



The Wheel

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Spring Memorial Service

Sunday, May 3 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.



Confirmation at St. Catherine's

Sunday, May 24 4:00 PM

We discovered recently that the Diocese of Atlanta had cancelled their Diocesan Confirmation on May 31 and moved it to April 26. We were preparing our Adult and Youth Confirmation classes to participate in the Diocesan event on the 31st and can't be ready for the 26th. While we are disappointed that will not be able join our fellow Episcopalians in the Diocese for Confirmation, we are excited that Bishop J. Neil Alexander will visit with us for Confirmation on Sunday, May 24 at 4:00 pm.

It will be a glorious day as we gather in celebration of members of this congregation making a mature commitment to the Episcopal Church. The worship will include our adult choir and a wonderful reception will follow in the Parish Hall. We hope each and everyone will put this date on your calendar and plan to be in attendance to support those who will give themselves to the ministry of Christ as expressed through the ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Wednesday Night Life

Wednesday Night Live continues in the season of Easter, through May 21, at 5:45 pm for dinner and 6:30 pm programs for all ages. **Please be sure to sign-up each week for the meal so that we have adequate food for each member of your family.** You can sign up in the Sunday Opportunities for Ministry insert or by call the office (770.971.2839) or emailing Ginney (ginneylinstrom@bellsouth.net) by Monday afternoon of each week.

The adult program during the Easter season will be a discussion of Jesus' post resurrection appearances using various media to portray those appearances. The resurrection is not something that happened 2000 years ago but a profound cornerstone to our contemporary faith. We will discover how Jesus' continues to walk the road to Emmaus with each of us in our day to day struggles to remain faithful as we face the challenges that come with living in the 21st century. Bring your questions and experiences to the table to make for a lively discussion and perhaps a few hearts "burning within us."

See inside this issue for these opportunities for Learning!

- Financial Freedom classes — April 23 & May 5
- Career Ministry program — April 30
- Exploring Your Creative Spirit— May 2
- All About Counseling— May 2
- Marriage Journey shows "Fireproof" — May 16

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!

Calling All Graduates!

We will recognize all graduates, preschool through graduate school, on Sunday, May 17. 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 rosewolfeATbellsouth.net. Please include the graduate's name, grade & institution, and if a high school graduate what college they will attend.



Holy Baptism

Next date: Pentecost Sunday, May 31

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

An Easter Thanksgiving

The feast of Easter is the most important day of our Christian year. Indeed, all that we are and all that we do as Christians finds its meaning in the resurrection: the risen life of our Lord Jesus Christ. The resurrection animates us throughout the year as we continue our journey loving God and loving our neighbor. It is fitting, therefore, that we work hard at our liturgical celebrations during Holy Week and Easter so these days add meaning to our lives. I want to say that this was one of the best journeys I have taken through Holy Week culminating in the proclamation of the resurrection Saturday night and Sunday.

I want to thank each and every person who contributed to the beauty and meaning of the week. All the way from your staff and folders who worked so hard to have our bulletins reflective of our celebrations, to the acolytes and adult sponsors who strove to have a full complement of acolytes trained to do their job, you all did a wonderful job. The flower guild and altar guild

worked behind the scenes throughout the week to be sure that our liturgies flowed well and the sanctuary shone with the beauty of the Lord. The lay readers and intercessors faithfully gave their time to read God's word, to lead us in prayer day after day and to serve the sacrament. And the choirs—adult, youth and Jubilate—who worked for endless hours to bring joy through song to our worship—thank you.

