

# Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church 2018 Annual Report



Annual Meeting January 25, 2019

## **Agenda**

## **Opening Prayer**

Appointment of Secretary for Annual Meeting Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting of January 2018 Official Appointment of Committee on Challenges **Vestry Elections** 

- Official Appointment of Election Inspectors
- Introduction of Candidates for the Vestry for 2019
- Nominations from the Floor

## **Annual Reports**

- Rector's Report
- Treasurer's Report/Ratification of 2019 Budget (distributed at the Annual Meeting)
- Benevolent Fund

Reporting of Election Results (and further balloting if required)

**Closing Prayer** 

**Annual Parish Meeting Adjourns** 

## 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Friday, 01/26/2018

Dinner 5:30PM, Meeting 6:30PM

Opening

Rev. Marty Zlatic opened the meeting at 6:35PM with prayer and the reading of Luke 17:7-10. He introduced a 2017 Events Retrospective slide show. The appointment of the Annual Meeting Secretary was Karen Haney, Vestry Clerk. Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting on 01/27/2017 were presented. Barbara MacKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dianne Williams, approved unanimously.

Vestry

Committee of Challenges & Election Inspectors appointed: Paul Wegner, Sherry Thomas, Cheryl May.

Sr. Warden Report: Paul Wegner encouraged the parish to participate in our various ministries and small groups.

Recognition of continuing Vestry: Colleen Fritts, Fic Filer, Jennifer Gomez, Bob Moore, Rachel Oyler, Dianne Williams.

Recognition of outgoing Vestry: Rochelle Prince, Sherry Thomas, Paul Wegner.

2018 Vestry Nominees: Michael McLemore, Jane Mills, Marcos Boronat.

A motion was made by Katherine Metzger to close the nominations, seconded by Bobbie Smith, approved unanimously.

The nominees were unanimously approved to the vestry by voice acclimation.

Church Life

2018 Celtic Festival: Fr. Marty recognized Cheryl May's extensive involvement in the 2018 Celtic Festival.

Fr. Marty presented the Rector's Report:

2017 highlights of events and activities

Memorial of those we lost in 2017

Upcoming calendar events

Review of attendance and commitment

2018 initiatives, including Strategic Planning, Campus Upgrades, presenting one face to our community, and the "business" of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church.

Ministry and staff transitions

Treasurer's Report

John Port presented the Treasurer's report: 2017 results and 2018 budget. The parish ratified the Vestry's 2018 budget by unanimous voice acclimation.

Rector's Awards

Fr. Marty presented Rector's Awards to Linda Sorenson, Ray Mills, Rochelle Prince, and Charles Milling

Closing

Fr. Marty closed the meeting with prayer. Cheryl May made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 8:18PM, seconded by Leila Marconi, approved unanimously.

# Vestry Biographies



# Lyn Pope

As a member of St. Joe's, I am honored to be a vestry candidate.

Originally from East Tennessee, I am a cradle Episcopalian. My child-hood church home was All Saint's in Morristown, TN. Until I had graduated from college, I served there in many capacities. I was always

happy to assist with any church need - from acolyte, to usher, to Sunday school teacher. I even dabbled some in the Alter Guild with my mom. I was confirmed at that church in 1988. After college, I joined The Church of the Good Samaritan in Knoxville, TN. My husband, Jared, and I were married there in 2006.

I was educated at the University of Tennessee. There I earned a B.S. in Microbiology and a B.A. in Sociology; after which I have had three, very different, careers. Six years were spent with Saks Incorporated in Human Resources and eight years as the Laboratory Manager for Assured Bio Labs. Most recently, I have been in sales with Whirlpool Corporation.

In 2016, I was asked to leave Tennessee to pursue an opportunity with my employer. At first it sounded crazy because Jared and I had not even visited south Florida, but as the year began to unfold, we realized that we were being guided that direction. My mother (Gayle) and two dogs (Elvis and Scooby) made the 822 mile move as well. Within weeks we found our church home at St. Joe's. We attend Unplugged. It is not uncommon to see Jared and me as ushers and candle lighters at that service.

In our free time, Jared and I enjoy adventure and the outdoors. We love running, biking, golfing, and are roller coaster enthusiasts. I have also taken pride serving the communities in which I have lived. Outreach includes services at local animal shelters, Boy's and Girl's Clubs, Els for Autism, and the Angel Tree Foundation. During working hours, I serve as a member of the Health Works team which promotes a healthy lifestyle for both me and my peers.

I am excited about sharing my gifts and talents with the church as a vestry member.

# Vestry Biographies

# **Sherry Thomas**

My name is Sherry Thomas and I am honored to be a candidate to serve on St. Joseph's Vestry. I have been an Episcopalian since I was 12 when I was confirmed in the Church of the Epiphany in Jacksonville Florida. My parents were not members but I joined on my own when becoming involved in the Youth Group. That's why I feel the youth ministry is so important.



I have been a member of St. Joseph's since 1999. I have never been to a church like St. Joseph's; it has become my family and my salvation. Over the past 20 years at St. Joseph's I have been involved many rewarding ministries. I have been an assistant in the Children's Choir, participated in and have been a facilitator for the MOM'S program. I have facilitated in the youth program of Rite 13 and presently the J2A program. I have participated in AWWWY (Adults Who Work with Youth) at Kanuga and have also been to WinterLight many times. At present I am the Acolyte Master, a Lay Eucharist Minister and serve on the altar as Deacon and Chalice Bearer. I am on the TECH Ministry team and work with the Unplugged Service as the audio visual projectionist and maintain the church Calendar and photos on the Church web site. I have been on 3 Mission trips to the Dominican Republic. I am a member of the Daughters of the King, maintain their prayer list and prepare and format the DOK Lenten Devotional. I am the convener of SIS (Sisters in Spirit), a small group of MOMs graduates who meet on Thursday nights. I have been active in Vacation Church Camp for the past 9 years and participated in women's Cursillo #100, and was Tech Cha for Women's Cursillo #102.

