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THE END IS NEAR!!!



Fr. Marty Zlatic

I am sure those words do not immediately fill you with joy and gladness unless you are running a marathon. As we approach the conclusion of our liturgical year, and enter into the preparatory season of Advent, they are words that will

come up often as we consider the Advent stories of the prophets like Isaiah and John the Baptist. Likewise, they are also appropriate words as I reflect on where we are in our journey together:

A NEW YEAR – Our liturgical year ends and the New Year begins on the first Sunday of Advent. The Church provides us with an opportunity to pray and reflect as we remember the historical coming of Jesus to our world in history, to contemplate his future coming at the end of the ages, and to prepare our hearts to welcome him again this Christmas. I encourage you join us for our parish advent retreat on Saturday, December 7. It is a wonderful chance to get into the proper frame of mind and heart as we approach Christmas.

A NEW BISHOP – Bishop Leo Frade announced his request (which convention approved) to begin the search for a Coadjutor Bishop. This is a Bishop whom the Diocese will elect, who will then serve for a period of time with Bishop Frade, in order to achieve a smooth transition when Bishop Frade retires in 2016 and the coadjutor Bishop assumes the ministry of Diocesan Bishop. We all knew that Bishop Frade's retirement was coming, since the Church canons require a Bishop to retire at the age of 72. What will be different for us is to have two Bishops at the same time for a portion of 2015.

At Convention, I was elected to serve on the Stand-

ing Committee of the Diocese for the next three years. Part of the duties of the Standing Committee will be to appoint a diocesan-wide Search Committee for the new bishop. You will be hearing more about this process as our diocese moves forward. In the meantime, please add this to your daily devotions from the Book of Common Prayer (p. 818):

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for the Diocese of Southeast Florida, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW CAMPUS UPGRADES – You may or may not be aware of many needed changes that are taking place around the campus:

- **New Phone System** – If you have ever volunteered in the church office, you know it is no secret that our phone system has been underperforming for a long time. Dianne and Elliott Williams have done their best to have our suppliers try and patch things together in recent years, but this last lightning hit just about did the system in. The new phone system will enable us to migrate to VOIP and by so doing, we will save money by bundling our phone and internet services. Further, the new system will enable us to have the expansion capabilities we will need when we do the eventual office and parish hall expansion.
- **New Church Sound System** – We're still working out the "kinks", but the new digital sound system in the church will provide for our needs for years to come. The bro-



ken system that we had was an old analog model for which it was becoming difficult to find technicians willing to work on it. The upgrade also enabled us to finally activate speakers in the two side transepts. Now you can sit on the side and actually hear the sermon.

- **New Computers** – Several of our staff have been using outdated computers for much too long a time. Thanks to our Technology Team of Rich Haney, Sherry Thomas, John Carpenter, and Sue Oakes, we have saved enough money in the budget to provide five new computers to the staff who need them. Not only will this help to increase productivity, but it will also substantially reduce the constant repairs needed to fix the old equipment.
- **New Choir Room Furnishing** – David Clyle Morse has only been here for a short time, and already we have outgrown the new choir room. Thanks to Ray Mills, we have new custom-made risers and choir binder slots that will enable this ministry to maximize their effectiveness in leading us in worship. Thank you David and thank you Ray.
- **New Landscaping** - Tad Knutsen continues to upgrade the campus landscape with much TLC. I hope you have noticed his latest projects in the Columbarium Garden and in front of the Youth House. Thanks to all the weeders and the planters and the waterers who continue to improve the beauty of our campus.
- **New Copier** – The lease on the copying machine was up, and thanks to thorough research by Thelma Gannon and Charlotte Lees, we have been able to get a newer machine and achieve substantial savings at the same time. (Beverley Warnke, our longtime bulletin producer who went to heaven ear-

lier this year, is already watching over us!)

- **New Recycle Containers** – Thank you to the Green Team for launching our renewed efforts at recycling. Please show your thanks by being good stewards and utilizing the appropriate bins.
- **New Smoke Alarm** – You may not be aware (and hopefully we will never need it), but we have had to install a smoke alarm system throughout the church. The City of Boynton Beach required it for us to be up to code. We are grateful to the Fire Marshall who worked hand-in-hand to ensure that we installed an effective system in the most cost-effective way possible.

NEW MEMBERS – In case you haven't noticed, there are a lot of new people who have joined us in recent months. Here's a good practical resolution to make as we approach the New Year: Each week at church, make it a point to engage in conversation with at least one person whom you do not know. It's a lot easier to feel like you've found a spiritual home when we are a welcoming family.

