

The Wheel

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St. Cat's YARD SALE

Saturday, Sept. 25 8 AM to 2 PM

Ingathering of items is underway! The proceeds will go toward equipment and supplies for our new kitchen. Bring your clean, sale-able donations to church on Sunday, Sept. 19. You may also bring items on Saturday, Sept. 18, 8 AM to noon. The **last chance drop-off date will be Friday, Sept. 24**, starting at 10 AM. Pickup service for larger items can be arranged by contacting either Jerome Laux, 770-973-7689, or Joan Nixon, 770-977-2525. **Please do not bring items on the day of the sale.**

Here's how you can help us to price your items:

- Don't write directly on the items – write on paper and tape it to the item, or write on masking tape.
- If you know an approximate retail price of non-clothing items, please mark it on the item.
- Segregate clean clothing items by type. For expensive clothing items such as suits or “dressy” dresses, include an approximate retail price.
- For electrical items, please include power cords and any manuals.

Bake Sale all day!

The Youth Council will be staffing a Bake Sale with all proceeds to go to this year's busy Youth calendar. They could use your help with donations of goodies! To put your cooking skills to use, contact Brian West.



Low Country Boil after the sale: 2-4 PM

After a grueling day of shopping at the Yard Sale, step on over to the Low Country Boil. If you love seafood, you'll love this meal. We need cooks, servers, setup, cleanup, and shoppers – call Natalie Whitlow, 770-998-1259, or check your bulletin to help.

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!

Blessing of the Animals Service

Saturday, October 2 10:00 AM

Bring your pet for a service under the Big Oak Tree. This day commemorates St. Francis of Assisi, who renounced his place in a wealthy family and dedicated his life to peace, caring for the poor, and teaching respect for all God's creatures. St. Francis was the first to stage a live nativity at Christmas. He died in 1266. St. Francis had a special affinity for animals. He reminds us of the importance of our relationships with all of God's creation.



Please join us for a blessing and refreshments. Remember to bring your pet leashed or caged as appropriate.

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS Sunday, Sept. 19 – see listings page 3!

Habitat House Build Start Set!



SATURDAY, OCT. 23

Watch for signup sheets at church!

Flu Shots Available in October



Flu shots will again be given at church this fall to anyone 18 and over who would like one. Price and dates will be announced soon. Medicare will be accepted. This is a easy way to get your shot, so watch for signups at church.

Next Baptism: November 7

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

Our Story

I'm writing this on a Thursday afternoon, tonight is the first night of Women's Bible Study led by Elizabeth Lopez. I'm very excited about tonight because you never know what God has in store for you when you study and pray together. The Catechism in the back of our Book of Common Prayer reinforces the importance of study.

Q. Why do we call the Holy Scriptures the Word of God?

A. We call them the Word of God because God inspired their human authors and because God still speaks to us through the Bible.

Q. How do we understand the meaning of the Bible?

A. We understand the meaning of the Bible by the help of the Holy Spirit, who guides the Church in the true interpretation of the Scriptures. (BCP 853, 854)

As Biblical scholar Tom Wright put it

"If you pin the history to the wall like a butterfly, you may be able to study it analytically, but you mustn't be surprised that it won't fly again. To get to the heart of it all, you have to live within the story and see what it does to you."

Join one of the many opportunities at St. Catherine's to study and pray in community.

Peace,

Sherry+



On Vestry Retreat —

Above: Barbara Perry, Jim Greene, Scott Lummus
Right: Mel Paris, Chuck Zimmerman, Steve Diffley



Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Mary Koenig, Arlene Brooks, Tom Snook, James, Dawn Houston, Jean Pitts, Lisa Arnold, Tom Stinson, Joe Smith, Missi Driussi, Adam Reeves, Jim LeBatard, Tyler Hewes, Maria Fernandez, Doris Barron, Toni Pritt, Ross Emerson, Molly Frost, Jan Turner, Jan Bender, Karen Dechert, Benjamin Bagby, Kathleen Pompey, Leigh Elliott, Joe, Fiona, Anne Rand, Thomas Burns, Dorothy Burns, Paul Manno, David Stone, Madelyn Sailors, Terry Adams, Howard Nielsen, Kelsey West

Before Surgery

Jack Stuart, 9/16; Andrew Boyd, 9/16; Peggy Gudim, 9/17; Jamie Harding, 9/30; Barbara Perry, 10/5.

