



**The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church  
is to be a loving and diverse community  
celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ  
by word, example, and service to others**

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St. John's Episcopal Church

# Eagle Notes

## Dates to Remember

- Sunday, May 3
- East African Crafts
  - 12 p.m. Robbin Iddins & Becky Rivas Anniversary Celebration
  - 7 p.m., Taizé Service
- Monday, May 4
- 7 p.m., Holy Grounds
- Tuesday, May 5
- 4 p.m., Bargain Shop Meeting
- Wednesdays, May 6, 20, 27
- 6 – 8 p.m., Adult Spiritual Formation: Eastertide Program
- Thursday, May 7
- 10:30 a.m., Speeders
- Sunday, May 10
- Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 17
- Last day of Sunday School
- Sunday, May 17
- United Thank Offering Ingathering Day
- Tuesday, May 19
- Vestry Meeting
- Monday, May 25
- Memorial Day
- Saturday, May 30
- 9-3 p.m., Toward a Full & Faithful Telling: Diocesan slavery, segregation, racism talk
- Sunday, May 31 - **Pentecost**

## Looking Ahead

- June 1—Holy Grounds
- June 7—Taizé Service
- June 14—2nd Sunday Brunch
- June 16—Vestry Meeting
- June 21—Father's Day

## From the Rector

### *Times and Transitions*

Hello all!

We have so much going on in our parish family, College Park, our nation, and the world.

Recently, we have witnessed the death of long-time parishioner Jim Kadidlo. Several of our folks were involved in vehicle accidents in the last two weeks, all of whom are recovering nicely, if still a bit bruised and sore, thanks be to the Lord.

Paul Campbell, our interim organist for the last two months, who has brought such creativity and liveliness to our worship life, has decided that the Lord has called him to another ministry... Thank you for your time with us, Paul! We will miss you!

We celebrated a wonderful Holy Week and had the largest Easter morning congregation in years! We also welcomed several new members, and already have a list of others who wish to officially join on Pentecost Sunday! Truly the Lord is at work in our parish!

It looks like the Main Street Academy charter school has been granted its charter, and St. John's will hopefully house the upper school (grades 4 and 5) in our education building! Such exciting news! Please keep this in your prayers, and all the hard working parents and supporters who have put in so much effort into realizing this dream for our College Park community.

With so much going on, I want to invite every single person in the St. John's family to remember to pray daily for each other, to reach out with a phone call, a letter, an e-mail, or a personal visit. We can easily get lost in the shuffle, so let's make every effort to support and love each other.

What a wonderful time to be alive and engaged in the parish life of the St. John's family!

Faithfully yours,

**Fr. Troy+**

# Parish Life

## Treasurer's Report

-Jason Barringer, Treasurer

	Mar-09	
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
<b>Revenue</b>		
Pledge Offerings	\$40,808	\$47,500
Non-pledge and Plate	\$8,135	\$5,875
Misc. Income	\$3,915	\$5,250
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$52,858</b>	<b>\$58,625</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Staff Earnings & Benefits	\$37,491	\$39,450
Parish Operations	\$20,923	\$17,669
<b>Ministry Programs</b>		
Parish Programs	\$393	\$1,150
Outreach Programs	\$0	\$0
Diocese of Atlanta Pledge	\$6,113	\$6,612
<b>Total Ministry programs</b>	<b>\$6,505</b>	<b>\$7,762</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$64,920</b>	<b>\$64,881</b>

Revenue for March 2009 falls short of the budget by approximately \$6,000. Just like earlier this year, the shortfall is entirely contained in the "pledged offerings" category. Expenses for the month are running in line with the budget. While we are managing expenses well, they are still running approximately \$12,000 over the amount we have brought in through pledges, etc. this year and we continue to operate in budget deficit. Thanks to a very generous gift from an anonymous donor (and matching gifts from members of the parish) this gap should be cut in half after the month of April.

### A Pretty Penny

Last month, a wonderful anonymous donor read the Eagle's Notes Treasurer's Report, and remarked upon the approximate \$6,000 monthly deficit. This astonishing and generous person gave St. John's *half* of the deficit amount...IF we could match the donation! The Financial Health and Wellness Commission is pleased and proud to report that as of Easter Sunday, **the matching fund challenge was successfully met!** The parish was galvanized by the challenge, and \$3,000 in donations was matched very quickly. Thank you to everyone who supported this challenge!