- Fr. Marty





ASSOCIATE PRIEST



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Rev. Wendy Tobias

Dear St. Joseph’s family & friends,

In the church’s calendar each year we celebrate Thanksgiving just before the season of Advent which, as you know, is the four weeks before Christmas. In our tradition during Advent (which means ‘a coming into being or birth’) it is a time when we prepare our homes, our hearts, and souls for the birth of the Christ child. I can think of no better way to do that, no matter what the circumstances in our lives, than to give thanks. Thanks for all of the blessings of this life and, yes, all of the hard times, too. In giving thanks we open ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit to kindle anew the Christ light in our very beings. In giving thanks we transform our perspective from darkness to light, sadness to joy, hatred to love, doubt to faith. As members of our St. Joe’s community, it’s really easy for us to do so. I see God’s love and outreach everywhere here and I give thanks. Thanks for the body of Christ alive and well at St. Joseph’s Church and for Unplugged in particular. This past season I specifically thank God:

- For the baptism of MacKenzie McLemore and Jennifer Gomez!
- For our partnership with Habitat for Humanity’s Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative and the times we’ve painted houses and built relationships in one of the poorest communities in the area. Thanks, too, for the celebration of the Paint-A-thon when we joined with other churches, businesses, and organizations one Saturday afternoon in October. We’re touching lives.
- For so many of you who have expressed a desire to go on our Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic in March of 2014.
- For being willing to bring food, prepare casseroles and serve Thanksgiving dinner to the homeless at Holy Re-



deemer on Thanksgiving Day.

- For our continued growth in attendance!
- For those members of the Recovery community who come to us in vans from the Delray Recovery Center each week and from whom several people have continued to worship with us now that they are out of treatment.
- For the Daughters of the King who pray in the Lady Chapel each week. Miracles are happening.
- For the release of Live Hymnal’s CD, Prelude and a fantastic concert November 1st. Yeah.
- For joining us in St. Joe’s Goes Green as we begin to take seriously our care for the earth!
- And, lastly, (though prayers continue to abound) for the Colossal Collaboration: Under the artistic direction of Carly McKague Mejeur many of us worked in joy several evenings and after church to create our new bandshell and it’s wonderful. See Micah’s picture and time lapse of its creation on our website www.stjoesunplugged.org.

Thank you for all you do to make St. Joseph’s the vibrant, welcoming, Spirit-filled church that we are. I cease not to give thanks.

Blessed Thanksgiving and Advent to you all,
Rev. Wendy



OUTREACH EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS...

In its 18th year, the Blessing of the Animals (BOA) Service continues to be our largest outreach activity in the community thanks to Co-chairs, Dianne Williams and Karen Antonucci and a dedicated planning committee!



Saint Joseph's holds the area's largest BOA Service and uniquely hosts all animals (and their owners) in church for a Service and Blessing. We were blessed with warm weather this year and hosted the ever-popular "Pet Parade" and an impressive demonstration by the Boynton Beach and Delray Beach canine units.

This year's St. Francis Award was presented to Debbie Majors, Executive Director for D4DV (Dogs for Disabled Vets). Founded in 2009, D4DV's mission is to help disabled veterans, and was founded on the basis that there is a need to provide veterans the service, help, love and affection a dog can bring for a veteran's independence. D4DV

works with shelters and rescue centers which provide dogs to train as Service Dogs. The dogs are trained by inmates through the D4DV Train the Trainer program at the Martin County Corrections Institution.

Debbie became the Executive Director of D4DV in 2012; her goal is to share their vision with others in Palm Beach County and is grateful that when God opened this door, He also provided the strength and support to walk through it. When she learned about being awarded the St. Francis Award she said, "You know, when you volunteer your time to help others the blessings are unending. Receiving this award is both an honor and a blessing. I encourage others to take that first BIG step to say "Yes!" when they see a need; not only will they be a blessing to others but their life will be changed for the best." The Majors family





OUTREACH EVENTS

lives in Delray Beach; Sami & Nick attended St. Joseph's Episcopal School for several years. Both Debbie & Wally have worked for the City of Boynton Beach for over 25 years.

Closing out the day is the announcement of winners of even more fabulous raffle prizes donated this year by local businesses. Raffle ticket sales, combined with our sponsors - Culinary Solutions, Roadway Tire, Boynton Memorial Chapel and Dignity Chapel - enable us to cover all costs of this event and provide a fundraising opportunity for St. Joe's.

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

- **Karen Antonucci**



TECH MINISTRY AT ST JOSEPH'S



Sherry Thomas

The Tech Ministry at St. Joseph's, although we are small, we are mighty! Our team consists of John Carpenter, Rich Haney, and Sherry Thomas. Sue Oakes created and manages our website, <http://www.stjoesweb.org>, and Karen Antonucci handles our Public Relations and Constant Contact (email announcements).

The newest thing going on is that we are replacing 5 computers and monitors, and getting everyone on the same version of Microsoft Office. We have spent many years and a lot of time keeping our old, out-of-date computers running. It was time to upgrade!

Lightning has been a constant problem - every time we have a lightning storm, it knocks out telephones, routers, speakers, surveillance equipment and even the soundboard. The soundboard was replaced with a new digital soundboard a couple of weeks ago, and it's incredible what a difference it has made.

-**Sherry Thomas**





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ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS AND NOTES



Chris Lockhart

On the following pages, you'll find the new "Policy of Green Faith at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church." It was officially adopted by the vestry in late summer. If you missed one of the gatherings that described this policy and the new recycling program, it's all right

there. This program is part of the Green Faith initiative. We're off to a great start.

On October 20th, Rev. Wendy presented a beautiful analogy in her sermon, comparing the widow begging for justice with Mother Earth and the uncaring and disrespectful judge as humanity. She emphasized the importance of listening to and caring for the Earth because it sustains us and all we hold dear. If you missed this powerful sermon, please visit www.stjoesweb.org online and listen to it again. I'm glad I did.

