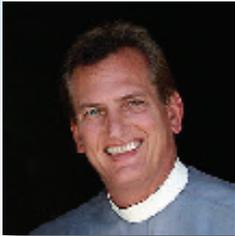




Saint Joseph's Carpenter

Advent 2015

The Newsletter of Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church www.stjoesweb.org
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Fr. Marty Zlatic

THE SAINT JOSEPH'S CONNECTION

As in life as a whole, one of the things that is most consistent in our life at St. Joseph's – is

change. The rate of change in our membership, as people have moved on, died, or had job transfers, has accelerated in more recent years. As we have grown in numbers, we have also grown in age, which has led to the need for us to:

- Continue to increase the number of committed parishioners who wish to move into ministry leadership in our church.
- Continue to find ways to “pass on” the Saint Joseph's culture to our newer parishioners.

Too often have I had conversations with active parishioners where I have praised a recent activity at Saint Joseph's, and the person's response has been, “I wish I had known about it.” And in reality, we had published it in the bulletin for several weeks, I had announced it at all the services, and we even had it on the marquee on the Seacrest signage. And the response from folks often is, “Well, nobody reads the bulletin.” (Yikes! Perhaps we should add a vow to read the bulletin to the baptismal promises.)

Therefore, it is timely for us to review some of our St. Joseph's culture; how in the best of all worlds we can optimize our life together:

STAY CONNECTED TO US – Every pledging member of our church should be on our Constant Contact email list. It is strictly controlled and I as rector personally approve every communica-

tion. You will never be bombarded or spammed through this email communication. We send out a weekly link to the sermons and announcements, and whenever there is a communication of an event that is both urgent and important for the whole parish to know. This is especially important in difficult times of death, when the person's death happens after Sunday and their funeral will take place prior to our parish reconvening the following Sunday. Sometimes there are events and needs that emerge in-between Sundays that we need to notify you. It is very easy to sign up for this list by subscribing to it from the “Join our Mailing List” link on the parish website home page: stjoesweb.org. (And of course, read the bulletin!)

GET CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER – Whether it is a ministry group or a study group, the way that you will get and stay connected at St. Joseph's is by getting involved. When coming to church is not just about you and God, but about you and God and other significant friends with whom you are sharing a spiritual journey, there is a stronger bond that not only strengthens our church, but strengthens faith for each of us.

It has been an intentional strategy for over 14 years that as we would strive to grow as a church, we would strive to empower the laity to exercise ministry as much as our Church canons allow. Not only does this enable our laity to exercise their gifts and ministry, it has the ancillary benefit of enabling the laity to fall more in love with Saint Joseph's. Further, the whole concept of a growing church is that as we grow larger, we must grow smaller – meaning that the small groups and ministries to which our members belong must become the major means of pastoral support for our members.



STAY CONNECTED THROUGH EACH OTHER - When someone doesn't show up on any given weekend, the clergy will probably not be aware that this person was not one of the over 400 people who worshipped here that weekend. However, assuming the person is part of a small group or ministry, there is a "built-in" loving sub-community of people who will notice their absence, and will be checking up on them to make sure they are okay.

INCREASE OUR CONNECTION BY CARING FOR EACH OTHER – Here is how we are designed to work:

1. The small group then becomes the front line of pastoral support for that person and their family. Many times the church office will not even need to get involved in support for that person or family because the small group as the "front line" has it covered.
2. The second line of support is through our parish ministries. However, someone (either the person in need, the person's family, or a small group member) must notify the church office of the need. Our Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) and our Lay Anointing Ministers (LAMS), along with our food ministry and parish visitation programs all become the second line of support after that initial support of the small group or ministry.
3. The sacramental ministry reserved to ordained ministers in our church becomes the third line of support. The approach outlined above never meant that I or any of the other clergy on staff are not available for visitation. When there is a real need, our clergy are eager to do whatever we can. There is certainly more than enough ministry to share – and my confirmed experience continues to be that the more ministry we can give away to the laity, the healthier our church will be.

In this season I am thankful to continue to share in this ministry with you!

