

The Wheel



We Give Thanks

We gather together for our Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist and Dessert Reception on **Tuesday evening, November 24, at 7:30 PM**, to ask the Lord's blessings and offer our thanks for the abundance we share. Immediately following, join us in our Parish Hall to share dessert and beverages. **Please bring your favorite pie** or other dessert to share. Also, please take the remainder of your pie home with you because your staff cannot (and should not) eat it all. A blessed and happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

- No Wednesday Night Live on November 25
- The church office will be closed November 26-27

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Advent begins

First Sunday in Advent: Advent wreath making for all ages!

In lieu of Church School/Catechesis on November 29 we will gather at 10 am in the Parish Hall to create Advent wreaths. We have everything you need, just show up and make yours to take home! As in past years, we will also have special wreaths that the children can make & decorate. Refreshments will be served.



Advent Eucharist & Study begins Dec. 1

Our tradition during Advent is to celebrate an early morning Eucharist and Bible Study on Tuesday mornings. This year we will gather on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7:00 AM each morning in the tradition of "the apostle's 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.

Advent Quiet Evening Friday, December 4, 6-9 PM

St. Catherine's Daughters of the King sponsor an Evening of Quiet and Meditation on Friday, December 4. Please join us as we begin our Advent quietly exploring "Bearing the Light." All who are interested in sharing this special time of quiet and prayerfulness are welcome. For information contact Deacon Kathy, 770-971-2839.

This year our study will use "Child of the Light: Walking Through Advent and Christmas" written by an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church, Beth A. Richardson. In this small book she provides "tools to help [us] find a quiet center." Most of us experience rush and pressures of Advent as the season relentlessly presses us towards Christmas. This time each Tuesday

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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!

CHRISTMAS TREES & GREENS

Orders due by Nov. 22, 1 pm

Pick up on Sat., Dec. 5 (10am-2pm) and Sun. Dec. 6 (1-2 pm)



Much more coming in Advent!

See inside — pages 4& 5!

Seasonal Donations

Each year we invite all to donate money for decorating our church for Christmas and for special music for Christmas Eve services. We remind you to insert your donation in the brown envelopes in your pews: remember to write in or on the envelope your name and who you want your gift to be remembered in thanksgiving or memory of, by Sunday, December 13 to be listed in our Christmas bulletins.



Holy Baptism

Next date: Jan. 10

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

“Light Bearers”

I won't say that my spiritual journey began with the Daughters of the King, but I will say with certainty that the women who have lighted much of my spiritual path have been vowed members of the Order of the Daughters of the King.

At first I thought that the Daughters of the King was a private organization. I thought Daughters was one of those groups that was open only for very religious women; one of those groups that you must be “invited” into. Then, I attended a meeting. What I found was a group of humble, dedicated women who actually believed in the importance of prayer as the foundation of life. Prayer was to these ladies the basic building material of one's personal life, one's family life, and one's corporate life.

The Daughters of the King is a lay order of Episcopal women who are vowed to prayer and service. Daughters are not allowed to “raise” money for their chapters. They are to give sacrificially toward the financial support of the parish chapter, the diocesan order and the national order. And give they have; quietly, reverently, and honorably, the members of the Daughters of the King have supported this International Order and funded several scholarships through personal sacrifice.

I have been active with the Daughters for many years. My spiritual path would have been dark indeed had it not been for these women of prayer who have nurtured and supported my spiritual journey.

Kathy+

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Lillian Vu, Tom Carter, Glenda King, Pia Johanson, The Rev. Patty Roberts, Marion Stevensky, Olivia Martin, Carol Crosslin, Eddie Brewer, Anita Gardner, Stephanie Walsh, Pat M., Bill Krupp, Gin Snead, Michele Moody, John Pennington, Dianne Blackshear-Wood, Jacqueline, Dick Kareken, Toni Curry, Jane Smith, Linda Smith, Allan Pearson, Marian Harrison, Parker, Sarah Wayne Rice, Mit FitzSimons, Jacqueline DeLorme, Elizabeth Whitton, Sarah Forsyth, Earl Layton, Stephanie, Cary & Asher Halpern, Jan Coraggio, Joan Thurston, Michael, Frank Cade, Sharon & Dale Motes, Buck Berkeley, Risa Maier, Cozette Tanner, Woodie Patrick, Dylan Degan, John Clough, Joe C. Brown, Susan Johnson, Milt Hayes, Rex Whitehead, Pat Farrell, Bryan Mellinger, Frank Rios, Ben Shushan, Mary Florence Benson, Ryan Clark