October 20th was "Green Sunday" and the official "kick-off" for implementing our recycling program at St. Joseph's. A representative from the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) shared a few tips during coffee hour.

- You'll notice new recycling containers next to the trash containers in the parish hall and throughout St. Joseph's campus. The goal is to make recycling easy. Check your recycling brochure or get the latest info from www.swa.org – good for use at St. Joseph's and at home.

What's next?

- Field trip: Join a tour of the SWA's new facility on Monday, Nov. 25th, 1-4 p.m. To sign up,

contact Rosalind Murray at 561-901-1875 or rosalindmrry@yahoo.com. The carpool leaves St. Joseph's at 12:15 p.m.

- Pat Shanley would like to use our silverware instead of plastic on more occasions, but she would need more help. If you are interested and available to help with this, please contact her at 561-369-1873.
- Do you have unwanted packing materials? Charlotte is accepting materials like bubble wrap, packing popcorn and packing paper.
- Think "green" for the holidays! Share ways you conserved energy for our next Carpenter.

Dry season is at our doorsteps! This is a great time to check your sprinkler settings. We are currently on a three-day-a-week schedule for watering our landscapes, EXCEPT between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you need less, even better! DID YOU KNOW... less frequent watering helps our lawns grow deeper roots and survive a drought better? Visit www.sfwmd.gov for the latest on this.

Many thanks to the Garden Angels who help to maintain our gardens and water plants during dry spells! Watch the bulletin for information on a spruce up day before the holidays.

If you wish to join the Green Team or have some ideas, please drop me a line habitatsp@aol.com and include "Green Team" or "St. Joe's" in the subject line.

Cheers,
Chris Lockhart





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The Policy of Green Faith at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church is a steward of earth and all its creations. Our goal is sustainability. The congregation and staff will do all in its power to apply good conservation practices in all we do daily, weekly, for special events, and in the operation of its church and grounds. This also includes, but is not limited to, efforts to reduce, re-use and recycle, to incorporate Green Faith guidelines, and to apply LEED/green building construction policies. We will educate the congregation and staff in Christian love to conserve at church and at home. We do this to seek harmony with nature and the preservation of this fragile earth, our island home.

GREEN TEAM Recommendations

Phase I

1. Develop a recycling program and policies with a supporting budget that includes new and no-cost containers for campus.
2. Develop an educational campaign and training program for staff and the congregation that is easy and accessible for adults and children.
3. Develop and seek approval of a budget for Green Faith Certification and all that is associated with this initiative.
4. Support use of green grounds maintenance practices, avoid the use of invasive plants in the landscape, and increase use of native plants on St. Joseph's campus.

Phase II

5. Begin and eventually become certified through Green Faith, an interfaith coalition for the environment. See <http://greenfaith.org/>.
6. Support the United Nations Millennium Development Goals as requested by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts-Schori, beginning with goal #7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability.
7. Serve as support for any construction on campus to incorporate LEED/green construction practices to the greatest extent possible.



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REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE

St. Joe's GOES GREEN

- Consistent use of standard color containers will aid in the education and participation of everyone on campus at St. Joe's.
- Policies will minimize the use of plastic bag liners in an effort to reduce the impact on landfills and cost.
- Reduce the use of paper by printing on both sides whenever possible.
- Use paper goods instead of plastic as often as possible (i.e. paper plates, paper cups, paper take-out containers, etc.)
- Large blue & yellow mobile carts outside the Parish Hall & Youth House are for convenient placement of oversized or overflow recycled materials.

Place in the PAPER box:

Newspapers, Magazines/Catalogs

Unwanted Mail

School/Office Papers/envelopes

Phone Books

Paper Bags, Paper towel rolls

ALL paper Boxes -includes **tissue boxes, dry food boxes, cracker boxes, etc.**

Tops of pizza boxes – TEAR OFF CLEAN TOP and place bottom of pizza box with food residue in TRASH

Paper coffee cups – without liquid in them – PLACE IN LINED PAPER BOX ONLY IN PARISH HALL

Large corrugated cardboard boxes must be flattened and cut to 3' x 3' maximum (Staples are OK)

Place in the BLUE bin (lined with clear bag):

Plastic beverage containers – cups, soda bottles, water bottles, including lids *with or without liquid*

Plastic containers/lids (i.e. plastic “clam shell” containers) – *without any food residue*

Aluminum Cans

Drink Boxes

Milk and Juice Cartons

Glass Bottles and Jars

Steel cans – rinsed is better but not required

Place in the TRASH (lined with black or white bag):

Aluminum foil & Aluminum plates/trays - (*wash and re-use, or throw out*)

Paper towels, tissues, napkins

Plastic or paper plates, or plastic utensils with **food residue**

Styrofoam (polystyrene) containers

Plastic straws and stirrers

Paper beverage cups and lids from McDonalds, etc.,

Paper coffee cups with liquid in them

Saran wrap, plastic wrap

Plastic grocery bags (please recycle these plastic bags at your local grocery store)

NOTE: Solid Waste Authority **NO LONGER ACCEPTS aluminum foil or pie plates as recyclable material**



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THE GIFT OF GIVING



Lucy Dickey-Baker

I am many things, as God hath made me. Most of what I am is good. Mindfully, I am constantly made aware of my imperfections. This helps maintain humility. Knowing my faults, blessedly I have learned how to conquer or

avoid them, well almost. Dealing with problematic people is by far the most demanding and difficult area in life. Occasionally I see my faults in a strong format in someone else, which helps me control that fault in myself. I am engaged in a huge effort to be at my best, most of the time and made this Credo, my *raison d'être*, along with all forms of ART, a driving, lifelong force within me.