## Attendance Numbers

Service/Event	# of services	Attendance
<b>3/17/09 – 4/19/09 (4 Lent - 2 Easter)</b>		
HE – Sunday	10	659
HE – Weekday	2	19
MP	9	40
Taizé	1	9
Speeders	1	14
Wedding	1	176
Burial	2	70
HCP Garden Tour		30
Blessing of the Vines at Montaluce Winery		45

Service	# of services	Attendance
<b>3/17/08 – 3/20/08 (Tuesday in Holy Week - 5 Easter)</b>		
HE – Sunday	8	492
HE – Thursday	4	36
MP	10	55
Wedding	1	160

HE—Holy Eucharist  
MP—Morning Prayer  
EP—Evening Prayer

<b>Holy Week</b>		
Palm Sunday	2	113
Maundy Thursday	1	36
Agape Supper		48
Good Friday	2	76
Holy Saturday	1	14
<b>Easter Sunday</b>		
Great Vigil	1	43
Easter Sunday	1	178

<b>Holy Week</b>		
Palm Sunday	2	129
Maundy Thursday	1	26
<b>Good Friday</b>		
Good Friday	2	70
<b>Easter Sunday</b>		
Great Vigil	1	57
Easter Sunday	1	147

## Parish Life

We extend our deepest sympathy to

Carol and the family of **Jim Kadidlo;**

**Anda Paige Broom, Paige Jones, Martha & Bill Mercure,**  
and the family of **John Broom;**

We rejoice that ones we love have entered into the  
nearer presence of our Lord, though we sorrow and  
grieve with those who mourn.

## On the web

Have you visited St. John's website recently? Visit  
[www.stjohnscollegepark.com](http://www.stjohnscollegepark.com)  
today!

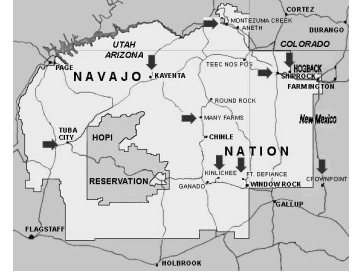
- There is a wonderful new **Easter Sunday video**, plus games, photos, news, schedules, and more.
- Congratulations to **David McLeod!** He won the awesome April Fool's day contest/website scavenger hunt. Thanks to everyone who submitted answers!
- **Pictures are requested**—A new contest is in the works! Please send your (or other parishioners') baby pictures to **Carl Cheely** (ccheely@comcast.net)
- Recent winners of the **weekly Friday trivia** include **Gwen Fields, Betsey Daniell, Philip Maniscalco, Denise McLeod, Martha McLeod.** Visit the site Fridays — you could be a winner, too!
- **Please make sure to sign the guestbook and/or take the survey** when you visit; we're looking forward to hearing from you and getting your feedback.

## Have something to share?

**Send in good news or needs, thoughts, thanks, & prayers!** Submissions for the next *Eagle Notes* are due by **May 18.** E-mail [parishadmin@stjohnscollegepark.com](mailto:parishadmin@stjohnscollegepark.com) or mail to 3480 Main Street, College Park, GA 30337.

**We want to hear from you!**

## St. John's 7th Year in Navajo Land



This July will be the seventh year that we send help—and a helper—to Saint Mark's Mission in Coalmine, New Mexico.

A team made up of priests and laypeople from the Diocese of Southwest Florida, along with Methodist lay people from the Cokesbury Center, joined by our very own **Mike Spring** as music leader, travel to this poor section of a very poor reservation to present a vacation bible school to school-age and younger (3 –18 years old) with literally nothing else to do in the summer but chores and throwing rocks. Nutritionally balanced meals are provided to kids and older people, and minor repairs are done to homes.

The Navajo are owed between 3 and 30 BILLION dollars in mineral rights payments. They were removed from their sacred lands as savages to a desolate reservation, after seeing tens of thousands of peach and apricot trees burned and hundreds of thousands of sheep slaughtered. Navajos held as slaves were not freed by the Emancipation Proclamation, nor in some cases, by the Thirteenth Amendment.

They feel abandoned and ignored by their conquerors, (that's you and me) yet still, their Veterans Cemetery is too full to accept any more fallen warriors- warriors who died defending a dream in which they could never participate.

Last year, young men and women who participated in this program as children, made a point of returning from college, and or summer jobs to see the team, and spend time with them.

How many teenagers do you know who are nostalgic for VBS?

If you feel called to help with this project, please mark checks to be placed in the collection plate for Navajo Mission, or mail funds directly to

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Mission Fund, 1750 East Oakland Park Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334. Contact Michael D. Spring for more info: [mdspring1@comcast.net](mailto:mdspring1@comcast.net).

# Parish Life

## Welcome, New Members!

The decision to join a church is an important one. Choosing to gather together every week for worship brings stability into our lives, and is a statement both by the individual and the parish that this is his/her church home, a place to which each is committed and which is committed to each. Making that commitment to show up, be counted, and to share our lives together provides an anchor in this world of constant change. It is a conscious decision in this often hectic world to make communion with God, spiritual formation, and right action a priority. We each receive strength, purpose, and new perspectives when we unite ourselves with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, hear God's word, offer prayer and contributions, and celebrate the sacraments.