And what is worship without fellowship and celebration, and so to the Breakfast Angels who fed us on Easter morning and the Fellowship Committee who hosted the baptismal reception on Saturday night and our Easter Day receptions—job well done. The ushers and greeters put smiles on and welcomed people in the parking lot and at the front door and in the narthex before and after the services to tell people how delighted we were to have them worshiping with us. Our nursery workers provided care for our youngest members during each of the weekday services and on Sunday when

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Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Lillian Vu, Tom Carter, Agnes Floyd, Glenda King, Zanny Dillson Hugh Wolfe, Pia Johanson, Rosemary Henson, The Rev. Patty Roberts, Sandy, Richard Ewing, Jill Morich, Bill Mashburn, Connor Gwin, Mike McCabe, John, Brooke Ryan, Arlene Brooks, Cathy, Mark Gross, Leila Ruff, Norma Alexander, Chris, Edward Markette, Lorraine Brown, Katja Michael, Susan Stanton, Mary, Marilyn May, Charlie Templeton, Walter & Michelle Fann, Andrea, Deborah & Dan, Katherine Starkey, Jim Nixon, Sr, Rebecca Aggett, Cindy Kitson, Katie, Miles, Morgan, Willy Canady, Bob Davis, John Hurd, Becky Smith, Andrea Warner, Evan, Alan Carter, Martha Brian, Malcolm Haymes, Bill Krupp, Marilyn McCallum

Before Surgery

David Shannonhouse, 4/17/09; Barri Gehrand, 5/13/09; Mary

Daneke (Kathy Holman's mother) 6/22/09

Deceased

John Chappell, husband of a close friend of Margaret Shaw; Skip Hamilton, Larry Boyd's uncle; David Wilson, uncle-in-law of Jamie Hamilton & family; Mavis Nicholas, Audrey Nesbit's mother; John Jaeger, John Hurd's uncle

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(4/19) Richard & Eleanore Pearson; Bob & Pat Pepper; Nancy Perkins; Bruce, Barbara & Justin Perry, Courtney Gardner; Rosemarie & Tyler Perry; **(4/26)** Cary, Pam, Tate & Matthew Phillips; Judith Phillips; Vic, Paddy, Ian, Keely & Quinn Phillpotts; Ed, Tracey, Cody & Wyatt Pitts; Rod, Nadine & Zach Pope

Birthdays

(4/20) Scott Burkholder, (4/23) Matthew Garner, (4/24) Kayla Dickerson, (4/25) Jim

Nixon, Brian Williams, (4/26) Addison Brooks, Katrina Ivey Castelli, (4/27) Brinna Dickson, Karoline Fendley, Lindsey Paris, (4/28) Susan Partus, Caitlyn Nichols, Will Rouleau, Eric Scott, Matt Nixon, Therese Braman, (4/29) Frank Brent, Cody Pitts, (4/30) Marilyn Cain, (5/1) Steve Wolfe, Ashley Kareken, Scott Parisi, Doug Carswell, Taylor Baumann, Bryce Thompson, (5/2) Dina Parker, (5/3) Nancy Denton, Cindy Sheehan, Preston Parker, Nisha Daniel

Anniversaries

Fleming and Margie Rowell celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 18; (4/18) Juan & Beth Sandoval; (4/20) Richard & Tanya Bowers-Dean; (4/23) Bob & Pat Pepper; (4/28) Doug & Susan Jenkins; (5/2) John & Barbara Garner

Special Prayers

Prayers for peace and stability for Libby and children and a job for Libby.

Newcomer & Visitor Coffee



All newcomers and visitors at St. Catherine's are cordially invited to a "get acquainted" coffee in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, May 3, 10 AM** (during the Church School hour). This will be a social as well as informative gathering. Clergy, staff and lay leaders will be present to answer your questions about our programs, services and ministries. Please come for coffee and "goodies," and get acquainted with your parish family!

Care Calendar

Your help is needed, to view the care opportunities for Roy Johnson, please go to www.CareCalendar.org (check your parish email for the codes or contact Alan Certain).

Our parish makes use of CareCalendars for certain parishioners needing personal assistance. CareCalendar is a web-based system available at www.carecalendar.org which organizes help for families during a time of illness or life-changing event. It's easy to use and your privacy is kept.

Come Celebrate Creation!