Outside forces, other people, odd and trying circumstances, spark the best or worse in me. Sometimes I start out with a bad impression, and something or someone, is it God, changes my thinking, and whips me around 360 degrees? This has happened so frequently that I have come to depend on this wondrous reaction to slow down my lightning fast reactors and wait for the gift of grace to descend and lift me to a better place. Once I employ this propensity I find it easier to react favorably rather than flying into a negative reaction as my younger self was wont to do, and, I was young only yesterday.

Do we improve with age?

In my case, the answer is Yes!

What do we seek in our end years? We want the same things we always wanted, only we are painfully aware of our shortcomings and time-imposed handicaps, that we are forced to accept. We have learned, though very difficult, to accept what we cannot change and how to make the best of it. What good is complaining about our impedi-

ments? Who wants to hear them? We struggle to avoid self-pity and tear-jerking tales that spin us into negative realms where nothing but sadness, darkness and fear abound. No, no, not for me... not for you. You are too smart, too founded in the Lord to fall into a Dante-like dark hole of pity and self-reproach, ridden with guilt and fear of the unknown.

We learn to put aside financial problems, sexuality and romantic love. As seniors we accept that these things are not necessary in our daily lives, and that's fine. We substitute something more satisfying, more lasting and suitable for our stage in life. These sublimations work beautifully: being useful, having purpose, serving God by serving your fellow beings. Learn how to find joy in the gift of giving.



Icon written by Susan Innocenzi

Whatever you do, do it with the spirit of Jesus within you. Keep calm, loving and "Centered in Christ," If you are in charge of others, be a kind leader.

I bore and raised six children. Instead of being completely overwhelmed, I had never been happier. I had help. That made a big difference. My greatest help came from the two daughters of my first marriage who behaved like little mothers when four siblings came in rapid succession in the first three years of my second marriage.

God has been present in every phase of my life and though I have made mistakes in judgment, these seemingly wrong choices, served in the fuller plan of my life that is primarily controlled by God. I feel God's hand in all of the events of my



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**Icon written by
Nancy Jones**

life, especially looking back.

I began my journey to discovery fairly recently. It was as if I was being tested. Meeting Oscar in the pool at the Fitness Center was admittedly, a shock. Oscar at 34, was a wizened, balding man, who had never moved his arms or legs, could not speak and was in all ap-

pearances barely more than vegetative. His mother and father had taken care of him lovingly all his life. Now they were trying water therapy. At first, I was put off by

Oscar's appearance and offended being in such close proximity with such a frightening-looking and pitiful person. Oscar and I and Oscar's father were usually the only ones in the pool. My heart beat faster and my defenses were up, but I did my exercises as usual, with Oscar nearby. Occasionally I felt Oscar's eyes on me. He was clearly frightened if I got too near and dropped his head on his chest in embarrassment and fear. I couldn't help watching him carefully. It was a spellbinding situation. Day after day it was thus, until one day Oscar's father left the pool and went to the whirlpool, turning his back on Oscar and me. Immediately I felt panicky and wondered what was going on.

Oscar wore a bulky life jacket that swung around as he floated and his face came dangerously close to slipping under the water. Seeing this, I swam over and grabbed his jacket. Oscar turned to look at me shyly. I thought for an instant, I saw a slight smile that made me tremble with pleasure. Close up, Oscar's eyes were deep black and shiny, very soft, and filled with kindness. They caused emotions like warm love shooting through me. For

half an hour I played with Oscar, turning him and sometimes singing softly as if I was cradling a baby. I felt wonderful being so useful. I knew in a flash that God had shown me how to find purpose, by simply responding where I was needed.

The unspoken rule is to put another person's need before your own. That's where a special kind of joy lingers.

My afternoons with Oscar continued for a little over two months. I got to know his parents and to admire them immensely. I started to love Oscar as a friend. I was the only friend Oscar ever had. I was rewarded with the nicest, calmest, loving looks from Oscar, who learned to trust me. I smiled the whole time I was with Oscar. I couldn't help it. He made me happy.

One day Oscar began to kick his feet and to move his hands. I wept for joy. Our time together was a lot more active and meant a lot of splashing and smiling. Oscar could not make a sound, but his feelings were apparent in his face and his demeanor.

Then, suddenly it was over. I never saw Oscar again. I will never forget him. I know that he is close to God, maybe even with him now. What Oscar did for me was monumental. I wonder what his father was thinking when he left us alone and turned his back in complete trust. How beautiful is that? I cannot help but think that God was there at that moment, which consumes me with awe.