LLL,
Fr. Marty



By the Grace of God
and the people consenting

The Right Reverend Leo Frade
Bishop of Southeast Florida
will ordain

Mary Anne Cotter Naughton

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic
and Apostolic Church

December 10
2015
at
6:30 P.M.

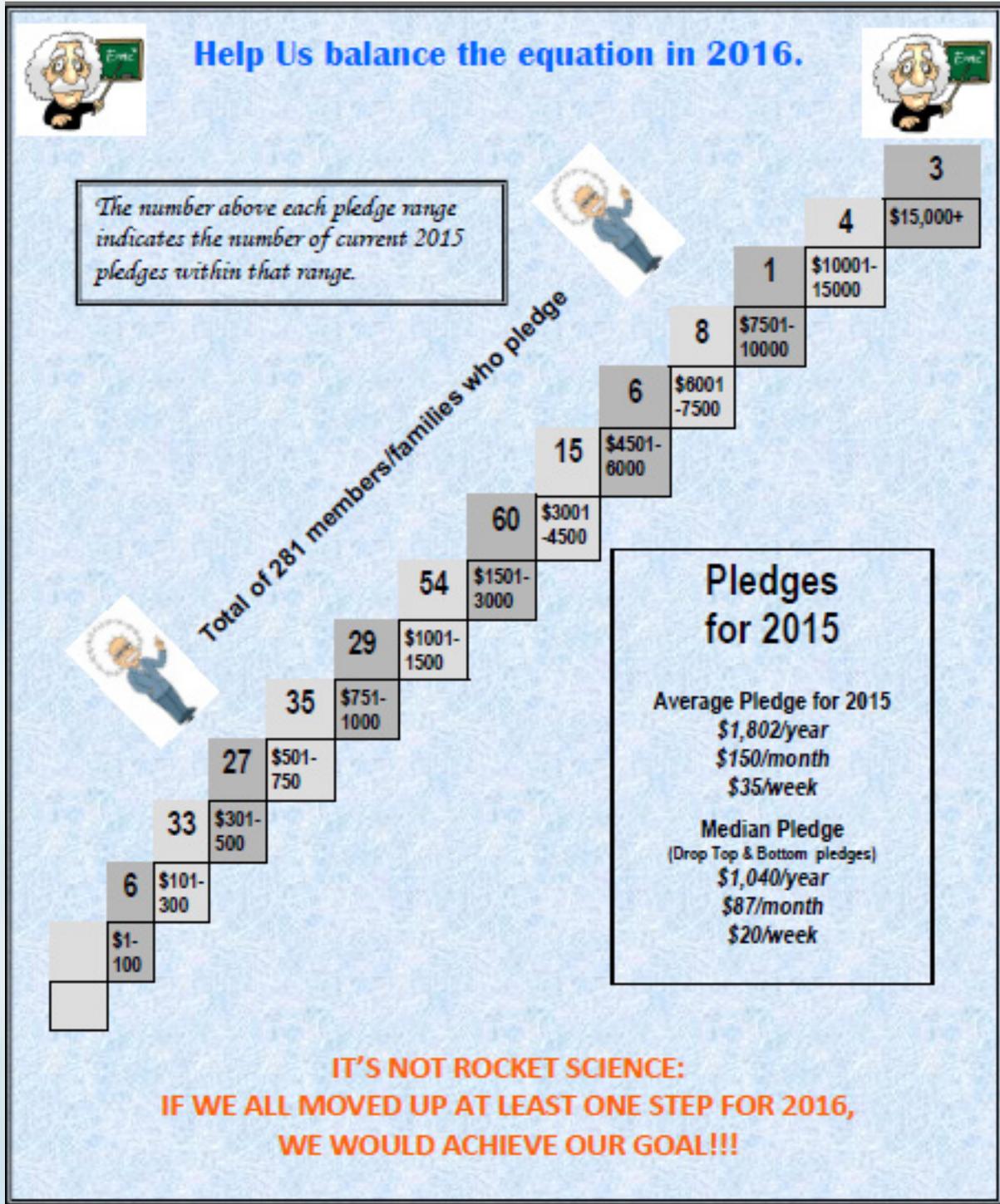
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Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy: White stoles
Reception following



STEWARDSHIP





ASSOCIATE PRIEST



Rev. Wendy Tobias

To see a world in a grain of sand
and heaven in a wild flower, hold
infinity in the palm of your hand
and eternity in an hour."

