



# St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

## **2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

*Annual Meeting Friday January 30, 2015*

*van Rooyen Parish Hall*

*5:30 p.m. Dinner*

*6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting*

*Childcare will be offered following dinner.*

*We will discuss our budget  
and vote in new Vestry members.*

### **Agenda for Annual Meeting**

#### **Opening Prayer**

**Appointment of Secretary for Annual Meeting**

**Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting of January 2014**

**Official Appointment of Committee on Challenges**

**Vestry Elections**

- **Official Appointment of Election Inspectors**
- **Introduction of Candidates for the Vestry for 2015**
- **Nominations from the Floor**

#### **Annual Reports**

- **Rector's Report**
- **Senior Warden's Report**
- **Treasurer's Report/Ratification of 2015 Budget (distributed at the Annual Meeting)**

**Reporting of Election Results (and further balloting if required)**

**Closing Prayer**

**Annual Parish Meeting adjourns**

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# 2014 MINUTES

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH BOYNTON BEACH, FL JANUARY 31, 2014 PARISH HALL**

Fr. Marty opened the Annual Meeting with prayer at 6:30 p.m. There was a slideshow of the year 2013 in review.

Appointment of secretary for the meeting: Cheryl May made a motion seconded by Paul Wegner to appoint Barbara Wegner as secretary for the Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Marty appointed outgoing Vestry members as the Committee on Challenges: Tad Knutsen, Katherine Metzger and Paul Wegner.

### **VESTRY ELECTIONS**

Fr. Marty introduced the 3 candidates for Vestry: Elliott Williams, Sam Mancuso and Hewlis Dillon. Sam Mancuso will take a backseat until his retirement when he will fully take over the Jr. Warden duties. Until then Tad Knutsen will manage many of the day to day Jr. Warden activities.

Nominations were opened on the floor. Brian Rowland voted to close the nominations and Wes Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion to elect Elliott Williams, Sam Mancuso and Hewlis Dillon by acclamation was made by Brian Rowland and seconded by Paul Wegner. The motion carried unanimously.

According to the Episcopal Church By-Laws there needs to be a meeting of the new Vestry after this one to appoint Sr. Warden, elect Jr. Warden, Treasurer and Clerk.

### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

Fr. Marty reviewed upcoming events:

Feast of the Presentation/Candlemas procession. Confirmation and Reception by Bishop Todd MacGregor on Feb. 9th. Fundraiser Italian dinner for Youth Pilgrimage is on Feb. 15th.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Easter attendance was highest ever at 1061. Christmas was back up over 1000 at 1033. VCC was biggest year ever and maxed out at 504. Our average weekend attendance has gone up to 418.

Fr. Marty discussed the REVEAL survey results and embedding scripture at every meeting. Future goals are Pastor the Community and Get People Moving.



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## RECTOR'S AWARD

Fr. Marty presented Rector's Awards to the following parishioners: Carpenter family, Benner family, Carol Preisman, Jerry and Carrie Guthrie and Lindel Mason.

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Sr. Warden's Report was thanking everyone and focusing on teamwork at St. Joseph's.

Fr. Marty presented a special firefighter in the arms of Jesus statue to outgoing Sr. Warden, Paul Wegner.

Fr. Marty thanked the staff for all the work they do.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Erik Hvide, Treasurer gave the Financial Report and presented the Vestry's 2014 budget. We will need to take more from the Benevolent Fund to balance the budget. However we are still within the guidelines set up for management of the Fund. Arnold Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dale Peck to ratify the budget as presented by Erik Hvide.

## VESTRY MEMBER TRANSITION

There was a ceremony of decommissioning the outgoing Vestry and commissioning the incoming Vestry.

There being no further business, Paul Wegner made a motion, seconded by Bobbie Smith to adjourn the Annual Meeting of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Barbara Wegner*  
Secretary





# VESTRY CANDIDATES

## THE VESTRY

The vestry is the official governing body of Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church. Vestry members are elected for a three-year term by the membership of the parish at the annual meeting. Each year, 3 vestry members "rotate" off, and three new vestry members are elected.

This year, the three vestry members who complete their service are Christine Pedic, Dianne Williams and Karen Antonucci.

According to the By-laws of Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church, in addition to the rector, there are 9 vestry members who each serve 3-year terms. (The Head of Saint Joseph's School functions as an additional non-voting member of Saint Joseph's Vestry. The Associate Priest also sits on the vestry now as a no vote/no voice member) To ensure continuity, the terms of the elected vestry members are on a tri-fold cycle. Every year the terms of three vestry members expire. No one can serve consecutive terms. The outgoing vestry members form the nominating committee for the 3 new vestry members, who will be elected at the annual parish meeting on Friday, January 30.

The canons of the Church determine the qualifications of electors as "communicant members in good standing who are 16 years of age and over, whose names are duly enrolled as such in the register of the said congregation, and who are regular in their attendance upon its services and make stated contributions of record to its general support."

## MARCOS BORONAT



**Marcos Boronat**

My name is Marcos Boronat and it would be a privilege to serve as a member of the Vestry at Saint Joseph's.

I was born in Miami, FL and left

Florida after I graduated High School. I wanted to explore the world and encounter new cultures and traditions. I lived in Tennessee briefly, then moved to Long Island for my undergraduate studies. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and remained in the New York City Area until 2007 when I moved back to South Florida.

I was raised Roman Catholic, however once I left South Florida my religious participation was limited. A sister of mine was Episcopalian and on occasions that I would visit her in Philadelphia, I would attend services with her. This practice continued after our respective returns to South Florida and after moving to Boynton Beach, Saint Joseph's was a natural place to begin. I felt ready and was in a position to give back to my community and to live a more prayer centered life.

I remember attending my first 7:45 service (and still do) and being invited to coffee hour by Elliott and Dianne. It was a warm and sincere invitation to become part of a family, Saint Joseph's. It didn't take me very long to realize that I was in the right place.

I have worked in technical positions (Operations, LAN, Computers & Networking), retail sales and since 1998 as a Licensed Funeral Director in New York and now Florida since 2007. I work with families at the worst possible time of their lives, and am a diplomat, a grief counselor, an emcee, an audio-visual guru, a computer geek, an event planner, wordsmith, motivational speaker and sales person. While there are easier ways to make a living, my vocation has been spiritually satisfying, helping those who cannot help themselves and bringing a small measure of peace to those left behind.

I have served on the Blessing of the Animals since 2012, been an usher and lector since then at the 7:45 service, participated in the Reveal Workshop and Discernment Committee, am an





# VESTRY CANDIDATES

Ambassador for the Green Team, have assisted the Tech Ministry in multimedia presentations at 7:45, updated our landscaping along Swinton, have repaired or maintained office equipment or ice making machines saving the Church funds. I enjoy helping others and my talents have been welcomed.

Since joining Saint Joseph's, truly I have felt loved and challenged by this Church. I have been supported in difficult times, and felt love here. If my being on the Vestry is another way I can serve my family and make a positive difference, then I accept this privilege.

## SHERRY THOMAS



*Sherry Thomas*

My name is Sherry Thomas and I would be honored to serve on St. Joseph's Vestry for 2015 - 2018.

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 15 years at St. Joseph's, I have been involved with many rewarding ministries. I have been an assistant in the Children's Choir and participated in and have been a facilitator for the MOM'S program. I have facilitated in two Rite 13 and two J2A programs and have gone on Pilgrimage twice. I am presently a facilitator for the next Pilgrimage class for the summer of 2016. I chaperone and participated in AWWWY (Adults Who Work with Youth) at Kanuga and have also gone to Winterlight. At present I am the Acolyte Master, a Lay Eucharistic 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 on our web site. I have been on two Mission trips to the Dominican Republic.

I am a member of the Daughters of the King and maintain their prayer list. Along with Marty Knight, I have produced the Lenten Devotional for the past 4 years. 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 10 years and participated in women's Cursillo #100, and was Tech Cha for Women's Cursillo #102. I served on the Vestry 3 years ago as the Tech Vestry liaison.

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 can't believe it, but I have 8 grandchildren, 3 of whom go to SJES and my daughter is also a teacher there.

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 Eagles, 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.



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## PAUL WEGNER



*Paul Wegner*

My wife Barbara, our family and I have attended Saint Joseph's for over 17 years. I have worked for Biotest Pharmaceuticals in Boca for more than 17 years; I am the Sr. Manager of the Corporate Quality Assurance Department.