And there is more. Two days ago, driving home, stopped at a red light, a car came barreling through the red light and struck another car with an aged white haired man inside. A thousand parts went flying. The car that ran the light careened in front of me, barely missing me, hit a pole and came to a halt. Quickly I pulled off the road and ran to the demolished car. Someone



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helped me pull the door open. Inside steam was coming from the dashboard and the air bags. The passenger, a 23 year old girl, had slid into the passenger seat, wide eyed and terrified. Her head was gashed and bleeding. Her right foot was bent oddly, obviously broken and both hands were up as if warding off danger and pleading for life. Blood dripped down her left arm. In panic and unable to move, she called for help. I spoke to her gently and got into the driver's seat to take hold of her hands that she grabbed and squeezed tightly in desperation, her eyes full of terror. Firmly, but softly, I told her God was with her and I prayed for her out loud, never letting go of her hands. Her name was Carmela. She asked for my name. One woman insisted on getting Carmela out of the car and was yelling and giving orders and saying totally inappropriate things. I stopped her calmly and kept on praying and comforting Carmela until the paramedics arrived. The paramedic who took my place was just as calm and gentle. This probably saved Carmela from going into shock, or worse.

For years, living alone, far from my family, I have known loneliness and wondered what my purpose was and why God has kept me alive, for surely He has. All my life I have asked God to use me, believing I was born for a special purpose, one that was beautiful and incredibly meaningful. I have spent my life looking for that purpose. Yet, here it is right in front of me, every day of my life. Its message: Be good to others, give comfort, where you can, do what is useful and loving and do so gently. Hold within you the calmness of Christ. Know your purpose and rejoice that as long as you live there is a God given cause.

Suddenly, it all comes together. Now, at last, I know God's purpose. Here I am, Lord, ready and willing, with a happy heart, full of gratitude and blessed with a cheerful, well-grounded outlook, prepared to do Your will.

I just turned 85. I have bone marrow cancer

(lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma), valvular heart disease, a brain tumor (meningioma), a growth on my liver, Hypertension and a couple of minor ailments... I have no pain, no discomfort. I have no symptoms, therefore no treatment. I have been on heart meds for 25 years so that is controlled. I swim and work out, without Oscar, but look for him every day, at the Fitness Center.

I accept that God loves me....and you, that we are His creation. I know He will not let us down, if we believe in him and do His work on earth.

I am in a beautiful place, full of love and good will. I look forward to the next incident where I may make a difference by my small gift, given to me by His gracious hand.

I am well because God has a purpose for me.

I will stay well as long as I can serve my savior Jesus, the Christ.

Then one day I will take my final journey, and hopefully, walk with Jesus, as so many of my friends and family already have.

God has gifted me with the Gift of Giving. My heart is full. I pray that yours will be also.

With Love, In Christ's Holy Light,
Lucy Dickey-Baker, born Lucia





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MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - THE BIBLE CHALLENGE



The Monday Bible Study Group was pleased to host the "3/4-of-the-way-through celebration" of the **Bible Challenge**. We enjoyed a great evening of Potluck, Bible Sharing, Testimonies, and just good fellowship and celebration of all that we have thus far accomplished.

Fr. Wm. Stomski

Thank you to everyone who was a special part of that evening event of November 4. Special thanks to Rev. Wendy, Father Marty, Mary Naughton, Herb Collins and David Morse.

As a result of getting to the final phase of our **Bible Challenge**, and because many questions have been asked in regard to the reading of the Book of Revelation, and now that we are repeating New Testament books with the daily reading cycle, our group has decided to hit the brakes and concentrate on a thorough study of the Book of Revelation. We have already spent two weeks laying the ground work and context, and we have explored the first 6 verses of chapter 1. The amazing point is that the class has already begun to see that this is a book about hope - not fear and judgment!

Join us for 6:00 p.m. pot luck and study from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. It's guaranteed to be a stimulating and thought-provoking experience!

Fr. Wm. Stomski



ST. JOSEPH'S ACOLYTE MINISTRY



St. Joseph's Church is blessed with 30 wonderful young adults and children who embrace our acolyte ministry. Acolytes have an important place in our church history and tradition; the acolyte ministry has its roots in the Old Testament.

Sherry Thomas

The acolyte ministry at St. Joseph's is open to all baptized children and teens in grades 3-12 and college age. It is a great ministry that gives the youth a chance to learn more about the history and tradition of the Episcopal Church while serving important functions at the altar. They serve at the altar as crucifer, priest cross or one of two torchbearers. Being an acolyte fosters commitment, devotion, responsibility and teamwork.

Typically, an acolyte serves once every two months, with "on the job" training for newer acolytes.

Our Head Acolytes are Glennon Schafer and Allison Sealy, who are always willing to help with any service and be a mentor to the younger acolytes.

Thank you to all our wonderful acolytes for demonstrating your dedication to God, through your service at St. Joseph's.

If you have a child that is ready to be an acolyte please e mail me at sst33483@gmail.com.
Peace

Sherry Thomas
Acolyte Master



WORSHIP

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHAPTER



The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is an international religious order of 28,000 women worldwide who are dedicated to prayer, service, and evangelism. Our members pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom, for members of the Order, for our parish and clergy, the Parish prayer list and the

Daughters' prayer list. Requests for prayer may be made by calling the church office, contacting our prayer chain coordinators, Rachel Adaszak and Sherry Thomas, or completing the Prayer Request Form in the bulletin. All requests on the Daughters' list are confidential within the Order.

The Daughters of the King are present in the Lady Chapel for confidential intercessory prayer during communion at each Sunday service. All are welcome to pray with one of the Daughters for healing, thanksgiving, support or any other needs, for themselves or others.