Before Surgery

Hugh Wolfe, 11/18/2009, Steve Wolfe's brother; Nick Wolfe,

11/19/2009; Taylor Baumann, 11/24/2009

Deceased

Valley Vaughn, Missy Greene's grandmother; Charles Rousseau, Therese Braman's dad; George Osborne, Mark Blythe's uncle; John

Special Prayers

For Margaret & Bob Bowman

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(11/22/09) Molly, Ben, Claire & Ben Jr. Frost; John & Julie Fulcher; Ash, Jenny, Emma, Cosy & Alison Gale; Nelson & Emily Gale; Jodi & Wayne gammon
(11/29/09) Jason, Suzanne, Jenna, Stephanie & Julian Gardiner; Art, Anita, Geoffrey, Stuart & Caroline Gardner; John, Barbara, Matthew & Patrick Garner; Lynne Gates; Barri Gehrand

Birthdays

(11/23) Claire Harrison, (11/24) Pam Phillips, Clark Remter, (11/25) Kimberly Blythe, (11/26) Evan Austin, Matthew Gottesman, Mike

Reeves, (11/27) Barbara Barrington, (11/29) Alex Morris, (12/1) Emily Schuring, Sam Schuring, (12/2) Gina Baumann, Paddy Phillipotts, Bill Lee, (12/3) Shelly Taylor, Eric Hollis, (12/4) Katie Carswell, (12/5) Michael Smith, Alex Daniel, (12/6) Christina McLean, Alysia Bowers-Dean, Reese Maier

Special Prayers:

For Pat and Suzanne as they open themselves to find a child to adopt; David Hinshaw & Helena Johnson, out of job, looking for employment, friends of Bill Ivey. Jim Hunkler, looking for employment. For Kerri & David adopting a baby girl due to be born around December 1. Jeff Tindall, for health and strength and for making the right decision for his family. Rikki Stewart, David Shannonhouse's daughter, being deployed to Qatar this weekend, returning the first week in February.

Transfers In:

Sarah Fulton, from The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta, Georgia.

Be a L.E.M.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) bring Communion to members of our parish family who are unable to come to church because of illness or infirmity. Visitors leave our worship with consecrated sacraments and conduct abbreviated services in homes, hospitals or nursing homes. LEMs have a pastoral role, offering their presence in a way that brings hope and healing to those who may feel isolated or lonely. If you are interested please check the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin. Training is provided.



Needlepoint stitchers needed

We are looking for experience, dedicated people to devote their time and talent to stitch an altar rail needlepoint kneeler. Please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Beverly Fambrough, 770-993-5444.

Holiday Outreach



The Giving Tree Nov. 29 - Dec. 20

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree located in the lobby beginning Sunday, November 29. Each ornament

will list a gift to purchase for children in the Peoplestown community near Turner Field. Every year Santa and Mrs. Claus distribute the gifts to over 700 children during the Christmas Festival at Emmaus House. If you would like to provide a gift for a child, simply take an ornament from the Giving Tree and sign the gift log book. Then deliver your wrapped gift to the Giving Tree by Sunday, December 20, with the ornament tag fastened to it.

→ Other Needs

- **Gift cards from Kroger, Publix, Target and Walmart.** These can be placed in envelopes marked "outreach" and put in the (locked) Vestry Suggestion Box located in the narthex near the nametag board and coffee station.
- **XLarge women's and men's winter wear** — coats, hats, scarves and gloves (new or gently used).
- **For MUST:** Secret Santa Shop gifts (children select gifts for their parents) of perfumes/colognes, wallets, candles, gift

stationary, small tools kits, knick-knacks, and costume jewelry, new or gently used.