Sunday, April 19

On Earth Day Sunday, April 19, our liturgy will reflect our connectedness to and our experience of God through nature. Following 11:15 service, you are invited to take a break from hectic schedules to join us at Hyde Farm to reunite with the holiness of creation. Picnics are welcome and there are acres of land with forests, fields and streams to explore. To get to Hyde Farm, go east on Lower Roswell Road, cross Johnson Ferry Road, continue 1.2 miles and turn right on Hyde Road. Contact Nadine Pope ronaza@ATmindspring.com with any questions. For more information about Hyde Farm, including maps, visit www.friendsofhydefarm.org

Easter Thanksgiving (cont'd)

it was pushed to its limits. The grounds crews stood firm against the pollen and rain to have our grounds looking welcoming on Easter morning. And when everyone had left on Easter Day, thanks to our faithful counters who counted your generous donations to The Extension, recipient of our Easter offerings, as well as Savior Episcopal School in Jaraq, Jordan who will receive our Holy Week offerings. Last but not least a grateful and humble thanks to our staff—clergy and lay—who gave unselfishly throughout this week to make it a deeply meaningful and spiritual journey from the triumphal entry to the cross to the grave to the resurrection.

To these people and, inevitably, those I might have overlooked—THANK YOU! The liturgies we celebrated last week are the most special liturgies of the Christian year. Done well, they take immense effort and planning, and we did them well because everyone had a stake in doing them to the best of our collective ability. And, of course, worship is without meaning if no one comes to make this journey together through the darkest and brightest days in the Christian year. Everyone of you, indeed, are faithful servants.

Fashion Show/Yard Sale Fundraisers

Please join fellow St. Cat's members participating in the Atlanta 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer. Their **Fashion Show is Sunday, April 26 in the Parish Hall at 1:00 pm**. The show features fashions from Coldwater Creek. Tickets are \$12, include lunch and the show, and will be on sale this Sunday after all services.



The Team will hold its annual **garage sale on Friday & Saturday, May 1 & 2** at Lee Ann Sherry's home in Indian Hills, 1097 Fielding Way, Marietta, GA 30068. All types of donations are needed and can be dropped off at LeeAnn's house during the following times: Saturday, 4/25, 9-4; Monday, 4/27 after 8 pm; Wednesday, 4/29, 9-4; Thursday, 4/30, after 6 pm. Smaller donations may be left on LeeAnn's front porch any time. For questions, please contact Lee Ann Sherry at 770-815-5299.

Marriage Journey Shows "Fireproof"

The Marriage Journey ministry will sponsor a showing of the film "Fireproof" on Saturday evening, May 16 at 6:00 pm at the home of Fred and Jennifer Massey. "Fireproof" is the third feature film (the first two: "Facing the Giants" and "Fly Wheel") from the movie making ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. The movie is a dramatic story about a firefighter and his wife as they discover that each must contribute to the marriage partnership. It's only then that each person finds fulfillment and grace in the relationship. The movie is fun, funny but dramatic and moving and is sure to impart its grace to each viewer.

We ask that you bring with you a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share and beverage(s) of your choice. We will watch the movie together and then have some opportunities to reflect on it through questions and small group discussions. Fred and Jennifer's home address is 1850 High Trail, Atlanta, GA 30339. Jennifer can be reached by email at jmmassey@ATatt.blackberry.net.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 4/20

Susan's Day Off

11:00AM Preschool Board
 6:30PM ESL
 7:00PM Kneeler Project
 7:00PM Coracle Board
 7:30PM B.S. Troop 713

Tuesday, 4/21

10:00AM Morning Prayer
 10:30AM Staff Meeting
 4:00PM Catechesis
 7:00PM Vestry
 7:00PM Jubilate

Wednesday, 4/22

9:30AM Bible Study
 5:45PM WNL - Dinner
 6:15PM Youth Choir
 6:30PM WNL - Programs
 6:30PM Adult Ed.
 7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 4/23

23rd-26th Cursillo Weekend
 11:00AM ESL
 6:30PM Financial Freedom
 6:30PM EFM
 7:00PM Men's Bible Study
 7:00PM DOK

Friday, 4/24

Jim's Day Off

10:00AM Women's Bible Study
 8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 4/25

7:30AM Radio Club
 9:00AM S.M. Training

Sunday, 4/26

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
 8:00AM Breakfast
 8:45AM Instructed Eucharist
 10:00AM Liturgy of Light
 10:00AM Confirmation Class
 10:00AM Episcopalian 101
 10:00AM Church School
 11:15AM Instructed Eucharist
 2:00PM Catechesis
 5:00PM Youth Group