In September, Marta Mancuso and I were honored to attend the Daughters of the King Diocesan Assembly in the Dominican Republic. The themes of the Assembly were "Meeting the needs of our neighbors with loving service" and "Daughters sharing with those in need," based on Hebrews 13:16. We were blessed and inspired by the amazing love, joy and dedication we felt from the Daughters we met.

Our Chapter is sponsoring an Advent Quiet Day here at Saint Joseph's on Saturday, December 7th. Please join us for lunch and an afternoon of quiet

meditation and prayer. Led by Fr. Marty, this is special time of peaceful reflection to spiritually prepare for and focus on the Christmas season. For more information, please check your bulletin or ask any Daughter.

FHS

Gail Schuler

The Motto of the Order



***For His sake,
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?***



CHILDREN

COMMUNION MILESTONE 2014



Dee Zlatic

In our parish and school, all are welcome to be “fed at the table of our Lord,” that is, to receive communion. Children reach the “age of reason” at approximately six years old. With this in mind, it is appropriate for us to mark this milestone, regarding the Eucharist, with formation and celebration.

While we acknowledge that many of our children are already receiving communion at the Eucharist, it is important that we provide them the opportunity for deeper spiritual development. We hope that all of our elementary age children, from first grade and up who have not yet participated in Holy Communion sessions, will join us. We ask that at least one parent participate in this part of your child’s faith journey. This is an opportunity for you and your child to bond on a deeper level in your sharing of the faith while learning more about the Eucharist.



The Very Reverend Doctor William Stomski will conduct the classes, assisted by parishioner and Saint Joseph’s School Librarian **Mrs. Jennifer Williams**.



The following Communion Milestone dates are participation requirements. In addition, Communion Milestone participants are to be regular in their Sunday worship.

Communion Milestone Sessions for student and adult will be held for five consecutive Sundays January 26, February 2, 9, 16, and 23.

A special **Parent Orientation Meeting** prior to the classes is scheduled for **Sunday, January 19** after the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service. Childcare is available during this meeting, if needed.



On **Saturday, March 1**, we will have a special gathering to bake Eucharistic bread, experience the church and altar, and have a family evening pizza party.

On **Sunday, March 2**, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service, we will celebrate **Holy Communion Milestone/ First Communion Eucharist**.

For some children March 2, 2014 will be a traditional “first” communion. For others, who already receive the Eucharist, this will be a milestone celebration. All of us will celebrate the increased awareness and understanding of the Eucharist as gained through the formation process.

Please contact the church office to sign up or for further information. (561) 732-3060.

Dee Zlatic, Children’s Minister





CHILDREN

Sunday
Practices Began
Sunday, Nov. 10
Join Us!

Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church Children's Choir for 2nd-5th grades



Rehearsals

Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday At the closing hymn of the 9:30 a.m. worship service, children's choir singers will be invited to meet in the upstairs church choir loft. **At the end of the worship**, Choir director David Clyle Morse, assisted by adults Stacey Kern and Beth Hill, will lead the children to the music room for rehearsal. After a 20 minute rehearsal in the music room, singers will be escorted to the parish hall and coffee hour.

Return is at approximately 11:20 a.m.

Every Wednesday 4-5 p.m. In addition to Sunday rehearsals, Children's Choir meets Wednesdays in the Church Choir Room. This optional practice will enhance your child's musical experience. Peggy Morales assists.

Choir sings

Choir sings Every 4th Sunday of the month at the 9:30 a.m. All Ages Worship Service, and at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service.

David Morse, Choir Director Dee Zlatic, Children's Minister

Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church (561) 732-3060



FELLOWSHIP

SAVE THE DATE! SAINT JOSEPH'S ANNUAL VACATION CHURCH CAMP



Join us for a wild and wacky week of Weird Animals...where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind.
June 9-14, 2014
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to NOON and Saturday 5 p.m.

Nancy Gorant
VCC Director
Barbara Wegner
VCC PK Director



FOYER DINNER GROUP HOLIDAY PARTY



Lynne McKague

Please join our Foyer Dinner Groups for a Holiday Party! We will have food and drinks and fun. We'll also check in on all the groups and see how they are getting along. Please bring a dish to pass and something to drink and join us Saturday, November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. I

encourage everyone to bring their favorite holiday dishes or dessert or cookies so we all have a very special festive occasion. Please see or call Lynne McKague (561) 704-7043 or Shirley Goodrich (561) 374-1615, if you have questions or would like to help plan or decorate for this event.

Everyone is welcome! You don't have to be in a Foyer Dinner Group or even interested in joining one! This is just a fun event to spend time with your Parish Family and maybe make some new friends. We will have sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall in the next couple weeks. We will have Happy Hour from 6-6:30 and then dinner. Please bring your goodies to share and whatever you would like to drink and be ready to have some fun!! We look forward to seeing you there!

-Lynne McKague





PARISH EVENTS

Christian Estate Planning Seminar

Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 10th 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Come learn about:

- Estate planning opportunities meaningful to Christians
 - How to be good stewards of God's wealth
 - How to protect and provide for loved ones
- Charitable giving and how you can help St. Joseph's
 - Reducing or eliminating taxes
- Helpful scripture to understand estate planning

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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21



YOUTH

Come and meet the 2014 youth



Pilgrims!