Outside of St. Joseph's I work for Palm Beach County School District as an Instructional Technology Support Administrator at an Elementary School in Boynton Beach. I have a Degree in Early Childhood Education and I am Montessori Certified. I have three children, a son and a daughter who live here in Boynton and my oldest daughter lives in Atlanta. I have 8 grandchildren. I have past business experience owning and operating my own pre-school for over 25 years and was the owner and buyer for a children's wear retail store on Atlantic Ave for 15 years. I was the Treasurer and Travel Coordinator for the Atlantic High Eagle-ettes, traveling to Japan, National and State competitions for 8 years with groups up to 120. Since becoming a member and being active at St Joseph's I have felt so loved by my church family. They have helped me through a few tough times over the past few years. It has made me more aware of Christ's love, my faith and commitment has grown to a level that I would not have believed possible before joining. Serving on the vestry would be a great opportunity to give back a small part of what St Joseph's has given me.

# Vestry Biographies



## **Justin Oommen**

Hello, my name is Justin Oommen and it would be an honor and a privilege to serve as a member of Saint Joseph's vestry.

I was born and raised in Commack, NY as a First-Generation American from parents who emigrated from India in the 70's. After enlisting when I was 17 and serving as an Army M1 Tanker and Division Band Trombonist, I pursued a private sector career. I have worked for Verizon for over 15 years in a variety of roles within the organization, most recently as an Advanced Solutions Architect and now for the past 3 years as a Pro-

cess Engineer specializing in Supply Chain Management. My career with Verizon has taken me from New York to Boynton Beach to Fort Myers and back to Boynton Beach. My academic background includes Masters degrees in Business Administration, Management, and CyberSecurity as well as multiple certifications including PMP, CompTIA A+, Network+, and Project+.

I've been married to my lovely wife Tami since 2007, and we have two amazing children, Matthew and Olivia who you will occasionally see running around the church.

My journey with Christ began with my Anglican upbringing as my family are members of the Church of South India and we attended service at our parish in Seaford, NY. Somewhere along the way when I moved from New York to Florida I lost my connection to Christ and felt the significance of his absence a few years later as I contemplated one afternoon after a difficult business meeting at how empty my spiritual life had become. I began to actively look for a congregation after we returned to Boynton Beach with the intent of finding a church that would assist me with reconnecting with Christ. I remember the first time I sat in a pew at our church in 2011. I had arrived early for the 11:45 "Unplugged" service and had sat quietly waited for service to begin. I began to question whether I had made the right decision coming to Saint Joseph's and looked for a sign that I had found the right church. It was at that moment I heard Charles and Live Hymnal practicing "O God, You Search Me." I knew at that moment that I had found my new spiritual home.

As a member of Saint Joseph's, I have the pleasure of being a "Brother" within the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, if you attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper last year you may recall my burnt pancakes (sorry... I blame the grill). I also teach 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday School along with the wonderful Colleen Fritts, usher on 3rd Sundays at the 9:30 service with an incredible ushering team (i.e., Janet, Carl, and Tim), and serve on the membership committee with a great team dedicated to making others aware of the wonderful ministries and clergy we are fortunate to have here at St. Joe's.

This church is a part of my family and if chosen to serve on the vestry, I will do my utmost to meet the needs of the church and exceed your expectations. Thank You.

## Senior Warden Dianne Williams



2018 was such a great year here at St. Joe's and I don't know where to begin. A lot of changes and revitalization took place. We were blessed to received a very wonderful gift to repair the infrastructure, from Bill & Nancy Swaney. This gift allows all of the pleasure to enjoy the remodeled parish hall and new kitchen. It was a true pleasure to oversee this entire project. Front gates were installed to secure the safety of our students on campus. I know it is an inconvenience but it's the time we all live in.

This year we replaced the sexton and outsourced the job. Fernando was hired and has become true blessing and a pleasure to work with. This also gives us the sexton house (recently renamed the vestry house) to use for additional meeting space.

The strategic planning groups were formed this year. Committees are meeting regularly, developing plans for growth, marketing, stewardship and the future. These groups contain both Vestry and members of the congregation.

And then the new organ, what can I say, what a blessing that was... The concert was the most successful outreach event of the year.

The grand finale for 2018 was the development of a sinkhole behind the music building right after Christmas. It has been repaired but Father Marty & I laughed when it happened and decided we would just throw in 2018 and move on...

It has been a true pleasure serving as your Senior Warden this year. It makes me happy to see all of the progress we've made around here and all of the ministries and staff that so hard at work. I am looking forward to 2019 I know it will be another great year here at St. Joes....

Blessing to You All

**FHS** 

Dianne Williams

## Junior Warden Ric Filer

Last year was huge for the church's facilities! It takes many people to make St. Joseph's such a great place for our church family. Thanks to you all, especially Bill & Nancy Swaney for their generous gift, we were able to catch up with a ton of stuff that we'd been wanting to fix. Thank you, Chris Lockhart and the Garden Angels, for our beautiful gardens, to Tony Pedic who stepped up and got down and dirty to keep things running and the Brotherhood who are always ready to help. Special thanks to Senior Warden Dianne Williams and Ray Mills for taking over last summer when I was away.



Here's a summary of what was accomplished in 2018.

#### **FLORA**

SW irrigation pump controls repaired

Replanted main garden and around the front of the church and added mulch

Extensive garden maintenance by Chris Lockhart and the Garden Angels

3 new trees S side of church

Replanted Fr. Marty's herb garden w drip irrigation

Regraded, replanted and mulched in and around generator enclosure

Trees trimmed for hurricane season

#### **SECURITY & SAFETY**

Front gate system installed – lighting improvements and video monitor for office to come

Repaired cracked railings at church ADA ramp & spiral stairs to choir loft

Reset all garden and PH walkway pavers

Installed KNOX box for fire department access to front of church

Installed new office drop safe

Replaced all old exit & emergency lighting in offices, PH and church w new LED signage