All about Counseling

**Saturday, May 2**

Join us on May 2nd from 9:00am to 11:00am in the parish hall. Ever wonder what happens when someone goes to a counselor? Ever tried to navigate the healthcare/counseling maze when you or someone else needs help? Ever wanted to help someone find a counselor but didn't know how? Join us for a panel presentation by many of our own St. Catherine parishioners who work in the mental health or counseling field. Each of our presenters will give you a brief overview of what really happens in the first (and subsequent) counseling sessions. They each can provide a unique input into how people can be helped. There will be plenty of time and opportunity for questions (both public and written/private). This session is brought to you by our own Stephen Ministers at St. Catherine's. We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Blood Drive Success

We had a successful Blood Drive on April 13, special thanks to everyone who participated. 22 pints of blood were collected and will be used in Cobb County to save lives!

Please join us at St. Catherine's for additional Blood Drives. Every two seconds someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion. In Georgia we must collect 1,300 units of blood daily to meet the needs of our patients and hospitals. Less than 5% of eligible donors in Georgia donate blood. Please mark your calendar for these Tuesdays in the Youth House:

- June 9th
- August 11th
- October 13th
- December 22nd - this is a critical day donors will receive an appreciation gift.

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Jennifer Massey, massey.jm@gmail.com 404.375.8327, or Frederick Massey, f_massey2@hotmail.com 404.731.4466. Bless you!



"Exploring Our Creative Spirit"

Saturday, May 2

Several of St. Catherine's gifted artists will join together on Saturday, August 16 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Youth House to support, encourage, and massage the creative spirit which lives within you! Whether you fancy yourself as an artist or consider yourself hopelessly devoid of creativity, you will enjoy this time with **Mel Paris, Elizabeth Lopez, and Jason Snape**. Professional storyteller, **Ginny Accella** and spiritual director, **Kathy Holman** will begin the day with scripture and reflection. Participants will then choose clay, words, or paper and pencil to articulate their experience of the morning. Lunch will be served and our group will gather together to process our reflections and creations.

The day will be light, fun and wondrous. We look forward to *EXPLORING* with you. For more information contact Deacon Kathy.

Career Ministry continues



Mark your calendar for the following upcoming programs:

- April 30 - Patricia Justice / Human Resources Executive
- May 14 - Kelly Beard - Attorney / Employment Law and Debby Stone - InterVision Group, LLC

These sessions are open to all St. Catherine's adult parishioners; friends, neighbors, extended family members and our community (no cost and no RSVP). If you have any questions, or suggestions, please contact Jennifer Massey at career.ministry@stcatherines.org. Special thanks to our St. Catherine's Career Ministry Team: Bill Holman, Tom Hunter, Hans Kraeger, Jennifer Massey, Bruce Perry, Margaret Shaw. To get on the email list for announcements about Career Ministry, send email addresses to Karen Manno, karen@stcatherines.org

Time and Talent Survey



This week at St. Catherine's

- Monday, 4/27
Susan's Day Off
 6:30PM ESL
 7:30PM B.S. Troop 713
- Tuesday, 4/28
 10:00AM Morning Prayer
 10:30AM Staff Meeting
 4:00PM Catechesis
 6:00PM Elizabeth Inn
 6:30PM Adult Ed.
 7:00PM Jubilate Choir
 7:00PM Youth Ministry
- Wednesday, 4/29
 9:30AM Bible Study
 5:45PM WNL-Dinner
 6:15PM Youth Choir
 6:30PM Adult Ed.
 6:30PM WNL-Programs
 7:30PM Adult Choir
- Thursday, 4/30
 11:00AM ESL
 12:00PM Clericus
 6:30PM EFM
 7:00PM Men's Bible Study
 7:00PM Career Ministry
- Friday, 5/1
Jim's Day Off
 10:00AM Women's Bible Study
 8:00PM A.A.
- Saturday, 5/2
 7:00AM Stephen Leaders
 9:00AM Stephen Ministry Cont.
 Ed.
 10:00AM Peer Supervision
 10:00AM Creativity Workshop
- Sunday, 5/3
 7:30AM Holy Eucharist
 8:00AM Breakfast
 8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
 10:00AM Church School
 10:00AM Confirmation Class
 10:00AM Episcopalian 101
 10:00AM Newcomer's Coffee
 11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
 4:00PM Young Families-@ East
 Cobb Park
 5:00PM Youth Group
 5:00PM Memorial Service
 5:00PM S. Ministry & Training