- William Blake

Dear friends and community of St. Joseph's,

As you know all too well, we are living in a time of uncertainty and dangerous global events. The world seems out of control, at times, with terrorist attacks, seeming never-ending Palestinian/Israeli conflict, violence in our own country against many black lives, the threat of climate change, debates over refugees and the outrageous talk that feeds fear and prejudice of Muslims. In the midst of this I sit to write this article the day before we will gather with loved ones and one another for Thanksgiving 2015.

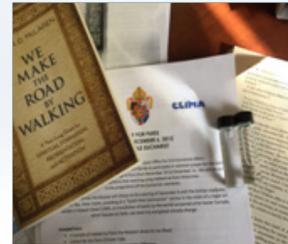
In our angst for the world, it couldn't be more important for us to be giving thanks in the midst of everything and being ever so kind with each other. I think that's what William Blake was getting at in his quote I cite. Our giving thanks in all things (as we read in Ephesians 5:20) brings us into the awareness of our Creator and expands our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. We need a little of that right about now, don't you think? Gratitude guides us toward peace, my friends.

And so in this very moment I share with you what's literally before my eyes and give great thanks for

- a podcast waiting to be heard on my desktop from yesterday's Huffington Post Religion section about three major leaders, (a Palestinian Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew) who are working together in a big way for peace with justice.
- two little bottles of water sitting on my desk given to us at Convention. The water is melted ice from Antarctica we'll use in Holy Communion at all 4 services on the 2nd Sun of Advent (Dec 5 & 6). We will pray for the 147 heads of state & govt that will be gathering in Paris for the Climate Conference Nov 30-Dec 11 "to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate". (check out the UN

website here: <http://www.cop21.gouv.fr/en> .)

- a paystub from The Episcopal Church's Mission Enterprise Grant's fourth (and final) installment of grant payment received for our work with Unplugged.
- the book by Brian McLaren, We Make The Road By Walking and, more importantly for our wonderful 20s & 30s Bible Study that has met for the last year. What an amazing group of people. We'll be using Brian's book when we reconvene the first Tuesday after the New Year, Jan 5th



- a post-it note reminding me to schedule another work day with Habitat for Humanity – thank God for such a wonderful organization with whom we pray and work.
- the new schedule for Unplugged services that represents our 31 dedicated and joyful volunteers who make Unplugged flow including Rachel Oyler who does our weekly leaflet & Sherry Thomas who runs our weekly projection . I cease not to give thanks for all of you. Then that reminds me of
- Charles Milling and Live Hymnal, our great band and their soon-to-be-released second album
- the document in the dock at the bottom of my screen with the list of potential people going on our Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic March 6-12th, 2016. (let me know if you're interested)
- yellow butterflies outside my window right now with the sun streaming in
- pictures of my grandsons reminding me of the joy in knowing we'll be making pies together tonight

May we all cease not to give thanks to the Lord our God,

Rev. Wendy





OUTREACH EVENTS

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

For the 20th Anniversary of St. Joe's Blessing of the Animals (BOA) Service, it was a day of "firsts".... The first time in recent years: that it actually rained on church property (just enough to bring folks into the church early); that we held our pet parade inside the church with animals prancing down the center aisle; and the first time we had a reporter from an international news organization at the service!



It was with great admiration and gratitude that we dedicated the 20th anniversary celebration of the Blessing of the Animals event to the memory of Elliott Williams, the expansion of which over these past years is largely due to the leadership of Elliott and Dianne. Fr. Marty also presented a statue of St Francis to Dianne Williams for her faith and inspiration in her ministry of this event.



The 2015 St. Francis Award recognized volunteer Sue Butler of The Little Rex Foundation that serves unwanted, neglected and critically ill dogs.

Saint Joseph's holds the largest BOA Service and uniquely hosts all animals (and their owners) in church! As a community event, we continue to host a large number of "visitors" and non-congregation members.