#### **KEEPING THE WEATHER OUT**

Installed new doors PH, trancepts, S sacristy, Rev Wendy's office & back hall

Roof repairs over kitchen, PH, offices & Youth House

Church roof repairs

Repaired office and back hall window leaks, repaired drywall & painted interior

Re-caulked front stained glass to stop narthex leaks

Major stucco repairs to all buildings

New gutters for church, PH & offices

## Junior Warden

#### **OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW** - Much thanks to Dianne & Ray Mills

Carpet Tiles PH

Fresh paint and ceiling PH

Replaced old fluorescent lighting with LED in PH, kitchen & offices

New kitchen

Polished concrete floor

Plumbing refurbished

Fiberglass wall paneling installed

Stainless steel shelving, cabinetry & countertops installed

New plate & silverware carts

New dishwasher

New SS refrigerator/freezer for N hall

Refurbished kitchen plumbing

Painted interior of youth house

#### SUPPORT NEW ORGAN INSTALLATION

Upgraded balance of church lighting to LED

Installed church wiring chase valences

Installed LED controllable lighting for pulpit, lectern and sanctuary

#### **OTHER STUFF**

Replaced water damaged cabinets and water heater in nursery kitchenette

Removed vestry house old fence (aka sexton house)

Parish hall main drain root blockage repaired - Tony Pedic got REALLY down & dirty

#### **SCHEDULED WITH FUNDS SET ASIDE**

Painting all building exteriors

Church & PH roof cleaning

New accordion shutters for church and youth house

Replace Youth House exterior lighting

Repair water damage to Youth House outside storage closet

Rekey Youth House to master key system

Irrigation extended to areas not serviced and grass planted

Lift for high work in the church

## Junior Warden

#### PARTIAL WISH LIST IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER

Choir room reconfiguration

New ice machine

Broken curb repairs

Parking lot and drives, asphalt repairs, top coating, reseal & restripe as needed

Refurbish Youth House volleyball court

Rekey Youth House to master key system

Irrigation extended to areas not serviced and grass planted

Lift for high work in the church

#### IN CONCLUSION

Thank you to all who have helped with church projects this past year, please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated. We look forward to accomplishing many more church facility projects in 2019. If you have an idea you'd like considered, a skill to provide, or a desire to be part of a church facilities team, please let me or someone on the vestry know. I am available anytime by phone, email or thru the church office. RicFiler@Outlook.com / 757-504-5396

Respectfully submitted, Ric Filer, Junior Warden





5 p.m. Celtic Healing 7:45 a.m. Rite 1 9:30 a.m. Rite 2



11:45 a.m.

"Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. Indeed the body does not consist of one member but of many." 1 Corinthians 12:12,14



Dear St. Joseph's family and friends,

I began working here as your Associate Priest in October of 2011. I was hired to be the lead priest for Unplugged, our 11:45am service, and to serve in whatever other ways were asked of me to bring about God's mission in this place. Over the years, Fr. Marty and your vestry perceived that we were being called to shift our perspective... to see all of our services, all of our work, all of our fellowship as being One Body in Christ... to work toward seeing all of the services as part of the whole of our lives in this sacred place. Now, as you may have noticed, in an effort to unite us more and more, whichever of our three clergy are scheduled to preach, that priest preaches at all four services. Whatever groups or forms of outreach in which the members of our church serve, we are One parish family coming together to serve God's mission in this place. Here are just a few of the many highlights from this past year:

- Mission Trip 2018: Twenty-four of us went to the Middle Keys for a week in March and worked in Marathon and Big Pine Key to help in the relief and recovery efforts following the devastation from Hurricane Irma. This year we will go to the Panhandle to help the people there get back on their feet following the damage wrought by Hurricane Michael.
- Our Centering Prayer gatherings on Wednesday mornings continue to grow as we develop a deeper and deeper relationship with God. I am now commissioned as a Presenter by Contemplative Outreach and have led several Introductions to Centering Prayer around the Diocese.
- We were thrilled that Brian McLaren, noted author of The Great Spiritual Migration, our Lenten Study, accepted an invitation, once again, to join us. We shared a wonderful evening with him last March.
- You gave \$3700 within two weeks following a plea from Food For the Poor preacher, Fr. Bob Deshaies, to build a house for a homeless family. We'll know soon who they are and where that house will be built.

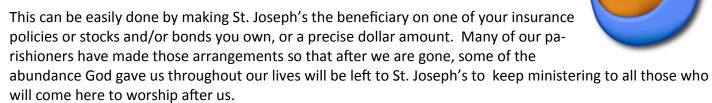
I am excited to see how God will be guiding all of us in God's mission for St. Joseph's in 2019 and give thanks for the privilege of serving in this joyful and sacred place.

In Epiphany hope and joy,

Rev. Wendy Tobias

# Legacy Saints

At the end of 2018, we had over 30 parishioners who had informed our leaders they had made legal arrangements to leave a bequest to St. Joseph's upon their death. These parishioners are known as St. Joseph's "Legacy Saints." We honor these parishioners with an Annual Dinner prepared by our gourmet chef, & beloved Rector, Fr Marty. Also, a plaque with the names of our "Legacy Saints" was placed in our Narthex in December. More names will be added as additional members become "Legacy Saints". This means we make arrangements to leave a portion of our financial assets to St. Joseph's when we are called home to God.



We are blessed to have two attorneys as parishioners – Jennifer Gomez (561) 577-6136, & John Eastham (561) 395-6800. Both of them have offered their legal services to any of our St. Joseph's family to document their final instructions for a bequest to St Joseph's at no cost.

It's absolutely critical to get your final wishes legally documented in your final instructions, will or trust.

Hopefully, you are already a Legacy Saint. If not, and you would like more information on becoming a Legacy Saint, please call Bobbie Smith (561) 827-3109, Jennifer Gomez (561) 577-6136, or John Eastham (561) 395-6800.

In Christ's love, Bobbie Smith

# Stewardship



Stewardship in our Church is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The tradition of giving back to God and to the Church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26). Starting in 2016, we began sharing our parishioners' testimonies of faith and gratitude as

we focused on why we give to St. Joseph's. This year's campaign included another well-produced video, thanks to Charles Milling, and to those that contributed their stories. This campaign resulted in increased pledges of existing members, and hopefully will inspire new members to join in our gratitude for all we love about St. Joseph's. The Stewardship Committee grew as well, now including more members of the church to help support this important ministry, and we are always welcoming new comers called to join us. Contact Fr. Marty to learn how you can help. As always, the Stewardship Committee thanks you for your annual support of the church, with deepest gratitude.