"Now what ministry did I sign up for?" "This survey will take forever!" Are these familiar phrases to you? Did you not complete the Time and Talent survey because of its length last year? If you repeated a similar phrase or answered yes to the question above then we have the solution for you. The Stewardship team has been working closely with the Ministry Team Conveners to re-vitalize the time and talent survey. Our goals are to reduce its size, make it more meaningful to our members and make the data it generates more meaningful to the Conveners.

So what are we going to do? In the last issue of *The Wheel*, an article explained the 4 stewardship categories (Stewardship of Self, Stewardship of the Environment, Stewardship of Resources and Stewardship of Relationships). We have placed each Ministry Team into 2 broader categories:

Stewardship of Self/Environment
Parish Administration and Facilities
Christian Nurture & Development
Pastoral Care
Liturgy and Music

Stewardship of Resources/Relationships
Financial
Parish Life and Fellowship
Invitation
Outreach

What this allows us to do is to have two time and talent surveys each year (Spring and Fall) that can be tailored to the Ministry Team's needs therefore shortening the length of time it takes to complete the survey.

We understand that some parishioners completed a Time and Talent survey this past fall and may be asking, "Why am I doing this again so soon". We have listened to your feedback and have made improvements to reduce the time it takes to complete the survey. With this change, we have to begin the improved process at some point. We ask that you please work with us, as this is a work in progress. We invite your feedback as we progress.

The new survey will be shorter than this past fall, however it will still ask for the same demographic information at the beginning of the survey. Please complete a survey for each family member that participates at St. Catherine's. We are working on future improvements to allow for family based surveys to further decrease the time required to complete the survey.

Another question that may be asked is "Why is the Time and Talent so Important?" In the current economic environment, we rely more and more on time and Talent to fill the gaps left by budget cuts. We invite your participation as each of us gives of our gifts for the mission and ministry we share at St. Catherine's.

by John Garner

Easter Season Liturgy

What happened to the Confession? During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, we do not say the General Confession in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Lenten season of penitence and fasting has come to an end. Easter has burst into our lives, offering us the hope of the Resurrection. By leaving out the Confession for a season, we also recapture a sense of the ancient connection between the prayers of the people (our prayers for the Church and world) and the passing of the Peace (sharing our hope for Christ's peace with one another).

Why do people stand during the Great Thanksgiving? Especially during the Great Fifty Days of Easter, we are encouraged to

stand during the Great Thanksgiving. When kneeling became the custom in the Church, it was generally associated with a view of humankind that was very low. ("We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under thy table..."). Today we tend to focus instead on such ideas as this in Eucharistic Prayer B: "In (Jesus) you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you." Standing to pray does not suggest that we don't acknowledge our sinfulness and our need to repent. It simply means that as Easter people, who have been saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are indeed made "worthy to stand" in the presence of God. (borrowed from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Decatur)



In The Community

• “Total Praise” — spring concert by the Georgia Festival Chorus.

For information visit www.tgaafc.org. Dates:

- April 25, 6 pm at First Baptist Church of Smyrna
- May 3, 6:45 pm at First Baptist Church of Roswell
- May 17, 6 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church
- May 31, 6 pm at First Baptist Church of Marietta

• Atlanta Boy Choir Spring Concert

Saturday, April 25, 7:30 pm at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338. Admission is \$40 preferred seating, \$20 general admission, \$12 students & seniors. For ticket and concert information go to www.atlantaboychoir.org or phone 404-378-0064.

Letters



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

20-25 hours per week, Good wages, Evenings and weekends

Skills Required: Patience, An open mind, A caring heart, Willingness to teach, Willingness to learn.