Special thanks to all the volunteers that continue to serve year after year (see below)... Come join the team and volunteer to help lead this event next year!





DISCIPLESHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS AND NOTES



Chris Lockhart

THE LATEST ON RECYCLING

You may have noticed that we have a more uniform look with the addition of some yellow containers in Van Rooyen Hall as well as the new posters to guide us in how to recycle. This allows us to do at church what we do at home – yellow for paper and blue for plastics and cans.

Note: 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.



Help Recycle at St. Joe's
... and guide others

BLUE CAN (No Trash Please):

- Plastic Cups
- Aluminum cans
- Juice boxes
- Glass bottles

YELLOW CAN = CLEAN PAPER:

- Bulletins
- Office Paper
- Cardboard packaging & boxes

BLACK CAN = TRASH ONLY:

- Coffee Cups
- Napkins, paper plates
- Food, plastic utensils
- All other trash

GREEN TEAM AND GREEN FAITH INITIATIVE
Visit www.greenfaith.org to see what it takes to be a member of the Green Faith Initiative. Saint Joseph's Green Team has been actively involved for more than two years now.



Caterpillar hunting?

Are leaves chewed up in your garden? Instead of pulling plants out, search for caterpillars. These munching wonders of nature come in many colors and sizes, then morph into beautiful butterflies. I saw these gulf fritillary caterpillars on the corky stem passionvine by the front garden at St. Joseph's. The butterflies will be orange with silver undersides. Also look for Julia and Zebra Heliconian or longwing butterflies. They also love the passionvine. Plant these in your yard for mini-wildlife habitat. The leaves will grow back. Gift your Garden for the Holidays at native plant nurseries on Saturday, Dec. 12, 8 am to 4 pm. See more information at: <http://palm-beach.fnpschapters.org/>

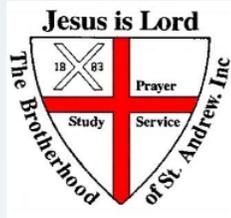
Chris Lockhart, chris@lockharts.org





DISCIPLESHIP

BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT ANDREW



The brothers have been busy this last few months. In keeping with our tripod of Prayer, Study, and Service we have had bi-monthly meetings with opening prayers, bible study and business meeting. Brother Gary Riggs has been doing an outstanding job with our prayer list, thank you Gary.

We had two representatives go to the Tri-ennial National meeting in Philadelphia in June, Bob Leneve and Jerry Guthrie. Many changes and programs were discussed that will be beneficial to the outreach of the Brotherhood. Two new chapters have been added to the Diocese roster, St. Agnes and Transfiguration in Miami.

We are working on additional chapters in Broward and Palm Beach. Brotherhood Sunday is in November where the Brotherhood Choir will perform and new brothers installed.

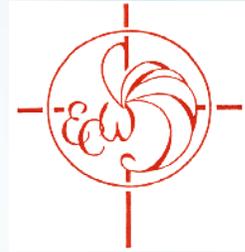
We held three Golf scrambles to raise money for Faith chests.

We hosted the Chili Cookoff and Advent wreath making on Nov. 28 following the 5 pm service, and enjoyed sampling everyone's favorite chili recipes and making advent wreaths for our homes. It was free and a great way to start off the Christmas season and the best part is that it was FREE!

The annual Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday is February 9th in van Rooyen and the Ascension Thursday Spaghetti Dinner will be May 5th.

In His Name,
Jerry Guthrie

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



The Episcopal Church Women of St. Joseph's have had a very busy summer and fall.

In July we hosted a Fashion Show with clothes from Patchington's. Our St. Joe's ladies were the models. We raffled off some exquisite baskets. Many thanks to Wanda Brady and Dianne Williams for making this happen. All had a wonderful time and we netted \$2500.00!

On November 6 and 7, we held our first Fall Festival. The food offerings were incredible, especially the pre-ordered pumpkin rolls, real maple syrup, jams and jellies, honey mustard, candy, hot sauce, and the fabulous bake goods table. We also had wonderful wading birds, good costume jewelry, Christmas items, and the Sassy Sewers gorgeous handmade items. We are continuing to sell raffle tickets for a gorgeous handmade queen size quilt. We netted over \$4000.00 so far.

