

The Wheel

Christmas Pageant



Sunday, Dec. 13, 8:45 AM

Everyone is invited to a joyful celebration of the proclamation of our Savior's birth! All children and youth are welcome to take part. Rehearsals, while not mandatory, are suggested as little ones do better if they are familiar with their part and costume.

Rehearsals:

Tuesday, Dec. 8 – 6:30-7:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 12 – 12:30-1:30 PM

Secret Santa Shoppe, Breakfast & Craft Sale



Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 am - 1 pm

Reservations suggested, however tickets will be available at the door. Enjoy breakfast and shopping among our featured vendors and crafters, while children ages 2-11 do their Christmas shopping. Our Youth will lead them through the shop and then assist them to wrap their gifts. Santa will visit and professional photos will be available! Breakfast prices: \$5/adults, \$2/children under 12. Gifts in the shop will be priced \$2-\$10. Look for registration forms in your bulletin or pick one up in the foyer. For more information contact Lee Ann Sherry, 770-815-5299.

Carols By Candlelight

Sunday, Dec. 6, 5:00 PM

The renowned community choral group, the Georgia Festival Chorus, will present its Christmas concert in the sanctuary. Pieces will include "O Holy Night," "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" and more. Please bring your family and friends for delightful sounds of the season. No admission (donations greatly appreciated), nursery available.

GIVE—AND RECEIVE JOY!

◆ Giving Tree (by Dec. 20)

Each ornament on the Giving Tree in the foyer lists a gift for a child at Emmaus House. If you would like to provide a gift, simply take an ornament and sign the log book. Then bring your wrapped gift to the Giving Tree by Sunday, December 20, with the ornament tag fastened to it.

◆ Needs for MUST (by Dec. 13)

- **Gift cards from Kroger, Publix, Target and Walmart.** Please place in an envelope marked "Outreach" and put in the (locked) Vestry Suggestion Box in the foyer.
- **L & XL women's and men's winter wear** — coats, hats, scarves and blankets (new or GENTLY used).
- **Secret Santa Shop gifts** (for children at MUST to select for their parents) — perfumes/colognes, wallets, candles, stationary, small tool kits, knick-knacks, costume jewelry, new or GENTLY used.
- **Food:** Please help MUST keep up with the needs of our community for the holidays and every day.

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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!

Vestry Elections Dec. 13

See candidates inside, pages 6-7!

Year End, New Year!

- **All donations to the church for 2009** must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31.
- Please turn in any **invoices and requests for reimbursement for 2009** expenses by Dec. 31.
- **Annual Reports** — Now is the time to start thinking about annual reports. We will gladly accept them early. We really want to have all groups and ministries included in the report. The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 24. Please send them by email to rosewolfe@bellsouth.net

Holy Baptism

Next dates:
January 10, April 3

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Advent brings its many responsibilities as well as a hectic-ness to which the church staff is not immune. You would think that if we preach it, pray it, read it—we'd get it. Yet Christmas looms on the horizon and there are so many decisions before it arrives. Postcard proofs fit snugly in the schedule between music decisions for the major services. Room assignments get hectic for the many activities of the church. We prepare for the generous outreach of this congregation as we struggle to keep the schedule inside these walls straight in our minds. A radio commentator was reflecting the other morning that Christmas Day remains an oasis of quiet and calm in the United States culture—a respite between 1 shopping day left till Christmas and 364 shopping days left till Christmas. Our Christmas Day worship is the most eagerly awaited in my liturgical life—perhaps a reflection on what this commentator observed about our society.

In the midst of all this, however, I do find some peace, solace and renewal each year. One source of this is our Tuesday morning Eucharist and Study during Advent. I look forward to this quiet time with

parishioners as the sun rises and brightens our sanctuary and our hearts. The other source of that peace, solace and renewal sits in a special place on my desk. And it just happens to be the reflections you write as a congregation. They await me each morning as I arrive in the office. I may not be the best at my discipline of prayer and reflection the rest of the year, but during Advent I look forward to the few minutes of peace and quiet I have each morning with your reflections. I am honored to serve a congregation that takes the time to do these reflections both for Advent/Christmas and Lent.