# Outreach Committee

The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to determine the distribution of the income (\$60,000) from the Benevolent Fund, which was set up many years ago thanks to a generous benefactor. The monies are to be used to support missionary endeavors and charities that serve the less fortunate in our area and abroad. The committee researches, and frequently visits, the programs and submits its recommendations to the Vestry for final approval. The 2018 committee is Gail Drane, Jennifer Gomez, Barbara MacKenzie, Christine Pedic, Linda Sorenson and Fr. Marty Zlatic.



The Vestry has approved the following recommendations:

TOTAL (including \$2,000 not distributed last year)	62,000
Fr. Marty's Discretionary Fund	8,000
St. Joseph's Youth Pilgrimage	8,000
St. Joseph's Episcopal School, scholarship fund	5,000
Our Little Roses Home for Girls, Honduras	1,000
Nursing Home, Boca Chica, D.R.	8,000
Episcopal Charities Food Bank at St. Gregory's	1,000
PEACE (People Engaged in Active Community Effort) The Nehemiah Assembly	1,000
Mission Trip to the Florida Panhandle	8,000
Hurricane Michael Relief, (through Episcopal Relief and Development)	2,000
Holy Redeemer Church, Lake Worth	8,000
Family Promise, homeless programs for families	2,000
CROS Ministries, feeding, after school, summer camp programs	2,000
Caridad Center, Health Care	2,000
Bishop Todd and the Rev. Patsy McGregor, Madagascar	6,000

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sorenson, Outreach Committee Chair

## Ushers

After serving as an usher for over 25 years, I decided to look up the definition. An usher is: "an officer or servant who has the care of the door of a court, hall, or chamber". (Church?!) Or as many of my friends would say, "ushers ush". At any rate, you probably recognize "ushers" as facilitators for the worship service —handing out bulletins, giving directions, or helping you find where your spouse is seated; and they "ush" at various functions such as the Blessing of the Animals, weddings, and celebrations of life. If you get a chance thank them for their service.



**Bob Lees** 

This year we welcomed Kalum Peramune as a new usher at the 9:30 am service.

And won't you consider trying your hand at "ushing" too? It is open to all men, women, and families. We are always in need of new volunteers. Consider yourselves as having been asked. All you need to do is Say Yes. We try to schedule you to meet your circumstances. Call the church office at 561-732-3060 or call me, Bob Lees, at 561-436-7766 or email me at weezerusmc1969@gmail.com.

How about a great big THANK YOU to our fine Ushers who served in 2018.

# Altar Guild



We were happy to have Joan Meyer join our ministry in 2018. Joan is a regular at our 5 PM service and had been helping on Saturday evenings for quite some time.

We are very blessed to have been able to add many beautiful communion linens thanks a generous donation of fabric and the talent of some of our members who

sewed and embroidered Purificators, Corporals and Lavabo Towels.

Holy Week and Christmas are our most challenging times but also a time for fellowship and team work. We always have a great time when we come together to prepare for these wonderful services.

We encourage anyone who is interested in this ministry to speak with a member to learn more about what we do.

**Ruth Mayhew** 

Directress



# Minister of Worship Music



As I sit in my office writing to you, I am amazed that we've been together for almost 6 years – 6 Easters, 6 Christmases, the 6<sup>th</sup> The Word Beyond Words coming in a few weeks. Even after 6 years I continue to be filled with anticipation as I travel each day from my home in Fort Lauderdale. St. Joseph's is an amazing faith community where the Holy Spirit works in and through each person. I feel blessed to be in ministry with all of you and honored to work with Fr. Marty and the Staff.

The members of the Parish Choir continued to be the musical backbone for our worship. Combining Thursday and Sunday

rehearsals and services, most of our choir members gave 5 hours a week, or more, of their time! As we got closer to special services, many of the choir sections came in for extra rehearsals. As a result, they have grown musically and spiritually, inspiring listeners in the congregation and moving those who may have been feeling a nudge to join the choir. Some highlights of this past year were:

A profound worship experience with the "The Word Beyond Words" service on the First Sunday of Lent – meditation, chanting, singing, instruments, drama and "The Lord's Prayer" in sign language.

JAM! Choir – children singing on key and with joyful hearts, including an excerpt from Handel's *Messiah* on Christmas Eve.

Music enhanced by vocal soloists and instrumentalists on trumpets, trombones, timpani, violin and cello at special services.

Choir music that is led more by the Holy Spirit than the Director of Music – with a wide range of meaning-filled moods and texts.



The 5<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday Koko Koncert, featuring Koko The Gorilla and poetry written by Koko that was read by members of our JAM! Choir. I was there, too, by the way.

30-Minute piano preludes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday morning piano preludes before the organ prelude.

Attendance at the all-inspiring convention of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), in Calgary, followed by an opportunity to conduct a 600-voice choir in Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

# Minister of Worship Music



I will always remember 2018 as "the year of the new organs." Yes, organs. In addition to receiving our beautiful new 5-manual Allen digital organ, we received our Orgues Létourneau *OrgelKids* pipe organ. Our generous and anonymous

donors have made it possible for us to enhance our times of worship and concert as well as

begin to develop an outreach to students at local schools, who will experience instruments available nowhere else in the county, maybe even the state. We had a fabulous dedicatory concert earlier this month, but that story will have to wait for the 2019 annual report.

On a personal note, thank you, people of St. Joseph's Parish, for continuing to support me in my ministry. You humble me with your friendship and love. I look forward to another great year with many more new, different and surprisingly delight-filled opportunities for ministry in the name of Christ.





Blessings,

David

David Clyle Morse, Minister of Worship Music

# Angel Tree Outreach



The 2018 Angel Tree Christmas Outreach Program with Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church was a resounding success!

We had:

50 children wishing

40 adults wearing new sneakers and work boots

18 families collecting bags

7 volunteers driving

6 parishioners table-sitting

3 crowds selecting angels (we didn't make it through a whole weekend of services before running out!)

2 ladies packing bags

1 office volunteer cutting out angels

And a partridge in a pear tree (not really, but it fits....)

A big thank you to all who helped this year. I am looking forward to everyone's participation in 2019!

- Karen Haney

# Acolytes

Most of the time, not always, they go unnoticed, although they are the cutest and look the most angelic on the Altar, they are the Acolytes of St Joseph's. They serve God through assisting our priests, lighting the candles, carrying the crosses, bringing the elements to the table and "other duties as assigned"! These young people who serve at the Altar at St Joseph's have stepped out of the pews and have taken their place in a long line of Acolytes, which we only see in the present. I love the college students that still acolyte when they come home on break. That is real dedication!!