On December 13, we will pick the winner of the quilt at our Mini Christmas Festival, which will run from 9 to Noon. We have many new items as well as food goodies, more jewelry, and Christmas items.

Thank you to everyone in the ECW and our St. Joe's family for making all our events possible, through your time, talent and treasure.

In His Name,
Gail Drane
President



WORSHIP

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



The Daughters of The King (DOK) have recently elected and installed new officers.

President: Carrie Guthrie
Vice President: Wanda Brady
Treasurer: Barbara MacKenzie
Secretary: Christine Pedic

The DOK also installed 3 new Daughters in September Barbara Wegner, Pat Lyren and Lynda Shaffer. There are now 53 Daughters at St. Joseph's. Our chapter meets monthly from September through May.

The Daughters are in the Lady Chapel for confidential prayer during communion. Prayers are offered to all for any needs, support and thanksgiving.

If you would like to be added to the DOK prayer list, please submit the prayer request form in the bulletin, call the office or notify one of the Daughters. This list is confidential within the Daughters.

Our annual luncheon was held at Dianne Williams house in August. It was an afternoon of fellowship, prayer and fun.

Our miracle Daughter, Marg Marble, was celebrated with an ice cream social in September. The power of prayer was shown as we witnessed her recovery from a devastating car accident.

The DOK Quiet Day is December 5th, starting at noon. This is open to all and concludes with the 5 pm service. There will be a sign-up sheet as lunch is provided by the Daughters.

For His Sake

Carrie Guthrie





CHILDREN

COMMUNION MILESTONE 2016



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.



Pastor Lynne Jones, chaplain of Saint Joseph's Episcopal School, will conduct the classes.



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 six consecutive Sundays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1 and 8.

A special Parent Orientation Meeting prior to the classes is scheduled for Sunday, March 20 after the 9:30am Sunday Service. Childcare is available during this meeting, if needed.



On Saturday, May 14, 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 15, at the 9:30 am worship service, we will celebrate Holy Communion Milestone/ First Communion Eucharist.

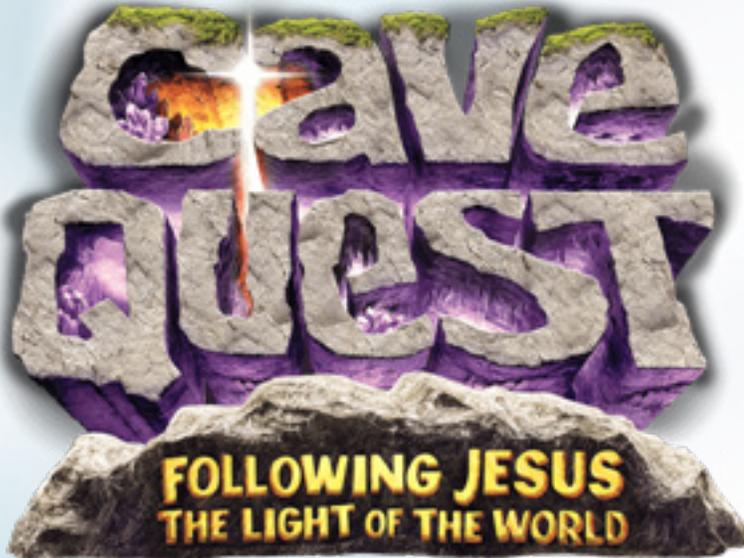
For some children May 15, 2016 will be a traditional “first” communion. For others, who already receive the Eucharist, this will be a milestone celebration. All of us will celebrate the increased awareness and understanding of the Eucharist as gained through the formation process.

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





YOUTH



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

Cave Quest is the week of June 6-10 from 9-NOON with a celebration worship and pizza party at the Saturday night 5pm service June 11, 2016. Contact Dee Zlatic to volunteer at 732-3060.