→ Activities

- **Christmas in Peoplestown — Saturday, December 5:** Gather at Emmaus House 4-6 pm. The whole neighborhood is invited to make ornaments, have refreshments, sing carols, and light a 20ft Christmas tree on the front lawn! Dress up as an elf; help lead the singing! We'll meet at the church and carpool—possibly take the church van. Afterwards, the Varsity?! Some parents needed especially for children under 12. If you're interested, please sign up in the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Nadine Pope, ronaza@mindspring.com or 770-973-9057.
- **Be an Emmaus Elf** — For several years a group from St. Catherine's has gone to Emmaus House on Christmas Eve morning to be "elves" at the annual Christmas Festival. We serve as hosts and helpers as the crowd of hundreds go from activity to activity, including a magician and storyteller, and finally, a visit to Santa and Mrs. Claus to pick up their presents. It's a wonderful activity, guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit, and we would love for you to join us! If you're interested, please sign up in the Opportunities for Ministry in the Sunday service leaflet or contact Nadine Pope, ronaza@mindspring.com or 770-973-9057.

Thank you for supporting St. Catherine's outreach ministries!

"Holiday Brews"



Young Families Ministry invites all adults to join them! Wild Wing Café in East Lake Plaza, Roswell Rd. Marietta, hosts its December beer tasting, "Holiday Brews" on **Thursday, December 10 at 8 pm**. The cost is \$20 which includes tasting 12-14 beers and a raffle ticket in which everyone wins a prize (beer glasses, t-shirts, ...). This is their most popular tasting so call The Wing soon, 770-509-9464, to make your reservation. You do not pay until the event. If you are planning to attend, please check the Opportunities For Ministry or contact Molly Banko, mdbanko@comcast.net so we can save table space.

The Coracle offerings

The Coracle will offer the following spiritual formation opportunities beginning in January. Watch for program details or contact Deacon Kathy for more information.

- Understanding Christian Spirituality – 2nd Saturday 9 am - 12, Jan-May.
- Contemplative Prayer – Sundays 5-7 pm, Jan. 10 through Feb. 14
- Parenting: A Sacred Path – Mondays 7-9pm, Jan. 25 – March 8
- Exploring Your Creative Spirit – Saturday February 20, 9 am to 2 pm

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 11/23

Susan's Day Off

6:30PM Coracle board
 7:00PM ESL
 7:30PM B.S. Troop 713

Tuesday, 11/24

10:00AM Morning Prayer
 10:30AM Staff Meeting
 4:00PM Catechesis
 6:15 PM Adult Choir
 7:30PM Eucharist & Pie

Wednesday, 11/25

5:30AM MUST Breakfast
 9:30AM Bible Study

Thursday, 11/26

*Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed*

8:00AM Gobble Jog for MUST

Friday, 11/27

*Jim's Day Off
Office Closed*

8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 11/28

9:00AM Jubilate
 6:00PM Elizabeth Inn

Sunday, 11/29

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
 8:00AM Breakfast
 8:45AM Holy Eucharist
 10:00AM Advent Wreath making
 11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist

Ministry Focus

In November we celebrate the life and work of our **Liturgy and Music Ministry Team**. See their bulletin board with great pictures in the foyer! To find out more please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact convener Steve Diffley.

Advent*(cont'd from page 1)*

towards Christmas. This time each Tuesday morning is designed to work against and be a respite from the seasonal rush and pressure. It is not necessary to purchase the book to participate in the study, but if you should want a copy you can order it directly through Amazon.com and other online sources.

**► Advent Resources**

Look for our resource table in the foyer through Advent with materials for all ages. In particular, pick up our annual booklet of reflections on the seasons of Advent and Christmas written by our own parishioners. And be sure to check for your "Reflection of the Day" on our website throughout the season.