Allie is a sophomore in the IB program at Atlantic High School in Delray Beach. She is a member of Atlantic's Band and GSA.

If she was given ten dollars to spend she said she would spend it on, "Food, most likely."

Her favorite food is TACOS!

Her favorite color is GREEN!

Her favorite time of year is WINTER!

When **Allie** has some down time she likes to fill it with reading and watching TV with her mom.

Allie is an active member of St. Joe's Sunday Youth Group. You can also catch **Allie** in the choir.

She says her **favorite thing about St. Joe's** is "singing in the choir with all the wonderful people in it!"



Alisson is a sophomore in the IB program at Atlantic High School in Delray Beach. She is a JV Cheerleader and part of the Key club and Math club.

If she was given ten dollars to spend she said she, "wouldn't spend it on anything. I would save it to go towards something more expensive that I want because ten dollars by itself doesn't go very far."

Her favorite restaurant is MAGGIANO'S!

Her favorite color is TURQUOISE!

Her favorite time of year is FALL & WINTER!

You can find **Alisson** spending a lot of her time, "STUDYING!! The program I'm in requires lots of studying so that's what I spend most of my time doing. But if I decide to give myself a break, I like to go on 'sushi runs' with my friends."

Alisson is an active member of St. Joe's Sunday and Wednesday Youth





YOUTH



Patrick is a Junior at Boca Raton High School. He is a member of Boca's NJROTC and the Chess Club, and is a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

If he was given ten dollars to spend he said he would spend it on, "Food!"

His favorite food is TACOS!

His favorite color is ORANGE!

His favorite time of year is WINTER!

When **Patrick** has some down time he likes to read books and go running.

Patrick is an active member of St. Joe's Sunday and Wednesday Youth Groups. He is an acolyte and is in the bell choir.

Patrick says his **favorite thing about St. Joe's** is "EVERYTHING!"



Savannah A.K.A. **Savi** is a sophomore in the History and Law Academy at Spanish River in Boca Raton, where she plays flag football.

If she was given ten dollars to spend she said she would spend it on, "Books! Game of Thrones books!"

Her favorite food is TOMATO SOUP!

Her favorite color is CONVERSE RED!

Her favorite time of year is FALL!

When **Savi** has some down time she likes to fill it with reading, playing her ukulele, and writing poetry. **Savi** is an active member of St. Joe's

Sunday and Wednesday Youth Groups, and Youth Band, prayer leader @ Unplugged.

Savi says her **favorite thing about St. Joe's** is that "I can express my individuality everywhere and to everyone."



YOUTH



Shayna A.K.A. Shay is a sophomore in the Biotechnology Academy at Spanish River Community High School, where she is the co-president of the Alliance Club.

If Shay was given ten dollars she says she would, “buy my favorite album and listen to it again and again.”

Her Favorite food **CHINESE FOOD!**

Her Favorite Color: **PURPLE!**

Her Favorite time of year: **FALL!**

When **Shay** has down time you can find her listening to music, and playing the piano.

Shay is an active member of St. Joe’s Sunday and Wednesday Youth Groups, and you can see her playing in the Youth Band.

Her favorite thing about St. Joe’s is, “**the feeling that everyone is accepted.**”



Sophia is a sophomore at Boca Raton Community High School. If she was given ten dollars to spend she said she, “would save the \$10 for Scotland.”

Her favorite restaurant is **CHIPOTLE!**

Her favorite food is **CHOCOLATE COVERED STAWBERRIES!**

Her favorite color is **MINT GREEN!**

You can find **Sophia** spending her free time playing tennis and going to Youth Group.

Sophia is an active member of St. Joe’s Sunday and Wednesday Youth Groups.

Sophia’s favorite thing about St. Joe’s is, “**everyone is so friendly and welcoming!**”



MUSIC NOTES

MUSIC MINISTRY



David Clyle Morse

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a passage in Revelation that reads: “See, I am making all things new.” As a reference to a new heaven and a new earth, this statement from God is quite profound. Less profound, but perhaps more practical on a daily basis,

we find that a lot of life activities are either being done in new ways or need to be done in new ways. A CHOIR is no exception to this. Gone are the days that we associate only certain people as being choir members because they already have honed musical skills. Gone are the days that most people can make a commitment to a weekly rehearsal and rarely miss except for illness.

What’s here? What’s now? What’s new? What’s it like at St. Joe’s? A time of finding ways for people to participate at a level that works for them. In my short time as Minister of Worship Music I have seen how committed our parishioners are to finding ways for people to help lead worship through music – choir, solos, playing instruments, ensembles, singing in the narthex, singing outside, singing at coffee hour.

Maybe all of that doesn’t seem so new, so let’s be more intentional about trying something new this year. On the Sunday after Christmas, December 29, YOU are invited to sing with the choir. It will be fun and easy, singing “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy.” This calypso-style song picks up the singer and the song sings itself! Do you have family or friends visiting for the holidays? Bring them along? Would you like to sing just for that Sunday? That’s okay, just come on down!

The rehearsal begins promptly at 9:52½ for the 10:37½ combined service that day – just come 45 minutes ahead. Meanwhile, go to YouTube and listen to the song you’ll sing! You may also pick up a copy of the music in the music office. Hope to see YOU on December 29!

