

# THE PARISH POST

## FOR ALL THE SAINTS...

by Father Wells Newell Graham

“Every family knows that its identity is framed and sustained by the moments, days, and occasions it celebrates.” “Our faith, our perception of reality is determined by the days we name as holy.” These two quotations are from a wonderful book I use a lot. The book is entitled, “Liturgy and Learning Through the Life Cycle,” by the Reverend Doctors John H. Westerhoff, III and William H. Willimon.

As Christians, we frame our identity and sustain it by the moments, days, and occasions we celebrate and also by the *people* we celebrate. That is never more evident than on the Feast of All Saints (November 1). Our observance of All Saints will be on the Sunday following, November 6, 2011.

By celebrating the passage of countless *saints* from earth to heaven we, the family of God, proclaim the joy and inspiration we share as we remember those who have served, those who have suffered, those who have believed and now have been glorified with Christ. The *saints* (the “headliners” and those whose full measure of devotion is known to God alone) are to us, who are still on our earthly pilgrimage, examples drawing us to God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am absolutely convinced that all of us know or have known *saints*. *Saints* are not one hundred percent holy one hundred percent of the time. Rather, saints are people through whom Christ is made visible from time to time. A *saint* in my life was the fellow who was aware of a very severe crisis in my life and who would always seek me out in a crowd and ask, “Are you alright?” That’s all he did, but he made Christ visible to me in a way I’ll never forget.

There was just pure caring. There was no attempt to fix or render advice, just caring driven by Christ-modeled love and concern.

Beyond my certainty that we all know or have known *saints*, it is my conviction that all of us *can be saints*! *Saints* aren’t supermen and superwomen. *Saints* are people who are in love with Jesus Christ! More often than not, that same love of Jesus Christ will spill over and others will be

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All Saints

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*To Follow Christ and  
Lead Others to Him.*

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Do you have announcements, editorials, or photographs to submit for *The Parish Post*? Please send them to Jason Clay at [jclay@stmartins.org](mailto:jclay@stmartins.org)

### UPCOMING DEADLINES

December Issue ..... Nov. 2  
(The deadline for the Dec. issue is early due to the Thanksgiving holidays.)  
January Issue ..... Dec. 7



loved with the same intensity and sanctity of earthly saintliness that takes on flesh and skin and bones - and it's wonderful!

So, let's all take this "*saint thing*" out of the little compartment in our 'life desk' labeled "churchy stuff," and celebrate the *saints* in our midst. To God, our loving Creator, every single one of us has *saint* potential! How that plays out has to do with our willingness to be used, maybe even used-up by God!

*Father Graham*

Father Newell Graham

## JUST A FEW MOMENTS TO PLEDGE ONLINE

Recently, I realized that I have spent so much time and attention asking everyone to pledge that I had neglected to take myself seriously enough to make my own pledge. So, I opened the church website and clicked on Stewardship on the left side of the screen. I filled out the little form with my information, clicked the submit button, and BAM! I was done. It was so easy I decided to tell everyone. It took only seven minutes from the time I opened the website to the time I clicked "submit". Those who know me well understand that I probably wasted half that time. You could do it even quicker.

So here's what I'm asking. Go to St. Martin's website ([www.stmartins.org](http://www.stmartins.org)), click on Stewardship and make that pledge. I bet you can do in less time than I.

— Sid Oakley

COMING NEXT: Sid sets up for Online Giving. Even he can do it.

# Next Blood Drive November 6

# CELEBRATION IN THE PARISH - SUN. OCT. 30 & SAT., NOV. 5

This year our parish is celebrating its 60th anniversary. We will be commemorating this milestone with these events. Each event is designed to provide our parish an opportunity to celebrate what makes SMEC so special – our people, our love for God and each other. We are a family in Christ; loving, caring, worshipping and celebrating together. Please plan to join our celebration and help raise money for OUTREACH.



## Celebration in the Hall FESTIVITY IN GABLE HALL

Sunday, October 30th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come join us in Gable Hall for activities and fun for all ages.

Participate in our famous **PENNY SOCIAL** featuring amazing items to “win”.

Shop **DECK THE HALLS** for beautiful floral arrangements and home décor created by our own Skipper Usher and Gina Shackelford

Enjoy buying homemade baked goods which are made with love by some of the best cooks in St. Elizabeth’s and St. Mary Magdalene’s Guilds’ **BAKE SALE**.

Purchase tickets for a chance to win 2 iPads in the drawing at our annual **RAFFLE** which will be drawn during the Celebration on the 30th!

Enjoy a delicious **BRUNCH** catered by the St. Monica’s Guild

Children will celebrate with a non-scary **COSTUME CONTEST** and complimentary temporary tattoos.

The Penny Social on October 30 is fast approaching. Please send in your raffle tickets as soon as possible. We need everyone’s support to make our Celebration in Parish a success.



## Celebration in the Eve PARISH DINNER DANCE

Saturday, November 5th, 6:30 p.m.

\$85.00 per person

This will be an evening to remember, please come celebrate the night away and help our parish to raise money for OUTREACH.

**6:30 - SILENT AUCTION** begins with wine and beer and live piano music by our own Olivia Haas. The Silent Auction will feature: vacation get-a-ways, fine art, jewelry, amazing gift certificates for restaurants, spas and boutiques. This year, we have a new silent auction opportunity for you to support Outreach -an **OUTREACH** table to fund worthy causes like: feed a family of 4 for the week or buy a can of paint for Habitat House, and many others.