**Please join with Fr. Troy in heartily welcoming:**

*Recent New Members and those Members affirming or reaffirming their membership on Easter Sunday*

- Philip Maniscalco**
- Florentina Kalukango**
- Rob & Beth Rennie**
- Glen & Vanessa Rada**
- Steve Thompson & Drew Mote**
- Rosa Owens**
- Fana Moseley**
- Bruce Braxton**

*Members to be baptized this May 17 at St. John's*

**Grayson & Brogan Korta**

**We receive you into the household of God!**

**Would you like to be baptized or officially transfer your membership?**

**Pentecost** (May 31), or the Church's birthday, is the next traditional date! You are invited to be officially recognized and welcomed this upcoming Pentecost as we renew our Baptismal vows. All who wish to affirm or reaffirm their membership and invest in the life and ministry of St. John's are encouraged to come together at the 10:30 a.m. service and be received into our life of faith as a parish family.

**Please send to the church office each family member's full name, date of birth, baptism date (if known), confirmation date (if known), name and city/state of parish from where you wish to transfer, and we will take care of the paperwork details!**

## It Never Hurts to Ask

*- by Philip Maniscalco*

We are all on a journey. All of us encounter a crossroad in our lives. We stop and choose which path to take. A friend in the town in which I live played an important role in my decision to attend St. John's. The very first day I entered his antique shop as a browser, he mentioned St. John's and asked me to come and visit. Every time I entered his shop, he mentioned various activities church and always asked me to come and see. Having a church home and an active role in my church, I never accepted his invitation. Still, my friend was persistent in inviting me.

One day I found that the church I was attending would be closing. The congregation had not grown and so it closed. I now found myself without a place to worship or a community in which I could share my faith experiences. Sitting at my desk one Saturday, I remembered my friend's invitation. I knew little about the Episcopal Church but decided that Frank and I would attend a service. Although I was born and raised a Roman Catholic I was lost during my first service not knowing what to do or where to go. Frank came with a Baptist background so you can only imagine what he thought. We did feel welcomed and

greeted warmly by those we met. We came the next Sunday and the following Sundays. We enjoyed the service, especially the responses of the people and we were touched by the preaching. The music in all its varieties touched my heart. We attended the second Sunday brunch and the Thursday Speeders luncheon. At each visit we found a welcoming community who genuinely seemed glad that we were there.

Needing a faith community I decided to join the community of St. John's. Although I still stumble through the service I know that one day it will become old hat to me and my partner of 15 years, Frank. Though most churches open their doors to strangers it is very important to invite strangers to enter. If my friend had not invited me to come I would still be searching for a church home. I encourage all of you to do the same. It is good to mention what you have found at St. John's and it's activities. It has many gifts to offer to the stranger and opportunities for those who may be lost or seeking what you have found.

Thank you for welcoming Frank and I to join with you in prayer and worship. I hope that our presence combined with yours will continue to offer to a stranger a place at the table. Remember it does not hurt to ask. If you do others will come.

Win a \$595K house + \$100K cash for \$50! [http://www.solidarityschool.org/House\\_Raffle.htm](http://www.solidarityschool.org/House_Raffle.htm)

## Parish Life

### Mother's Day Millennium Development Goal #5: Improve Maternal Health

**“All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother.” -Abraham Lincoln**

On Mother's Day (May 10) this year, take a moment to pray for the improvement of *maternal health*.

Every minute a woman dies, and 20 women are injured or permanently disabled, due to childbirth. In some parts of the world, expectant mothers are almost as likely to die in childbirth as they are to live. Almost all of these 529,000 deaths each year are preventable.

Nearly half of all deliveries in the developing world lack a

trained attendant. Nutrition and hygiene are additional issues. Another of the growing challenges is HIV in pregnant women. The vast majority of pregnant women infected with HIV live in sub-Saharan Africa. In recent years, infant mortality rates have multiplied on the continent.

The target of MDG Goal five is to reduce the maternal mortality ratio by three quarters. **Episcopal Relief & Development's** programs help women and mothers to empower themselves and climb out of poverty. To learn more, or to donate to funds & programs that help achieve MGD #5 in honor of Mother's Day, visit [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org).