I was raised an Episcopalian on Long Island and served on the Vestry of our former parish in North Carolina.

For the last 15 years I have served as an altar minister and co-led that group of dedicated laity. Over the past 11 years I have been Saint Joseph's Diocesan delegate to the Diocese of Southeast Florida where I attend South Palm Beach County Deanery and annual Diocesan Conventions. Since its initial training I have been active with the Core Lay Leadership of the Parish and Barbara and I were the original Small Group leaders. I am currently the leader of the Parking Ministry. I have supported our youth as a facilitator for over 5 years including being part of the 2nd pilgrimage to Scotland/England in 2005. I was the chair of the Search Committee for our youth minister, Debra Titkemeier and on the Committee that hired the Associate Priest, Rev. Wendy Tobias and our current Choir Director/Organist, David Clyde Morse.

I have experienced the greatness of Saint Joseph's mission trips to the Dominican Republic when my daughter, Kristin and I went in 2008. I am a member of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew and I attended the 87th Men's Cursillo in 2010. In the past I have been a member of a Volunteer Fire-Rescue for 24 years and elected an officer for 18 of those years including 11 years as a Chief Officer and 5 years as the department's Vice President.

I have served Saint Joseph's congregation in the past as a Vestryperson for three previous terms,

my last two terms as Sr. Warden. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve this congregation and staff again in any capacity on Saint Joseph's Vestry.

## JOHN PORT



*John Port*

John Port began attending St. Joseph's Episcopal Church when his son Joshua, now in 7th grade, began attending pre-kindergarten at St. Joseph's Episcopal School. He is married to noted whirlwind Rosalind Murray for many happy years, though many parishioners may not have realized that they are a couple, since he is a 9:30 person, and she an 11:45er. He enjoys music, and is a member of the church choir. He also enjoys cooking and is a wine enthusiast.

He was Controller of the Legal Services Group at WR Grace and Co. for eighteen years, where he managed six direct reports responsible for the Litigation Accounts Payable system, an associated Legal Matters and Payments Tracking Database, and all the financial responsibilities of that functional group of the Corporation. He developed and oversaw Legal Department budgets with peak expenses of \$38 Million and encompassing 151 employees. During that time he produced all the financial records and reports regarding corporate legal expenses. While at Grace, he consulted with the General Counsel and Corporate Controller in problem-solving, analysis, financial modeling and executive decision making, contributed the litigation piece to corporate cash flow, range of liability, and estimated insurance recovery projections. During his tenure, he tracked more than 300 thousand legal matters, and processed legal costs of \$2 Billion, after which he billed and recovered \$1.2 billion from insurance. He was recognized with a Premier Award from the CEO for his work. He received his MBA in Finance/Accounting from the University of Pittsburgh.



# ASSOCIATE PRIEST



**Rev. Wendy Tobias**

***“Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.”***

***Psalm 111:1,10***

Dear family and friends of St. Joe's,

Friday, January 30, 2014

Psalm 111 is the perfect psalm as a guide for an Annual Report and our Annual Meeting and, it just so happens, is the psalm for this weekend, the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. We join with the psalmist and give thanks in the midst of our community of faith. Indeed. We have so much for which to be grateful! We also hear this psalm in the realization that the fear of the Lord as the beginning of wisdom means to have the highest reverence and awe of God, not cowering in anxiety but praising the most holy One who gives us life and in whose image we are made. Only when we yield to that power that is so much greater than us, and yet coursing in and through us, do we begin to know wisdom. I am in awe of God's grace and praise the ministry I am privileged to help facilitate.

I am in my fourth year now as your Associate Priest and lead priest for Unplugged. I continue to give thanks for your ongoing support of this position now that the Bishop's Ministry Grant has ended. That grant, as you may remember, was a three year commitment by the Diocese that paid 50% of my salary the 1st year, 33% the 2nd year, and then 25% the last year. As I mentioned in last year's Annual Report, I had applied in November of 2012 for another grant to support Unplugged and we got it! The Mission Enterprise Zone Grant was available as an outcome of Resolution A073 passed by our church's last General Convention in 2012. Unplugged's core mission of reaching 20s and 30s and those who are not here yet fits the criteria. We were awarded \$20,000 which is matched by the Diocese for a total of \$40,000. It is dispersed in four payments and at this writing we have received two. I prepare regular reports in order to receive these installments. So: Thanks for picking up the difference and believing in Unplugged and also the solid support an Associate Priest gives our parish in general. Here are some highlights from 2014:





# ASSOCIATE PRIEST

▶ Unplugged continues to grow steadily, I'm pleased to report:

Yearly averages for Unplugged since 2011 (monthly available upon request) NOT including Easter*, Pentecost, Chr. Eve*, Bl of Animals, St. Thos Gospel Choir days.			
2011	2012	2013	2014
86.14	93.08	120.56	129.89

- ▶ Continued attendance from a treatment facility/ recovery community while they are in treatment. Several continue to attend once in halfway houses and beyond. This organic work of the Holy Spirit helps us serve the large recovery community in this area and then work w/ them in service to others. I'm convinced that their involvement w/a faith community decreases recidivism.
- ▶ Hired Jaime Legagneur as our new Communication Manager. She comes with an impressive resume especially in website and social media experience and expertise. Hopefully, you have been receiving her regular and enlightening tweets and Instagram postings. Our reach is growing!
- ▶ Word Beyond Words service the first Sunday of Lent was well received and will be repeated.
- ▶ Established 20s/30s Group now led by Sara Trovinger. Its name is Tune In.
- ▶ Received grant for Tune In from Diocese in the amount of 1185.00. Will fund expenses for Tune In gatherings.
- ▶ Connecting with other 20s/30s groups in Diocese.
- ▶ Went back to full size leaflets but with economy of pages. Still reviewing best leaflet for our target groups. Weekly volunteer Rachel Oyler has been invaluable in the preparation of these.
- ▶ New video posted on our Unplugged website.
- ▶ Continued serving w/ Habitat for Humanity in which not only those from Unplugged but all services serve. Several from the recovery community joined us for the Paint A Thon.
- ▶ Provided, prepared, and served part of Thanksgiving meal for the homeless at Holy Redeemer church.
- ▶ Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic -3/16-22. 9 of the 20 Missioners were from our Unplugged community.

We continue to give thanks for our gifted musicians of Live Hymnal and our amazing Youth Band, both led by Charles Milling, and the dedication of our loyal volunteers who serve in a regular schedule of ministries.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve Christ in this sacred place. What a privilege.

In awe and gratitude,

**Rev. Wendy**





# SENIOR WARDEN

## ELLIOTT & DIANNE WILLIAMS



These past 12 months have been a time of change for all of us at St. Joseph's. Elliott took on the Senior Warden position last January and was passionate about his work. In one of his first actions taken as Senior Warden, he created an H.R. committee devoted to creating job descriptions for every employee followed by developing an Employee Handbook to outline conduct, training, vacation, benefits and policies. This committee has worked throughout the year to carefully create and review these standards.

Elliott & I chaired the 19th annual Blessing of the Animals alongside our dedicated group of volunteers. He had already begun planning for the 20th year in an effort to commemorate this special anniversary and create a BIG celebration!

When Elliott passed away, the diocese told Father Marty that his seat had to be filled immediately and could not wait until this annual meeting. I asked Father Marty and the Vestry to approve a lateral move from my current Vestry seat as Evangelism liaison to Senior Warden in an effort to finalize the work of the H.R committee that we were working on together. This also gave Father

Marty more time to select a Senior Warden that would complete the remaining 2 years of Elliott's term. I am proud to report that the 1st ever St. Joseph's Employee Handbook has been submitted for approval of the vestry. Each staff member will receive a binder with the Handbook and approved Job Description.

Serving on the Vestry for these past 3 years has been a truly enlightening experience. You come to church, you get involved on committees or groups, but you really don't get to know how everything runs and what a team it takes to make this church "happen" until you become a member of the Vestry. 2015 could be a year of big change at St. Joseph's. We need to be ready to accept whatever comes our way and step up to the plate when asked to serve.

I want to thank everyone here at St. Joseph's for all of your love, help and support during this difficult time. I know I would be lost without my St. Joseph's family.

