

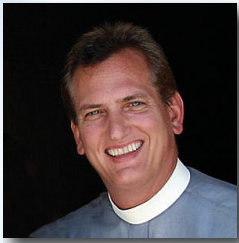


Saint Joseph's Carpenter

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THREE TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE



Fr. Marty Zlatic Events in our lives of faith sometimes remind us that we are a part of something bigger than us. We recently celebrated this All Saints Day, the communion of saints, defined in our Book of Common Prayer as "the whole family of God, the living and the dead, those whom we love and those whom we hurt, bound together in Christ by sacrament, prayer, and praise." Sometimes we find it too difficult to imagine that the saints in heaven are somehow "bound together" with us here. I think the more prevalent difficulty is for us to imagine that WE are "bound together" in some way with the saints in heaven. Perhaps it has a bit to do with our own false pride, which becomes an obstacle to our admission that we are made in God's image. As Pierre Teilhard de Chardin has written, "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." It is with a view to the bigger picture of which we are a part that I share these thoughts with you:

1) Coadjutor Bishop Process - Some of you have told me how relieved you were when you did not see my name listed next to any of the finalist candidates for the Coadjutor Bishop election. I am sure there are others who were disappointed for various reasons. As I have honestly told anyone who asked, I was never running for bishop, since I do not believe anyone should run for bishop - simply because that would imply that an individual has already determined what is the Holy Spirit's will, and in our church, we determine the Holy Spirit's will through prayerful discernment together (that in this case culminates in an election on January 31, 2015). I had allowed my nomi-

nation to be entered because I saw that there was a possible match between my gifts and experience and those that the profile for the coadjutor bishop required, so I was therefore allowing my name to be considered for prayerful discernment by God's people in the bigger picture of our diocese.

As you are aware, the five finalists for the coadjutor bishop are all from outside our diocese. I believe we owe it to the people of the diocese to at least offer a choice of someone from within our diocese. Perhaps, in the long run, our discernment of God's will in the bigger picture will be for us to raise up someone from the outside. If that is where the Spirit leads us, so be it! However, I think it is important that a choice from within is offered for discernment, and I have therefore allowed my name to be added as a candidate by petition.

This does not mean I desire to leave St. Joseph's. I love my ministry here and I love all of you. There is so much good ministry going on here that sometimes we forget that we are a part of a bigger picture - that we are an Episcopal parish within the Diocese of Southeast Florida. It took me a while to come to a point of seeing it as a bit selfish not to be willing to consider this possible call, but as I consider the bigger picture, I believe in the depth of my heart that this is the right thing to do. And the good news is that no matter what happens, we continue together to do the work that God has given us to do. There is no need for panic. When I came here 13 ½ years ago, no ministry ceased, no employees lost their jobs. Rather, we went in the opposite positive direction - expanding the roles of the existing ministries and staff. That is what is truly special about Saint Joseph's. The Spirit is alive and well here, and there is no doubt that the Spirit would remain here with or without me.



2) Vestry - We celebrated the entrance of one of our saints into the communion of saints in heaven. Elliott Williams was an incredible gift to us. Our prayers and support need to continue to surround Dianne. The biggest picture we are called to remember at a time like this is that this world is not our ultimate home. Praise God that Elliott is rejoicing in heaven, and when our own human experience is complete, we will join him in the fullness of heaven as the spiritual beings God has destined us to be.

The process of our church calls for me to appoint a new senior warden, and for the vestry to elect a 9th vestry person to fulfill Elliott's remaining two years plus on the vestry. I did not want us to be hasty in this discernment process, especially given the information I have shared with you above. Therefore, I have appointed Dianne Williams as Senior Warden for an interim period. Dianne completes her term on the vestry in three months. Dianne has requested this appointment to not only honor Elliott, but also because she has a deep desire to complete the 2014 project that she was working on with Elliott and the committee: to complete the Employee Handbook and Job Descriptions. Both of our previous Senior Wardens, Paul Wegner and Barbara MacKenzie, have pledged their ongoing support to Dianne in whatever way it is needed. The vestry will be voting on a 9th vestry person at a later date, at which time I will be appointing a Senior Warden to complete the two years that remain on Elliott's term.