I just want you to know that I am fed deeply by your willingness to take Scripture and apply it to your human condition and to do so with a vulnerability and transparency that invites me more deeply into my own life as well as yours. A heart felt thanks to Gail McGill, Karen Manno and Rose Wolfe for their very capable collecting, editing and proofing of this booklet. And a deep and grateful thanks to each of you for your willingness to take the time and energy to participate—and to open yourselves to all of us.

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Lillian Vu, Tom Carter, Glenda King, 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, Dick Kareken, Toni Curry, Marian Harrison, Elizabeth Whitton, Sarah Forsyth, Joan Thurston, Frank Cade, Sharon & Dale Motes, Buck Berkeley, Risa Maier, Cozette Tanner, Woodie Patrick, John Clough, Joe C. Brown, Susan Johnson, Milt Hayes, Rex Whitehead, Pat Farrell, Bryan Mellinger, Frank Rios, Ben Shushan, Mary Florence Benson, Ryan Clark, Hugh Wolfe, Nick Wolfe, Taylor Baumann, Joyce Harmon, Martha Bertleff, Jimmy Blaisdell, Carrie Gilliam, Charlie Templeton, Garrett Ellington,

Barbara Benninghof, Kathleen Williams

Before Surgery

Lee Defore, 12/8/09, friend of Nelson and Emily Gale; Connie Bergeron 12/14/09

Deceased

Earl Layton, Kimberly Blythe's father; Joyce Showalter, cousin and friend of Marion Cook

Special Prayers

For Margaret & Bob Bowman

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(12/6/09) Daniel, Elizabeth & David Goldman; Steve, Valerie & Gabi Gosnell; Donna Green; Jim & Bobbye Greene; Matt, Missy, Caroline & Audrey Greene;
(12/13/09) Germany Greer, Ron, Susan & Joe Greger; Bette Hamilton, Philip & Kathleen Hamilton; Jamie Harding

Birthdays

(12/6) Christina McLean, Alysia Bowers-Dean, Reese Maier; (12/7) Peggy Towery, Luke Mikkelsen; (12/8) Gail McGill, (12/9) Katie Lowry, Gene Carter, Sebastian Hutto; (12/10) Ann Snead, Barbara Perry, Nicky Muckerman, Megan Shannonhouse; (12/11) Bobbye Greene, Margaret Caudle, Chandler Parker, Christopher Rader, Elaine Krupp; (12/12) Chris Kiefer, Lee Stuart, Jackson Miller; (12/13) Terry Sheehan, Ben Frost, Jr.; (12/14) Ken Denton; (12/15) Jennifer Massey, Kevin Manno; (12/16) Kayla Daniel, Vann Bartlett; (12/18) Thomas Bird, Charlie Tanner, Riley Yucius; (12/19) Catherine Boyd, Christopher Nesbit; (12/20) Kendall Cook

Anniversaries

(12/12) Roy & Susan Johnson; (12/18) John & Fran Brooks

Flowers & Candles



The 2010 schedule is now available in the foyer for you to sign up to dedicate altar flowers or candles in memory of thanksgiving for a loved one. And, please 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 each. Thank you!

Breakfast at MUST

Father Jim invites you to join him to do breakfast for the guests at the Elizabeth Inn on the fourth Wednesday of the month. He would like one or two volunteers for each date. You'll arrive at the Inn at 5:30 am, cook breakfast, serve at 6:30 am, and then leave — no clean up is required. Please be sure to wear closed-toe shoes. To find out more check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Father Jim, 770-971-2839.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our "Today's Gifts; Tomorrow's Future" Stewardship campaign continues. We currently have 195 financial commitments for 2010 for a total income of \$606,652. These two numbers (195 pledges/\$606,000) are exactly where we ended our campaign for 2009. To date there are an additional 20 households who pledged to St. Catherine's in 2009 and are yet to pledge for 2010. These represent a possible additional income of \$50,000.

The 195 financial commitments for 2010 include 31 new pledges or about 16% of the commitments. Nearly 75% of our households have either increased (54%) or maintained (21%) their pledges for the coming year. About 50% of our new commitments represent children or youth who have committed a portion of their resources to the support of our ministries. All of these numbers can be interpreted as good news.

We still have a way to go. Like everyone else our expenses are increasing in 2010 before we even consider increasing/restoring funding to existing ministries or funding new min-

istries. A budget that does not include any increase in giving (where we are right now) only means further cuts in programming, mission and ministry in order to fund fixed expenses.