► Holiday Open House — Saturday, Dec. 5, 7 PM

Join us for a fun and relaxing evening of wine, snacks, art and music at Roomscapes Gallery, Woodstock, sponsored by St. Cat's Fellowship Committee. The gallery is owned by Shawndra McLeod, Pat and Bob Pepper's daughter, and some of our parishioners have original art on display there. The gallery is at 390 Chambers Street, Woodstock. Directions: Take I-75 to I-575 north to Exit 8 (Towne Lake Parkway/Woodstock) and turn right. Travel about 1 mile on Towne Lake Pkwy, immediately after train tracks, turn right onto East Main St; turn left onto Hubbard Rd; turn left onto Chambers St, gallery is on your right.

Join Coffee Ministry

Want to volunteer for an easy, fun and rewarding ministry? You'll provide fellowship on Sundays after 8:45 or 11:15 services by setting up, serving, and putting away coffee and refreshments in the foyer or outside when the weather is nice. Dates rotate among volunteers. It's an easy commitment and greatly appreciated by all! Sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or for information contact Katja Michael, katja.michael@tgmail.com.

► "Carols By Candlelight" — Concert Sunday, Dec. 6, 5 PM

The renowned community choral group, the Georgia Festival Chorus, will present its Christmas 2009 concert in St. Catherine's sanctuary. Pieces will include "O Holy Night," "Christmas Day," "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," and more. Several St. Cat's choir members participate with this group. Please be sure to bring your family, friends and neighbors! No admission, donations are greatly appreciated.

► Christmas Pageant — Sunday, Dec. 13

Children and youth are especially invited to participate, watch for announcements of rehearsal schedules.

► Hanging of the Greens — Sunday, Dec. 20, 5 PM

We will gather on Sunday, December 20 at 5:00 to decorate the church for Christmas. When the work is complete, we will gather in the parish hall for a light supper. Dinner will be followed with the singing of Christmas carols in the church. Please bring some cookies to share after caroling.

► St. Cat's Christmas Cards

Packs of 25 Christmas cards and envelopes available now for just \$10.00 for 3 packs! The cards feature a beautiful picture of our baptismal font taken by the rector. Cards available in the foyer after services or contact Jennifer Massey, 404- 375-8327 or jmmassey@tatt.blackberry.net.

Operation Christmas Child Report

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child outreach project! Thanks to church and preschool families, we were able to send over 70 gift-filled boxes, which will be used to make Christmas brighter for needy children all over the world.

- Jenny Gale

Career Ministry



St. Catherine's Career Ministry has an exciting line-up of programs for 2009-2010! All programs are in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM, free and open to all in the community so please spread the word. For more information contact us at career.ministry@stcatherines.org

January 21: Guest Speaker: Jim Browning, Topic: "LinkedIn" — Jim Browning is a business executive dedicated to helping people improve their business, networking, and leadership skills. As a leader of leaders, he helps individuals become better in networking, communication, and sales. Jim has extensive consumer and customer knowledge, and is an avid networker with connections all over the world. He has a reputation for being highly energetic with excellent organizational, time management, leadership, interpersonal, and problem solving skills. To find out more visit Jim's website: www.JimBrowningTraining.com

February 18: Guest Speaker: Ruthie Powell, Topic: "The Ruthie List Theory & Many Common Mistakes Made by Job Seekers" — Ruthie Powell has been recruiting for over 20 years as well as served in all levels of Human Resources. This wealth of experience has helped her to have a broad range of knowledge about many aspects of corporate America and "what they are looking for" in the candidates they consider. Although she recruits for a living, she is most "famous" for her Ruthie List! The

Ruthie List is a 12 year old list of OVER 7,000 members, made up of ONLY

Recruiters and Human Resources professionals working primarily in Atlanta. The FREE list is used to post open positions and keeps the Human Resources and Recruiting community informed about professional meetings. Contact: www.linkedin.com/in/ruthiepowell, ruthiep@bellsouth.net