Blessings and peace,

David Clyle Morse

Minister of Worship Music





ADVENT/OUTREACH

ANGEL TREE



Karen Haney

The Angel Tree, our Christmas Outreach with Holy Redeemer Church in Lake Worth, is one of those quiet but huge impact efforts. Last year, we had about 200 children with wish lists for clothing, shoes, and something fun. We also had another 80 homeless adults with wishes

for work boots or sneakers. The entire parish of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church and St. Joseph's Episcopal School participate in this outreach program.

Volunteers are an essential part of this Outreach Ministry.

It all starts with the wish lists. Our office staff and volunteers print the Angel ornaments and start cutting them out. Another set of volunteers attach pipe cleaner hooks and decorate the trees. Then we have a need for volunteers to staff the sign out and collection table – after the Saturday service, at each coffee hour on Sunday, and after the Unplugged service. This is where the entire parish steps up to the plate, picking out Angels and fulfilling all those wishes – that shirt or dress, this doll or skateboard, these work boots. More volunteers and youth move the gifts to storage. Another set of staff and volunteers sort the gifts into family groups. And lastly, we have a special crew of drivers who load up their cars, vans, and trucks until they can barely see, and transport the gifts to Holy Redeemer Church.

St. Joseph's Episcopal School will be hosting the dinner at Holy Redeemer Church on Friday, 12/13. All the work boots and sneakers are distributed, as well as the collected socks and underwear. To support the dinner, we also collect donations to cover paper goods used at the meal.

Angel Tree 2013 is here already! Angels were

available for selection starting Saturday/Sunday, 11/16-17 – TWO weekends before Thanksgiving this year. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, 12/08. The children's gifts will be delivered to Holy Redeemer on 12/23.

-Karen Haney

C.R.O.S. WALK



Linda Sorenson

Thank you St. Joseph's family!

Through the sponsorship of the Outreach Committee, we participated in the "End Hunger Walk" on October 13, held on Flagler Drive in West Palm Beach. The walk was a fund raising event for C.R.O.S. Ministries (Christians Reaching Out to Society). C.R.O.S. has 6 food pantries throughout Palm Beach County, a soup kitchen in Delray Beach serving three meals most days - with delivery of lunches to the disabled - and many other community assistance programs. With the cutback in food stamps (SNAP) this winter, the need for food pantries is expected to be greater than ever. Every walker brought either peanut butter or tuna fish, as well as their solicited pledges. St. Joseph's has been contributing to their ministry from our Outreach endowment fund for several years.

The "End Hunger Walk" was an inspiring event, commenced with prayer, and participated in by over 300 walkers. Over \$24,000 was raised and our contribution from St. Joseph's was \$2,350. Thank you all who contributed.

Linda Sorenson

Outreach Committee Chairwoman



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Join us 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30
(AFTER 5 PM SERVICE)
IN THE PARISH HALL



FOR OUR ANNUAL ADVENT
WREATH-MAKING
AND CHILI COOK-OFF.
MAKE A FRESH ADVENT
WREATH TO TAKE HOME.



BRING A POT OF CHILI FOR THE COOK-OFF.
YOU MAY WIN A PRIZE!
SIGN UP IN THE PARISH HALL.

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children and Family Service

Every child at the service has the opportunity to play a part in the "spontaneous" Christmas Pageant. Costumes are provided. Bring your baby Jesus from your crèche to be blessed.



5-6:45 p.m. Living Nativity

(On the lawn outside the fence on the north side of the Seacrest Blvd entrance, weather permitting). Along with Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus and shepherds and angels, we'll have live animals including a goat, sheep and donkey.

6:30 p.m. Youth and Family Service



Bands lead the Carols at this Worship Service with an illumination of the Christmas Gospel.

11:00 p.m. PreEucharist Christmas Carols

11:30 p.m. Midnight Service

Christmas Day

10:15 a.m. Christmas Eucharist



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Christmas Tree & Wreath Fundraiser

SIZE (IN FEET)	PRICE
3	\$27
4	\$35
5	\$45
6	\$55
6.5	\$60
7	\$65
7.5	\$75
8	\$85
8.5	\$95
9	\$105
9.5	\$125
10	\$145
10.5	\$155
11	\$185
12	\$215

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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS



Advent, Christmas 2013—January 2014

Schedule

November 30—Advent Wreath Making & Chili Cook-off 6 p.m.

December 7—Parish Quiet Day Noon—5 p.m.

December 21—Greening of the Church 9 a.m.

December 26—No Thursday Eucharist

December 28—Eucharist with Healing 5pm

December 29—Rite I Eucharist 7:45 a.m.; Rite II Eucharist 10:37 1/2 a.m.

January 1—No Wednesday 8:05 a.m. Eucharist

January 8—Wednesday Eucharist Resumes

January 9—Thursday Eucharist resumes

Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m.—Eucharist with Spontaneous Pageant (Bring Baby Jesus from home to be blessed.)

6:30 p.m.—Eucharist with Illuminated Gospel & Band

11:00 p.m.—Carols sung by Choir

11:30 p.m.—Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day:

10:15 a.m.—Eucharist with Carols sung

December 28—5:00 p.m. Healing Eucharist

December 29—7:45 a.m. Rite I & 10:37 1/2 Combined Service Rite II Eucharist

New Year's Day: 10:15 a.m.—Eucharist for New Year's