What can you do? First we ask your prayers that we may remain faithful to our call as the Finance Team and Vestry fashion a budget for 2010. If you pledged last year and have not had the opportunity to return your commitment for 2010, please do so as soon as possible. If you did not make a written financial commitment last year or in previous years, please consider doing so this year. No matter the size of the gift, we are both thankful and confident you make a difference.

For every person who has participated in this year's effort, we want to thank you. Sometimes it feels like words are inadequate to express our deep thanksgiving for all that everyone does on behalf of our ministries. This is one of those times—please know how deeply grateful we are for your presence in this community and for the gifts you so freely and abundantly share. We are profoundly aware of your trust and confidence in our ability to be good stewards of your gifts.

Pathway to financial peace within your reach!

St. Catherine's is wrapping up our first "semester" of Dave Ramsey's acclaimed Financial Peace University (FPU) class on December 13, when our first participants will "graduate" and continue down the pathway toward financial freedom. This class is positively powerful! Hear it from the participants themselves:



"I wish my husband and I had taken FPU earlier in our marriage. It has helped us communicate more effectively about money and the role it plays in our lives. We now have a plan in place that will enable us to get out of debt and build wealth so that we spend, save and give more in the future. It is empowering to know that we are on the right track."

"FPU has been an eye opening experience. Through my new found knowledge, I was able to cut my debt in half simply by selling my car and paying cash for another. As a result I will get out of debt a year sooner and be on my way to truly living like no one else."

"This class has provided a treasure chest of valuable lessons and insights which are

practical to incorporate, providing an incredible return on investment. Thanks to FPU, we will soon be out of debt and on the road to wealth building and an abundant retirement. In the meantime, we will be able to generously provide for our children's college education."

Are you looking for ways to spend less and eliminate the burden of debt? Do you need guidance on how best to save and invest more of your hard-earned income? Do you want to provide for college educations or to enjoy a long, self-funded retirement? If so, then FPU is the class for you.

Our second "semester" will be offered Sundays at 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, starting January 24 and ending May 2 with a two-week Spring Break in April. Phil and Lisa Spessard (students this "semester") have volunteered to moderate these sessions.

To learn more, please stop by our information table between services starting December 20. Thirty-minute Preview Sessions will also be offered on Sundays in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please contact Phil Spessard at pspessardATgmail.com or Peter Morich at peter.morichATgmail.com.

We hope you will consider joining our second class of our parishioners and friends seeking a bright financial future.

Advent and Christmas at St. Catherine's



- Dec. 8, 15, 22 – Advent Eucharist & Study, 7:00-8:00 am
- Dec. 9, 16 – Wednesday Night Live dinner & programs
- Dec. 12 – Secret Santa Shop, Breakfast & Craft Sale, 9 am to 1 pm
- Dec. 13 (Advent 3) – Christmas Pageant during 8:45 service; Seasonal donations due; Vestry Elections at all services
- Dec. 17 – Senior adults holiday Eucharist & Lunch
- Dec. 20 (Advent 4) – Hanging of the Greens, 5:00-8:00 pm; Giving Tree ingathering
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve: Worship with special music, followed by Festive Receptions
 - Family Holy Eucharist - Worship begins at 5:00 pm
 - The Christ Mass - Special music prelude (Vivaldi "Gloria") at 10:30, procession begins at 11:00 pm
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am
- Dec. 27 – Worship at 7:30 and 10:30 ONLY, no Church School; Rector's Open House, 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- Jan. 3 – Worship at 7:30 and 10:30 ONLY, no Church School

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 12/7

Susan's Day Off

7:00PM ESL
7:30PM B.S. Troop 713

Tuesday, 12/8

7:00AM Eucharist & Study
10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
4:00PM Catechesis
6:30PM Grief Group
6:30PM Pageant Rehearsal
7:00PM Mothers & More
7:00PM PL & F Team
7:00PM Stewardship
7:00PM Youth Ministry

Wednesday, 12/9

7:30AM Executive Committee
9:30AM Bible Study
12:00PM Preschool Program
5:00PM WNL Program
5:45PM WNL Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM Daughters of the King
6:30PM VDD Parent Meeting
6:30PM WNL Program
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 12/10