They are a part of the church's history, past present and future. It is not always easy, being an acolyte and can be nerve racking at times, but there they are, week after week faithfully serving at God's Altar. They are here only for a brief time before they go out into the "real" world. We can only hope that their commitment to the Church, their dedication and service to others will not only be a fond memory, but also a part of their lives forever.

I am proud to be a part of these 25 dedicated children and young adults.

Sherry Thomas Acolyte Master

# Healing Prayer Shawl Ministry

2018 was a slow year for blessed shawl requests... only 9 requests. Due to the knitting skills of Nancy Kawecki, Betty Cuffe, and Linda Sorenson we have a stock pile of beautiful shawls awaiting new homes. We have 6 for children and 12 for adults. They have performed incredible miracles. Pease call me at 561-389-0424 or 561-389-2925 or email me at sahffcad@comcast.net for family, neighbors, or friends in need of being wrapped in very special blessings.

Lynda Shaffer

# Daughters of The King





The St. Margaret of Scotland Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King, were kept very busy in 2018.

We have had one transfer into our chapter, one resign, and we lost our Tania Gaines.

Last Spring, the DOK Diocesan board asked Fr. Marty if we would host the Diocesan Assembly. We took a leap of faith and hosted over 300 Daughters and clergy, and many Junior Daughters, on November 3rd.

We have Daughters in the Lady Chapel during Communion at all three Sunday services, and we act as hostesses at Coffee Hour, since we got wonderful Monica Brown, on the first Sunday of the month.

Our Young at Heart Luncheon, on February 11th, was a joy to behold. The food was great, our Church children, made favors and provided musical entertainment, and David Clyle Morse led us in a singalong. Everyone enjoyed the festivities, and we love doing it.

Our Chapter prepared a Lenten Devotional for the 11th year, to used by our parishioners as a part of their Lenten devotions each day. The 2019 Devotional will be available on Ash Wednesday.

We held our Advent Quiet Day on December 1st led by Fr. Marty, and music by our wonderful Charles Milling. It was relaxing and spoke about Hope It helped us remember that Advent is a season of waiting, and preparing for the birth of The Christ child. No noise, be still and listen.

We look forward to a prayer and service filled 2019!

I am but one.

FHS,

Gail Drane

President

I am but one, but I am one
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?



## Voices in Bronze



Each year as we prepare to start our bell ringing season a bible quote and a prayer or poem are selected to represent the focus for the coming season. For the 2018/19 ringing season, our quote selected were the words to "Come Emmanuel" by Twila Paris

Come and speak to us, Come and renew us, Come and live through us, Emmanuel
Grace to implore us, ever before us, Come and restore us, Emmanuel
Come Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel

We are so fortunate that we have been given the opportunity to enhance the worship service in offering musical selections that will compliment worship and the liturgical seasons of the church year. Our music selections try to encompass many different musical styles from traditional hymn tunes to contemporary praise music. Handbell choirs are unique in the musical world simply because it takes the entire team to play "the instrument," which is not complete if someone is missing. We welcome our "newbies" Clara, Marcia and Paul who have joined the "Belle Babes" and the "Back Row"

We are blessed that we have been given the opportunity to grow musically with the addition of more ringers and difficulty in the level of music that we play. This year we went to the Florida State Handbell Festival where the guest teacher and director was David Harris, Director of the professional performing group The Raleigh Ringers; it was a great opportunity to work and study with one of the best in our field!!

The Silent service done at Lent has given the choir tremendous opportunity to expand our musical offerings. This past Advent we set our goals high with pushing our ringing abilities with the complex and moving "Come Emmanuel" by Twila Paris. It was one of the hardest songs we have done to date both in tempo changes and technique! We are looking forward to an exciting and growth filled year as we welcome and **RING IN 2019.** 

In the movie "It's a Wonderful Life", they say, "Every time a bell rings an angel gets their wings" ... It's time to join the Few, the proud, the ringers of St. Joseph's! Come join our Handbell choir!! No experience necessary and we will teach you to read music. We range from very beginner to the more advanced ringers in an intergenerational choir setting. We meet on Monday nights from 7:15-8:30pm. For further information please ask any Handbell choir member or call Sue Tiller at 561-714-6254 or email bellmama56@gmail.com.

Sue Tiller



# Children's Ministry Report

Children's Ministry serves the needs of all children from birth to 5th grade and their families.

Sunday School is for children from Nursery through 5th grade and occurs during the 9:30 am service. Children are escorted back to their families in church before Communion. Curriculum is from Godly Play, Living the Good News, and Weaving God's Promises.

2018 Statistics

Children on Database: 138

Sunday School Teachers: 19

Children's Ministry Team: 58

Baptisms: 5 children and 1 youth

Superintendent Luanne Varn is in her eighth and final year as Sunday School Superintendent.

Sunday School teachers teach the first two Sundays of each month using Weaving God's Promises curriculum. Returning teachers are Colleen Fritts, Tom Handy, Beth Hill, Jennifer Marangos, Tami and Justin Oommen, Jennifer Power, Chris Reisert and Joan Therien. Jessica McLemore and Lisa Pheanis joined the teaching team this year.

Godly Play-We are experimenting this year with a Rotational Model for third Sundays in Sunday School. Using the Episcopal curriculum Godly Play, children experience "the holy" through storytelling techniques. Students from preschool through fifth grade meet in the playground behind the Nursery, are divided into small groups which rotate through Godly Play and other stations or activities. Using the theme chosen by the Godly Play teachers, adult volunteers lead the children in a variety of activities as games, arts and crafts, drama, and food creations. Students share their knowledge at 4th Sunday All Ages Worship. Rotational teachers are Nursery staff as needed, Lisa Pheanis, Joan Therien and Dee Zlatic. Sarah Barnes, Gail Drane, Barbara MacKenzie, and Christine Pedic continue to be our Godly Play teachers.

Shepherds assist children in church and alert Sunday School classes when to return to church. Shepherds for 2017-18 in order of Sundays are the Flynns, Franklins, and Marsha Farmer.