Deceased

Mervyn Morgan, Sue Schnorf's father; Robynn Parker, Gary Parker's ex-wife; Libby Sobleskie, friend of Mel & Michael Paris; Dr. Steve Gibbons, friend of Gina Baumann; Arlan Toy, one of St. Cat's Boy Scout Leaders; John Stetlar, friend of Kevin Hogan.

Special Prayers

Defend all the men and women

of our armed forces at home or abroad especially in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait that they will have a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(9/26/04) — William Forrester; Flonnie Fletcher; Ben, Molly, Claire & Ben Frost; Nelson & Emily Gale; Art, Anita, Geoffrey, Stuart & Caroline Gardner

(10/3/04) — Lynne Gates; Steven, Valerie & Gabriella Gosnell; Donna Green, Angela Giles; Jim & Bobbye Greene; Ron, Susan & Joe Greger

Poll Workers Needed

NEEDED – Poll Workers for the November 2, 2004 General Election. Paid training is provided and the pay for Election Day work is \$95.00. If you are interested in working this election, please contact Leonard Sandberg, Area Supervisor, Cobb County Board of Elections, 770-977-8028.

Cursillo Weekend Coming Up

The next Cursillo weekend will be held at Camp Fortson in Hampton, Georgia, Sept. 30 - Oct. 3. If you are interested in participating or would like to know more about it, please contact Father Jim, or Carla von Hoffmann at 404-213-7408 or cvhbuggie AT aol.com. We would love to talk to you about this special event and how to apply. This weekend fills up fast – check out the website at atlanta-episcopa-cursillo.org.

Church School Begins Sunday, Sept. 19 10:15 AM

It takes many things for a Christian Education program to be effective in a congregation. Our offerings would mean little without teachers who are inspired with the love of Christ and want to share that with children, youth, and adults. We have many members of this congregation who are offering their time and talents to this ministry. However, our offerings and teachers would mean little without your presence on Sunday and throughout the week. Parents who support the program and teachers are invaluable to a successful education program. Bring your children, but bring yourself as well to be a part of the various educational offerings. **Look for a map to all classroom locations in your bulletin.**

FALL 2004 SUNDAY OFFERINGS

CHILDREN – In the Education Wing

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Two-year-olds through fourth grade: *Young Lambs for two to three and a half year olds; Level I atrium for children three and a half through kindergarten; Level II atrium for first through fourth graders.*
- Tweens In Transition – Fifth and sixth grades

Additional Sunday programs:

- Nursery care is available for infants through age four.
- Children's Chapel during 8:45 AM service for children ages two to nine years old.

YOUTH – In the Education Wing, top floor Journey to Adulthood Program:

- Rite-13 – 7th and 8th grades
- J2A – 9th and 10th grades
- YA – 11th and 12th grades

ADULTS –

- St. Catherine's 101 – For newcomers and anyone who wishes to learn more about St. Catherine's and the Episcopal Church. *In the new Parlor.*
- The Faith Explorers – The Explorers will study Jesus in America. *In Fr. Jim's office.*
- Bible Study Class – The Revelation of John. *in the Conference Room.*
- Rector's Study – A study of the Book of Acts. *In the old kitchen.*



We're adding seats and there's one for you — in the Choir!

Now is the time, it's not too late! We have a big fall coming up and we welcome your voice in the choir:

- **Youth Choir** welcomes all young people (boys with treble voices and all girls), 2nd to 10th Grade. We sing every Sunday at 8:45 service, and rehearse Wednesdays 6:45-8:00 PM. Contact Martha Bowden at 770-998-3953 (h) or 770-499-3219(w) or email mbowden AT kennesaw.edu.



- **Adult Choir** welcomes all adults and youth who are past the age for Youth Choir. Contact Brian, our director, Jana, our organist, or any choir member to find out more. We rehearse Wednesdays 7:45-9:00 PM. Nursery will be available (please let us know in advance). On Sundays we gather at 10:45 to warm up and run through the music for 11:15 service.

There is **no audition** and sight-reading ability is not required. The new sanctuary will have room for twice as many choir chairs as the old space, and we'd love for one to be yours!

A Weekend of Discovery...