12:00PM Preschool Program
5:00PM Finance
6:30PM EFM
6:30PM Preschool Program
7:00PM Men's Bible Study
8:00PM YF – Wild Wing

Friday, 12/11

Jim's Day Off

10:00AM Folders
10:00AM Women's Bible Study
7:00PM Staff Christmas Party
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 12/12

9:00AM Secret Santa
12:30PM Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, 12/13

Vestry Elections

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Pageant
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
5:30PM Financial Peace

St. Cat's Youth Alumni Open House



Wednesday, December 23, 5:30-8:00 pm at Wild Wing Café — Drop in any time this evening to say hi

and catch up with old friends! All former members of St. Cat's youth programs ages 18-30 who have graduated high school are invited. Wild Wing is located at 2145 Roswell Road, Marietta 30062.

Christmas Eve Receptions



Festive receptions follow the 5:00 and 11:00 Christmas Eve services. We invite you to donate finger foods for the reception, please bring them to the Parish Hall prior to the service you attend this night.

Reflection of the Day

A special annual tradition at St. Catherine's is our booklet of reflections on Advent and Christmas written by our own parishioners. Copies are available at church, and be sure to check on our website throughout the season for your Reflection of the Day!

Adults outing sponsored by YF

Thursday, Dec. 10 at Wild Wing Café

Young Families Ministry invites you to join them at Wild Wing Café, Roswell Rd. Marietta, for their "Holiday Brews" December beer tasting at 8 pm. Cost of \$20 includes tasting and a raffle ticket (everyone wins a prize — beer glasses, t-shirts, etc.). This is their most popular tasting so call ASAP to The Wing, 770-509-9464, to make your reservation. 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.

Advent Eucharist/Study

Tuesdays 7-8 AM through Dec. 22

During Advent we to celebrate a Eucharist and Study on Tuesday mornings. We gather at 7:00 AM for a brief Eucharist followed by our study from "Child of the Light: Walking Through Advent and Christmas" by Beth A. Richardson. By 8:00 AM you'll be off to work, school, or your day's plans. The materials are available on our Advent Resource Table in the foyer.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 12/14

Susan's Day Off

6:30PM Men's Book Study
 7:00PM Women's Bible Study
 7:00PM ESL
 7:30PM Boy Scouts Troop 713

Tuesday, 12/15

7:00AM Eucharist & Study
 10:00AM Morning Prayer
 10:30AM Staff Meeting
 12:00PM Clericus Meeting
 4:00PM Catechesis
 7:00PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 12/16

9:30AM Bible Study
 11:00AM Preschool Board
 5:00PM WNL Program
 5:45PM WNL Dinner
 6:15PM Youth Choir
 6:30PM WNL Program
 7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 12/17

11:00AM Seniors Luncheon
 5:30PM Catechumenate
 6:30PM EFM
 6:30PM Preschool Staff

Friday, 12/18

Jim's Day Off

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

Saturday, 12/19

10:00AM Acolyte Practice

Sunday, 12/20

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
 8:00AM Breakfast
 8:45AM Holy Eucharist
 10:00AM Church School
 11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
 5:00PM Hanging of the Greens

Give — and receive Joy!

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• **Food:** Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soup, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, canned meat, canned fruit, canned pasta, canned vegetables, canned and dry beans, mac and cheese, baby food, rice, boxed meals.

◆ **Be an Emmaus Elf** — Join us at Emmaus House on Christmas Eve morning. We serve as hosts and helpers as the crowd of hundreds enjoy activities and presents. It's a wonderful time, guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit, and we would love for you to join us! Please sign up in the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Nadine Pope, ronaza.AT.mindspring.com or 770-973-9057.

Seasonal Donations



Due by December 13

We invite the parish each year to donate money towards decorating our church for Christmas and special music for Christmas Eve. Please insert your donation in the brown envelopes in your pews and let us know in or on the envelope your name and who you want your gift to be remembered in thanksgiving or memory of. Please return your envelope by Dec. 13 to be listed in our Christmas bulletins.

Special Christmas Fund



Each Christmas members of this congregation give to create a Special Christmas Fund. This fund is used to support members of this congregation who through the previous year have suffered in any number of ways. This fund is used to support them at a time of year when limited resources are painfully evident as a family attempts to provide the joy of Christmas. The Rector, in consultation with the staff, makes the decision as to how this fund will be used.