April 15: Guest Speaker: Jay Litton, Topic: "The wwWoW! Interview" — Once you've heard Jay Litton speak you'll never hear the word "WoW!" the same again. As the creator of the wwWoW! Interview, he has personally trained thousands of professional job seekers on how to get the job offer they want. Jay derives a tremendous amount of satisfaction from helping others with their careers. He's going to share with us his method of greatly increasing our chances of blowing away any hiring manager and landing the positions we want. Jay leverages his 28 years of sales and sales management experiences to dramatically improve the results of those wanting a new job or a promotion. You can also find Jay at the RUMC Job Networking Ministry (www.RUMCjobnetworking.com) in Roswell. Jay leads a team of over 140 employed volunteer professionals who donate their time to help job seekers. This is one of the largest volunteer groups for job seekers in the Southeast.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 11/30

Susan's Day Off

7:00PM Mentors
7:00PM ESL
7:30PM Boy Scouts Troop 713

Tuesday, 12/1

7:00AM Eucharist & Study
10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
4:00PM Catechesis
6:30PM Grief Group

Wednesday, 12/2

9:30AM Bible Study
12:00PM CN & D
5:00PM WNL Program
5:45PM WNL Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM WNL Program

Thursday, 12/3

6:00PM Polar Express Night
6:30PM EFM
7:00PM Men's Bible Study

Friday, 12/4

Jim's Day Off

Jr. DYC weekend @ Mikell

10:00AM Folders
10:00AM Women's Bible Study
6:00PM Advent Quiet Evening
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 12/5

9:00AM Youth Reader Practice
10:00AM Christmas Tree pick up
7:00PM Open House @
Roomscapes Gallery
7:00PM Radio Club Party

Sunday, 12/6

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
3:30PM Youth Leaders
5:00PM Stephen Ministry
5:00PM Georgia Festival
Chorus concert
5:30PM Financial Peace

Letters



The flowers that were delivered to us have been such a joy to us. All the different reds in the different flowers, seeds and leaves were a reminder of our 40th (Ruby) anniversary. Thanks so much for taking the time to deliver them to us. Beautiful, bountiful arrangement!

Ken & Linda Minzenberger

A warm thank you to everyone who heard the Good Shepherd's voice this fall and abundantly provided us with art supplies, sewing supplies, gift certificates, volunteer hours, cleaning items, and other necessities. Oh, and children! You have so abundantly provided us with your children! We have so much it makes us laugh. Always our needs are lovingly and abundantly met with the inquiry, 'is there anything else I can do?' Our church is gracious. Your help in this ministry is so needed and welcome and we are always eager for your participation. Many thanks for your gifts—all of them—this fall.

— *The Catechists and Assistants at St. Cat's*

Lay Stewardship Talks

If you missed either of the inspiring Stewardship Talks from the pulpit in October, you can read them now on the Stewardship 2009 page of our website now — go to www.stcatherines.org to read Stephanie Yucius' Stewardship Talk on October 18, and Ellis Kilgore's Stewardship Talk on October 25.

Spring Women's Retreat

Save the dates:
April 23-25!



St. Cat's Yellow Pages

All personal services, all local businesses — we're still taking your listings! Please fill out a form on our website or pick one up in the foyer.

Diocesan Council: *some delegates' views*

By Diane Sanders:

It was an honor to represent St. Catherine's as a lay delegate to the Diocese of Atlanta Annual Council held at the Cathedral of St. Philip earlier this month. For me, the highlight of the weekend was the opportunity to hear the Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori speak about the work of the Episcopal Church throughout the world. She fielded questions written by the members of the various delegations represented at the meeting. I was impressed with her humanity, intelligence, global perspective and clarity as she thoughtfully addressed each question.

Throughout the weekend I felt proud to be an Episcopalian as we listened to various groups describe the work they are doing on behalf of the economically disadvantaged, disabled and disenfranchised, not only in the diocese, but throughout this country and the world. There is a great deal of important and potentially life-changing work being done by members of the Episcopal Church.

Friday's session closed with a beautiful service held in the nave of the cathedral. The Presiding Bishop celebrated Eucharist and gave the sermon. The procession was glorious with lots of pomp, circumstance and incense. A combined choir of voices from churches in the Mid-Atlanta Convocation sang music that was awe-inspiring. I am always moved by the beauty of the cathedral. If you have never attended a service there, you should make a point to do so. I came away from the weekend with a different perspective of St. Catherine's as a part of the Diocese. We are not only a single parish in the diocese, but also part of a much larger group of believers doing the work of God throughout the world.