### On the Verge Pay It Forward

-by Martha V. McLeod, Verger

Recently, running late leaving for church, I found a \$100 bill on the pavement behind my car. It wasn't mine (I hadn't seen an actual \$100 bill in several years!) and it was a struggle to decide to ask my neighbor if she had lost it. It wasn't hers either but I knew she needed the money so I didn't argue when she claimed it. I had also asked our landlord to trade my replacing the locks and thermostat in my apartment with his repairing the neighbor's front window (I was tired of listening for burglars). She never mentioned it but her teen son thanked me nicely.

As Christians, we are called by our Master to follow several examples He gave us, and to strive to perfect our behavior and other aspects of our lives. Author C. S. Lewis calls them our "marching orders" (from *God in the Dock*). We're also told in the New Testament that we manifest the Holy Spirit through gentleness, purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, and genuine love, among other things, though in St. Paul's time that wasn't always received very well, when being a Christian could still be a capital offense. More still, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." *John 13:35*

So how do we follow the examples Jesus gave us? How do we love one another, especially those people around us whom we may not consider particularly lovable? Someone wrote, "Practice random acts of kindness and senseless deeds of mercy," and it does take practice! Sometimes it's difficult to be kind to strangers who are not behaving very kindly at the time, or those who have hurt you. But it does work. So does the concept of paying kindness forward instead of expecting it to be repaid to you.

And if you find this too difficult a task, don't blame me. Jesus started it.

**"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."** *John 13:34*

## Prayer List

### Members

Carol Kadidlo	Ralph Mair
Randy Ransom	Laura Vance
Helen Scarbrough	Gale Mull
Caroline Patrick	Joy Lopez
Bena Sue Livsey	Rosie Dunn
Martha Mercure	Julia Paris

### Friends & Relatives

Drew Allen and Frank Ayala, serving us in Iraq  
 The Lindseys' friend, Ralph  
 Paul Brady's friends, Scott, Cindy, and Samantha  
 Daphne Mair's daughter, Valerie  
 David McLeod's brother, John  
 Mark & Randy friend, Jerry  
 Bena's granddaughter, Caitlin  
 Marian Tillman's niece, Susan  
 Carl Cheely's brother, Ron  
 Martha Fisher's son, William  
 Debbie Reeves' sister, Kelly  
 Martha Spring's family, Alfred, and friend, Katy  
 Gerry O'Connor's Minnie, and niece, Ma-Phyu  
 Martha McLeod's friend, Tim

### Those who have died

Jim Kadidlo, John Broom,  
 Fr. Patrick, Linda Vinal's cousin,  
 Kenny

# What's Happening?

**Sunday, May 3**

## East African Crafts



Just in time to pick a beautiful, and meaningful gift for Mother's Day, there will be a display of jewelry and crafts from churches in Uganda, Nairobi, Tanzania, Kenya, and Tanzania, available for purchase in Bott Hall between services. They make such unique gifts! The funds raised from this craft sale will be used to support orphan education projects and the AIDS Education & Prevention Program, both sponsored by African Team Ministries.

**Sunday, May 3**

## Anniversary Celebration

Robbin Iddins & Becky Rivas invite their St. John's family for a special blessing and celebration of their 25th anniversary after the 10:30 a.m. service downstairs in Bott Hall.

**Sunday, May 3**

**7 p.m.**

## Taizé Service



Taizé services provide a time to experience the presence of God in a new way. Taizé services are especially relevant during Lent, and are an excellent opportunity for reflective worship.

**Monday, May 4**

**8 p.m.**

## Holy Grounds



On the first Monday of every month, Fr. Troy will be at **Jeffrey's Coffee Shop** on Virginia Avenue (by McDonald's/Spondivitz) at **8 p.m.** to chat about whatever is on your mind.

**Tuesday, May 5**

**4 p.m.**

## Bargain Shop Annual Meeting

All volunteers, please join us in the newly renovated parlor to discuss the slate of officers, ideas, and requests for donations for the incoming year. **Any requests for funding must have representation in attendance!**

**Wednesdays, May 6, 20, 27**

**6 – 7:30 p.m.**

## Adult Spiritual Formation:

### Easter Season Programming

Join us after the Easter break as we resume study of our liturgy and history.



**NB: There will be a class break Wednesday, May 13.**

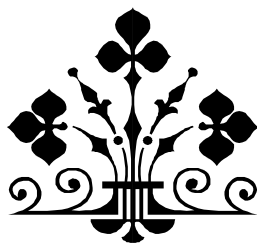
Dinner begins at 6 p.m., Bible study begins at 6:30. As usual, please call in advance if you will be with us. **All kids are invited to come play and on those evenings, thanks to John Breedlove. Would you like to help with Wednesday meal planning? Please call David Houser (404-873-3184) to volunteer.**

**Thursday, May 7**

**10:30 a.m.**

## Speeders

Join us for Holy Eucharist, followed by lunch and a presentation. This month, we will hear from **Fr. Troy. This will be the last Speeder before summer break**—please be there!