Job Responsibilities: Be a friend to a big, handsome, kind, gentle and fun-loving 20-year-old man. Help him learn to cook. Help him handle his business. Help him learn how to be a friend (hang out, entertain, take turns, play). He has Autism and has missed these lessons as part of his growing up experience. This job is more about being a buddy who helps him learn, than a teacher who is friendly to him.

Are you the person for the job? Call 770-998-1259 and ask for Marilyn or Natalie.

CONGREGATIONAL NURSES CORNER

Weight control tips

Drink ice water! Switching your daily dose of water (eight 8-oz. glasses) to ice water can burn an extra 74 calories a day. That can add up to a whopping 7.7 pounds of fat per year! Not to mention that too little water can lead to sugar cravings, fatigue, irritability, and foggy thinking, and that dehydration significantly slows down fat burning. All the more reason to keep up this important habit of health!



Save your salad with salad spritzers! Too much dressing can turn a healthy salad into a calorie disaster. A recent study showed that in most salads, over 500 calories are contributed from salsa and dress-

Live webcast to preview General Convention '09

[Episcopal News Service April 14, 2009]

General Convention 2009 of The Episcopal Church will be the topic of a live webcast on Wednesday, May 13 at 11 a.m. Eastern Time. The webcast will originate from Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California, where General Convention 2009 will be held July 8 – 17.

Participants in the live webcast will be: Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori; President of the House of Deputies Bonnie Anderson; Executive Officer and Secretary of the General Convention, the Rev. Gregory Straub; and Bishop J. Jon Bruno of the Diocese of Los Angeles, the host diocese. Questions will be accepted via email and from the invited guests in the audience. The Episcopal Church's General Convention, held every three years, is the bicameral governing body of the church. General Convention, the second largest legislative body in the world, is comprised of the House of Bishops, with more than 200 members, and the House of Deputies, with clergy and lay representatives from 110 dioceses in 15 nations, at over 700 members. For more information about General Convention and to access the live webcast, go to the Episcopal Church website at www.episcopalchurch.org.

ings! Salad spritzers are a great invention. They deliver just one calorie per spray (check the label), helping you coat all your yummy vegetables without all those calories.

Hand Hygiene

Why is hand hygiene important? It is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of infections, including the common cold, flu and hard-to-treat infections such as MRSA.

What is proper hand hygiene? Soap and water should be used when hands are visibly dirty, when contaminated with proteinaceous material, when contaminated with blood or bodily fluids, before eating or handling food, and after using the restroom.

Youth

Get your *Wheel* online/by mail

The *Wheel* newsletter is published in 2 issues per month: one in print mailed to all parish members, and one in electronic form sent by email to all on our "Parish Announcements" news list. Also, all issues are posted on our website. If you would prefer to receive all your issues by email and NOT to receive a printed copy, please check the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or contact the church office (be sure to provide your current email address).

Ministry Focus: Pastoral Care

This month we celebrate the life and work of our Pastoral Care Ministry Team. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact convener Margaret Shaw.

• Pay It Forward

The youth of St. Catherine's would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who supported our Pay it Forward challenge. The experience was very eye-opening. After many long discussions about what to do we decided on putting together care packages for homeless people in Atlanta. We made our list, went shopping, put all of our goodies into draw-string backpacks and were ready to hand them out. On the Saturday before Easter four of us took the care packages downtown. The church that we were planning on taking our care packages to was closed, so we pulled up behind another church van and got out of the car to unload what we had brought. Before we could even get the packages out of the car there were people all around asking for their favorite color bag. Seeing how many people were in need of "hygiene kits," as they called them, made us realize how important what we were doing was. On our way home we decided that we want to try to continue a mission with the homeless community in Atlanta.

By Sally Paris

• Coffee House May 8, 7:30-10 pm

Bring your musical instruments, poetry, jokes, or just yourself and join us for a Coffee House for all youth in Rite-13, J2A, and YA. Bring your friends and a dessert to share. We will have all kinds of flavored coffees as well as soft drinks. In addition to an "open mic" style evening we will also be practicing a few of the songs that we will be singing at Youth Sunday, on May 10th. If you want to help plan this event or if you are an adult and can help chaperone please contact Amelia at amelia@stcatherines.org.