We invite you to be a part of this giving. If you would like to give to this fund simply write a check to St. Catherine's and clearly mark it for the Special Christmas Fund. Any amount will be gratefully accepted.

Hanging of the Greens



Sunday, Dec. 20, 5-8 PM

As the Advent season draws to a close and the joy of Christmas is just around the corner, we will gather to decorate the church for Christmas. This is always a very special time filled with laughter, joy, and a little labor. We can use every hand!

Please bring a finger dessert to share. Be sure to bring your friends, your visiting family, your joy and laughter. This is an evening for every member of the congregation (nursery available for little ones during the work time).

We will begin at 5:00 PM to decorate the church, parish hall, youth house, atrium, and outside. At 6:00 we'll break for a light supper. We'll return to a decorated and candle-lit sanctuary at 7:00 to sing some carols and play the bells. We'll finish the evening with dessert. See you there!

A Way to Serve

Parish Facilities & Administration

This month the Parish Facilities and Administration Ministries are our ministry team focus, and we get to tell you about how we serve.

In addition to St. Catherine's wonderful clergy and staff, some of your fellow parishioners help with essential tasks that make our church go. We maintain our buildings and grounds, our web site, our sound systems, our information technology systems; we publish important communications like *The Wheel*; we volunteer to help in the church office; we help with human resource needs. We have fun.

These areas are second nature to homeowners and business workers. If you don't have the experience, we can show you how. The folks who head these ministries are identified in the Ministries Directory, or ask Al Jones, 770.565.1013, who is the convener. Would you like to join us?



VESTRY CANDIDATES

Elections to select 4 new Vestry members will be held at all services on Sunday, December 13. This slate along with photos of the candidates can be viewed on our website and will be in your Sunday bulletins. If you will be unable to attend this day, you may register for an absentee ballot by calling the Parish Office, 770-971-2839. Absentee ballots are available in the office the week of December 7th and must be returned to the office by 5:00 pm on Friday, Dec. 11.

Be a LEM



Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) bring communion to parish members unable to come to church

because of illness or infirmity. LEMs have a pastoral role, offering their presence in a way that brings hope and healing to those who may feel isolated or lonely. Training is provided.

If you are interested please check the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin.

Coffee Ministry

Joins us on the Coffee 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 under the great oak when the weather allows. This is a fun and easy way to meet lots of your fellow parishioners! Please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Katja Michael, katja.michael@ATgmail.com.

TANYA BOWERS-DEAN

Years at St. Catherine's: 2. **Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's**—The Coracle, Sonshine Ministry, Flower Delivery, Lay Reader, Marriage Journey, Financial Peace University, Marriage Encounter, Cursillo. **Occupation**—Wife and Mother; Executive Assistant @ Radiant Systems; Volunteer Director of Education for the Attachment & Trauma Network

Biographical Information— I am a 39 year old GA native, born in Columbus, GA and moved to Atlanta early in life. My husband Richard and I have been married for 13 years and have two beloved daughters, Alysia and Celia. I was raised Presbyterian, but became Episcopalian shortly after college.

I am honored to be considered to serve the Body of Christ here as a member of our Vestry. Two gifts I would bring to that service are an analytical mind and a compassionate heart. I have a talent for analyzing, researching and understanding issues from more than one perspective, while still focusing on solving problems and getting things done. I believe our primary focus as a Christian church should always be on seeking to know and do what God calls us to do, loving God with our whole beings and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

ERIC DELABARRE

Years at St. Catherine's: 5. **Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's**—Adult Choir Member, Adult Church School, Security for all night prayer vigils, food drives, toy drives and other various church ministries. **Occupation**—Retired Military (21 years); Civil servant with Dept. of Justice working with National Security matters in the US Attorney's office in Atlanta.

Biographical Information— I am married to my wife Deana for 30 years and we have two children, Scott and Rachel. We have lived all over the world.

I have always tried to serve my community as well as my country, whether as a board member of the PTA, Boy Scout Leader, mentor, coach, church lay reader and choir member. While I feel my strongest talent is sharing the word of God through song, because it brings joy to my heart and I want to share that joy with the congregation. It helps me keep a positive outlook on life, renewing my faith each week, though I miss sitting with Deana.