## The Flowers on the Altar

**Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. Do you know an extraordinary mother?**

Show her how special she is by dedicating the flowers on the altar on May 10! If you would like to donate altar flowers, please sign up by sending a check and a notation as to whom you want to honor or remember.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday, (date) \_\_\_\_\_

The notation in the bulletin should read: *The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in*

Please return this form with \$40 check attached to the church office or mail to 3480 Main Street, College Park, GA 30337.

# What's Happening?



**Sunday, May 10**  
**Mother's Day**

Take a mom out to brunch today! Then bring her back to the annual Parish Picnic on May 31st. *There will be no 2nd Sunday Brunch this month in lieu of the Parish Picnic.*

**Sunday, May 17**

*Last day of Sunday School before Summer Break*

**Sunday, May 17**

**United Thank Offering  
Collection Day**



It's time to 'count your blessings' – for the United Thank Offering. Use the coins you put in the UTO Blue Boxes serve as a daily reminder for the large (and small) daily gifts from God that brighten your life and the lives of those around you. Please bring the

collected money (or preferably, a check made out to UTO!) on this Sunday. The power of the Blue Box is unlimited! Your daily thanksgivings have built churches and schools, fed the hungry, clothed the poor, provided shelter for the homeless, and provided care and support for those with physical, mental, and emotional challenges. If you don't have a Blue Box, please ask **Georgie White** for one, or check in the back of the church. Regular, intentional giving can make a marked difference in your life, as well as in the lives of those who receive your gift. Contact Georgie with questions: 770-996-9081, 404-310-8479 (c) or gmpjw@netzero.com.

**Tuesday, May 19**

**Vestry Meeting**

**Monday, May 25**

**Memorial Day**

**ALMIGHTY GOD, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy and especially for those men and women who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to those who are commemorated on those memorials and to those written in our hearts your mercy and the light of your presence. And give, O Lord, to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. And in your name we pray. Amen.**



**Saturday, May 30**

**9-3 p.m.**

**Toward a Full & Faithful Telling**

*Repairing the breach of slavery, segregation and racism in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.*

Join us for a day of conversation and story telling at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Special Guest: Retired Bishop of Mississippi Duncan Gray Jr. Panelists: Dr. Anita George, Bishop Chip Marble, Ms. Ruby Sales  
Workshops: "Ancestry and The Voyager Project," "Recording Your Stories" and more. Details at [www.episcopalatlanta.org](http://www.episcopalatlanta.org) or call 404-601-5320 or 800-537-6743 . Interested in carpooling? Please contact Fr. Troy ASAP!



**Sunday, May 31**

**Pentecost**

Come celebrate the Church's birthday and the coming of the Holy Spirit! Be fed—both spiritually AND physically—at the annual parish Pentecost picnic.

Please bring your favorite picnic side dishes like potato salad, cole slaw, watermelon, desserts, etc.



It's Pentecost, so don't forget to wear red!

**Ongoing:**

**Tuesdays**

**6-7:30 p.m.**

**Beginning Mat Yoga**

This class introduces and explores standing postures, flow sequences, and breathing practices to expand flexibility, strength, circulation, vitality and peace of mind. Please bring an exercise mat and/or a bath towel. Cost: \$5 for parishioners, \$10 for non-

# The Flowers on the Altar last month were given to the glory of God and

in thanksgiving for Carol Livsey, my daughter-in-law, with love from Bena Sue

in memory of Vernon Cunard, from Gwen & Calvin Fields.

In honor of all the wonderful volunteers for their dedication and hard work, with love from the Bargain Shop

In memory of my husband, Bud, and of F. and Dorothy Davidson, with love from Marian Tillman

In honor of our children, Anne Hill and Carter Mull, and for Robert Riser, a quiet supporter of St. John's, with love from Gale and Jeanne Mull

In loving memory of Robert E. Scribner, and all of the Scribner family, with love from daughter and sister, Dorothy

In honor of St. John's welcoming family, from the Walters family

In memory of D. Roy Harris and Kate Harris Christy

In honor of our children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughters, with love from Claude and Joanne Lindsey

In honor of my children, grandchildren, and my friends at Delta, Airport Interfaith Chapel, Bargain Shop, and the people of St. John's, and in memory of Mother, Daddy, Jan, and James, with love from Jackie Berlin

In thanksgiving for Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Slider, by Jane and Don Randolph

In honor of Dock Anderson, in loving memory of Jon Marc Rutherford, and in thanksgiving for Bill and Pepper, with love Ray Townsend

In honor of Ray and Pepper, and my many friends at St. John's, with love from Bill Hill