• Youth Sunday, May 10

Youth Sunday is right around the corner. Sign up to participate during Church School on April 19 and 26.



• Youth Mission Trip

Save the Date for the Youth Mission Trip this summer, July 5-9, 2009. We will be going to Perry County, Alabama to work with an organization called the Rural Poverty Initiative. We will be doing projects in the community during the week and we will have activities at night based on our theme "Here I am, Lord, send me". Also we will be meeting up with the youth group from St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in New Orleans and we will work, worship, and play with them throughout the week. We will also have a guest musician for the week, Mike Peterson, who joined us two years ago at our Youth Retreat at Kanuga.

The cost of the trip is \$275 for the week and includes all meals and lodging. All youth in grades 7-12 and seniors who have graduated are welcome to join us! Save the Date, July 5-9, and stay tuned for more information and permission forms. Thanks!

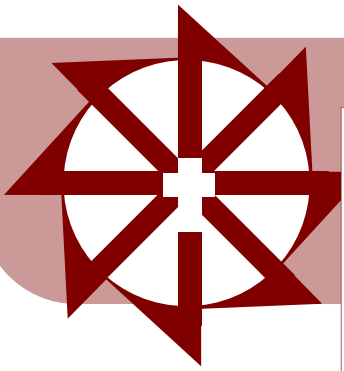
• VBS help needed

St. Catherine's Vacation Bible School will be July 20 - 24 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Our VBS will be raging and romping on the bayou with this year's Crocodile Dock theme. We welcome many volunteers during the week, please mark your calendars and email us if you want to be a part of this fun summer ministry. You could be a station leader for the week or volunteer for just a day. We hope to see you in the swamp this summer at St. Catherine's VBS. Emails can be directed to stcatsvbs@live.com.

• Young Families! • Young Adults!

We're updating our email list for those who want to be informed about activities coming up with our Young Families Ministry and our new Young Adult Ministry. If you are already signed up OR would like to be added, please sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Lisa Spessard, Inspessard@yahoo.com for Young Families and contact Amelia Arthur @ Amelia@stcatherines.org for Young Adults.





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Mark Your Calendars

- 4/22, 29, 5/6 WNL
- 4/23 Financial Freedom
- 4/26 Catechesis Liturgy of Light
- 4/28 Elizabeth Inn
- 4/30 Career Ministry
- 5/2 Creativity Workshop; Stephen Ministry seminar
- 5/3 Newcomer Coffee; Memorial Service

The Wheel

Next Publications:
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Financial Freedom classes coming up



Our new Financial Freedom Ministry invites you to put April 23 and May 5, both at 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall, on your calendar. On these two dates we will offer four hours of free classes to help families get started on the road of sound financial stewardship.

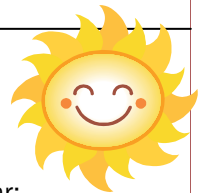
These classes are no charge, no RSVP needed, and are open to all in the community – please invite your family, friends, neighbors and everyone you know who might be interested! Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of Atlanta will teach these courses and your attendance will be funded by a grant they have for non-profit organizations. The topics these two evenings will be:

- **April 23:** “Financial Success Starts Here” and “Recruit Your Family”
- **May 5:** “How Do I Get Out Of Debt” and “Where Do I Want To Be In 5 Years”

Adult Christian Education Focus Groups

The Adult Education Committee is having two focus groups beginning at **6:30pm on April 22 & April 29** to generate ideas for classes beginning in the Fall. Were you unable to find a class to attend? Then this is a great opportunity for you to help plan. Questions? Contact Susan Johnson in the church office.

SUMMER'S COMING!



Some dates for your calendar:

- May 17 – Last Day of Church School, Graduates recognized
- May 24 – Summer worship schedule begins: 8:00 and 10:30 AM
- May 31 – Pentecost Sunday – **WEAR RED!**
– Parish Picnic follows at noon
- July 20-24 – Vacation Bible School