**7:30 - DINNER** begins with a performance by The Atlanta Jazz Theater featuring our own Alison and Maddie Barnett, Claire Hamner, Ann Katherine Vitti, and Maddie Ford. Our dinner buffet features: Slow Roasted Herb Encrusted Top of Round Beef, Tilapia with Mango Salsa, French Green Beans sautéed in olive oil and garlic, Roasted Red Potatoes with Rosemary; Mixed Greens with Assorted Apples, Pumpkin Seeds and Apple Cider Vinaigrette; and Assorted Rolls and Butter.

Dessert: Individual Fruit and Chocolate Trifles.

Coffee Service

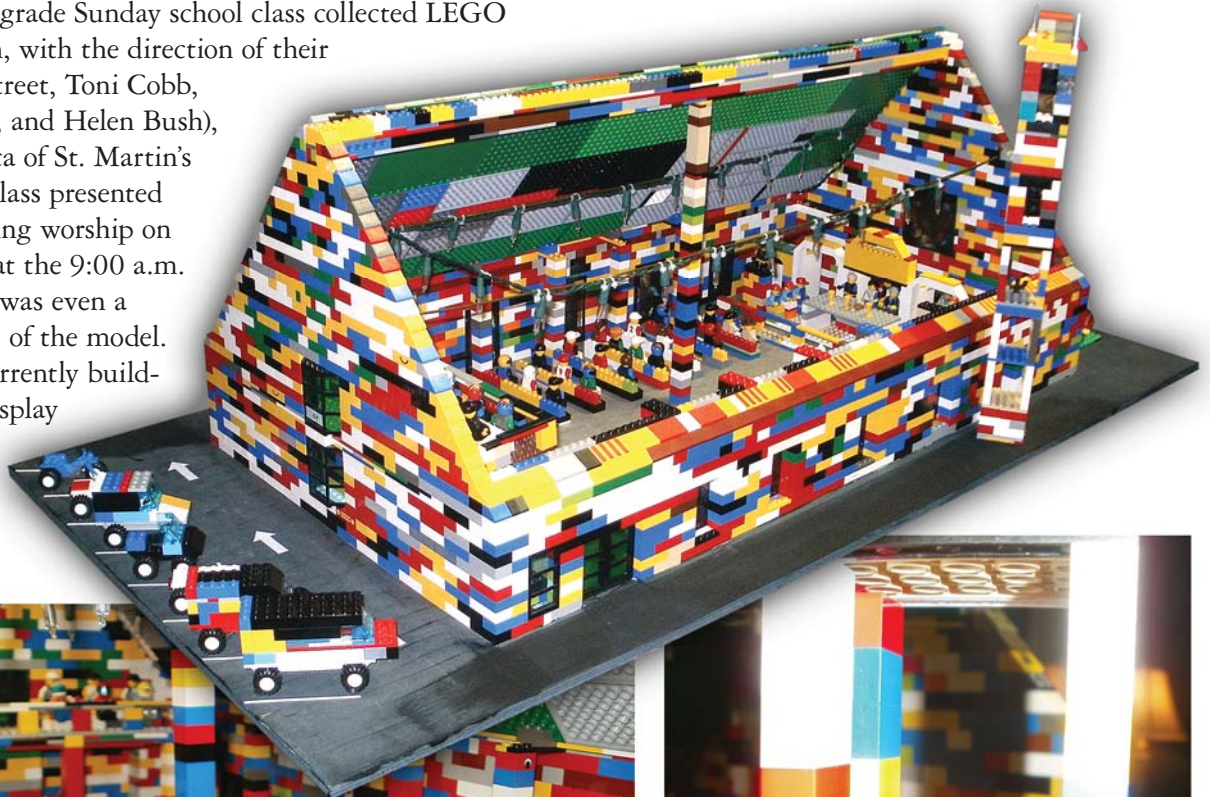
Ice Tea/Ice Water

**9:00 - THE DANCE** begins with our exciting DJ from Atlanta Fever. Join in the fun as we dance our way through the decades! Let’s Jitterbug, Shag, Jive, Bump and Slide our way through the evening!

**SUPPORT OUTREACH - SEND IN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW!**  
**i-Care, i-Support, i-Give = i-Pad!**

# THE 6TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BUILDS A LEGO REPLICA OF ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

Last year's 6th grade Sunday school class collected LEGO pieces and then, with the direction of their teachers (Ian Street, Toni Cobb, Anne Orndahl, and Helen Bush), built this replica of St. Martin's Church. The class presented the replica during worship on September 25 at the 9:00 a.m. service. There was even a special blessing of the model. Ian Street is currently building a case to display the church for the enjoyment of all.



*The congregation as seen from the pulpit.*



*Bats in the belfry.*



*The congregation and altar as seen from the balcony.*



*The pirate Verger (Verg-AR!)*



*The altar.*



## ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

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The Reverend Edith W. Woodling will lead a four-week Advent series during the Sunday School hour, starting on November 27 and continuing through December 18. The group will focus on contemplative/centering prayer, *lectio divina*, and other spiritual practices which will lead the group to quiet contemplation and group discussion. These practices aid the spiritual journey in enabling the seeker to discover God in silence, quietness, and spiritual dialogue with others, and are especially appropriate to use during Advent as we prepare for the birth of Christ. The class will be during Sunday school (10:10 a.m.) and will be in Claiborne Hall, Room 227.

## HEARD IN THE PARISH

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Rev. Noel C. Burtenshaw

*Pictured: The 2011 J2A Pilgrims*



The parish hall has a life unto its own. Wonderful, memorable things happen in this special place. Many large successful parties have their beginnings there. Before there was any thought of a new church, the newly initiated began their parish life in the parish hall. More than one family has told me their married life began at a chance meeting in a parish hall. It gets to feel like a sacred place.