In loving memory of Randy James Page, from Richard Durepo

In thanksgiving for John, Ward, Joshua, Hal, Jane, Troy, Lydia, Jamie, Edward, and Rob, and in memory of Will, with love from Bob & Jane Holloman

In memory of my father, Walter Joseph Smith, with love from Lisa Smith Henderson

In honor of the St. John's Choir, and in memory of Roy Brady and Hal & Elizabeth Daniell, with love from Melissa Brady

In honor of our manager Jane Holloman, Bob Holloman, M.E. King, Martha Fisher, Honey Harris, and Ernie Radaker, for their dedication and hard work, with love from the Bargain Shop

In memory of Betty Lipfert Hewes, with love from Victor Hewes

In thanksgiving for many blessings and for family, especially for Lawrence's health, with love from Joy Lopez and Caroline Patrick

In memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Roberts, with love from Elanor Buchanan

In thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren, and for the life of Bill Johnson, and for Will Manders, Gwen & Calvin Fields, Janet Standen, and Father Troy, and for the Barthelettes, with love from Sue Johnson

In honor of the upcoming marriage of Ashley Graham to Ben Marchman, and in memory of our parents, Marie and Eddie Ferguson and Ruth and Earl Graham, with love from Mark and Jane Graham

In thanksgiving for children, grandchildren, relatives and friends, and God's blessings upon us, and in memory of my mother, Hilda Antram, my husband, Bill O'Connor, and my sister-in-law, Mary Edwards, with love from Gerry O'Connor

In honor of Mrs. Dorothy Nash, and in memory of Dr. William Nash, with love from Janet Standen

In honor of Martha, our children, grandchildren, parents, family, and St. John's, and in memory of my parents, brother, Brock, Penny, and Brody, with love from Bill Mercure

In memory of my parents, Lewis and Nina Holcomb, and my husband, Rick Reeves, with love from Debbie Reeves

In honor of Glen & Vanessa Rada, welcoming them into the St. John's family, with love from Ernie Radaker

With love for my three wonderful boys, Joseph Paul, SuperGrant, & the Mighty Quinn, and their fabulous Geevee, Linda Vinal, and with tremendous gratitude for all those who have volunteered in the parish office over the last year, especially Julia Paris, Marian Tillman, Ray Townsend, Mark Robertson, Jane Foster, Honey Harris, Beth Rennie, Ernie Radaker, Robbin Iddins, Carl Cheely, Debbie Reeves, and Keith Huffstetter, with love from Lee Barthelette

in loving memory of Jim Kadidlo, from the Bargain Shop

in thanksgiving to God for bringing Becky Rivas into my life, for blessing us with 25 wonderful years together, and in the hope of many more to come, with love from Robbin Iddins;

in thanksgiving for Robbin's healing, concern from so many friends, and release from the hospital, with love from Becky Rivas

and in appreciation of Keith Huffstetter and his ministry to the Woodward Mom's Bible Study Group.

# COMMENTARY: *Please be outraged by Peoplestown shootings* -by Bryan Schroeder

*A member of Emmaus House Episcopal Chapel expresses anger and offers advice after a teenage acolyte is wounded and another is murdered.*

An Episcopalian was shot less than 100 yards from the door of his home parish last week.

Bleeding through his face from a bullet that entered the right side of his neck and exited out his left eye socket, this young man ran home along the same path he takes when he acolytes on Sunday mornings. Dizzy, holding his face where his eye was missing, he stumbled onto his porch. "Mom, I've been shot."

Imagine if this Episcopalian had been shot near the steps of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rome or St. Paul's in Newnan. We would be outraged. Furious. Calling city leaders. Calling for justice. Raising money to find the assailants. Comforting our children. Comforting ourselves. Asking, "How could God let something like this happen to a kid, just like my kid?"

We should all be outraged. But we are not. We probably didn't hear about it.

Andre was shot in Atlanta, in Peoplestown, a neighborhood where young, black men die, and Atlanta turns away. On the road to Emmaus House called Hank Aaron Drive. His shooting has been described as "gang related."

If this shooting had happened in Clarkesville, outside the white doors and swinging bell rope of Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church, would the words "gang related" have appeared in the newspaper? No, they wouldn't have.

This is a case of random, senseless, chaotic violence committed by a small group of sick boys, from another side of town, who wouldn't have known Andre from the next person who walked out of the small neighborhood grocery store.

Andre, who could recite the Prayers of the People by heart. Andre, who knew where to stand as first server, torchbearer and crucifer (some Sundays he was asked to be all three). Andre,

who would smile and shrug when you asked him what Camp Mikell summer staff member he had a crush on growing up (hint: her nickname was Debo).