3.) So what do we do now? Ora et labora, as the Benedictines say: "Pray and work."
Work: there is work to be done, Saints of God! This ministry is exciting, and the church needs you. If you're not a part of it, you're missing the party. Jump in! If church for you is just a building you enter for an hour on Sunday, you're missing the bigger picture. There is so much joy to be found in using your gifts.

Pray: I recently heard someone describe Christian healing as an acceptance that everything is going to be okay, because God is in charge. As we move forward together as the communion of saints, may God give to each of us healing - healing today from the loss of one we love, healing in the months ahead from any unnecessary fear and anxiety, and the ultimate healing when one day we will be joined as one around God's heavenly banquet table.

LLL,
Fr. Marty



CARPENTER TRANSITION

I have been doing the layout and design of the Carpenter since about 2007, and it has been such a rewarding and illuminating experience. I've worked with such wonderful, compassionate and talented people such as Rich Haney and Rick and Jean Filer before him.

It is now time for another transition, and an opportunity to expand this ministry. I am transferring this labor of love for St. Joseph's into the competent hands of Rachel Olyer, who will be doing both the content editing and the layout and design. I'd like to thank everyone for their spiritual and emotional support, as we make this transition, and I am sure we will all give Rachel our full support and guidance. I will still be maintaining the website for St. Joseph's so we will still have a lot of sharing of information to keep everyone in the St. Joseph's parish family informed and inspired. Thank you again for the privilege of service for this ministry.

Susan Oakes



ASSOCIATE PRIEST



Rev. Wendy Tobias

Thanks be to God for his
incredible gift!
(2 Corinthians 9:15)

... and that gift is, dear family and friends of St. Joe's,
all of you:

for the love you give to one another
for the love you receive
for your longing to be loved and
for having eyes to see

that no matter what your journey
God is nearer than your breath
and in our holy kinship
love and peace heal every rift.

This Thanksgiving may we all know the truth of
God's love in healing our hurting world and, when
we don't seem to feel that... because, God knows,
sometimes we don't, may we have the courage and
wisdom to share our pain in gratitude. When we
are strong may we have the courage and wisdom to
help someone else just by loving them.

Three years ago last month, I was hired as your as-
sociate priest and lead priest for Unplugged. I give
such thanks. From the beginning, I have wanted
standing room only. I've explored whether this is
ego (maybe a little) or whether I want job security
(maybe a little). What I've finally come to realize,
though, is that this longing goes far beyond that.
The more people who come and hear the amazing
freedom and clarity in Word and music not only at
Unplugged but in all our services and ministries, the
closer we are to realizing the realm of God on earth
as it is in heaven. Seriously. That's the promise of the
gospel and it is our commission by Christ. That's why
we gather here each week to celebrate and give
thanks so we can go outside our walls and make a
difference.

We continue to give thanks for the ongoing sup-
port of The Episcopal Church's Mission Enterprise
Zone Grant awarded to us for our goal, through
Unplugged, of attracting those in their 20s and 30s
as well as those who may have had bad experiences
with church and those who are not here yet. We are
growing, thanks to you! Unplugged and our entire
St. Joe's community offers a degree of uniqueness
especially in hospitality to many who may have
been turned off by church. Thanks for that. If you
haven't seen our welcome video please check it out
on the opening page of our Unplugged website at
<http://www.stjoesunplugged.org/> .

I'm delighted to share with you that Jaime
Legagneur, a member of Unplugged since its early
days, has come on board as our new Unplugged
Communications Manager helping us with social
media and marketing. Her stellar skill set, commit-
ment to Christ, and her contagious joy are a perfect
match for our needs . Welcome to the team, Jaime!

We continue to work with Habitat for Humanity,
Holy Redeemer's outreach for the homeless/poor,
Family Promise, and will be returning on Mission to
the Dominican Republic March 15-21, 2015. Email
me if you'd like to be involved in any of these ex-
pressions of Christ's love for our neighbors locally
and globally.

I cease not to give thanks and so appreciate the
privilege of serving you,

Rev. Wendy





OUTREACH EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In its 19th year, the Blessing of the Animals (BOA) Service continues to be our largest outreach activity in the community thanks to Chairs Dianne and Elliot Williams, Co-Chair Karen Antonucci, and a dedicated planning committee who have served this event together for the past 5 years.