With God's Love

***Dianne Williams***  
Senior Warden





# STEWARDSHIP

## Stewardship 2015

IF YOUR PLEDGE IS STILL OUTSTANDING,  
PLEASE GET ON BOARD AS WE CRUISE INTO 2015.



**\$775,000 = Goal**

**\$697,481 =  
Pledges received**

**Help our ship stay  
afloat in 2015.**



**Chris Metzger**

If you have not yet pledged for 2015, or if you have been blessed financially more than you expected when you did pledge, please consider helping us meet our goal.



	Increased from 2014	Same as 2014	Decreased from 2014	New Pledges	TOTALS
Number of Pledges Received	94	88	36	25	<b>243</b>
Percentage Change from 2014	+24%	-	- 21%	-	<b>+5.5%</b>
Average Pledge *	\$2,328	\$1,820	\$1,913	\$841	<b>\$1,839</b>
Total \$\$\$ Pledged	\$447,338	\$160,245	\$68,874	\$21,024	<b>\$697,481</b>

\*Highest & lowest pledges removed for data normalization.



# FUN-RAISING



*Hewlis Dillon*

**Dear Capital Campaign Pledge Members,**

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the “Make Room at the Inn“ Capital Campaign for Saint Joseph’s Episcopal Church. We are very excited about the impact that these gifts have made on our mission, on our members, and on others that will be touched through our outreach efforts.

As we approach the end of the year 2014 Capital Campaign, we want to give you a status report on what has been accomplished to date and what is yet to be accomplished. We are already seeing very tangible results.

For the fiscal year January through November 2014 we have collected Capital Campaign contributions in the amount of \$38,845.86 and a total contribution in the amount of \$90,007.01.

We as the family of St. Joseph’s are extremely blessed! We have many buildings in which to meet, worship and rehearse.

Phase 1 was the expansion of the narthex (the front of the church) with the beautiful labyrinth and the much needed bathrooms.

Phase 2 is our beautiful music building, which allows us to accommodate our music program and future growth. Volunteers and staff now have adequate space to conduct financial matters of our church in the new finance office.

Due to the economy, in order to complete Phase 2 it was necessary to obtain a \$400,000 loan from the Diocese. This loan is structured to be paid back monthly over a 5 year period with a balloon payment for the balance at a time. Thanks to the contributions of some of our major donors, we were able to pay off the entire music building, and for those of you who have not yet completed your Capital Campaign pledge, we will use those funds towards our planned Phase 3 construction.

The next phase, Phase 3 will be a new larger parish hall and kitchen to accommodate our growth and all the wonderful events and programs provided for our church family in addition to much needed office space for the church employees and meeting rooms.

We are about to launch the Sale of the “Family Statue Pavers” fun raising project soon and urge all parishioners to purchase pavers in support of the “Capital Campaign” Phase 3 building fund.

Through this letter, we want to say thank you for the contributions that you have already made and to let you know how much your sacrifices are appreciated. We appreciate your contributions and would like to ask that you prayerfully consider any additional contributions that you can make to complete or add to your “Make Room at the Inn” Capital Campaign pledge. Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering helping us to meet our goals!

Thank you for sharing your blessings and gifts with us and for playing a critical role in the expansion of our Lord’s work in our church family.

In gratitude for all of our many blessings.  
**Hewlis Dillon** (Vestry, Fun raising committee)  
**Cindy Augustine, Terry Augustine.**  
“Make Room at the Inn” Capital Campaign







# FELLOWSHIP

## ECW



The Episcopal Church Women had another great year thanks to the wonderful members of St. Joseph's who support us and the fabulous women who work so hard.

**Gail Drane**

Our Bazaars in 2014 brought in close to \$6000.00! That is an all-time high. We were able to donate \$1000.00 to the nursing home in the Dominican Republic, and \$500.00 for the beautiful new Advent wreath designed by Fr. William.

We spent a wonderful afternoon at the Delray Playhouse where we saw a tribute to Ethel Merman.

We are looking forward to a great 2015.

In His Name,  
**Gail Drane**  
President



## HEALTH MINISTRY



**Barbara MacKenzie**

The Health Ministry was initiated in 2014 at Saint Joseph's. To date, the major activity has been Blood Pressure Screenings which is scheduled for twice a month. All are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to keep an eye on your blood pressure. Changes in your blood pressure can be an indication of a need for closer health monitoring.

This ministry has also been able to assist individuals with specific questions or issues with which they are having problems or questions. Please know that this Ministry is here to be of assistance when needed.

Beginning in February of 2015, there will be periodic presentations on Health Issues or conditions that are of general interest to some or many. As these are scheduled, they will be announced in the Bulletin. If you have questions, suggestions or requests, please contact me.

**-Barbara MacKenzie**







# EVANGELISM

## THE MINISTRY OF GREETERS



**Mary Lou Eastham**

Being a Greeter is one of St. Joseph's very important ministries. After all, for visitors arriving, their first contact is with our Greeters. Yes, "first impressions are lasting impressions". Many parishioners at

St. Joe's have said that one of the reasons they became members

is because of the special way they were received while "church shopping".

Over the years while our church continues to grow, the Greeters take their jobs very seriously. Every week, behind warm smiles, extended handshakes and hugs, the Greeters get down to the "behind the scenes" business. They meet with each other and decide who will take responsibility for various but important weekly tasks. Some of these include helping with the name tags, helping visitors sign in the guest book, taking families over to Sunday school and the nursery, presenting the chalice and wine cruet to the altar, and handing out the welcome bags. After the service, they are still on duty introducing new visitors to Father Marty and making visitors feel welcome at coffee hour by introducing them to parishioners.

I would like to thank all Greeters new and old for all they do. Our church is a better place because of you.

**MaryLou Eastham**



## HEALING PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There were 25 Healing Prayer Shawls blessed by one of our priests and given in 2014 to a parishioner, a member of their family, or a friend who was facing a frightening diagnosis, a surgical procedure, recovery from an illness,



**Bobbie Smith**

loss of a loved one, or a happy event like the birth of a baby.

The purpose of the Healing Prayer Shawl Ministry is to wrap the loved one in a cozy, cuddly shawl that will bring God's extra loving touch into their lives at a time of need in a mighty way to comfort and bless them. These shawls are knitted or crocheted by over 20 St. Joseph's parishioners. While each shawl is being made, the person to whom it will eventually go is being prayed for, whether that person is known by the knitter or not.

All parishioners are invited to request a Healing Prayer Shawl for themselves, a family member or friend. All parishioners are invited to knit or crochet a shawl or to make a donation (\$18 buys the yarn for one shawl). There are experienced knitters who will be happy to teach novices in the easy "knit 3, purl 3" pattern that is generally used for each shawl.

We urge you to join us in this ministry that is a huge blessing to those "giving" and those "receiving." This "Outreach" ministry of St. Joseph's takes God's unconditional love and healing comfort and power to those who need it most.

In Christ's love,  
**Bobbie Smith**



# EVANGELISM

## NEWCOMER BREAD MINISTRY



**Bobbie Smith**

Every service, Fr. Marty asks visitors/newcomers to identify themselves. They are warmly welcomed and prayed for. Also, they are asked to complete the card found in the Welcome Bag they received and place that card in the collection plate.

During the week following their visit, our local visitors/newcomers receive a small loaf of fruit/nut bread, delivered to their home, along with a note of welcome and an invitation to come often to share in our worship and fellowship. The breads are lovingly baked by St. Joseph's volunteers and lovingly delivered by additional volunteers.

In 2014, we were delighted to bake and deliver 62 loaves to those who came to visit and share in our worship. Our ministry purpose is to extend a warm and loving St. Joseph's welcome to those who visit to worship with us in the hope they will return and become part of our parish family.

In Christ's love,  
**Bobbie Smith**

## USHER'S REPORT



**Robert Lees**

Once again special thanks goes out to our team of ushers for their facilitation of our worship services here at St. Joseph's. Very special thanks go out to the Haddad Family for their participation in the "family" Sunday. They have recently been joined by the Wegner and Franklin Families. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew gets special mention for serving at more than half the services, and sadly, at several funerals this year.