A couple of Sundays ago, St. Martin's had an extraordinary gathering in Gable Hall. We gathered during our Sunday services to honor our youthful pilgrims. These young people, beginning their adult life, told us about a pilgrimage they made to holy places of historical note in England.

You may think, "Oh I know, a few teenagers took a trip abroad." We might easily have thought that way. But very quickly our minds were changed. Yes, they did go on a nice trip. But, we soon learned that it was a LIFE CHANGING experience.

These young people from St. Martin's really went as missionaries. Everywhere they showed up they reached out to people they met. They told them about our parish, the

work that goes on and the outreach programs we sponsor for those in need. I found this astonishing. These teens spread the word about all the good work we support with monies we continue to somehow find. The Suthers Center, Emmaus House and a dozen outreach programs for children's needs.

So, they went on this pilgrimage to spread our gospel work to others. As they told us about their adventures, they carefully explained that it was a prayerful journey. Everywhere they went, the prayers they learned in our parish they openly displayed. As we heard their individual stories, we were proud of their journey. The goals of St. Martin's are kept alive in our youth. Finally, as their reports concluded, they had one further surprise for us. This gathering of young men and women presented a large check to the 2013 J2A Pilgrims as a solid beginning for those participants. The apostolic journeys will continue.

So, the next time you pass through Gable Hall (by the way, the one they built in my former parish, St. Aidan's, they named Burtenshaw Hall) even to only get a quick coffee, remember it is a sacred place of happy memories.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY AND THE FEAST OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

by Ingrid Siegert

Remembrance Day, Armistice Day (the event Remembrance Day commemorates), Poppy Day or Veterans Day – is a day to commemorate the sacrifices of members of the armed forces and of civilians in times of war, specifically since the First World War. It is observed on November 11 to recall the end of World War I on that date in 1918. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.)

For Anglicans and Roman Catholics, there is a coincidental but appropriate overlap of Remembrance Day with the feast of St. Martin of Tours, a saint famous for putting aside his life as a soldier and turning to the peace-filled life of a monk. Statues or images associated with St. Martin are for this reason sometimes used as symbols of Remembrance Day in religious contexts (e.g. the Anglican Cathedral of Montreal).

The poppy's significance to Remembrance Day is a result of Canadian military physician John McCrae's poem *In Flanders Fields*. The poppy emblem was chosen because of the poppies that bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I, their red color an appropriate symbol for the bloodshed of trench warfare. An American YMCA Overseas War Secretaries' employee, Moina Michael, was inspired to make 25 silk poppies based on McCrae's poem, which she distributed to attendees of the YMCA Overseas War Secretaries' Conference. She then made an effort to have the poppy adopted as a national symbol of remembrance, and succeeded in having the National American Legion Conference adopt it two years later. At this conference, a Frenchwoman, Anna E. Guérin, was inspired to introduce the widely used artificial poppies given out today. In 1921 she sent her poppy sellers to London, England, where the poppies were adopted by Field Marshall Douglas Haig, a founder of the Royal British Legion, as well as by veterans' groups in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The Royal Canadian Legion suggests that poppies be worn on the left lapel, or as close to the heart as possible.

This year marks the thirty-seventh Remembrance Sunday observance at Saint Martin-in-the-Fields Church. Reggie Mitchell and Father Martin Dewey Gable began this tradition at St. Martin's Church. We welcome members of the Commonwealth and the North American community and representatives of other nations in metropolitan Atlanta who are reading, singing, playing and praying with us on Sunday, November 13.

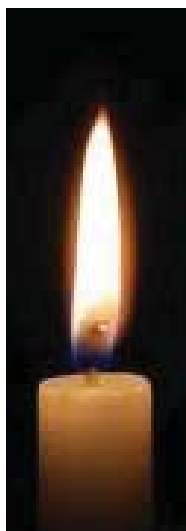
We remember those who have given their lives in defense of their nations, often side by side, in the same cause.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, tho poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

— Lt.-Col. John McCrae (1872 - 1918)

## ST. NICHOLAS ECUMENICAL SERVICE

**TUESDAY, DEC. 6, 6 P.M.**



*As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you... - Isaiah 66:13a*

The festive celebrations of the Advent and Christmas seasons can be difficult when we are dealing with the loss of someone we love. This candlelight service with special prayers and music will focus on remembering family, spouses and other loved ones who have died. If you or someone you love is dealing with grief and loss in this holiday season please plan to attend this ecumenical service of hope.

Also, if you are unable to attend but would like to have someone included on our prayer list please contact the church office at 404-228-0752.

## PARISH PROFILES: WHITNEY BURTON

by Melinda Mischik

Our parish has received some very happy news recently that we want to share with everyone. The news is that our very own Whitney Burton has been admitted to the Postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Atlanta. Whitney who is currently a senior in college grew up at St. Martin's.

Many new people have joined our family since Whitney went to college. We would like to introduce Whitney to you so that you may join in her celebration and continue to support her journey.

Whitney is the daughter of John and Ann Burton who were married at St. Martin's in 1982 and have been members since 1988. Both John and Ann have served on vestry. Ann is currently chair of the finance committee and John is Junior Warden. In addition to these large ministries, they have chaired the Bazaar, led Boy Scout troops and taught Sunday school. They also have a son, Randall, who is 24 years old and an Engineer with Halliburton residing in Lafayette, Louisiana.

This is my conversation via email with Whitney:

**Melinda Mischik:** Congratulations, Whitney. I, like many, will never forget when you announced this from the lectern on youth Sunday four years ago. As I recall, Father Skutch, John Herring and Nancy Armstrong were almost as proud as your parents.

So please, if you will, share with us some details of your journey from a high school kid on pilgrimage in Italy to a Postulant for Holy Orders.