Saint Joseph's holds the 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! As a community event, we were pleased by the large number of "visitors" and non-congregation members who attended. Fr. Marty commented that he felt as though he had more requests for people blessings as well as pets than ever before. Perhaps we have been able to reach folks that are rarely inside a church... what a privilege!

We were blessed with warm weather 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 and Delray Beach canine units.

The 2014 St. Francis Award was presented to Jacquelyn Kingston and her team of volunteers- Joan Lorne, Darlene Duggan, Margie Talbott, Billie Johnston, and Jim Jolley - that have been monitoring the Town of Gulfstream beach and portion of Ocean Ridge beach for sea turtle nests for over 13 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.

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!





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ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS AND NOTES



Chris Lockhart

THE LATEST ON RECYCLING

It's hard to believe that it has been a year since we geared up for recycling at St. Joseph's. You may have noticed that we have a more uniform look with the addition of some yellow containers in Van Rooyen Hall. This allows us to do at

church what we do at home – yellow for paper and blue for plastics and cans.

New: Because of the coating on the coffee cups, we can skip recycling them. Just put them in the trash (black container). At least they decompose. Yea, for simplicity! The latest guidelines:

- Blue bin – cans, plastic cups, juice containers, etc.
- Yellow bin – office paper, bulletins, card board (same as at home).
- Black container – coffee cups, napkins, used paper plates, utensils, food, plastic wrap and other trash.

We plan to engage some helpers to guide proper placement of items during Sunday coffee hour. More on that soon. Thank you all for your support of recycling at St. Josephs!

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Our thanks to the Garden Angels and their minions for their help with the butterfly garden and dune sunflower patch. It's looking MUCH better. If you haven't looked for butterflies lately, here are a few places – in the garden by the columbarium and on the south side of the music building. We've got a few new plants providing both color and nectar for these charming critters. Finally, we were delighted to participate in the Florida Coontie Rescue and receive

some of these special plants, instead of them being demolished at a construction site. The coontie, (*Zamia integrifolia*), is the only larval food plant for the imperiled Atala butterfly. We hope that they will find a new home at St. Joseph's. With any luck, by spring, we should have a nice mix of butterfly plants and butterflies. If anyone enjoys gardening, drop me a line. We always welcome new hands and old hands!

GREEN TEAM AND GREEN FAITH INITIATIVE

The Green Team is preparing to review what it takes to be certified as a Green Faith member. Much of what we have already done will help us in this process. Look for more information on this soon, and visit www.greenfaith.org.

SAVE THE STRAW!!

Did you know that 500 million disposable plastic straws are used each day – enough to fill 9300 school busses? A 4th grade student began an "ask first" approach at local restaurants to reduce waste. Stores save money, too! Next time you're at the restaurant, think whether you need a straw and consider asking the waiter to "Save the Straw!"

Chris Lockhart, chris@lockharts.org





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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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HEALTH MINISTRY



Barbara MacKenzie

I am very happy to be able to tell you that Health Ministry has returned to Saint Joseph's! As some of you know, this has been a dream of mine for some time and is finally being realized. In

September, there were two meetings where

people came together to discuss needs within the parish and to identify what could be offered. Great ideas were suggested. The potential list was long and we decided we needed to start slowly so we could actually get some projects going. We didn't want to tackle too much at the beginning and become overwhelmed.

We are going to start with Blood Pressure screenings on Sunday mornings between the services. If you would like to volunteer to take blood pressures, please either call me or email me and I will develop a schedule so we can cover the times needed. Times would be 8:45 am to 9:30 am and after the 9:30 service until 11:45 if we have enough volunteers.

Other tasks include helping people with assessments to identify what services are needed and finding those needed resources. We need to establish a method of communicating with the related ministries that are already in place. We want to promote health and helping people to achieve and maintain their optimal level of health.

Other projects may be providing educational resources, presentations and outside speakers.

Our role will not be to be the healthcare provider, but to help identify what services are needed and help people to then find that service or choice of the right kind of provider. We will try to help people to work their way through what can be complicated paperwork in our healthcare system.

You may have noticed two new AEDs at the church. One is in the Parish Hall and one in the Narthex of the church. Also, the church staff have been trained in CPR and the use of the AEDs. Hurrah!