Won't you step up and consider being an usher this year? It's a great way to "test the water" so to speak by becoming more involved with what St. Joe's ministries are all about. Contact the Church office at 561-732-3060, or call Bob Lees at 561-

436-7766 or email him at bob@fonu2.com. Thanks again for all our wonderful ushers who served in 2014, especially to Diane Kinishi and Gene Seyffer (our "A Team" ushers) who will be leaving us this year after so many years of faithful service. They will be sorely missed!

## THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW



**Jerry Guthrie**

2014 saw many good things happen for the Brotherhood. Bob LeNeve went to the annual National meeting, held this year in Nashville, Tenn. It was stressed at the meeting that there was a need to increase our work with the youth in our churches. We reaffirmed our commitment to sending aid to the people of Africa, where we have built schools and orphanages.

At the local level, we are continuing our efforts to recruit new chapters in our diocese. We helped to charter and initiate a new chapter at St. Mary's in Stuart and are in the process of chartering a new chapter at St. Anne's in Port St. Lucie.

We continue with our core triangle of prayer, study, and service. This includes the making of Faith Chests for infant baptisms, having the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Ascension Thursday Spaghetti dinner as fundraisers to help support our projects. These include sponsoring the Chili Cookoff/ Wreath making event on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, as well as donating to Mission trips, Kanuga, or Father Marty's discretionary fund to name a few.

We have begun an effort to charter a Cub scout pack to be based at St. Joseph's and held joint work parties with the youth. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please contact me or any other brother. Women may become associate members for a nominal fee.

**Jerry Guthrie**

Director, St. Joseph's Brotherhood Chapter



# WORSHIP

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC & LITURGICAL ARTS



**David Clyle Morse**

I continue to be blessed by working with such a great staff and clergy team at St. Joseph's. There's always at least one golden nugget in every sermon that we hear. I continue to say one of Fr. Marty's prayers that he shared with us one day:

"Help us, help us, help us. Thank

you, thank you, thank you. Amen." I have a wall hanging that displays these words: "For all that has been – Thanks! For all that will be – Yes!" Both of these ever so brief prayers are profound and remind us of the simplicity of living a prayer-filled life that keeps us connected to God. I hope that this simplicity and depth are what guide the music ministry in our church.

The main part of my job as Minister of Worship Music is to prepare music for the 9:30 a.m. service and work with choirs. Some of the tasks are obvious, such as rehearsing, practicing, selecting music, or ordering music. We work with the modern day challenges of lives that are busy, often placing choir rehearsals as a second or third priority. We hope that more people will make a short-term commitment to projects such as the Christmas Eve Concert, the First Sunday of Lent "Word Beyond Words" Mass and the more relaxed Summer Choir. In our prayers at rehearsals we often say, "God, help us to fill all the chairs and then send us more chairs." I believe God will do this if we don't get in the way.

Some highlights of this past year are:

- ▶ A profound worship experience with the "Word Beyond Words" Mass on the First Sunday of Lent – meditation, singing, instruments and "The Lord's Prayer" in sign language.
- ▶ Singing children – on key and with joyful

hearts.

- ▶ Occasional singing outside before the beginning of Mass.
- ▶ The presence of bagpipes by our own resident piper, John Flynn.
- ▶ More individuals and ensembles presenting music at the beginning of Communion – we've only just begun!
- ▶ More a cappella singing by the Choir and the congregation.
- ▶ Our second annual "Come One, Come All" pick-up choir on the Sunday after Christmas.
- ▶ Music enhanced by trumpets, timpani, cello and oboe 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.
- ▶ Choir singing from the side aisles for the Fraction Hymn.
- ▶ The first Shrove Tuesday organ concert, featuring Koko The Gorilla, assisted by Russell The Crow (and me).
- ▶ The addition of a much needed full length mirror in the Choir Room.
- ▶ Attendance at the biennial national convention of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), in Boston.

In October we resumed choir rehearsals for students in grades 2-5. Formerly called The Children's Choir, we adopted a new name – "JAM! Choir." JAM stands for Joy And Music. The choir program offers two different times for rehearsing – Wednesdays at 4 o'clock for 60 minutes and Sundays at 10:45 for 20 minutes. The Sunday experience allows many to participate by focusing on just the music of the current month. The Wednesday experience allows for more time for voice teaching and song learning, especially songs that will be sung in future months. But even more important, the longer time frame on Wednesdays allows time to do what we actually pray for each week when we start our rehearsal by praying: "God, help us to know you better, to know Jesus





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better, to get to know each other better and to learn our music.” Whether it’s a Wednesday or a Sunday, we take time to read a brief passage from the Bible and talk about what it might mean in the context of our lives.

Thank you, people of St. Joseph’s Parish, for continuing to support me in my ministry. As of January 8, 2015, I’ve been “on the bench” for 48 years and I can tell you it has been quite a journey! I look forward to another great year with many more new and different opportunities for ministry in the name of Christ.

Blessings,  
**David Clyde Morse**  
Minister of Worship Music

## LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



**Olive Gill**

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers took communion to several parishioners throughout the year 2014 who were either hospitalized, recovering at home, in a rehab center, health care facility, residential facility, or homebound.

The consecrated bread and wine was taken from the holy table of celebration at the services of the Eucharist weekly, biweekly, or monthly as needed. Regretfully, we have lost three of our most valued and dedicated LEMs. Gene Seyffer and Diane Kinishi who now live in Broward County, and Gail Schuler is currently up north. We wish them all the best. Sadly, they will be missed.

If you have the desire to be a Lay Eucharistic Minister, please notify the office. If you would like more information about this ministry, please call me at 561-733-9284. You can also speak to any of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers named below.

Betsy Hvide, Barbara MacKenzie, Bob Lees, Katherine Metzger, Bobbie Smith, Gail Drane, Erik Hvide, Wanda Brady, Christine Pedic, Jim Coull, Gary Riggs

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Olive Gill**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS



**The Wegners**

The altar ministers and lectors have a true ministry at worship services. We have added some new lectors and altar ministers in 2014. Currently 11 lectors read the lessons on Sunday mornings and 20 altar ministers serve at the altar. I appreciate the ministry that these people so willingly do each service. Thank you all for your ministry at St. Joseph’s.

**Barbara Wegner**  
**Paul and Barbara Wegner**







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## VOICES IN BRONZE YEAR END RING REPORT 2014



**Sue Tiller**

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 2014 our quote focused on who we are as a handbell ministry ***“So we are ambassadors for Christ”*** 2 Corinthians 5:20. Also

selected was the following prayer called ***“The Tradition of Bells”***

***Dear Lord and Father of us all, we thank you for this time to immerse ourselves in the art of bell ringing. As we calm our minds and center ourselves in your presence, we call forth the memory of bells rung through the ages: Great bells pealing in joy or tolling in sadness, tower bells calling worshipers to majestic cathedrals or simple country churches, small bells announcing the good news that God is here, that God is love.***

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.

This year, our worship selections ranged from the simple plaintive folk carol “I Wonder as I Wander” to open the silent service in Lent with the ancient change ring bell patterns that have been rung for hundreds of years in the churches and cathedrals of England. In fact, the art of ringing handbells is a downsized version of the ringing of huge church tower bells... after all, it takes a quite a bit of muscle to ring a 1000 lb. bell and a lot of practice! Change ringing is the art of ringing a set of tuned bells in a series of mathematical patterns called “changes”. And so our poem above started to come alive.

Our spring offerings heard congregation favorites rung such as “Immortal, Invisible”, “Guide Us O Great Jehovah” and the choir favorite “Grazioso”. In March 2013, several members of the handbell choir were able to attend the Florida State Handbell Festival held in Tarpon Springs, FL. One of the pieces we were introduced to was “Grazioso” by Arnold Sherman. This piece was written to commemorate the life of Norma Taubert Brown who was a handbell musician. The music depicts her life and the music starts to darken as she sickens with cancer, the bass bells reflecting her fading heartbeat and death. There is a brief pause before the little treble bells start to ring as she starts her journey upward and ends in a glorious joyful ringing celebrating her entrance to heaven. It has become a choir favorite and we all joked how we would like the song played at our funerals. Little did we realize at that time how those words would come true.

Handbell choirs are unique in the musical world simply because of the fact that it takes the entire team to play “the instrument,” which is not complete if someone is missing. As with life there are always highs and lows and so it is with our ministry the Voices of Bronze. So while we celebrate our successes as we continue to develop as a choir we are also saddened by our losses and having to say goodbye.