All Ages Worship- Every fourth Sunday, students attend All Ages Worship with their families. JAM!Choir sings. Elementary through high school students are involved in the worship as lectors, or illuminators of the day's bible readings. Although there is no Sunday School, childcare is offered in the Nursery for young ones whose parents feel may not be ready to attend a full church service.

Family Ushers serve every fourth Sunday. Our families in 2018-19 are The Haddads, and Reisert/Cianciolo families. The Flynn family also serves every fifth Sunday and as needed.



**Dee Zlatic** 

# Children's Ministry Report

Children's Choir: J.A.M.! (Joy and Music) choir is directed by David Clyle Morse for 2nd grade through 5th grade students. Linda Wollowitz assists David with rehearsals. There are currently 8 members of the choir.

Toddlin Together Classes: Designed for babies through children "not-in-preschool yet" and their caregivers, Parishioner Nancy Jones and Dee Zlatic facilitate this group that meets weekly. This program serves church families as well as the community outside our church.

#### Additional Children's Ministry Information:

- · Childcare for various ages is provided from 9 am through 12:45 pm (the end of the Unplugged Service). Childcare is also provided at special services and/or events as needed (i.e. Episcopal 101, Annual Meeting, etc). Patricia Sheaks and her father Oscar Sotomayor (lovingly called Papy) and Stephanie Wrona continue to be our childcare staff. And a new blessing this year, Kim Stivers volunteers every Sunday in the Nursery.
- · Holy Baptism The Sunday School classes return early to watch the baptisms at the 9:30am Service. The newly baptized receive a faith chest (by Brotherhood of St Andrew) filled with personalized, age-appropriate items created and donated by parishioners and the church organizations. Items include plush bear (DOK), hand-stitched baby quilt (Sassy Sewers), Christian books ECW and Unplugged) and music and a personalized hand-crafted baptismal banner (Janet Gibson, Joan Fox). Event Coordinator Cher Sandhoff coordinates the special coffee hours. Photographers capture the momentous event. On the fourth Sunday in January, we celebrate the newly baptized at the 9:30 All Ages Worship with a projected slide show of the baptisms and a presentation of the personalized banners. This year, a total of 5 children and 1 youth were baptized.
- · Holy Communion Milestone This series of classes for First and Second Grade (or older) students and their parents is offered to our parish, school, and community. In 2018, the Reverend Canon Doctor Martin W. Zlatic, rector, taught 11 children. We celebrated Holy Communion Milestone Eucharist on May 20, 2018.
- · Acolytes 3rd-5th grade students join youth volunteers to serve as acolytes for the 9:30 am service. Because the younger acolytes miss Sunday School when serving, Sherry Thomas, Acolyte Director, works to schedule them on Sundays when there is no Sunday School.
- · Vacation Church Camp This 6-day summer offering occurred in June. See separate report.
- · Special Events Children's Ministry special events include Sunday School Kick-off, old-fashioned carnival games on the Sunday closest to Halloween, Christmas Eve Nativity reenactment, Epiphany reenactment, Palm Sunday reenactment with live donkey, Easter's egg hunt, and the end of Sunday School year church picnic. Special Events Chair Sylvia Jimenez continues to coordinate these activities.
- · Christmas Eve -The 4 pm service had the annual "spontaneous Christmas Pageant" for children. There is no rehearsal for the children. Adult volunteers costume all children who want to participate. Throngs of children participate. Parishioner Ray Mills designed a new Inn and Stable which was paid for by the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew. The JAM!Choir sang an excerpt from Handel's Messiah plus a special Christmas carol.

At the 6:30pm service, baby Jesus was played by newly born Valor Martin, with parents Cory and Erin as the Holy Family, with Valor's many cousins, uncles and aunts as shepherds, angels and the star.

· Epiphany 2018 - 9:30am service Newborn Dylan Faillace was Jesus while parents Marshall and Regina were Joseph and Mary. The three Kings were Aunt Heather Vidulich, Grandmother Holly Faillace, cousin Carter Vidulich, and the star was cousin Hutton Vidulich. The adult choir sang We Three Kings as the family reenacted the story.

# Vacation Church Camp 2018



VCC 2018 Shipwrecked

Respectfully Submitted by Dee Zlatic, Children's Minister 6/21/18

Saint Joseph's Vacation Church Camp (VCC) continues to be a major summer treat for preschoolers, children, youth and adults. St. Joseph's reached out to the community on the week of June 11-16 with Shipwrecked...Jesus Rescues! Each day, all experienced a different bible verse, bible story, and key bible truth for the day, as they travelled with their crews to Games, Theater, Crafts, Video, Church, and Snacks Stations. NOTE: Preschoolers and their crew leaders experienced everything the elementary aged chil-

dren experienced, but in their own safe space with pkVCC director Barbara Wegner and team. Everyone lived the week knowing when you're lonely, worried, struggling, doing wrong, or feeling powerless, Jesus will help. Object lessons with Godly meaning delighted participants. Jean Wyatt-Filer joined longtime camp favorite Mike Farmer in the skits and had all participants laughing at their antics. Reverend Wendy Tobias mesmerized the children and youth each day with experiential-style learning, that brought bible stories to life in a "transformed" youth house. And, at the end of each day, Father Marty illuminated the daily lessons in church. The youth band directed by Charles Milling wowed all.

REGIS	TERED for VCC 2018	St Joseph's church	no church	"Other churches"	# different churches represented	# different schools represented
109	Youth volunteers	52	11	46	19	37
186	Campers(K-5th)	54	26	106	27	45
38	Campers Preschool	9	4	25	18	20
68	Adult volunteers	63	2	3	2	n/a
1	Nursery	1	0	0	0	n/a

Ray Mills, with the support of wife Jane, filled our eyes with dazzling scenes of a shipwrecked island.

OUTREACH The camp donated uniform shirts and school supplies to these local Title One schools: Forest Park, Galaxy, Palmetto, and Rolling Green.

