for announcements of the next projects to be tackled, and come help with building or food any weekend, 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

St. Elizabeth's Visit

St. Elizabeth's, our companion parish in Whiterocks, Utah, will be traveling to us this summer, June 14-21, as part of our parish partnership. The details of our time together will be worked on soon. What we need right now is to get an idea of who would be willing to host a few folks (both adults and children) and how many you could accommodate. Please let Scott or Ginny Lummus know either via e-mail (gslummusAT gmail.com) or by phone (770-649-5391). Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to get to know our partners better!



Rice Bowl Thanks

The Young Families Ministry would like to thank you all so much for your participation in the Rice Bowl project during Lent. The money was counted two weeks ago—many thanks to Emily, Nelson and Ash Gale and Phil Spessard for taking on that task—and we raised \$1,257 that will be sent to help orphans in India, Haiti and Africa. Please let your children know that their money will make a difference in the lives of children who need it the most.



Young Families' activities coming up

The Young Families Picnic scheduled for Sunday, April 27 at East Cobb Park is going to be postponed. We will get back with you soon on another date/location this spring.



In the meantime, please save the date of **Friday, May 30** from 5:30-7:30 PM for an adult-only dinner in the Parish Hall. The youth have offered to watch our children (ages 1 and up) in the nursery while we gather to eat and discuss ideas for future young family activities and offerings. We will send out more details in early May.

CONGREGATIONAL NURSES CORNER

Organ Donation

That They May Have Life

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..." Galatians 6:10

Spring may make you think of transplanting some flowers, but a different kind of transplanting is on our minds. What about organ donation? Are you a donor? Have you considered becoming one? April is National Donate Life month at organdonor.gov of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Maybe this spring is your time to decide whether you can help give hope by becoming an organ donor.

Why Become a Donor?

- Over 98,000 individuals are waiting for an organ donor today.
 - According to OrganDonor.Gov, 77 people receive an organ transplant each day. Unfortunately, in that same day, 19 will die because of the shortage of organs donated.



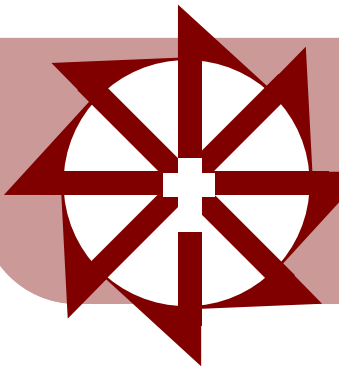
The Four D's to Becoming a Donor

- **Donor Registry** - Sign up on your state's donor registry if one is available.
- **Driver's License** - Indicate your decision to be an organ donor on your driver's license when you renew or obtain a new license.
- **Donor Card** - Until you can indicate your decision on your driver's license or sign up for a donor registry, carry a donor card with you.
- **Discuss It With Others - The Four FFF's** Make sure to inform your family, friends, physician and faith leader that you would like to be an organ donor. Stating your wishes to these individuals now, before a crisis occurs, will prepare them as they may have to serve as your advocate for donation in the future.

Find Out More

Log on to <http://organdonor.gov> and find out more about organ donation, link to your state's donor registry, get downloadable donor cards and more.

Information from organdonor.gov of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



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Mark Your Calendars

- 4/23, 30 WNL
- 4/24-27 Cursillo weekend
- 4/25-26 Stephen Ministry retreat
- 4/27 Inquirer's class begins; Pilgrimage information meeting
- 4/28 Elizabeth Inn
- 5/1 Ascension Day service
- 5/3 Planting Party/Picnic
- 5/4 Youth Sunday; Graduates recognized

The Wheel

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Readers Wanted



Pentecost Sunday: May 11

Each year during services on Pentecost our tradition is to have people read one of the lessons that day in as many languages as possible. If you speak a foreign language and would be interested in doing this or want to find out more, please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Rose Wolfe in the office. We will mail or email you the translation ahead of time. We'd love to have any who know sign language to participate, too!

Spring Memorial Service

Sunday, April 20 5:00 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 the is beautiful service and support our parish members who have lost loved ones.

Vacation Bible School

July 7 - 11

Watch out as St. Catherine's will be *exploding* with excitement this summer at our **POWER LAB** Vacation Bible School! Mark your calendars for July 7 - 11, 9:30 - 12:30.



We will be looking for adult volunteers, youth volunteers and children (age 4 by July 1st through rising 5th graders) to explore our experiments, accept our daily challenges, sample our test tube treats, sing powerful songs, and put together some wacky crafts. If you want to discover Jesus' miraculous power in our lab.



Please watch for details on how to sign up in May.