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In March we had the honor to play for Carol Hemmingway's funeral with two of her favorites "Kingsfold" and of course "Grazioso". Sadly this December we had to say goodbye all too soon to the smiling imp and youngest member of our group, Philip Rowland. At his service we had a tape of Voices in Bronze playing his favorite song "Grazioso" that we had played last spring in church during communion. During Lent we will be dedicating the song "Mary, Did You Know" to Philip as it was another of his favorites. In closing, the poem *"The Tradition of Bells"* ends like this;

*...We ask for your blessing as we blend our new notes into this worshipful tradition. May the echoes of those ancient bells reverberate in our handbells and send your praises soaring through the air, filling hearts and enriching lives. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen from "Ringing True" by Linda Stahelin*

In the movie *"It's a Wonderful Life"*, they say, *"Every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings"*... It's time to join the Few, the proud, the ringers of St. Joseph's! Come join our Handbell choir!! No experience necessary. We range from very beginner to the more advanced ringers in an intergenerational choir setting. We meet on Monday nights from 7:30-8:30 p.m. For further information please ask any Handbell choir member or call Sue Tiller at 714-6254.

*-Sue Tiller*



## ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN/ LAY ANOINTING MINISTERS

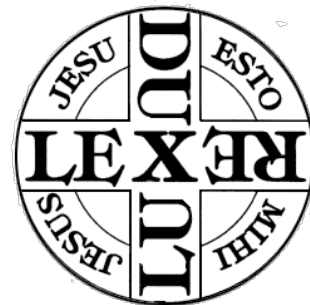


**Barbara  
MacKenzie**

The Order of Saint Luke/LAMs has had three new members commissioned during the last year – Jim Coull, Gary Riggs and Gail Schuler. This has assisted us in continuing in service as Lay Anointing Ministers at the Saturday Healing Service and in the Lady Chapel at the 9:30 service each Sunday. At the Saturday service, one of the LAMs assists Father Marty during the Prayers of the People if someone comes forward for special prayers and anointing. On Sunday mornings, the LAMs coordinate with the Daughters of the King to offer anointing following prayers of the person with a member of the DOK.

We are honored and humbled with this opportunity of service.

*-Barbara MacKenzie*





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## MINISTRY OF ACOLYTES



**Sherry Thomas**

Most of the time, but not always, they go unnoticed, although they are the cutest and look the most angelic on the Altar in their vestments. 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 at St. Joe's, which we only see in the present. They are a part of the church's history, past present and future, and a necessary part of our services. It is not 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 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.

We have 12 new acolytes (\*).

I am proud to be a part of these 36 dedicated children and young adults.

**Sherry Thomas**  
Acolyte Master



**Glennon Schafer, Head Acolyte**  
**Alisson Sealy, Head Acolyte**

Brian Benner  
Savannah Benner  
\*Dennis Brown  
Isabella Chiodo  
Marina Dietrich  
Mason DuBois  
\*Alison Gudat  
\*Katie Gudat  
\*Michael Farmer  
\*Mason Farmer  
\*Gabby Hagman  
Annalee Handy  
\*Sally Handy  
Chloe Ilcus  
\*Joey Ilcus  
Sara Kaczor  
Kendall Maier  
Veronica McCord  
\*Kayla Murry

Derek Paul  
Joshua Port  
Alex Ream  
Lucy Ream  
Patrick Rowland  
Thomas Robertson  
Luke Stivers  
Carianne Tummino  
\*Carson Tummino  
Cameron Tummino  
\*AJ Wegner  
Cody Wheeler  
\*Addie Wrona  
(when home from college)  
Andrew Baker  
Haven Dietrich







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## VACATION CHURCH CAMP



**Dee Zlatic**

Saint Joseph's Vacation Church Camp (VCC) has been a major summer treat for preschoolers, children, youth and adults for years now. This year, we spent the week of June 9-14 learning together that even when you're left out, afraid, or don't understand... Jesus Loves You! And, even though you are different or you do wrong... Jesus Loves You!

A great message to be saturated in for a week.



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 children experienced, but in their own safe space.

God provided an incredible staff to work camp again this year. Object lessons with Godly meaning delighted all participants at the close of each day with Father Marty and the "Holey Moley" youth band, led by the professional, talented and all-round fun Charles Milling and Tess Bath.



Father William Stomski and Rev. Wendy Tobias created a bible-times environment in the youth house, and mesmerized the children and youth each day with experiential style learning of bible stories through the theatre arts.



### THE NUMBERS:

	Member of:	St. Joseph's	Other churches	No church
93	Youth volunteers	53	28	12
302	Campers (pk-5th)	84	176	42
64	Adult volunteers	60	3	1





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**OUTREACH** The camp collected tissue boxes and uniform shirts. The collared shirts go to local Title One schools plus to our outreach school in the Dominican Republic. To date, donations are over 160 collared shirts. The collection of classroom sized tissue boxes are well over 50.



Please thank the registered adults who gave so freely of their time and talent: Michelle Ashley, Donna Banting, Tess Bath, Michele Benner, Joan Bilinski, Margaret Carpenter, Mary Ann Cevasco, Jeannette Dietrich, Gail Drane, Kelly Dubois, Marsha and Mike Farmer, Andrea

and John Flynn, Joan Fox, Colleen Fritts, Tania Gaines, Annette Gellermann, Janet Gibson, Simone Green, Georgia Handy, Elizabeth Hill, Susan Hillman, Gabrielle Hine, LuAnn Langley, Charlotte Lees, Barbara Mackenzie, Michael Mahady, Marta Mancuso, Jennifer Marangos, Marg Marble, Eleonora Marzo, Joan Meyer, Charles Milling, Lynn Mook, Peggy Morales, Cecelia Murry, Rachel Oyler, Lynn Patteson, Christine Pedic, Jennifer Power, Pam Reeder, Jennifer Robertson, Megan Rothrock, Susan Russell, Gail Schuler, Patricia Sheaks, Gay Sideris, Maureen Sopourn, Olga Soto, Cherie Spencer, William Stomski, Jean Thayer, Sherry Thomas, Debra Titkemeier, Wendy Tobias, Caroline Tummino, John and Beverly Vivian, Marie Wagner, Nancy Wooley, Marty, Dee and Demery Zlatic.



Special thank you to past Directors Barbara Wegner and Nancy Gorant who helped to organize this year's camp even though they were unable to work it.

**Dee Zlatic**



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



*Dee Zlatic*

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

Sunday School, for children Nursery through 5th grade, occurs during the 9:30 a.m. 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.

### 2014 Statistics

Children on Database: 192

Sunday School Teachers: 21

Children's Ministry Team: 46

Baptisms: 24

**Superintendent Luanne Varn** is in her fourth year as Sunday School Superintendent.

**Sunday School teachers** teach the first two Sundays of each month using the "Weaving God's Promises" curriculum. Returning teachers are Michelle Ashley, Jeannette and Marina Dietrich, John and Andrea Flynn, Colleen Fritts, Elizabeth Hill, Stacey Kern, and Jennifer Power. Carol deJesus joins the Sunday School team this year.

**Godly Play**, every third Sunday in Sunday School for preschool through first grade. Using the Episcopal curriculum "Godly Play", children experience the holy through storytelling techniques. Returning facilitators are Sarah Barnes, Barbara MacKenzie, and Christine Pedic. Tom Handy has joined Godly Play this year.

**NEW! Gospel Play**, every third Sunday during Sunday School, 2nd-5th Grade students learn about the Gospel, rehearse, and perform in church on every other fourth Sunday. Material is created by Gospel Play Sunday School Teachers Marylou Hagerty, Chris Reisert, Caroline and Chris

Tummino and Carrie Shafer.

**Family Ushers** serve every fourth Sunday. Our families in 2014 were the Franklins, Haddads, and Wegner families. The Flynn family also served during 2014.

**Shepherds** assist children in church and alert Sunday School classes when to return to church. Shepherds for 2014 in order of Sundays are Tom Handy, Jackie Hagman, Pam Schafer, Marsha Farmer.

### Children's Choir:

J.A.M.! (Joy and Music) choir is directed by David Clyle Morse for 2nd grade through 5th grade students. Mrs. Jennifer Boddicker is Choir Parent and assists David with rehearsals. There are currently 11 members of the choir.