I feel my leadership, organizational, and con-

sensus team-building skills would be an asset to the Vestry. My hope is that through serving on Vestry, I can return to the church some of the countless blessings I received throughout my life, now as member of this parish and especially its choir.

VIC PHILLPOTTS

Years at St. Catherine's: 4. **Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's**—Habitat for Humanity, Youth House Build, Usher, MUST Ministry (Elizabeth Inn) Overnight Team, Wednesday Night Live Cook. **Occupation**—Sales Manager, P.F. Harris Mfg Company

Biographical Information— I have been married to Patty for 23 years and joined St. Catherine's in January of 2006. We have three children, Ian (21), Keely (16), and Quinn (11). We have been members of the Episcopal Church for over 20 years. I am currently working with PF Harris Mfg in Alpharetta, GA as a National Sales Manager and routinely travel throughout the country on business.

I enjoy running and I'm looking forward to participating in this Springs ING Marathon for the 4th year in a row. I enjoy the close family friendships that have been developed while being a part of St. Catherine's community. Having been asked to run for Vestry, I am willing to commit the time, resources and spiritual reflection that is required to fill this role.

SALLY POWERS

Years at St. Catherine's: 5. **Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's**—Altar Guild, Daughters of the King, Wedding Guild, Stephen Minister, Sonshine Ministry, Creation Keepers, Women's Bible Study. **Occupation**—

Biographical Information— As a freshman at Auburn University, I attended an Episcopal Church (St. Dunstan's) for the first time in my life. I remember thinking, "Wow, this is where I need to be!" I was confirmed there that same year.

Many years later, I had much the same feeling visiting St. Catherine's. For the past 5 plus years, through good times and tragedy, I have been sustained and supported by the family of St. Catherine's. If chosen to serve on Vestry, I would hope to continue the traditions of St. Catherine's as we begin our next half century.

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Computers wanted

Are you planning to replace a computer with a shiny new one soon? Don't know what to do with the old one? The church office is in need of one or two Windows PC desktop computers in good working condition. Here are the system capabilities of what would be useful to us:

- CPU – Dual CPUs or dual core CPU 2 Ghz or faster, AMD or Intel
- memory – 2 GB or more
- disk – 160 GB or more
- monitor – not required, 19" or larger flat screen if included
- Windows XP Professional license (CD not needed)

If you have a system of this type you would consider donating please contact St. Catherine's IT Committee Chair, Paul Manno, at pmanno@ATgmail.com. (Your staff requests that computers and other items *not* be dropped off at church without first checking with us to see if it fits our current needs.)

Vestry candidates (cont'd)

ROBBIE ROY

Years at St. Catherine's: 4. **Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's**—Stephen Minister, Remembrance Ministry, Education for Ministry, J2A Leader, The Coracle. **Occupation**—Production Manager at a screen printing company.

Biographical Information—I grew up in Birmingham, Alabama and graduated from Samford University with a B.S. in Education. After teaching for one year, I was enticed back to my college job and have been in printing ever since.

I joined St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in 1997. After moving to Marietta in 1999, and driving to Birmingham many weekends to attend St. Andrew's, I finally found my church home at St. Catherine's.

I feel that I will make a strong candidate for the Vestry because I genuinely love my church family and have a strong desire to serve in any capacity in which I am qualified at St. Catherine's.

HARRY TEAR

Years at St. Catherine's: just over 1 year
Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's—Young Families Ministry, Blood Drives

Occupation—Attorney, representing employers in Worker's Compensation claims.

Biographical Information—My wife Jennifer and I have been married for 16 years and have 2 children, Lauren, who is 9 years old and a 3rd grader and Harry who is 5. I was born and raised in a conservative Episcopal tradition (very old school—1928 Prayer Book still used!) I also attend an Episcopal boarding school (St. Andrew's in Delaware), which gave me another perspective on the Episcopal Church.

We were members of a Presbyterian church for over 10 years before "finding" St. Catherine's. Once we did, we knew we had found "home". St. Cat's is the most warm and nurturing church environment I have found and I would be honored to serve the Lord and this wonderful faith community as a member of the Vestry.