Special Thank you to all the Youth and Adult Volunteers who gave their time and talent. It takes a village!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS: Sally Antonelli, Michelle Ashmore, Sarah Barnes, Karin Bice, Monica Brown, Margaret Carpenter, Mary ann Cevasco, Angel Christie, Erica Dangelo, Gail



Drane, Anna Erwin, Marsha Farmer, Mike Farmer, Ric Filer, Andrea Flynn, Joan Fox, Colleen Fritts, Steve Fritts,

# Vacation Church Camp 2018

Margeaux Gellermann, Annette Gellermann, Janet Gibson, Simone Green, Carrie Guthrie, Jerry Guthrie, Georgia Handy, Elizabeth Hill, Sylvia Jimenez, Jasmin Jimenez, Nancy Jones, Sandy Koch-stone, Jean Krokus, Charlotte Lees, Patricia Lyren, Barbara MacKenzie, Marg Marble, Joan Meyer, Charles Milling, Ray Mills, Jane Mills, Mary Naughton, Justin Oommen, Tami Oommen, Rachel Oyler, Christine Pedic, Lisa Pheanis, Dawna Poirier, Brad Poirier, Kelly Raimonda, Phyllis Roberts, Cher Sandhoff, Patricia Sheaks, Nicole Shore, Gay Sideris, Linda Sorenson, Olga Soto, Pam Sterling, Ben Stokes, Sherry Thomas, Wendy Tobias, Monica Van Overloop, Carolyn Van Overloop, Barbara Wegner, Linda Wollowitz, Jean Wyatt-filer, Shannon and Nicholas Zalewski, Dee Zlatic, and Marty Zlatic



YOUTH VOLUNTEERS: Alyssa Agramonte, Makhary Ashmore, Mikael Ashmore, Mikalla Ashmore, Justin Astiz, Alison Barnett, Madison Bourque, Braxton Bowman, Zack Brand, Dennis Brown, Lila Burns, Lucas Bustamante, Kyle Cameron, Joseph Capizola, Isabella Chiodo, Natalie Claude, Aidan Crane, Quinn Crane, Teresa D'angelo, Jamie Defrances, Jenna Defrances, Christopher Dlugokecki, Jared Dormelus, Jeremy Dormelus, Cash Dubois, Lizzie Duchock, Katelyn Faber, Mason Farmer, Michael Farmer, Gustavo Fedele, Isabela Fedele, Mariana Fedele, Hope Flynn, Ryan Flynn, Giuliana Gallego, Gianna Gallo, Giovanni Gallo, Carmelina Gorski, Sophia Gorski, Dorian Green, Alison Gudat, Katie Gudat, Thomas Haag, Joshua Haddad, Noah Haddad, Annalee Handy, Sally Handy, Andrea Herzfeld, Madelynne Hill, Owen Hill, Preston Hill, Isabelle Holley, Tyler Hrynkiw, Josephine Hunt, Mason Hunt, Alexandra Icenhower, Steven Jimenez, Cassandra Jones, Hunter Jones, AJ Koltz, Nikolas Kraft, Kate Lowry, Quinn Lowry, Emma Mahady, John Mahady, Mark Mahady, Veronica Mccord, Jackson Miller, Mikel Mouaddeb, Kayla Murry, Emily Nadel, Erin Nadel, Mckenna Neidigh, Grace O'Carroll, Aidan Okosodo, Aron Okosodo, Carmen Ones, Johan Ones, Manuel Ones, Katie Poquette, Joshua Port, Bryce Povedano, Colin Power, Mason Reese, Carolina Rodriguez, Matthew Salomon, Natalee Sama, Nicholas Sama, Alex Sardina, Hector Sardina, Anthony Sardo, Gianna Smith, Luke Stivers, Kyle Stokes, Jacqueline Tabascio, Jolie Thompson, Spencer Thompson, Dean Uys, Victoria Uys, Gregory Warnecke, Cody Wheeler, Matthew Wheeler, Victoria Wilson, Kaylee Wilt, Taylor Wilt, William Winters, Addie Wrona

# Youth Ministry

"Keep your roots deep in him and have your lives built on him. Be strong in the faith, just as you were taught, and always be thankful." Colossians 2:7

Hi Everyone! Shannon Zalewski, St. Joseph's youth minister, here with a look back on our year and a glimpse into the new year. Nick and I truly can't believe we've had the privilege to be working with the youth for a full year now. Let's just say when Nick and I opened our hearts completely to what God has intended us to do with the youth we never imagined it would be this incredible. This year we have created new programming and reinstated some of the old but, marvelous, programming and have found a steady flow of young people making a commitment to their faith and creating a relationship with God. We have created new relationships with one another as well and see the youth bonding in such a special way. These young people are finding a spiritual home within the walls of our church/ youth house and carrying it out into their everyday lives. It is something words are unable to truly express watching this transpire in them. The roots are growing deeper with this crew of young people as their faith is growing stronger. We are so thankful God is leading the way!

A look back/ A look into the New Year:

Reinstating Sunday classes FROM 10:30AM- 11:45AM in the Youth House: SYNC (So You Need Christ) 6th Graders, Rite 13- 7th & 8th graders, J2A (Journey to Adulthood)- 9th-12th graders. We had two groups complete their Rite 13 Ceremony. We also pulled off our first secret event to welcome our 9th graders into high school! We will continue this into the new year.

Wednesday Night Madness: (WNM) 6pm-8pm: Dinner, fellowship and exploring our faith in a playful/creative atmosphere. We also held our first youth led service in the youth house with Charles Milling and Rev. Wendy- it was a success! We will continue this into the new year.

Kanuga: Winterlight- Our Church sent up 10 high school youth. SYP/JYP- Our Church sent up 21 middle schoolers and high schoolers. Kanuga is an Episcopal camp in Hendersonville, NC where the teens meet with those from across the country to spend time learning and delving into tough topics and their faith. We will continue doing this into the new year.

Rock The Universe- Yearly Christian concert held in Universal Studios Park in Orlando. Our youth had 28 participants in this event. We will continue doing this into the new year.

Service- Holy Redeemer Soup Kitchen- We had the pleasure to serve one Friday with Christine Pedic and the wonderful ladies who do this monthly. We hope to do it more often! We will be doing this into the new year.

Lock in- with Christmas Caroling to Parishioners. We will be doing this into the new year.

Can't wait to see what God will be up to next... Happy New Year from Joes YO!