### Toddlin' Together Classes

Designed for babies through children "not-in-preschool yet" and their caregivers, Parishioner Georgia Handy facilitates this group that meets weekly.

### Additional Children's Ministry Information:

- ▶ **Childcare** for various ages is provided from 9 a.m. through 12:45 p.m. (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). We are blessed to have Patricia Sheaks and her father Oscar Sotomayor (lovingly called Papy) and Stephanie Wrona as ongoing childcare staff. Georgia Handy is support staff.
- ▶ **Holy Baptism** - The Sunday School classes return early to watch the baptisms at the 9:30 a.m. service. The newly baptized receive a faith chest (built by The Brotherhood of St. Andrew) filled with personalized, age-appropriate items created and donated by parishioners and the church organizations. Items include hand-crocheted lamb (Olive Gill), hand-stitched baby quilt (Sassy Sewers),





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Christian books (ECW and DOK) and music and a personalized hand-crafted baptismal banner (Janet Gibson, Joan Fox, Jean Thayer). 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 24 children, youth and adults 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 and school. In 2014, the Very Reverend Doctor William Stomski, assisted by Mrs. Jennifer Williams, prepared 25 students and their families for Holy Communion Milestone Eucharist on March 2, 2014.
- ▶ **Acolytes** - 3rd-5th grade students acolyte for the 9:30 a.m. service rather than attend Sunday School on the Sundays they serve. Sherry Thomas is Acolyte Director.
- ▶ **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, Palm Sunday reenactment with live donkey, Easter 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 p.m. service had the annual "spontaneous Christmas Pageant" for children. Approximately 100 children participated. At the 6:30 p.m. service, our Jesus was played by newly born Knox Eastham, with parents and cousins as holy family, angels and shepherds. For the fourth

year, a special living Nativity was staged outside the fence on the grounds next to Seacrest Blvd., from approximately 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Donkeys, lambs and goats joined the parishioners who dressed as the holy family, shepherds and angels. Parishioner Marie Wagner coordinated the event for the third year. Special treat this year was Bagpipe music by John Flynn.

## YOUTH OUTREACH (YO) 6TH-12TH GRADE:



**Debra Titkemeier** 2014 has been yet another great year in our youth program! We always do so much that it can be a blur at times. We started off our year raising over \$400 in change for the Holy Redeemer Food Pantry in our Souper Bowl of Caring campaign. This was followed by four of our youth spending their spring break on the mission team to the Dominican Republic. Matthew and Becca Russell, Jess Hyland, and Tiffany Cheung were amazing, sharing their time and talents with the people of the Dominican Republic. They painted, played games with village children, helped in cultural exchanges at different schools, did photo projects, manual labor, hand out shoes and uniforms, and so, so much more! They made everything fun and they shined the light of Christ everywhere they went! Our Youth are such a blessing.

At the end of the school year, our youth always make us proud when they help run Vacation Church Camp! This year's theme was Weird Animals and our youth, their friends, and other teens from the community take charge of making VCC GREAT!!! They not





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only play the music in this year's "Holy Moley" Band, but they also lead the children around to the different activities and help the adults run the different stations. The youth

help make VCC a blast for the children that come as well as being great role models to them. It's the start of their summer and they still get here at 7:45 a.m. to make things Awesome!

After a week of VCC we load up a bus and head to Hendersonville, NC and attend Youth Week at Kanuga! This is a week-long conference for our youth to learn more about God, themselves and make new friends with other Episcopal youth from other states. Youth Week runs three different conferences at the same time: Senior Young People, for high school students; Junior Young People, for Middle School Students; and Adults Who Work With Youth for, well I'll let you guess who that is



for. Kanuga and the Youth Week Conferences are a thin place for our youth to experience the love of God. It is so cool to watch the transformation that each young person goes through from the beginning of the week to the end of the week and beyond. Kanuga is such a highlight of the year for our youth, and each one of them has a story about how Kanuga has helped shape their faith.

A few weeks later, the latest pilgrim class went on their Pilgrimage to Scotland and England! The group consisted of Savi and Shay Benner, Allie Carpenter, Sophia Pisana, Patrick Rowland, Alisson Sealy, Karen Antonucci, Rich Haney,

Sherry Thomas, Debra Titkemeier, Fr. Marty, and Carrie Frazer (in spirit). This group of pilgrims was such a unique and tight group. They dove in head-first and really sought an understanding of the past Saints and pilgrims, as well as fitting all of that into their modern lives. They jumped in not only in to the North Atlantic but into every spiritual activity that we did.



Iona and Lindisfarne are truly thin places for this group. This 2014's pilgrimage was life-changing. I don't have the words to explain how much of a blessing it was but you can ask anyone of the pilgrims and they could talk for days about it! They are all being confirmed together this January!

We kicked off fall as we always do, going to Disney's Night of Joy. This is where our Youth, their friends, and some of the PAX exchange students all fill a bus and spend most of the night at the Magic Kingdom enjoying the rides and the Christian musicians in concert there. It's a fun way to kick off our year and we always get a few more youth to join us for our weekly Youth Groups.

This fall, some of our high school youth attend Happening, which is a diocese-wide youth conference that our Rev. Wendy was the spiritual leader for. After Happening happened, we did our annual Kidnapping! This is where the most recent pilgrims kidnapped the upcoming pilgrims and do a handing off ceremony on the beach at sunrise. This is a fun all-night event of driving to each youth's house, meeting the parents to let us in the house, and waking up the youth getting kidnapped with noise makers and streamers







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and making them come with us to the beach for sunrise! Most youth are surprised, if their parent didn't accidentally give it away. We got to kidnap 16 upcoming pilgrims this past year! You might have already caught a glimpse of the future 2016 pilgrims at the Blessing of the Animals selling baked wares or selling you a Christmas Tree/Wreath. They also helped run all the activities at the Fall Festival for the Children's Ministry. They are so excited to be Pilgrims!

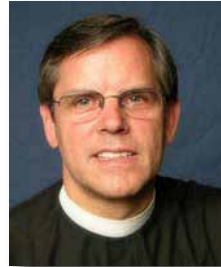
Throughout the year, we get to see each other at least once a week - if not more - in our weekly Sunday Youth Groups or at Wednesday Night Madness. It's a fun time of learning and fellowship. We have three groups: the Pilgrims, whose facilitators are Karen Antonucci, Carrie Frazer, and Rich Haney; the J2A group, whose facilitators are Lorraine Baker, Rocco Casucci, Brent Langley, and Sherry Thomas; and the Rite 13 group, whose facilitators are Carrie Guthrie and Donna Pulda. These facilitators are some of the coolest people you'll meet! We are so BLESSED to have them working with our youth!

Two days after Christmas and the end of 2014 - the high schoolers load up a bus and head to Kanuga for a conference called Winterlight. This is another special time for them at Kanuga and this year's theme was lost and found. When I asked the youth about Winterlight they said it was one of the best Winterlights ever! They ring in the new year at Kanuga and come back glowing.

This 2014, all of St. Joe's has been a Blessing to the youth of St. Joe's and we hope we have been a blessing to you. One of my favorite things about our church and our youth group is that we are all one family! Thank you for being a part of making us awesome! Love and gratitude to all from the Joes Yo!

**Debra Titkemeier**  
Youth Minister

## MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



*Fr. Wm. Stomski*

And so you thought you knew the Book of Revelation? Lots of doom, gloom, condemnation, fear and trembling... NOT! It was written as a book of hope for those undergoing strong persecution from an evil and corrupt society. Masked with much symbolism, the imagery is heavily influenced by Old Testament ideas and images. Those who came from a Jewish background may have understood some of the images, but for most it was a way to communicate hope and forbearance to believers. It was to build and sustain their faith and perseverance and see them through because the One who died and gives life is the true life for all who believe.

It has been a slow journey as we have been reading and studying the Book of Revelation. The examination of details has been profound and eye-opening as we look at various perspectives and explanation for the rich imagery of this literary work. Our study continues every Monday night (we know in advance if we need to eliminate a night because of Father's William calendar and appointments with school) with a pot-luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. and study starting at 6:30. We are prompt to end at 8:00 p.m. with prayer.

In the past year we have run as many as 24 persons to a standard of 12 people in attendance. We welcome you at any time and realize that not every class is possible to attend. Come as you can for great fellowship, food, conversation, and spiritual nurturing!