**Whitney Burton:** When I returned from pilgrimage, I knew that I had been called. At that point it was scary. I didn't really know what to do next, but Father Skutch was extremely supportive and helpful, and over the next several years I found him to be a very valuable resource. I became a Eucharistic Minister where I began to learn more ins and outs of the church, and of course, something about church was always a topic of discussion around the dinner table. Randall was probably glad he was out of the house at that point.

I decided to go to University of South Carolina (Go Cocks!) and will graduate in May 2012 with

a double major in Philosophy and Religions Studies and a minor in Business Administration. I have learned so much about the world, myself, and God throughout my years at Carolina. I learned that studying is actually a good use of time, that I can never get tired of Moe's, that God is there for us to rely on and to talk to and, that without my spirituality, my life wouldn't be nearly as fulfilling. I found a wonderful Canterbury community here at Carolina and am currently the peer minister.

In the fall of last year I began DYVE (Discerning Young Vocations) where I joined with others under the age of 25 who were also feeling a call to the ministry. This was a wonderful experience. It was helpful to talk to my peers that were having the same questions, concerns and shared in the same joys. I met with the Bishop's committee and then the Bishop, and eventually was made postulant. It was a huge moment, one that I was excited to share with my family and friends, and now with my church family.

**MM:** What has college been like for someone who has known for a long time they wanted to go into the priesthood?

**WB:** My entire time in college, this has been in the works. I've always been very close to my family and they have always been very supportive of me. They are really involved in church so I think it was just kind of natural succession that I would feel called to be involved as well. My friends are also supportive. I have to admit it is nice knowing what I'm going to be doing for the rest of my life when I see my friends struggling to find their own callings, be it a



marketing manager or a country club manager. As I've seen many of my friends change their minds time after time in the last four years, it has been comforting and strengthening to know without a doubt what God wants me to do. And, of course, Fr. McCard has been a fount of information and has been there to answer questions and support me the entire way.

**MM:** We also want to know whether you will attend Sewanee: The University of the South, or General Theological Seminary in New York.

**WB:** That question I honestly can't answer. I'm taking into account suggestions from Bishop Alexander as well as Fr. McCard and Fr. John Herring and have narrowed it down to five, both General and Sewanee being on the list. I'm starting to plan my visits, so hopefully I can narrow it down even more before too long. I'm hoping to only apply to three but it really depends on where I have a chance to visit before the deadlines.

**MM:** And lastly what can your church family do to support you in the next chapter of your life?

**WB:** The people at St. Martin's have already done so much for me. Y'all (I'm perfecting my twang at Carolina) provided a wonderful faith community to grow up in where I was able to ask questions so that I could become firm in my beliefs. You helped send me on the pilgrimage to Italy, where I first found my calling and you welcomed me with open arms into the adult community here. You provided me with babysitting jobs, lots of hugs, and always welcome me back whenever I'm in Atlanta. It's an amazing feeling to come home after a couple months away and see so many familiar faces on Sunday morning. You are my family; this is my home. That's a wonderful thing to have as I enter this next stage of my life. Your support helped me through the process up to this point and will surely help along the rest of my path. I'm in the early stage of being postulant and at this point prayers are a huge help. Keep on providing that wonderful place for children to grow up in. St. Martin's shaped who I am today, and in a few years, I hope to have the same role in other kids' lives.

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## Learning of the Good News

*When Whitney was in our youth program, Nancy Armstrong was our Director of Christian Formation for Youth and Adults, and John Herring was our Lay Youth Minister. I asked them to reflect on Whitney's good news last week. Below is what they shared.*

"One of the rewards of helping young adults realize that they are part of the Body of Christ, is when a young person feels comfortable enough to ask to lead a service, offer prayers or assist in communion. On our J2A pilgrimage to Italy in 2005, Whitney asked if she could help with Evening Prayer in Assisi. She led the prayers, and I know she inspired other pilgrims to later become Lay Eucharistic Ministers when we returned home to St. Martin's. It was an inspiration to me as well!"

—Nancy Armstrong

"Whitney made it known at an early age that she was interested in pursuing ordained ministry. It was a great joy to hear at the time. But it is a greater joy to see that, as she has grown, her faith and determination have grown with her. Whitney is and will be a blessing to the Church catholic." I am thrilled for Whitney and for the Church."

—Father John Herring

*St. Martin's has really been very blessed to have a strong youth program for many years because of dedicated lay staff and clergy who have been focused on, and willing to advocate for, our youth. And because we have had so many parishioners willing and able to monetarily support these programs through their annual pledges, car washes, bake sales, and flower sales, we are certain to continue to grow this youth ministry, with our new Youth Director, Kimberly Sheridan at the helm.*

# GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING

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By Mary Sheridan Floyd

Autumn invariably brings me to nostalgic tears at some point or other. Seeing the trees begin to color in preparation of shedding – remembering 50-some years ago, playing in the leaf piles in front of our home in New York.

Helping to rake the leaves and the wonderful fragrance of the leaves as they were being burned. The cool of the days and the chill of the nights. The clothing going from thin cotton to heavier flannel and wool. The preparation for winter, when all nature takes a break and stores what energy it can for the long haul. These are all reminders of time and its march forward, as I glance backward.