... A lifetime of love! Re-discover the one you love on an **Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend!** Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference an Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The next weekend is Nov. 5-7, at Amberly Suites in NE Atlanta. Registration is limited, a quick response is encouraged. For information or to register, please contact Ron & Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, email atlantaeme AT earthlink.net, or go to www.stcatherines.org/atlantaeme.

Help with Children's Chapel

Volunteers (adults and youth) are needed to help with Children's Chapel during Sunday 8:45 AM service. You may sign up for once a week or once a month. Please contact Mary Lou Shannonhouse, 770-973-2840.

Building Update

All the lighting is done and the flooring is down in the sanctuary (slate and carpet). The wood cap on the chancel is done. We are waiting on pews.

The lights will be on this Sunday in the sanctuary so be sure to look in when you

come to church! [Editor's note: The new light fixtures were on in the sanctuary Wednesday night during the Catechesis Open House and choir practices. The lights sparkled and the deep blue of coming night showed through the windows. What a beautiful and inspiring space it is already!]

Thanksgiving Gift Program

With the continued progress of construction, a number of parishioners have contacted us about making an additional gift over and above their gift to the *Faith Builds!* Campaign. The Thanksgiving Gift Program is an opportunity to donate gifts including furnishings, vestments, linens, and decorative art. These gifts also provide an opportunity to remember loved ones who have died or honor someone who is a significant part of our lives. Everyone is invited to play a major role in helping us create the spiritual and reverent atmosphere of our new place of worship.

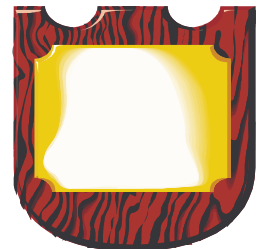
Most gifts will be remembered on a special Thanksgiving Board designed to be permanently displayed in our new space. Gifts designated for pews and chairs will be remembered with a plaque on the pew(s)/chair(s) of your choice. Donors of new Hymnals, Prayer Books, and Renew will be acknowledged on the inside cover label.

One family or more may serve as benefactors for a specific item. Please note that gifts are to be paid in full or completed within a three-month period, unless otherwise arranged. General gifts in any amount will be gratefully accepted, and will be designated first towards the cost of the pulpit.. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Jim.

Thanksgiving Gift Opportunities

(list as of 9/2/04)

- Altar - committed
- Altar Rail - \$10,000
- Altar Linens - 3 sets committed
- Baptismal Font - committed
- Cross over Altar - committed
- Ambo (lectern/pulpit) - \$4,200
- Aumbry (reserved sacrament/oils) - committed
- Bishop's Chair - committed
- Altar Party Chairs (6) - \$300/chair, 2 committed
- Flower Stands (2) - committed
- Credence Tables (3) - \$950/each
- Chancel Area Rug - \$1,000
- Kneeling Cushions at Altar Rail - \$1,100
- Pews (28) - \$1,000/each 4 committed
- Chairs (194) - \$100/each, 10 committed
- Blue, Red, White, Purple Vestments - \$750/set
- The Hymnal 1982 - \$20/book
- The Book of Common Prayer - \$20/book
- Renew Hymnal - \$15/book
- Organ Fund - \$60,000



New Keys for a New Building

We are in the process of creating a new key system for all parts of our facility. If you will want a key to any door, please be sure to contact Rosemary right away and tell her your needs. Your old keys will not work when the new system is installed. Please keep in mind that the new keys will not be reproducible and each key will be more expensive to make than the old style.

Pictorial Directory Update

Our sanctuary is filled with many new faces and it is a wonderful thing. But the last thing we want is for strangers to stay strangers. As we move into our new facilities it would be really nice to be able to greet everyone by name. It's time to update our pictorial directory. Would you be willing to join with two or three others to lead this work? Please check your bulletin or contact the church office.



Women's Reading Group NEWS



Our first meeting was so much fun! We had delicious salads to sample, and great company and "summer news" to catch up on. Of course, we talked about books, books, and more books. If you missed the first meeting, **please still come to the next meeting Tuesday, October 12** at 7:00 PM, as we missed YOU.

By the next meeting, please finish reading **"The Namesake" by Dhumpa Lahiri** as we will be discussing the book at the October meeting. The next book we will be assigned will be "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom. It's a very small, but thought-provoking book, so don't miss it!