So if you can help in this ministry, please let me know. Pray for the ministry to be able to be of service to the wonderful people of Saint Joseph's.

Barbara MacKenzie
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KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Kairos is a Prison Ministry in which parishioners of Saint Joseph's have been participating as volunteer team members for over 12 years. They are always in need of more individuals to volunteer to serve on teams. Currently in our areas, there are Kairos Weekends in the men's prisons. There are not local women's prisons offering Kairos, but there are opportunities to serve on what are called Kairos Outside teams for women.

WHAT DOES KAIROS DO?

Kairos has been called the most effective program at changing basic attitudes of the incarcerated currently offered in prisons. This statement is heard over and over again by prison administrations where the ministry has been active long enough for its impact on the institution to have been evaluated by correctional staff.

Kairos works from a decidedly strong Christian perspective of love for fellow man.

KAIROS MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of Kairos, Inc. is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen."

HOW DOES THE WEEKEND WORK?

Kairos coordinates with the warden and chaplains. An interdenominational team of 30-50 clergy and lay volunteers from the surrounding area minister to 24 to 42 inmates selected by the prison chaplain – the leaders (including gang leaders). They carry the message back to many more.

During the weekend, the participants sit in table "families" with other inmates and with three Kairos volunteers, including a member of the clergy. Residents hear a series of talks, have discussion, eat, and pray together. Clergy are available for one-on-one counseling. The walls the inmates have built fall and they open their hearts to the love of Christ. After the weekend, Kairos volunteers and residents attend institution, reunion, and retreats.

TESTIMONY – Matthew Phillips

I attended my first Kairos weekend eleven years ago, not knowing what to expect. I have never seen the Gospel impact so many in such a short time; this was truly a life changing experience for myself as well as others.

IS KAIROS EFFECTIVE?

Recidivism studies (how soon an inmate return to prison after release) have shown:

The average return rate to prison is about 64%.

Men and women who attend a Kairos weekend return to prison only 15-16% of the time.

If residents participate as a part of a Kairos team, only 9% return to prison. HOW AMAZING IS THAT?

For more information, talk with Matt Phillips, Tad Knutsen or LC Montague



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MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP



Fr. Wm. Stomski

Many see the Book of Revelation, the last book of the New Testament, as a difficult book to read and understand. And that it is. In addition, many feel that it is filled with messages of "doom and gloom," which only frighten and enhance our fear of "what the end-times" may be like. All of this

could not be further from the truth about this literary work based on a vision by John from the Island of Patmos.

The images are compilations of Old Testament images that reflect God and God's power and grace for God's people and the Church. For the faithful for whom Revelation is written, though sustaining persecution, are profound messages of hope and redemption through the one who died and rose to redeem us from evil and death. Cloaked in Jewish imagery of the Old Testament and inter-Testamental time prior to the New Testament, there is a profound message of redemption disguised in symbolism and imagery known to the faith community. Not all is understood and there is great mystery; but there is much that can be gleaned to nurture and challenge our faith today.

I am leading the class and moving slowly through the book in order to examine closely the language and complex images of the text. As one of the attendees shared, "It has been quite a "revelation" to learn about faith and the teaching of the Jewish faith and the Christian Church!" And many have witnessed as to how they have been enriched by our experience of studying God's word. Our study group meets at 6:00 PM on Monday evenings for a pot-luck supper, then begins the study at 6:30 PM. We end by 8:00 PM. Please feel free to join us as you are able!

Fr. Wm. Stomski

TECH MINISTRY AT ST JOSEPH'S



Sherry Thomas

"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. The Tech Ministry at St Joseph's, though small is mighty! Our team consists of John Carpenter, Rich Haney, our Vestry Liaison, and Sherry Thomas. We have re-

cruited Marcos Boronat to help with technical needs at the 7:45 a.m. service. Sue Oakes created and manages our website, stjoesweb.org, and Karen Antonucci handles our public relations and Constant Contact. Constant Contact is our email vehicle for 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 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 me." 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



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.

Our Chapter is sponsoring an Advent Quiet Day here at Saint Joseph's on Saturday, December 6th. Please join us for lunch at noon and an afternoon of quiet meditation and prayer ending with the 5:00 p.m. service. Led by Fr. Marty, this is a 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.