It is hard to believe that I am old enough to be referred to (by some) as a “senior citizen.” And yet, that is exactly what I am – a senior. But to be one begs the question: what is a senior citizen? Is a senior a chronological awareness? Is it wrinkles on the face? Is it vast years of multitudes of experiences? Is it a frame of mind? If being a senior means any of the three former questions (and not the latter of the four) then I am definitely a senior – I have the chronology, wrinkles and experience – all these clues to my age I gladly disclose. But the latter of the four questions I pray I never have – the frame of mind which tells others that I am, indeed, a ‘senior’. The inference being that I am

stuck in my own world denying the newness around me. I don’t want to get mentally old; I don’t want to get stuck in a quagmire of discontentment. I want to keep moving forward with the occasional glance backward to see where it is I have been in all my years. To visit where you have been in your life is sufficient – to dwell on what has past is unacceptable. To become mired by the past, unwilling to move forward, precludes gratitude on most (if not all) levels.

I pray that I will always be able to greet the dawn with enthusiasm, continue to be grateful for the newness of life and giggle with anticipation at the approaching new seasons and the loveliness of ‘starting again’ each day no matter how “old” I am allowed to get.

May we all be thankful for the little presents each day affords. May we be thankful for this wonderful country in which we are privileged to live. May we see each other and ourselves as we are and be grateful for the opportunity to ‘grow old’!

In gratitude and thanks to God.

Happy Thanksgiving.

© Mary Sheridan Floyd 2011

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## MORE THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTRY

- NEW!** 1. While Stephen Ministers are trained Caring Lay-Ministers, they are NOT professional counselors or therapists. And they cannot provide care to Minors, Couples, Families or other Groups. They also cannot provide care to those who are suffering from severe depression, abuse, mental illness, substance abuse, or to those exhibiting suicidal, violent or abusive behavior. However, they can make referrals to appropriate professionals.
- NEW!** 2. Did you know that we have both men and women of various ages serving as Stephen Ministers? Stephen Ministry is gender-specific. Women are assigned to women and men to men.
- NEW!** 3. Did you know that Stephen Ministry is an international program that has been around since the Reverend Kenneth Haugk, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, developed it in 1975? Dr. Haugk initially trained 9 members of his congregation in the first Stephen Ministry class.
- NEW!** 4. From those humble beginnings, Stephen Ministry has grown to over 11,000 congregations in more than 150 Christian denominations from all 50 states and 24 other countries participating in Stephen Ministry. More than 60,000 Ministers, church staff and lay people have been trained as Stephen Leaders. Over 500,000 congregation members are trained Stephen Ministers. And more than 1 million people have received distinctively Christian Care from Stephen Ministry!

### How many people who cross your path today may be hurting?

Many times we encounter people dealing with pain and hurt in their lives and we feel helpless. As St. Martin's parishioners, we are NOT helpless! Because we are a Stephen Ministry Parish, we have a valuable resource at our disposal.

*If you or someone you know could benefit from having a trained, caring Christian share a painful burden, please speak to a member of our Clergy about Stephen Ministry. Father Newell Graham is currently serving as our Clergy Liaison, but any Clergy member, Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister can speak with you about receiving care from a Stephen Minister or making a referral.*

### At St. Martin's--You do not have to walk this journey alone!

Your Stephen Ministers are trained to follow Paul's instruction to "Carry each other's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). We are here to CARE, to LISTEN, and to help CARRY part of the burdens of those around us.

#### Active Stephen Leaders

Kathy Evenson  
Susan Hamilton (also active SM)  
Nancy Runion (also active SM)  
Deborah Thompson (also active SM)  
Bill Monk

#### Active Stephen Ministers

Pam Beaubian      Mary Floyd  
Jane Jenkins      Gay Jolley  
Phyz Lemmon      Andy Moore  
Cheryl Ponder      Herb Thompson

# YES TO YOUTH!

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by Kimberly Sheridan

Historically, the labyrinth has been viewed as a metaphor for life's journey. It combines the sense of unity and purposeful wandering into a complicated and beautiful symbol. It is a great symbol for the journey our youth begin in Rite 13 and continue in J2A and then, into YAC.



“Yes to Youth” will be a monthly article about our Youth and their journey. I look forward to writing about our Journey to Adulthood Program in the coming months so that you, as a Parish, can know what your teens are doing and who they are becoming. I also look forward to introducing you to some of our teens through biographies about them and articles submitted by them.

In this article, I wanted to simply think about the word “youth.” How does one define youth? Is it by age or by something less tangible? I invite you to read the poem below and think about yourself and your youth as well as the youth in our parish. There are amazing young people in your midst each Sunday – those that are 13 years old and those that are 75 years old. We all bring something wonderful to God's table.

## YOUTH POEM

By: Samuel Ullman

*Youth is not a time of life - it is a state of mind,  
it is a temper of the will,  
a quality of the imagination,  
a vigor of the emotions,  
a predominance of courage over timidity,  
of the appetite for adventure over love of ease.*

*Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years.  
People grow old only by deserting their ideals.  
Years wrinkle the skin,  
but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.  
Worry, doubt, self-distrust,  
fear and despair - these are the long,  
long years that bow the head and  
turn the growing spirit back to dust.*

*Whether they are sixteen or seventy,  
there is in every being's heart  
the love of wonder,  
the sweet amazement at the stars  
and starlike things and thoughts,  
the undaunted challenge of events,  
the unfailing childlike appetite  
for what is to come next,  
and the joy and the game of life.*

*You are as young as your faith,  
as old as your doubt;  
as young as your self-confidence,  
as old as your fear,  
as young as your hope,  
as old as your despair.*

*When the wires are all down  
and all the innermost core of your heart  
is covered with the snows of pessimism  
and the ice of cynicism,  
then you are grown old indeed.*

*But so long as your heart receives messages  
of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur  
and power from the earth,  
from man and from the Infinite,  
so long you are young.*

God's Peace,  
Kimberly Sheridan

## SIXTH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DEEP-FRIED TURKEY PROGRAM

What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than to share a deep-fried turkey with your family, prepared by the veteran The Knights of St. Martin Turkey Brigade? Every season, since 2006, our expert crew shows up at “early-30” the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to deep fry turkeys until all orders are filled.