If you have any questions, please call me at (770) 578-8169 or e-mail me at mkoenig30062 AT yahoo.com. The ladies enjoyed the salad supper so much, they said let's do this again! I'm all for that!

Love and Peace,
Mary Koenig

Below – Enjoying our newly-opened facilities at the Preschool Open House on September 2



Thank You's

Dear friends at St. Catherine's

Thank you for the beautiful altar arrangement and sendoff blessing. Our parish family has been so dear to us over the past 30 years with your love, support and endearing friendships. We hope we can find as friendly and Christ-centered church in Florida but know it will be hard to match St. Cats. We will visit when we come to see the children and grandchildren and look forward to the dedication in Nov. We welcome you to visit us in Seacrest when you are down on the panhandle. Our new address is:

5399 E. Co. Hwy 30-A PMB#126
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
850-231-1826

God bless you all! We will truly miss you and the fellowship and we feel so blessed to have been a part of St. Catherine's.

Love in Christ,
Beth and Mike Pickels

Dear Father Jim,

I don't know who was responsible for having flowers brought to our home on Sunday, but it was very appreciated. Jason and I keep talking about how glad we are that we found St. Cats.

Thanks again,
Sue Snape



Calling all Breakfast Angels

One of the ministries we want to revive with the opening of the new kitchen is our Breakfast Angels. This ministry is made up of teams who provide a simple breakfast Sunday mornings between 8 and 9 AM. Menus are unique to each team and can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish. The teams are made up of families and/or friends or just a group that may come together through the grace of scheduling.

We invite you to consider forming a Breakfast Angel team. Check your Sunday bulletin or call the church office. We anticipate beginning by mid-October. You will be trained in the new kitchen, have basic supplies provided, and be reimbursed for your expenses.

We are also seeking persons to coordinate this ministry. Please contact Joan Nixon (joan0813 AT bellsouth.net or 770-977-2525) or call the church office.



U.S. 10K Team Steps Out

Labor Day Morning 2004: Twenty hardy St. Cat's souls (with hardy soles) walked the 10K — that is, we started at Cumberland Mall and ended at White Water Park! **Father Jim and Joan, Fred, Jennifer and Sara Alison Massey, Keith, Lu and Jillian Dumke, Carolyn Hilley, Amelia Seneviratne and Mearia Webb, Susan, Shannon and Austin Jablonski, Nadine and Rod Pope, Sheila Crowe, Donna Daniels, and Carol Eskew** walked with 11,000 others in support of this annual event. Over its seven-year history, the race has raised over \$900,000 for the World Children's Center, MUST Ministries and Boy Scouts of America. It was great fun and we also had 5 phantom walkers who supported us. That brought St. Catherine's contribution to \$525. It was a wonderful morning— thanks to all who participated and supported us!



97th Annual Meeting

Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Atlanta

**Saturday, October 23
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
306 Peyton Road SW, Atlanta

Speaker will be Susan Cecil Boone, "MOTHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIPS." Cost is \$15 per person including lunch. Checks payable to ECW, Diocese of Atlanta. Mail check with your name, address, parish, phone number, and email address to:

Joan McCumber
77 Dartmouth Avenue
Avondale Estates, GA 30002

For questions, please contact Joan at 404 284-6622 or jrmduck AT comcast.net. For directions to St. Paul's, call 404-696-3620 or visit www.stpaulsatlanta.org.

Thank You

Dear St. Catherine's,

Thank you for your generous contribution towards my books for school. It is very much appreciated and will help out a great deal. St. Catherine's has been there through it all though, and for that I can't thank you enough. The tremendous support and love has carried me through countless struggles that I could not have made it through alone. The "extended family" at St. Catherine's is a gift that me and my family cherish greatly. We have been truly blessed. Now is a time for me to get a fresh start for a new life, and I ask that I remain in your thoughts and prayers as you too will be in mine. I am excited to meet my new "family" at St. Margaret's in Carrolton and build a support system as I begin a new life. It was a most pleasant surprise to hear that Hazel Glover would be close to me on this journey; just another one of those blessing in disguise!! Thank you again for all you have give me over the years, I am truly blessed!