By Alan Certain:

I admit it! I was curious when I saw an announcement in the Opportunities For Ministry asking for parishioners to serve on the St. Cats delegation to the 103rd Diocesan Council. What was involved? How much work? How much value? I didn't know, but I volunteered anyway. Finally ... I received an email saying I was selected.

All day Friday and half a day Saturday doesn't seem like a lot of time, does it? And this year's Council was in the magnificent Cathedral of St. Philip, right here in Atlanta. Enthusiastically, I joined our delegation as we marched off (well, drove) to the Cathedral. Are you familiar with the concept of a sardine can? The Great Hall at the Cathedral is (I expect) rated to accommodate 250 people. Well, we had over 540 packed in there! Three hours before the first break! Need to make an emergency trip to the porcelain facility? *Forgedaboutit!*

During the day-and-a-half, we heard great addresses from our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori; our Bishop, Neil Alexander; and our Assistant Bishop, Keith Whitmore. We attended a wonderful Eucharist in the Cathedral where Bishop Jefferts Schori preached. We heard many, many, many committee reports. And we witnessed the awarding of the first Bishop's Medal (kinda like our St. Catherine's Cross) to Gary Pannell, who served 22 years as diocesan treasurer.

At the end of Friday, I felt sorta bored. But by adjournment Saturday, I had come to recognize that I had been privileged to see the scope of service by our church in the Diocese of Atlanta and throughout the world. My viewpoint is not quite so parochial anymore. I commend council service to anyone who is interested in knowing more about our Episcopal Church. I also encourage you to enter the following address in your web browser and read a fuller account and see photos and links to even more information:

www.episcopalatlanta.org/News/newsView.asp?NewsId=409681118

Weddings at St. Cat's



Congratulations to **Christina Huey and Josh McLean**, married at St. Catherine's on October 24.

Congratulations to **Erica Stephens and Adam Handell**, married at St. Catherine's on November 21.

YOUTH

"1,000 Cans" Food Drive!

The Youth are collecting canned goods for MUST every week through November. The cans will be delivered the first week of December to help them restock their pantry after all they do for Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate any canned goods you can bring them to the youth house or put them in the bucket marked "1000 Cans for MUST" next to the Christmas Tree sales table in the foyer. Help us help MUST Ministries!



Welcome to
Lucy Jane Kathryn Arthur
 daughter of Mike Arthur and
 Youth Director Amelia Arthur,
 born on November 15!

- **Youth Alumni Open House**

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 5:30-8:00 pm
 at Wild Wing Café, Roswell Rd., Marietta.
 Drop in any time this evening to say hi and
 catch up with friends. For ages 18-30 (who
 have graduated high school) who are for-
 mer members of St. Cat's youth groups.

- **Save this date!**

Friday, February 12 – Valentine's Dinner
 Dance 2010!

Secret Santa Shoppe, Breakfast and Craft Sale

Saturday, December 12
9 am to 1 pm



Enjoy a wonderful, relaxing breakfast and shopping among our featured vendors and crafters, while your children ages 2-11 do all of their Christmas shopping. Our Youth will lead them through the shop full of goodies for all of the special people on their list. After shopping they'll be assisted in wrapping their gifts. Santa will be visiting and professional photos will be available!

Reservations are suggested, however tickets will be available at the door. Breakfast prices: \$5/adults, \$2/children under 12.

Gifts in the shop will be priced \$2-\$10. For more information contact Lee Ann Sherry at 770-815-5299.