Blessings,  
**Father William Stomski**



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## ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR



**Chris Lockhart**

Recycling and Green Faith efforts at St. Joseph's continued to grow in 2014. The core team of Rev. Wendy, Rosalind Murray, Karen Antonucci and I continue to use the Policy of Green Faith for St. Joe's as a guide for activities. This guide was published in the Advent Carpenter.

Rev. Wendy includes beautiful "green" sermons in messages from the Bible. New recycling containers were placed around campus. We now are paying less for a smaller trash dumpster and a larger recycling receptacle. The goal is to make recycling easy at church and at home. Changing habits takes time and patience.

### **Recycling:**

Look around Van Rooyen Hall – you will now see a more uniform look with the addition of some yellow tall boy containers, and signs to guide correct disposal. This allows us to do at church what we do at home – yellow for paper and blue for plastics and cans. Keeping it simple – because of the coating on the coffee cups, just put them in the trash (black container). At least they decompose. The latest guidelines:

- ▶ Blue bin – cans, plastic cups, juice containers, etc.
- ▶ Yellow bin – office paper, bulletins, cardboard. (same as at home).
- ▶ Black container – coffee cups, napkins, used paper plates, utensils, food, plastic wrap and trash
- ▶ Plastic grocery bags – Drop them off at the office. We use them for ministry at Holy Redeemer.

During a November get-together, Green Team Ambassadors were oriented to the current recycling practices. We can all help during Sunday

coffee hour and at special events. Our THANKS for supporting recycling at St. Joseph's!

### **Green Team and Green Faith Initiative**

The Green Team is reviewing criteria for St. Joseph's to be certified as a Green Faith member. Much of what we have already done will help us in this process. For more information visit [www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org)

### **Butterfly Garden:**

The stalwart and mighty fine small group of "Garden Angels" continues to help with occasional spruce-up days to maintain the small butterfly garden on the south side of the music building and the dune sunflower patch that leads to the overflow parking area. Mother Nature continues to challenge our xeriscape efforts in the absence of irrigation but we give it our best as time allows. In 2015, we hope to:

- ▶ Work toward the goals of becoming part of the Green Faith initiative, a national interfaith collaborative.
- ▶ Expand the Green Team to include other interested people and members involved with major events and dinners and maintain recycling practices whenever possible.
- ▶ Share environmentally friendly ideas and practices.
- ▶ Continue to maintain the butterfly garden and coordinate efforts for Earth Sunday.

Helpers are always welcome! If you wish to join the Green Team or Garden Angels or have some ideas, please drop me a line [habitatsp@aol.com](mailto:habitatsp@aol.com) and include "Green Team" or "St. Joe's" in the subject line.

Cheers,  
**Chris Lockhart**





# TECHNICAL MINISTRIES

## TECHNICAL MINISTRIES



“Technical Ministries? I don’t recall reading about that in the Bible?!” That may be your first reaction to the idea of a church having a Technical Ministry.

**Sherry Thomas**

The Tech Ministry at St. Joseph’s - although we are small we are mighty! Our team consists of John Carpenter, Rich Haney (our Vestry Liaison), and Sherry Thomas. We have recruited Marcos Boronat to help with technical needs at the 7:45 a.m. service. Sue Oakes created and manages our Web Site, [stjoesweb.org](http://stjoesweb.org), and Karen Antonucci handles our Public Relations and Constant Contact. Constant Contact is our email announcements of this week’s sermons and other important special messages that need to get out to our parishioners.

If you have not signed up for our emails, you can go to our home page, [stjoesweb.org](http://stjoesweb.org) and click on:



It only takes seconds and I promise you will not get inundated with useless emails. You can sign up for just the announcements you want to receive.

All of our new computers and software have been functioning well, but our aging server is telling us, with constant failure messages, it’s time to replace. Hopefully in this year’s budget that can happen. Without a healthy server our whole system is at risk.

If you enjoy serving behind the scenes, and are not afraid of technology, then perhaps the Technical Ministry is something you would be interested in joining. We are always looking for people who are faithful, available and teachable to help expand our team. Experience is helpful but a ministry heart is more important.

**Sherry Thomas**

## WEBSITE AND GRAPHIC DESIGN



**Susan Oakes**

During 2014 I continued with the maintenance and design of the main website of St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church, [www.stjoesweb.org](http://www.stjoesweb.org), under the supervision of Vestry liaison Rich Haney.

Our Google Calendar, updated regularly by Sherry Thomas, contains all major parish announcements and events, programs, and other vital information for parishioners and newcomers seeking a church home, with a direct link from the button bar of the website. We also utilize Constant Contact to keep parishioners informed, coordinated by Karen Antonucci. We link to an extended Picasa Photo Gallery, on which photos of parish events are available for viewing and download, including the beautiful work of our parish “photog”, Georgia Handy.

The sermons page, containing an archive of St. Joseph’s sermons and Gospels, is maintained by John Carpenter, who does most of the recording in the choir loft incorporating sermons from both Fr. Marty and Rev. Wendy.

I also create a slide show as seen on the home page, which is now able to be viewed on mobile devices and is updated every few months showcasing the events and fellowship which St. Joseph’s is famous for!

During 2014 The Carpenter has been ably taken over by Rachel Oyler who has done a wonderful job in her new ministry. I have done this Annual Report, as part of my ministry in conjunction with Rich Haney, who coordinates, edits, and generally mops up after me, keeping us all on deadline!

The Technical Ministries team we have built, Rich Haney, Rachel Oyler, John Carpenter, Sherry Thomas, Georgia Handy, Karen Antonucci and myself, support each other in the job of keeping the St. Joseph’s family informed and involved. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my team members for all their efforts, making my contribution possible.

**Susan Oakes**

Webmaster



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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE



**Linda Sorenson**

The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to determine the distribution of the income (\$60,000) from The Benevolent Fund, set up many years ago to support missionary work and charities serving the less fortunate at home and abroad.

The committee presents its recommendations to the Vestry for final approval. Our committee for 2014 was: Kenneth Albrecht, Gail Drane, Christine Pedic, Matthew Phillips, Linda Sorenson, Fr. Marty Zlatic.

We participated in several events with the charities we support: the C.R.O.S. Ministries "Walk to End Hunger" in October; a Family Promise fundraising evening; hands-on projects with Habitat for Humanity; and regular outreach involvement with Holy Redeemer in Lake Worth.

We added a new project this year, a grant to enable the hiring of additional staff at the Nursing Facility Hogar Obispo in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic. This is the facility where St. Joseph church members volunteer when on the Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic.

The Vestry approved the following recommendations.

Bishop Todd and the Rev. Patsy McGregor, Madagascar	\$6,000
Caridad Center, Health Care	\$1,000
C.R.O.S. Ministries, multi-facet social service org.	\$2,000
Family Promise, homeless program for families	\$2,000

Fr. Marty's Discretionary Fund	\$4,520
Fr. Pierre Gaboud, Dean, Seminary of Theology, Haiti	\$1,000
Fr. William's Pension	\$10,560
Habitat for Humanity of So. P.B. Co. Neigh- borhood Revitalization Initiative	\$1,000
Holy Redeemer, Lake Worth	\$5,000
Kairos Prison Ministry	\$2,000
Mary Naughton, seminary expenses	\$2,720
Mission Trip to Dominican Republic	\$10,000
Nursing Home, Boca Chica, D.R., staffing expenses	\$7,200
Our Little Roses Foreign Mission Soc., Honduras	\$1,000
St. Joseph Episcopal School	\$3,000
S.E. Florida Foundation (Episcopal Charities)	\$1,000
	\$60,000

**Linda Sorenson**  
Outreach Committee Chair



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## ANGEL TREE



**Karen Haney**

Our annual Christmas Outreach with Holy Redeemer Church, the Angel Tree, is made up of two parts: gifts and clothing for children aged 0-17, and sneakers and work boots for adults. This year we tried something different, and separated the two efforts.

We kicked off our sneaker and work boot drive on October 26th to coincide with the Fall Festival. We did not have a specific list to fulfill, and we did not have a sign up/sign out sheet – just smiley-face handouts as reminders. I have to say, this approach was a rousing success. When the youth of St. Joseph’s Episcopal School packed up the collection on Friday, December 12th, to take it to Holy Redeemer, the van was full to overflowing with shoes!