2015 YOUTH BAND



Charles Milling Our beloved Youth Band has made us proud this season. They've led beautiful singing at Unplugged in September and October, as well as leading music at the Blessing of the Animals service. They are preparing for Christmas Eve 6:30 Service! What a phenomenal group of young ladies and gentlemen.

Their hearts are purpose-centered. They feel the importance of what they are doing with God here, and they are striving to help God open hearts. All of us are grateful to the community of Saint Joseph's for continuing to support such a treasured and rare ministry. The national church is watching in awe!





CHAPLAIN

SAINT JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BLESSED WITH A NEW CHAPLAIN



The Rev. Lynne E. Jones grew up in St. Joseph's Church! She has now been hired as our School's new Chaplain and Sacred Studies Teacher.

She received her B.A. from Florida State University, a juris doctor from University of Florida School of Law, and an M. Div. from the General Theological Seminary. Before being ordained an Episcopal priest twenty-two years ago, she practiced law in Florida and Georgia.

After graduation from seminary she served in parish ministry as associate priest, and as rector, in the Diocese of Southeast Florida and in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina. Most recently, she was the Director of Spiritual Care at the Hanley Center, a residential treatment facility for those who suffer from the disease of addiction.

Pastor Lynne has led retreats and pilgrimages, and headed Christian education programs in various parishes she has served.



She was very excited to become a part of St. Joseph's school's team, and has been warmly welcomed by faculty and students. She will lead the Communion Milestone Classes here at our church starting April 3, 2016. Saint Joseph's Church welcomes all she has to offer our parish.



Saint Joseph's School 1st Graders
The first grade added something new this year. After every student told which saint they represented, they sang "Jesus Loves Me."



MUSIC NOTES



Charles Milling

Charles and the Live Hymnal family feel blessed to continue calling Saint Joseph's their home, where they lead music at St. Joe's Unplugged 36 Sundays per year!

This past Summer they travelled to Kanuga to lead music again at the senior high youth event, SYP. When not consumed by the amazing magic of preparing to get married, Charles has spent his work weeks recording and editing their second album, Prelude.

They have launched a crowd funding page for anyone who would like to help them reach their goal! www.patreon.com/livehymnal. They cannot wait to get their second album to you, and their second book of lead sheets to music ministers around the globe! Upcoming Sundays when they lead music: Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th, 13th and 20th.



GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC THIS CHRISTMAS



Live Hymnal leads us in music for the Unplugged 11:45 a.m. service each Sunday. Their CD makes a great stocking stuffer, full of joyful music for the holidays. Get your CD for only \$10 in the church office at 561-732-3060 or e-mail Charles directly at charlesmilling@gmail.com.

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About
Hi! I'm Charles Milling, Live Hymnal's founder and Director. I'm an...



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Saturday, November 28 6:00 p.m. Advent Wreath-making & Chili Cook-off

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

Sunday, December 20 1:00 p.m. Greening of the Church

Saturday, December 26 5:00 p.m. No Service

Sunday, December 27 7:45 a.m. Rite I Eucharist
10:37½ a.m. Rite II Eucharist

Wednesday, December 30 NO Eucharist

Wednesday, January 6 8:05 a.m. Wednesday morning Eucharist resumes

Christmas Eve

Thursday, 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

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

Saturday, December 26 5:00 p.m. No Eucharist

Sunday, December 27 7:45 a.m. Rite I Eucharist
10:37½ a.m. Rite II Eucharist

New Year's Day

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



TECH MINISTRY



Susan Oakes

I continue with the maintenance and design of the main website of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 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. Email is an important tool that we use to keep you informed of special announcements, upcoming events and a weekly link to the bulletin and sermons. Be sure to sign up and join our mailing list by clicking on the button on our website home page. Karen Antonucci coordinates all our email blasts and uses Constant Contact to send our notices.



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 photographers Georgia Handy, Paul Wegner, Gay Sideris and Nancy Swaney.

Rachel Oyler continues to do a wonderful job in her ministry of editing and layout for the Carpenter.

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!

The Technical Ministries team we have built, Rich Haney, Rachel Oyler, John Carpenter, Sherry Thomas, Georgia Handy, Karen Antonucci, Paul Wegner, Gay Sideris and Nancy Swaney 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





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