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 2015



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.



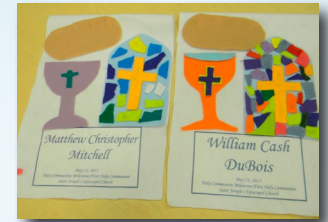
The Very Reverend Doctor William Stomski will conduct the classes, assisted by parishioner and Saint Joseph’s School Librarian Mrs. Jennifer Williams.



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, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, and 10.

A special Parent Orientation Meeting prior to the classes is scheduled for Sunday, March 29 after the 9:30am Sunday Service. Childcare is available during this meeting, if needed.



On Saturday, May 16, we will have a special gathering to bake Eucharistic bread, experience the church and altar, and have a family evening pizza party.

On Sunday, May 17, at the 9:30 am worship service, we will celebrate Holy Communion Milestone/ First Communion Eucharist.

For some children May 17, 2015 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 at (561) 732-3060.

Dee Zlatic, Children’s Minister





YOUTH



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

Mt. Everest is the week of June 8-12 from 9-NOON with a celebration worship and pizza party at the Saturday night 5pm service June 13, 2015. Contact Dee Zlatic to volunteer at 732-3060.



2014 YOUTH BAND



Charles Milling

Our Youth Band is going strong, leading our Unplugged congregation once a month during the school year, leading VCC music during the summer, and now getting ready for participating in the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service!

Former Youth Band members, Tess Bath and Justen Fox-Hall, have been coaching our singers this year. What a wonderful, full-circle time it has been!

Two of our longest standing Youth Band members graduated this year: Becca Russell and Madison Langley. They have been working with Charles since they were in 4th grade. Eight years of serving St Joe's! What a wonderful gift they have been. We wish them God's peace and blessings on their new journeys!

Charles Milling





YOUTH

ST. JOSEPH'S ACOLYTE MINISTRY



Sherry Thomas

Most of the time, 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, and their dedication and their service to others will not only be a fond memory, but also a part of their lives.

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

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



We have 12 new acolytes (*).

Glennon Schafer, Head Acolyte
Alisson Sealy, Head Acolyte

- Bryan 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

And when home from college
Andrew Baker
Haven Dietrich



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

GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC THIS CHRISTMAS



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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 2014 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

St. Joseph parishioners participated in a very successful C.R.O.S. Ministries "Walk to End Hunger" in West Palm Beach on October 12. We had three walkers, Phyllis Edwards, Chris Pedic and Linda Sorenson, who raised \$1,170.

We were encouraged by all the church family members who responded to our plea of support and contributed generously. It was a fun afternoon of exercise and camaraderie with over 400 walkers from many houses of worship and businesses.

All the monies raised, about \$35,000, goes to support the programs of Soup Kitchen, 6 food pantries, clothing distribution, summer camp, after school care and tutoring, crop gleaning from local farms, and other social service components. C.R.O.S. is always looking for more volunteers.



If you are interested in helping, please contact: Juanita Goode, Director of Volunteers, 561-233-9009, Ext. 105, jgoode@crosmministries.org

Linda Sorenson

15 Outreach Committee Chairwoman



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

2014-2015 Schedule

Saturday, November 29 6:00 p.m. Advent Wreath-making & Chili Cook-off

Saturday, December 6 12:00 p.m. Parish Quiet Day (until 5:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 20 9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church

Saturday, December 27 5:00 p.m. Eucharist with healing

Sunday, December 28 7:45 a.m. Rite I Eucharist
10:37½ a.m. Rite II Eucharist

Wednesday, December 31 NO Eucharist

Wednesday, January 7 8:05 a.m. Wednesday morning Eucharist resumes

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24 4:00 p.m. Eucharist with Spontaneous Pageant
(bring Baby Jesus from home for blessing)
6:30 p.m. Eucharist with Illuminated Gospel & Youth Band
11:00 p.m. Carols sung by Choir
11:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25 10:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Saturday, December 27 5:00 p.m. Healing Eucharist

Sunday, December 28 7:45 a.m. Rite I Eucharist
10:37½ a.m. Rite II Eucharist

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1 10:15 a.m. Eucharist for New Year's Day