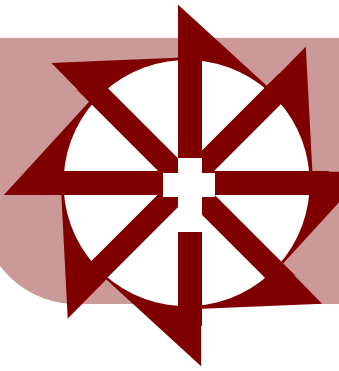
Safe Churches

"...Our objective now is to increase awareness of how we can all contribute to a safe and loving place where children may grow..." As part of our Baptismal Covenant, we affirm that with God's help we will respect the dignity of every human being. In response, at St. Catherine's we are committed to providing to all children and youth who enter our doors a loving environment and a place of physical and emotional safety that nurtures relationships and helps them to develop confidence and self esteem. We believe that providing an emotionally safe and spiritually grounded environment is best done when all adults participate. Hebrew parents didn't try to raise their children alone. They had the help of the entire community. African cultures share the vision that "It takes a village to raise a child." Shouldn't churches model the attention and time devoted to the care and nurturing of children and youth?

It has become necessary to raise our awareness of the increase in child abuse in our society. In 2003, the National Episcopal Church responded by passing a resolution mandating that each diocese develop and adopt policies for Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse. This resulted in the Safeguarding God's Children training program, which was developed and ad-

vanced by the Church Pension Group, in partnership with Praesidium Inc., the curriculum designer. The program includes model policies and guidelines on screening, interacting, monitoring, training, and reporting with regard to adult supervision of and interaction with children and youth.

The Diocese of Atlanta has used "Safeguarding" since 2004. As of August 2009, the Diocese has incorporated the Model Policies into our own diocesan policies, now referred to as the Diocese of Atlanta Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse. All employees, clergy and lay, of Episcopal parishes and institutions in the Diocese of Atlanta, should be aware of these policies and their content, as well as parish leaders and anyone working with children and/or youth. Community is central to the life of our church. Relationships in ministry should reflect Christ's love for and through each of us, leaving us to feel safe and cared for. In the coming weeks, we will be providing more information about maintaining a safe environment for everyone in the church, particularly our children, our youth and those who work with them. If you have a question or require resources or other information on child protection, contact Nadine Pope LMSW at ronaza@mindspring.com.



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Mark Your Calendars

- 11/24 Thanksgiving service & Pie
- 11/26-27 ..Office closed
- 11/26 Thanksgiving Day;
Gobble Jog
- 11/29 Advent wreath making
- 11/2/1, 8 Eucharist & Study
- 12/2,9 WNL
- 12/4 Advent Quiet Evening
- 12/5,6 Christmas tree pickup
- 12/6 St. Nicholas Day;
Georgia Festival
Chorus concert

The Wheel

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Stewardship Ingathering continues



Every pledge is very important. Remember, your Vestry will set the budget for 2010 based strictly on pledges received now. Thank you to everyone who has returned their pledge. If you have not yet done so please consider making a pledge, even if you have not in the past. Please visit the Stewardship web page at www.stcatherines.org to print a card OR copies are available at church.

Gobble Jog for MUST

Sign up now or just show up on Nov. 26! The Gobble Jog is a benefit for MUST Ministries on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, featuring a 1K, 5K, a 10K run/walk and the Tot Trot (for kids 5 and under). It starts and ends at the Marietta Square. There will be plenty of food, beverages, entertainment and awards for all age categories. **Can't run?** Sign up as a "phantom runner" and get your well-deserved race shirt by mail! Get details at www.gobblejog.org.

Elizabeth Inn

Next dinner date: Sat., Nov. 28
Next laundry date: Tue., Nov. 24

St. Catherine's prepares and serves dinner on the 28th of every month to the guests at the Elizabeth Inn homeless shelter -- sign up on the Outreach table in the foyer or contact Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, and Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609. In addition, volunteers help with laundry on the 4th TUESDAY and the 5TH WEDNESDAY of the month. To join the "laundry team" please contact Fred Massey, f_massey2AThotmail.com or 404.731.4466.



Flowers & Candles

The 2010 schedule for flowers and candles will be available beginning Nov. 29 in the foyer, to sign up to dedicate altar flowers or candles in memory or thanksgiving for a loved one. And remember if you signed up for 2009 to send your payment to the church office ASAP if you have not yet done so. Flowers are \$60 per vase and candles are \$20. Thank you!