*Love always & forever,
M.E. Schnorf
[reprinted by request]*

Youth

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

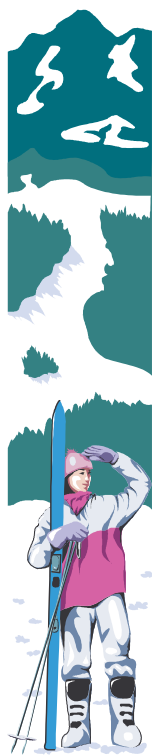
Send materials, photos, ideas or suggestions for the youth newsletter via email to stcatsyouth@bellsouth.net.

Calendar Notes

- **Rite 13ers - Your Urban Plunge date is changed — March 11-13!**
(we've changed the date so you'll be able to make it to New Beginnings)
- **Spring Break Mission Trip — Apr. 2-8, 2005 - Chicago!**

Next Youth Council Meeting

October 6, 6:30 PM



SKI TRIP!

President's Day weekend 2005, youth in all 3 groups will be able to attend a ski trip to Valle Crucis, NC! J2A and YA will be given the first opportunity to sign up, and space is limited! Trip dates are February 18-21. Watch for details!

Youth Meetings Every Wednesday!

Did you make it to the meeting on September 15? It was 80's theme night and it was great! Come every Wednesday — we gather starting at 7 PM, the program begins at 7:30, and we're done by 8:45. See you there!

Support the BAKE SALE on Sept. 25!

🔊 New Beginnings — Rite-13ers & J2A Freshmen:

New Beginnings Diocesan Retreat will be held October 22-24 at Indian Springs State Park. This is a unique weekend especially designed to respond to the issues, concerns and needs of youth. Interested? Go to the Diocese of Atlanta's New Beginnings website (see our website's Links page) for lots of good information on the program and to obtain download-able copies of the applications for Youth, Team, and Sponsors. Information and applications are also available at church. **Application deadline October 7.**

🔊 Happening — J2A Sophomores & YA:

Happening #42 Diocesan Retreat will be Nov. 12-14 at Camp Mikel. Happening is a renewal weekend using the gifts of young people and adults from many parishes and missions. For more information, follow the links on our Youth webpage to the Diocese of Atlanta Youth website — you'll find a link to the candidate application there! **Applications are due October 1.**

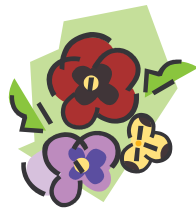
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Mark Your Calendars

- 9/19.....Church School Begins
- 9/23.....Healing Service
- 9/24Last day to bring Yard Sale donations
- 9/25.....Yard Sale / Bake Sale / Low Country Boil
- 10/2.....Blessing of the Animals
- 10/16Planting Party & Picnic
- 10/23Habitat build begins
- 11/21Dedication



Fall Planting Party & Picnic

Saturday, October 16 9:30 AM 'til Noon

Join us for Planting, Playing and Picnicking! Young and old alike are invited to bring your garden tools. We'll be planting pansies and violas, and sprucing up our grounds for fall and winter, then enjoy a well-deserved cook-out lunch with hamburgers and hotdogs. Contact Gail McGill (770) 971-8890 for details.

ELIZABETH INN NEWS

Once again the Rite 13 youth and their adult leaders cooked dinner and served the guests at the Elizabeth Inn homeless shelter at M.U.S.T. in Marietta. On August 28, **Taylor Baumann, Shannon Jablonski, Sally Paris, Bill Williams, Andrew Benton, and Cory Cowart** (a friend of Andrew's) gathered at the Elizabeth Inn to cook and serve dinner to approximately 45 guests. They were helped by youth leaders **Rachel Bagby, Bill Bowden, Keith Muckerman, Jennifer and Fred Massey**. Also, **Frances Bowden** came along and was a big help. **David Bowman and Hale Sanders** both spent the night at The Inn and washed the guests' clothes all night while the guests slept. These are both very valuable and rewarding ministries. When you see any of these volunteers please thank them and ask them what it means to serve those less fortunate at The Inn.

Can your group help? The Young Adult youth have signed up to help in November and January. Saint Catherine's volunteers on **the 28th of each month**. To sign up or for questions, please call Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609, or Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411. Thanks to all who volunteered in August!

Blessings,
Tracy and Connie, Saint Catherine's Elizabeth Inn Coordinators
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