The sign ups for purchasing one of these Thanksgiving holiday delicacies will begin Sunday, November 6th between services and will continue on November 13th and 20th. Last year we sold 80 turkeys and are hoping we can reach our annual goal of 100 sold and devoured in 2011!



Turkeys will be available for pick up on Wednesday, November 23rd from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.!

This has become a tasty treat every year for many in our parish. In fact, some of these birds never make it to the Thanksgiving table! Not only is the muss and the fuss of baking a bird for your family eliminated, the proceeds contribute to St. Martin’s Outreach program.

You can also contribute to the Emmaus House Thanksgiving Basket program. They sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner for at least 250 families who couldn’t have a Thanksgiving dinner otherwise. This basket includes a turkey, side items and greens for these families and they are extremely grateful every year for donations we provide.

Over the last five years the proceeds from this program have contributed over \$5,500 to our Outreach program and nearly \$3,000 to the Emmaus House Thanksgiving Basket program. This shows how our parish has generously “shared the cloak” for the Thanksgiving holidays.

As in years past, we are looking for hearty volunteers and turkey friers. It is truly amazing to witness and take part in the teamwork and camaraderie that makes this program a success year after year. If you have a deep fryer that you would be willing to donate for the day and/or would be willing to help out, please contact Tim Peek at (404) 252-2372 or email him at [timhelnat@bellsouth.net](mailto:timhelnat@bellsouth.net).

If you can volunteer, we have early and late morning shifts available!

Gobble, gobble!

## ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS - Nov. 27, 4:30 p.m.

When all about us the world is hustling and bustling and partying, we invite you to take some time to contemplate the coming of Christ. November 27th is the Sunday following Thanksgiving, and it is also the beginning of Advent. It is the season when, as Christians, we are called to slow down and prepare our hearts and minds to relive the event that changed the world forever, and prepare for when Christ comes again.

Our purpose is not to add to your busy schedule but to encourage you to stop and take a deep breath and begin this sacred season truly prepared to lead your family and yourself toward the light of Christmas.

The event begins at 4:30 p.m.

- Cider, hot chocolate and donuts
- Advent candles and wreaths to assemble here or kits to take home
- Complimentary advent calendars and devotionals.
- Children’s story time and Advent lesson in Music and Movement with Father Graham
- Service begins at 5:30 p.m., complete with candles and singing (no sermon, just Advent readings, beautiful Advent music, and Holy Eucharist, with option to depart early for those with little ones)

For more information contact Melinda Mischik at 404-228-0754.

# THE LITTLEST BELL

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by Martha Fowler; Handbell Choir Director

A tear was forming in the eye of bell C6. She tried very hard to contain it, for she knew that getting wet was very bad for bells. But try as she did, it slipped out of her eye and landed on the felt padding beneath her.

“Stop that!” said her neighbor, the big bell E3. “You are such a baby, and you’re putting us all in danger of getting damaged!”

“I can’t help it!” cried C6. “I’m so sick and tired of being stuck in this stupid bell case! All the bells in the mid-range get to come out EVERY week and ring praise to God. It’s just not fair that just because we’re too high and too low we never get to play.”

“Oh, *PLEASE!*” said E3. It’s too much work to have to be pulled out and played every week. Personally I love just resting here in my slot and never being touched or played or polished. Besides, being left here in the bell case preserves my BEAUTIFUL finish!”

C6 looked at A6 and asked “How do you feel about this, A6?”

“Oh, I agree with you,” replied A6. A benevolent member of the church paid lots of money for us so that we could ring praise to God. It’s such a shame that we sit here week after week, lonely and unring. If only the people at St. Martin’s realized how much we need them to step up and give the congregation the pleasure of hearing three full octaves of bells. What a difference it would make in the sound of the Bell Choir!”

“That’s ridiculous!” grumbled E3. The Bell Choir sounds fine. So what if they have to scramble around for substitutes all the time. They always get the job done, and the congregation doesn’t even know what they’re missing.”

Suddenly there was noise and commotion in the bell room. The bell choir was coming in to practice. The bell cabinet doors opened, and all the mid-range bells were carefully removed from their cases. The glorious music began, and the mid-range bells rang with all their hearts to make up for the missing treble and bass bells. C6 felt another tear forming and quickly blinked it back. She listened to the beautiful music, and she prayed that God would touch the hearts of St. Martin’s parishioners and give them the desire to make the beautiful music of handbells.

*When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried  
Alleluia!*

– Fred Pratt Green

*Note: Our Handbell choir needs ringers. In the past we have been able to scramble around for substitutes whenever a regular ringer was absent. However, we have so few ringers that we had to cancel Handbell Choir during the month of September, and they rang on only one Sunday in October.*

*The Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and rings for services on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. No experience is required, and all ages are welcome. If you are interested in our bell choir, please contact Ingrid Siegert (404.228.0753 or [isiegert@stmartins.org](mailto:isiegert@stmartins.org)). Martha Fowler directs our bell choir.*



# JUNIOR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING'S LINEUP FOR 2011/12

By Melinda Mischik

I recently became aware of the excellent programs that our chapter of the Jr. DOK had planned for this year and I thought others might be interested in it as well.

In case you are unaware of this order, The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. Their membership includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches. So naturally, the Jr. DOK are young girls who also take a vow of daily prayer and service.