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 Saturdays, 9 am—noon, Jan.—May
- Contemplative Prayer — Sundays 5-7 pm, Jan. 10 through Feb. 14
- Parenting: A Sacred Path — Mondays 7-9 pm, Jan. 25-March 8
- Exploring Your Creative Spirit — Saturday, February 20, 9 am to 2 pm

WELCOME

As we begin a new church year, please look around for these new faces and let them know how happy we are to welcome them to the St. Cat's family!

Ann, Todd, and Grady Hitchins —

The Hitchins family moved to East Cobb from Richmond, Virginia in April 2008. They live in the Weatherstone Subdivision. Ann has her own business designing custom invitations and Todd, a big Georgia bulldog fan, is a sales rep for a packaging company. Grady is in pre-school. They most often attend the 11:15 service.

Sarah and Tom Fulton —

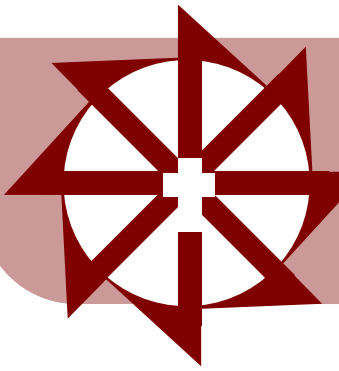
Tom and Sarah have lived in the Atlanta area for almost 10 years. Tom teaches math and engineering at an East Cobb high school. Sarah is the Parish Administrator for a church in southwest Atlanta. She usually attends the 11:15 service.

Alison, Jeff and Hannah Harris —

In August, the Harris family moved from Charlotte, North Carolina, and live near the Willow Point Subdivision. Hannah is in high school in East Cobb and plays violin. Jeff is a member of the choir and enjoys playing guitar. Alison is involved in Catechesis and she and Jeff are part of the Marriage Encounter group. They attend the 11:15 service.

Laurie, Ron, Gabbie, Daniel and Ellie Dover —

Gabbie is in high school, Daniel in middle school, and Ellie in elementary school. They are transferring from St. David's, Roswell. Look for the Dovers most often at the 8:45. service. Ron, a big Georgia Tech fan, is a musician and is interested in the Jubilate Choir. He works in a large corporate office. Laurie, a Crimson Tide fan, owns a catering company. After the holiday rush, they might be interested in joining a Foyers group.



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Mark Your Calendars

- 12/8, 15, 22 ... Eucharist & Study
- 12/9, 16 WNL
- 12/12 Secret Santa Shop, Craft Sale, Breakfast
- 12/13 Christmas Pageant; Vestry Elections; Seasonal donations due
- 12/17 Senior adults luncheon
- 12/20 Hanging of the Greens
- 12/22, 30... Elizabeth Inn laundry
- 12/28 Elizabeth Inn dinner

The Wheel

Next Publications:
Dec. 18, Jan. 8, Jan. 22
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Elizabeth Inn

Dinner: Monday, Dec. 28
Laundry teams: Dec. 22 and Dec. 30



Your help is needed! St. Catherine's supplies laundry assistance at MUST's Elizabeth Inn homeless shelter on the 4th Tuesday and 5th Wednesday each month – December has five Wednesdays this year so we need two laundry groups this month! We also prepare and serve dinner on the 28th of each month. To volunteer please sign up at the Outreach table opposite the Parlor. Or, for laundry team contact Fred Massey, f_massey2@hotmail.com, 404-731-4466 / for dinner contact Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, or Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 22
SEE INSERT INSIDE!

Christmas trees & greens pick up



- **Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 AM to 2 PM**
- **Sunday, Dec. 6, 1 to 2 PM**

Please pick up your preordered items in the back parking lot on We will have twine to tie trees to your car and a saw to trim the bottom. Thank you for your support of our Youth House!

Stewardship ingathering continues

We thank 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.

Remember, your Vestry will set the budget for 2009 based strictly on pledges received for the coming year. Please visit the Stewardship web page at www.stcatherines.org to complete the Time and Talent Pledge Card and the 2009 Giving Card, OR printed copies are available at church.

Holt Road Community
BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, December 22nd

2:30 PM-7:30 PM

St. Catherine's Episcopal – Youth House

To schedule an appointment go to www.givelife.org
and enter the sponsor code: holtrc

All participants will receive an appreciation gift. For
further information contact Jennifer Massey at
(404) 375-8327

One pint of blood can help save up to three lives!