Does he sound like someone you know?

Andre deserves, at least, an equality of response from our people in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. An equality of outrage. Equality of fury. Equality of grief. Equality of confusion. Equality of anger. Equality of tears. Equality of "how could God let something like this happen to a kid, just like my kid?" Equality of a struggle for forgiveness for the sick boys who shot Andre. Equality.

Today, Andre is alive, awaiting facial reconstruction surgery and an eye implant. Andre has full movement of his fingers and toes, neck and back, his whole body. Andre is lucky, the child standing next to Andre, his half-brother, was not. Nick died Monday in Grady Memorial Hospital.

Be outraged.

I am lucky to be angry. If it weren't for my experiences at Emmaus House, as an employee and a worshiper, I would have picked up the paper Monday morning and said, "Well, that's sad, but it looks like he was just another kid, from a part of Atlanta I'm not from, in a gang. Probably a thug. Probably had it coming." Blame shifted onto the victim, emotional response deferred.

I thank God for my time at Emmaus House, which helped me to look deeper into the situation. To look across color lines, story lines and the lines on a map.

This is why Emmaus House exists, why it's vitally important. To serve the needs of a small neighborhood in Atlanta while fostering lasting relationships that bound, back and forth, across the concrete troughs of I-20, I-75 and I-85

that separate Peoplestown from the rest of Atlanta. Relationships that provide an invaluable service in a time of crisis - for white and black alike.

Please be outraged.

Be outraged with the fine essence of equality for all who suffer and die needlessly in our local communities and across the world, regardless of skin color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, wealth, political alignment or language.

Young, black men are dying in disproportionate numbers - do not look away! Be outraged that nine days after the shooting, no one has been arrested in this case.

This week, please take time to remember Nick and be prepared to support Andre in his recovery. The grieving and healing process will be long; their families will need our support.

Please support and encourage a renewed commitment from parishes to support the different missions of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, especially Emmaus House, one of the most vital ministries we have.

And please be aware that because of City of Atlanta budget cuts in summer programming for children, this summer is going to be very tough for families living in our intown neighborhoods.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!





## May Birthdays:

- 3 Bena Sue Livsey
- 4 Renee Olaiya
- 6 Victor Buchanan, Mark Ashley Graham
- 8 Jeffrey Johnson
- 10 Grant Barthelette, Beth Rennie, Frank Harrell
- 14 Alexis Housel
- 15 Martha Spring
- 17 Beverly Wilson, Harriette Foster
- 18 Honey Harris
- 20 Yuri Escalera
- 22 Robbin Iddins
- 23 Stephanie Allen

Please call the church office to add a birthday!

# May 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

 <p>Don't forget to bring non-perishables and donations for <b>Family Life Ministries</b> on the first Sunday of every month!</p>						1	2 9:30 am— Begin Again
3 8 am- Rite I 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30- Rite II <b>African Crafts</b> <b>Robbin &amp; Becky Blessing</b> <b>Piano Recitals</b> 7 p.m. Taizé	4 8 pm- AA (BH)  <b>8 p.m Holy Grounds</b>	5 9:15 am— Morning Prayer 10 am—College Park Stitch-In 4 p.m. Annual Bargain Shop Mtg 6 pm— Yoga; Begin Again	6 6 –8 pm— Adult Spiritual Formation	7 9:15 am- Morning Prayer <b>10:30 - Speeders</b> Rite I, Lunch, Presentation 8 pm- AA(BH)	8	9 9:30 am— Begin Again	
 <b>10 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8 am- Rite I 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30- Rite II	11 8 pm- AA (BH)	12 9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Yoga; Begin Again	13	14 9:15 am- Morning Prayer 10:30 - Rite I 8 pm- AA	15	16 9:30 am— Begin Again	
<b>17 UTO COLLECTION DAY</b> 8 am- Rite I <b>9:15 a.m. - Last day of Sunday School before Summer Break</b> 10:30- Rite II <b>Liturgy Commission</b>	18 8 pm- AA (BH)	19 9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Yoga; Begin Again <b>6:30 pm— Vestry</b>	20 6 –8 pm— Adult Spiritual Formation 2:30— DAR	21 9:15 am- Morning Prayer 10:30 - Rite I 8 pm- AA	22	23 9:30 am— Begin Again	
24 8 am- Rite I 10:30- Rite II	<b>25 MEMORIAL DAY</b> Office closed 8 pm- AA (BH)	26 9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Yoga; Begin Again	27 6 –8 pm— Adult Spiritual Formation	28 9:15 am- Morning Prayer 10:30 - Rite I 8 pm- AA	29	30 9:30 am— Begin Again	
<b>31 PENTECOST</b> 8 am- Rite I 10:30- Rite II <b>Annual Parish Picnic</b>		Visit <a href="http://www.stjohnscollegepark.com">www.stjohnscollegepark.com</a> for updated news & schedules. Key: Ch-Chapel P-Parlor BH-Bott Hall HPL-Horseshoe Parking Lot					