At the same time that we kicked off the shoe drive, we put out an APB for volunteers. The responses were overwhelming! We had new faces manning the table and helping transport the gifts from the Parish Hall to the storage room, a pair of Angels who bagged the gifts, and a plethora of volunteers to take all the gifts to Holy Redeemer. And, of course, the church office staff and volunteers were heavily involved from start to finish.



The 2013 list of children was about 100, and we had parishioners asking for more. Be careful what you ask for: the 2014 list was an amazing count of 208 children! We were a little wide-eyed at that count, and I started to wonder if we could pull it off. Yes, we could, thanks to an enthusiastic response from the entire St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church and School community.

Thank you ALL for helping with this very important outreach effort.

**Karen Haney**





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## HUMAN NEEDS MINISTRY



**Christine Pedic**

Do you like to serve others? Do you like to meet great people and have fun?

St. Joseph's many Human Need Ministries have a place for you. Here are some of the ways we gave our time in 2014:

- ▶ Serving food and supplying clothing for the needy and homeless at Holy Redeemer Church, Lake Worth
- ▶ Visiting prisoners with Kairos
- ▶ Bringing God's word to the imprisoned with singing at Kairos Serenade
- ▶ Helping prisoners' families with Kairos Outside
- ▶ Cheering the sick with Flower Delivery
- ▶ Hospital and Nursing Home Visits
- ▶ Delivering meals to the sick and homebound with Food Outreach
- ▶ Sewing and crafting with Sassy Sewers

We also gave of our treasure in:

- ▶ Donating food for the baskets in the narthex
- ▶ Giving school supplies and hygiene products
- ▶ Cooking and baking for Food Outreach
- ▶ Diaper Drive for needy families
- ▶ Donating sewing supplies for Sassy Sewers
- ▶ Supporting Mission Trips with fundraising dinners, coffee and tea sales
- ▶ United Thank Offering, collected every spring
- ▶ Holiday gifts for needy children and shoes for working adults with Holy Redeemer Angel Tree
- ▶ Distribution of funds through the Outreach Committee
- ▶ Helping construct new homes with Habitat for Humanity

2014 was a year of transition for several of our ministries. We thank Ken Albrecht for his inspiration and dedication to the Holy Redeemer Dinners. This ministry continues with new leaders

Cheryl and Ron Laski and Chris and Tony Pedic. We mourned the passing of Carol Hemingway in March. She led the Kairos Outside and Food Delivery ministries for many years with true faith and joy. So many people commented that just when they needed a visit and a meal, Carol arrived. We thank Rosalind Murray for continuing the Food Ministry and Lorraine Baker for leading Kairos Outside.

It has been both an honor and a pleasure to be your vestry liaison for the Human Needs ministries. I continue to be amazed at the depth of faith, love, joy and caring we have in our St. Joseph's Church family.

Huge thanks to all who supported our efforts with time, treasure and most importantly prayer. We welcome new helping hands and fresh ideas. Please contact me at 561-267-1764 or any of the ministry leaders as listed on the back of the bulletin.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"  
1 Peter 4:10

With appreciation and love,

**Christine Pedic**

## HOLY REDEEMER DINNERS

***"Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness and the darkness around you will be as bright as day." Isaiah 58: 10***

On the second Friday of every month, volunteers from St. Joseph's bring the light of Christ to needy, often homeless, people at Holy Redeemer Church in Lake Worth. We nourish their bodies with a hot and healthy meal, and we hope to nourish their souls as well.

Volunteers serve on a rotating schedule, with stand-by helpers available if someone is unable to





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be there on their assigned day. We each shop for and bring a component of the menu, which may be 96-oz lasagnas, bread and butter, meatballs and sauce, salad ingredients, lemonade, bananas and other fresh fruit, and dessert.

We arrive at 3:30 p.m. and begin to heat the meatballs, slice and butter the bread, plate the dessert and prepare the salad, which includes beans, corn and cheese as well as lots of veggies. At 4:30 p.m. we gather our guests for prayer. Dinner is then served to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We usually serve 50-60 people, mostly adults but often children as well.

The work can be hot and tiring, but the blessings are rich. Every month, we meet someone who touches our hearts in an unforgettable way. I am especially reminded of a young lady we had never seen before who received her plate and took it to a corner of the dining room, away from the group. She ate quickly with her head down, and when we saw she was crying a volunteer went over to her. She told us that she was a home health aide for an elderly woman, and she was supposed to be paid by the family on Friday. No one came to pay her that day and she had nothing for the weekend. We were able to give her enough food to last until Monday when she expected to be paid, as well as contact information for agencies that might help her. Just one meal, served with love, can make a big difference in someone's life.

There is always a job for parishioners who feel called to help. If you can't be physically present on Fridays, donations of food are welcome. We are deeply grateful to all of St. Joseph's volunteers who support us with their time, donations and most of all prayer.

Respectfully,  
**Christine and Tony Pedic**

## SASSY SEWERS 2014



**Marla Peck**

Hurray, we have some new members – Carolyn van Overloop and Betty Neumeister joined us first and later in the year came Phyllis Roberts, who said, "I cannot sew but will help in other ways." We thank the Lord for sending new help and willing hearts. Winifred Dorsett also had come several times but unfortunately has become ill and our prayers are with her. We miss her.

Since there was some money in the kitty, we made a donation to Food for the Poor and to Father Marty's Discretionary Fund, \$100 each. We also gave \$50 to the Young at Heart luncheon. Three Baptisms came up and 3 baby quilts, plus 6 cloth books, were made ready for the Baptism Chests. In a production line we worked on quilts. Caroline cut out the squares, lining and the back. Now we can sew them together. The end of February we gave to Rev. Wendy 13 women's dresses, 4 men's shirts and 24 bibs to go on the mission trip for the Dominican Republic. Now we went full swing toward our Easter Dress Sale with Lindel's own creations, always special. For our shut-ins, 12 Easter baskets were made ready and delivered. In May we all attended the ECW Picnic at the Boynton Inlet, always a delight.

Dee needed help with some project for the summer camp and we gladly pitched in. Then we helped the Bell Choir with covering the cushions that protect the bells. Now we have to think about our bazaar and come up with new items.

I want to thank the congregation for all the donated silk ties. We 'cooked' up some lovely scarves and they sold very well. Betty Neumeister is handy with maps of the United States and the world, pillows, table runners, oven mitts, - all handmade. Betty Cuffe sold (ahead of the Bazaar)

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some of her famous 'britches' – made with 2 dish cloths and other items. After our 3-day Bazaar, we made \$1000, and gave half to the ECW. Let me thank my team – you all did your best. Praise the Lord!

At the ECW Christmas Party we gladly rewarded our clergy and staff with bonuses. Thanks to Janet Gibson for making the crosses for the Newcomer Bags which are made year-round. Just before Christmas we gave to the Foster Adoptive Parents Assoc. piles of clothing, pillows, toys and baby items in time for Christmas.

**Marla Peck**

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

2014 was the 19th year of Blessing of the Animals (BOA) Service, which continues to be our largest outreach activity in the community thanks to the dedicated planning committee who have served this event together for the past 5 years. Saint Joseph's holds the oldest and largest BOA Service in the area and uniquely hosts all animals (and their owners) in church, and this year we had 325 people and 120 animals in the pews!

We were blessed with warm weather again this year and hosted the ever-popular "Pet Parade", blessed the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Mounted Unit, and experienced an impressive



demonstration by the Boynton Beach canine unit.

Raffle ticket sales, combined with our sponsors - Culinary Solutions, Roadway Tire, Boynton Memorial Chapel and Dignity Chapel - enabled us to raise



over \$5,104. After all costs we had a profit of \$2,357 which was up \$1,557 over 2013. This year's St. Francis Award was presented to Jacquelyn Kingston and her team of volunteers Joan Lorne, Darlene Duggan, Margie Talbott, Billie Johnston, and Jim Jolley. They have been monitoring sea turtle nests at the Town of Gulfstream beach and portion of Ocean Ridge for over 13 years.

As we prepare to celebrate the 20th anniversary of BOA next year, this team will greatly miss the man with a vision that inspired us all to create a bigger and better event each year... Elliott Williams. It won't be the same without him, but I'm sure he will continue to lead us in ways we can't even imagine.

Congratulations and thanks to all the volunteers who make this event a success every year!

**Dianne Williams**