*The Junior Daughters of the King*

## What Junior Daughters Do

- Make a promise of daily prayer and service to our Lord Jesus
- Make a promise to be Christ's faithful servants and to extend His Love to all people
- Work to grow in our Christian faith and commitment through fellowship, prayer and Bible study

At St. Martin's our girls are led by Ann Martin Vitti and Judi Oakley. The girls meet once each month. Because their purpose is prayer and service, their monthly line-up reflects this focus.

*November:* Interpretation of the Lord's Prayer

*December:* Service project at UniHealth (formerly Ashton Woods) including caroling

*January:* Create living prayer gardens

*February:* Scripture as Prayer

*March:* Field trip to walk the Labyrinth

*April:* UniHealth (formerly Ashton Woods) trip to deliver flowers and prayer cards

*May:* Mother's Day Tea

Our girls, who range in age from 9 to 15, are also lead by their president, Addie Tyler. Addie is a 10th grader at

The Galloway School. Addie was just recently confirmed and made her pilgrimage to England in June with our J2A group.

I asked her why she accepted this role when she also has a great number of activities at her school. This is what she said:

"I enjoy Jr. DOK because serving the community is an important part of church life. Being able to do this service with a group of girls who also value service is very nice. It becomes exceedingly important as we grow older and the idea of service and God's presence in our lives becomes more of a personal choice. Having a group that brings excitement to the idea of coming to church is very important to so many of the girls in the group. This is why I wanted to become president. To be a leader of a group that helps other people is certainly an honor."



*Addie Tyler, President of the Jr. DOK*

## Junior Daughters Prayer

God of Love, God of Life, God of Holy Strength, guide us, that by our daily practice of prayer and service we may draw others to Christ. Help us to reach up in hope, receive in spirit, respond in faith and reach out in love for all. We pray that your Kingdom will come for all creation, all people living together in love and peace. For His Sake. Amen.

## Please keep in your prayers

All children who suffer from hunger and homelessness, illness and injury, and abuse and abandonment; the men and women of our Armed Forces; and all Junior Daughters and Directresses all over the world.

For more information about our chapter of the Junior DOK please email either Ann Martin (v.vitti@comcast.net) or Judi (gableoak06@comcast.net).

## **THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND ITALIAN DINNER - NOV. 23, 6 P.M.**

Worried about all that cooking over the holiday? We can help with that! On Wednesday, November 23rd, we will have the annual Thanksgiving eve Italian feast. An awesome assortment of favorites (and Cheesy Bread) will be offered after the 6:00 p.m. service.

The suggested donation is \$7 per adult and \$5 per child. This is a great opportunity to reduce holiday stress and enjoy a delicious meal. Bring yourself, bring your kids, bring your visiting relatives, and bring your appetite. Nursery will be provided by reservation only. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP to Jacki Kirsch in the church office at [jkirsch@stmartins.org](mailto:jkirsch@stmartins.org) so that we will know how many to plan for.



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## **ADVENT QUIET DAY**

**Holy Listening  
Saturday, December 3**

Time: 10:30-2:00

Where: Church Parlor

Join us to observe a quiet and peace-filled day

As we prepare for the birth of Christ

Reserve a space and a lunch by e-mailing

Edith Woodling at  
[ewoodling@stmartinschool.org](mailto:ewoodling@stmartinschool.org)

Cost: \$10.00

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## **PAIRS AND SPARES CHRISTMAS BANQUET - DEC. 10**

Christmas Banquet for 2011 is Saturday Dec. 10th. Members, please reserve this date now. As of press time the other details are still in the planning stages. Your team captains will be contacting you soon with full details. If you have questions you, may contact Louise Kiley at 770-234-9176.



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## **ST. MARTIN'S COAT MINISTRY**

As you make your way through our building this holiday season, watch for the coat rack and consider leaving a clean coat you no longer need.

Just as our patron saint gave half of his cloak away, we offer these garments in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please bring an extra clean coat for those who need one and if you need a coat please take one.

# CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Christmas International House is an ecumenical program providing hospitality to international students during the Christmas holidays – a time when students have no place to go, when dormitories close and they are unable to return home. Through the hospitality of churches and civic groups, we witness to the reality that, behind diverse manners of dress, religious affiliations and political ideologies, everyone stands together as one human family. This is a peacemaking program. It gives students an opportunity to visit in an American home and to become acquainted with different areas of the country. It gives them a chance to express their feelings about the United States and find explanations for cultural differences they have observed. Students and hosts develop friendships and learn how to exchange ideas and develop relationships with people who come from countries with different ideologies.

Dialogue and exchange of ideas characterize the program - peacemaking at the grass-roots level. In addition, the program:

- gives the students an opportunity to be with American families and to see different sections of the country.
- gives American families and students an opportunity for cross-cultural exchange.
- gives international students an opportunity to express

their criticisms of American policy in a constructive manner. At the same time American citizens can help correct false impressions of our policy and way of life.

- gives people a means of expressing concern for world peace in concrete ways.
- offers situations in which students may get to know each other, particularly students whose nations are hostile to each other.
- provide a place for reunion for students from the same home country.
- gives local churches an opportunity to see the world-wide church more concretely as international Christians actively participate in worship services and church school programs.
- gives new meaning to Christmas as church members relate to non-Christians, and to Christians who celebrate Christmas in different ways.
- creates a ministry which might stimulate uninvolved church members to become involved and active in their congregations.
- utilizes the facilities of churches in a unique kind of ministry and service.
- creates a unique ecumenical ministry among several churches within a community.



## So you want to host a student? Here's how!

If you are interested in hosting a student over the holidays, fill out the application on the back of this newsletter and send it to the address below. Applications are due by November 20.

Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel  
AMIS, Inc.  
3434 Roswell Road, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30305-1202



# November 2011

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		1 ALL SAINTS DAY 9:30a, Staff Meeting 7p, St. Martha's	2 10a, Healing Service 10:30a, St. Mary Magdalene's 7p AA	3 7:30a, Men's Bible Study 10:30a, Clergy Group 6:30p, EFM 7p, Gambler's Anonymous	4 6p, Prepping for Celebration 8p, Narcotics Anonymous	5 VESTRY ELECTIONS DIOCESAN COUNCIL 5:30p, HE: Rite I 7p, Outreach Celebration
6 VESTRY ELECTIONS DST ENDS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 7:45a, HE: Rite I 8a, Blood Drive 9a, HE: Rite II 10:10, Christian Formation 11:15a, HE: Rite II 5:30p, HE: Rite I 5:30p, Boy Scouts	7 3:45p, Prayer Shawl Ministry	8 ELECTION DAY 9:30a, Staff Meeting 10:30a, St. Elizabeth's	9 9:30a, St. Margaret's 10a, Healing Service 7p AA	10 7:30a, Men's Bible Study 10:30a, Women's Bible Study 10:30a, Clergy Group 12p, Brown Bag Theology 6:30p, EFM 7p, Gambler's Anonymous 7p, Women's Bible Study	11 7p, HOA 8p, Narcotics Anonymous	12 9:30a, DOK 4p, Cotillion 5:30p, HE: Rite I
13 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 7:45a, HE: Rite I 9a, HE: Rite II 10:10, Christian Formation 11a, Jr. DOK 11:15a, Rite 13 Practice 11:15a, HE: Rite II 12:30p, Remembrance Day Reception 5:30p, HE: Rite I 5:30p, Boy Scouts	14 3:45p, Prayer Shawl Ministry	15 9:30a, Staff Meeting 7p, Stephen Ministry	16 9:30a, St. Monica's 10a, Parish Post Stuffing 10a, Healing Service 7p, AA	17 7:30a, Men's Bible Study 10:30a, Clergy Group 11a, Caregiver's Group 6p, Theology on Tap 6:30p, EFM 7p, Gambler's Anonymous	18 8p, Narcotics Anonymous	19 4p, Cotillion Class 5:30p, HE: Rite I
20 OUTREACH SUNDAY 7:45a, HE: Rite I 9a, HE: Rite II (Rite 13 Liturgy) 10:10, Christian Formation 11:15a, J2A Pilgrimage Mtng. 11:15a, HE: Rite II 12:30p, Service Planning Cmte. Meeting 4p, Newcomer Wine and Cheese 5:30p, HE: Rite I 5:30p, Boy Scouts	21 3:45p, Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30p, Vestry Meeting	22 9:30a, Staff Meeting	23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT 12:00 P.M. 10a, Healing Service 6p, Thanksgiving Eve 7p, AA	24 THANKSGIVING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8p, Narcotics Anonymous	26 10a, Pet Pictures with Santa 5:30p, HE: Rite I
27 7:45a, HE: Rite I 9a, HE: Rite II 11:15a, HE: Rite II 12:30p, Service Planning Cmte. Meeting 4p, Advent Wreath Making and Lessons & Carols 5:30p, NO HE:RiteI 5:30p, Boy Scouts	28 3:45p, Prayer Shawl Ministry	29 9:30a, Staff Meeting 7p, Stephen Ministry	30 10a, Healing Service 7p, AA			

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Whitney Burton William Douglass Suzanne Gordon John McEwan Robert Wheaton	10 Ken Carr John Embleton	20 Susan Boone Matthew Delorme Chuck Hall	29 Ray Fortin Holly Hay Jason Lee Caitlyn Whitney
2 Caitlin Hohenstein Sarah Street Morgan Trzcieski	11 Alex Brooks Ryan Hiser	21 Sam Alexander Jack Pickard	30 Ted Cannon Ryder Clarida Jack Lafiandra Reid MacArthur John Recknagel Edith Woodling
3 Dan Thompson Amanda Thrasher Bobby Usher	12 Ceci Conrad Louise Greene Mary Walker Mixon Alexa Ponder	22 Kesler Madden Liles Wilson	
4 John Akins Andrew Ferrer Savanna Ford Chris Rose	14 Jamie Baird Addison Butler Fred Costabile Beth Miller	23 Irma Martin	
5 Matt Floyd John Harrison, Jr Grant Perez	15 Lee Floyd, III Jim McKechnie Nancy Perk Ramon Suarez Angela Williamson	24 Christopher Hillyer Val McIntyre Lindsay Recknagel Travis Story, Jr. Bill Stovall, III	
6 Christina Catchpole Kathy Evenson Sadie Fitzgerald Martha Fowler Cecie Ingraham Nancy Kegel Thor Orndahl John Skrobko	16 Brad Glahn Sydney Glahn	25 Ken Barre Rebecca Brooks Jack Fry, Jr. Colin Harrison Krista Hillyer Zoe Keysor	
7 John Croft, IV Julie Weimer	17 Carson Beasley Elizabeth Lee Charles Mixon, Jr Linda Wilson	26 Winnie Plunkett Mark Ray	
8 Louisa Affleck Delaine Aubrey Susan Goss Helen Page Ava Sentell Carrie Whitney	18 Lyna Anderson Martha Dean Susanna Elliott Norma Goecke Ronald Lane Susan Lindley Jeff Mack	27 John Gaffney Haun Henry, III Lane Roberts Caroline Sanderson- Morris	
9 Anne Palmer Debbie Putnam	19 Josh Bailey John Bailey Dexter Putnam, II Amanda Schab	28 Bob Comegys Kris Hroncich Mary Ann Nama Susan Ponder Helen Rogge Sally Roy	

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