Shannon Zalewski

# Episcopal Church Women

## We are YOU.....All Women of St Joseph's

#### What did we do this year?

Ran a wonderful FALL FESTIVAL and BAKE SALE

Hosted a CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON for the church staff

Had a CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We hosted a FASHION SHOW

Held an exciting MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Had a "SHREDDING EVENT" for the community

### What fun did we have this year?

Held a luncheon meeting in a restaurant

Had a CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Had a PICNIC at the OCEAN PARK

Had SPECIAL PROGRAMS and SPEAKERS during the year, League of Women Voters, a horticulture program ,recycling specialist, forgotten mariner, Our Little Roses Home

#### What good did we do for our CHURCH and COMMUNITY?

Gave appreciation gifts to our staff totaling \$1500

Make donations throughout the year to help our church with the ongoing projects and renovations.

Donated \$150 toward the " DOK" YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Adopted a little girl Zoila from OUR LITTLE ROSES HOME FOR GIRLS, This is a yearly contribution of more than \$800 for her education ,housing ,spiritual and physical growth

Collected toys and books to distribute to needy families

Contribute each month to the Brotherhood's "SPARE CHANGE" campaign

Collected Socks for Seniors in Nursing facilities

Our list will continue to change and grow as needed.

What will we do next year? Can YOU help? Once you join our family here at St. Joseph's you become a member. WON'T YOU COME TO A MEETING? Third Monday of the month at noon in the parish Hall, or Quarterly on Saturday morning at 10. INTERESTED? Please contact me at any time at 561-582 2599

Sincerely submitted, your sister in Christ,

Cheryl Laski, President







# Tech Ministry—Communications

Don't miss out on important announcements and updates on all the news from St. Joseph's! Did you miss going to church this week and want to hear the sermon? Or maybe it was so good, you 'd like to hear it again or share it with a friend.

Sign up to receive our email notices and you can choose to receive a weekly link to Sunday sermons and/or just special announcements. Visit our website <a href="www.stjoesweb.org">www.stjoesweb.org</a> and click on the "Join Our Mailing List" button at the top of the page. It's that easy!

Karen Antonucci



## Parish Nurse

When I was working full time, I always wanted more time to be able to help those who could benefit from a parish nurse. Retired, I am able to do that. When Fr. Marty is aware of a need, he may ask me to see someone. What the Parish Nurse does varies depending on the needs of the person.

Generally, this does not involve direct nursing care, but helping someone to access the services they may need. Our health care system can be very complicated, and sometimes I am able to provide information to help a person through the maze of paperwork and health plan requirements.

At Holy Redeemer, I was able to help some who had no health insurance to access insurance.

So if you have a question or a need, please let me know and I will try to assist in whatever way I can.

Barbara MacKenzie



# Lay Anointing Ministers—LAMS



The Order of Saint Luke is an ecumenical international healing order. At Saint Joseph's the LAMS have all completed the training which includes studying the healing miracles of Jesus Christ. Then, with additional training from Father Marty, we began our healing ministry as LAMS. Each of the LAMS is also a Lay Eucharist Minister and can take communion to those who are unable to attend church.

At the Saturday service, one of the LAMS assists with the anointing during the Prayers of the People. On Sunday, at the 9:30 service, LAMS are assigned to the Lady Chapel to work with the DOK who offer healing prayer that is followed by anointing by one of the LAMS.

When we take communion to someone at home, in hospital or a nursing facility, the LAM is also able to offer anointing. Please be sure to let the office know if you would like a visit from a LAM. Often we are unaware of those who would like a visit from a LAM and so I encourage you to let the

office know if you or someone you know would like a visit.

This is a wonderful ministry which each of the LAMS is humbled and blessed to be a part of.

Barbara MacKenzie

# The Brotherhood of St. Andrew



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew had again had a very active year filled with activities and meetings. We worked concessions at Roger Dean Stadium for baseballs' spring training and were able to make a large contribution to the coming mission trip to the Panhandle. In February, we had our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper followed by Koko and David. We had a golf tournament to benefit the victims of Hurricane Irma, the Annual Ascension Thursday spaghetti dinner was also a success. I was able to attend the Brotherhood Triennial Convention in Austin, Texas and the National Episcopal Convention there at the same time. One of the main changes to membership is that we now consider every man and boy as a member of the Broth-



erhood and to encourage them to become dues paying members, also. Our headquarters moved to Louisville, Ky. At the convention it was decided to have several regional meetings around the country to enable more members to attend and meet national officers. Bishop Curry again addressed the convention and encouraged us to recruit new chapters in every Episcopal church. We tore down the fence at the sexton house and hauled it away and did several work days at the church. We continually provided faith chests for baptisms. Through our fundraising we were able to help purchase new chairs for van Rooyen (along with the ECW), money for mission trips, Kairos, and Kanuga. Brother Ray Mills designed a new manger set to be used at the Christmas services and we paid for it to be built from materials that should last for 10 years or more. We paid for a pre-trip to Marathon for Rev. Wendy to map out plans for the disaster relief trip ithis March. As always, we encourage anyone interested in becoming more active as a brother to attend our meetings on the second Wed. of each month at 7 pm in van Rooyen Hall or the 4th Saturday breakfast at 7:30am in van Rooyen Hall. The purpose of the Brotherhood is to spread Christ's kingdom among men and youth. We do this through prayer, study, and service.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Guthrie, Director

# St. Joseph's Youth Band



2018 was a phenomenal year for our Youth Band at Saint Joseph's. YB Veterans, Luke Stivers, Josh Port and Greg Warnecke held down a rock-solid foundation while Isabella Chiodo, Maddie Hill, Dennis Brown, Kayla Murry, Katie Gudat, Noah Haddadd and Josh Haddad apprenticed the craft. They are all champions for JC. Leading a congregation in singing spiritual music is not only a privilege, it is a lofty responsibility. Each of them understand this and bring their hearts and hard work to bear. I am so grateful for this continuing ministry as we are now entering into our 31st Youth Band season! (Started in Fall

of 2004!) In May, a magnanimous and heartfelt donation provided for our new electronic drum set, so that when I am away with Live Hymnal (such as when I leave during VCC) the youth still have their drums. As usual, we are in the national spotlight, and I couldn't be more Holy-Proud.

Blessings, Love and Gratitude, Charles Milling