## Lay Ministries Schedule

<b>May 3</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>
Reader	Jane Graham	Robert Hopkins	<i>Acts 4:5-12</i>
Eucharistic Minister	Jane Graham	M. Spring / G. Fields	<i>1 John 3:16-24</i>
Altar Guild Team 2	Denise McLeod, Gwen Fields, Marian Tillman		Jane Holloman
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)	Carl & Lisa Franzman	<b>Usher-In-Charge/Usher</b> <small>(10:30)</small>	Debbie Reeves/Ernie Radaker
<b>May 10</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>5th Sunday after Lent</b>
Reader	Mark Robertson	Daphne Mair	<i>Acts 8:26-40</i>
Eucharistic Minister	Ernie Radaker	C. Cheely/M. McLeod	<i>1 John 4:7-21</i>
Altar Guild Team 3	Jackie Berlin, Sarah Clark, Beth Ehrensperger	<b>Euch. Visitors:</b>	Donn Blosser/Jason Brown
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)	Tommy & Beth Ehrensperger	<b>Usher-In-Charge/Usher</b> <small>(10:30)</small>	Janet Standen/Don Standen
<b>May 17</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>
Reader	Jane Randolph	Robert Gregory	<i>Acts 10:44-48</i>
Eucharistic Minister	David Wagner	K. Breedlove / J. Graham	<i>1 John 5:1-6</i>
Altar Guild Team 4	Linda Vinal, Kei Breedlove, Joy Lopez	<b>Eucharistic Visitor:</b>	Linda Vinal/Robbin Iddins
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)	Linda Vinal / Georgie White	<b>Usher-In-Charge/Usher</b> <small>(10:30)</small>	Donn Blosser/Jason Brown
<b>May 24</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter/ Ascension Day</b>
Reader	M. Spring	Robert Hopkins	<i>Check with church office</i>
Eucharistic Minister	M. Spring	M. Robertson / G. Fields	
Altar Guild Team 1	Martha McLeod, Ruth Crook, Will Manders	<b>Euch. Visitor:</b>	M. McLeod/Mark Robertson
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)		<b>Usher-In-Charge/Usher</b> <small>(10:30)</small>	Paul Brady
<b>May 31</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>The Day of Pentecost</b>
Reader	D. McLeod	Lisa Henderson	<i>Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 3:1-14</i>
Eucharistic Minister	D. McLeod	Carl Cheely/Philip Maniscalco	<i>Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21</i>
		<b>ALL AVAILABLE ACOLYTES</b>	
Altar Guild Team 2	Denise McLeod, Gwen Fields, Marian Tillman	<b>Euch. Visitor:</b>	Jason Brown/Donn Blosser
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)		<b>Usher-In-Charge/Usher</b> <small>(10:30)</small>	Kei Breedlove/John Breedlove
<b>June 7</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
Reader	M. Robertson	Fred Daniell	<i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i>
Eucharistic Minister	M. Robertson	D. McLeod/D. McLeod	<i>Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or 13</i>
Altar Guild Team 3	Jackie Berlin, Sarah Clark, Beth Ehrensperger	<b>Euch. Visitors:</b>	Linda Vinal/Robbin Iddins
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)	Carl & Lisa Franzman	<b>Usher-In-Charge/Usher</b> <small>(10:30)</small>	Carl Cheely/Martha Cheely

**Note to readers:** use Revised Common Lectionary texts, year B. Please arrive early and allow time to check the bulletin against lectern. If you are unable to serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to obtain a substitute and notify the church office and/or Verger ASAP. Thank you!

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Margaret Ann, Ericka, & Tracy Johnson, *Nursery*

Martha V. McLeod, *Verger*  
Mark Robertson, *Verger*  
John Brady, *Sexton*  
Dennis Luck, *Sexton*

## Schedule of Services

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & Thursday 10:30 a.m.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
- **Morning Prayer (Parlor)**  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday Evening Programs**  
6 –8 p.m.—Bible Study (childcare available)
- **Taizé Service**  
1st Sundays of the month at 7 p.m.

## St. John's Vestry

Debbie Reeves	<i>Senior Warden</i>
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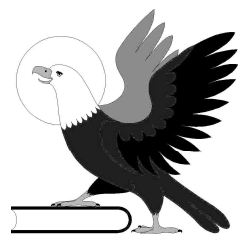
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