



St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Meeting Friday January 31, 2014

van Rooyen Parish Hall

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

Childcare will be offered following dinner.

*We will discuss our budget
and vote in new Vestry members.*

Agenda for Annual Meeting

Opening Prayer

Appointment of Secretary for Annual Meeting

Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting of January 2013

Official Appointment of Committee on Challenges

Vestry Elections

- **Official Appointment of Election Inspectors**
- **Introduction of Candidates for the Vestry for 2014**
- **Nominations from the Floor**

Annual Reports

- **Rector's Report**
- **Senior Warden's Report**
- **Treasurer's Report/Ratification of 2014 Budget (distributed at the Annual Meeting)**

Reporting of Election Results (and further balloting if required)

Closing Prayer

Annual Parish Meeting adjourns

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2013 MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH BOYNTON BEACH, FL JANUARY 25, 2013 PARISH HALL

Fr. Marty opened the Annual Meeting with prayer at 6:30 p.m. There was a slideshow of the year 2012 in review.

Appointment of secretary for the meeting: Barbara MacKenzie made a motion seconded by Brian Rowland to appoint Barbara Wegner as secretary for the Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Marty appointed outgoing Vestry members as the Committee on Challenges: Phyllis Carr, Rochelle Prince and Tad Knutsen.

Jim Coull resigned due to health reasons and his unexpired term will be filled by Karen Antonucci. The Vestry elected Karen to fulfill the remaining 2 years on his term. According to our By-Laws 3 Vestry members rotate off each year and Vestry elects person for an unexpired term.

VESTRY ELECTIONS

Fr. Marty introduced the 3 candidates for Vestry: Thelma Gannon, Shirley Goodrich and Rich Haney.

Nominations were opened on the floor. Cheryl May voted to close the nominations and Janet Gibson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion to elect Thelma Gannon, Shirley Goodrich and Rich Haney by acclamation was made by Brian Rowland and seconded by Paul Wegner. The motion carried unanimously.

According to the Episcopal Church By-Laws there needs to be a meeting of the new Vestry after this one to appoint Sr. Warden, elect Jr. Warden, Treasurer and Clerk.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Marty reviewed upcoming events:

REVEAL survey is February 23-March 9, 2013. This should tell us the parishioners' need for spiritual growth.

ATTENDANCE

Easter attendance was highest ever at 910. Christmas was down 9% to 933. VCC was down 15%. However VCC was more manageable with the decrease.

Average weekend attendance was down to 397 from 404.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

Erik Hvide, Treasurer gave the Financial Report and presented the Vestry's 2013 budget. We will need to take more from the Benevolent Fund to balance the budget. However we are still within the guidelines set up for management of the Fund.

The 2013 budget was ratified by those in attendance.

RECTOR'S AWARD

Fr. Marty presented Rector's Awards to the following parishioners: Ruth Mayhew, Betty Cuffe, Phyllis Carr, Karen and Rich Haney and Tad Knutsen.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Sr. Warden's Report was a request to read his article in the Annual Report on volunteerism.

Fr. Marty thanked the staff for all the work they do.

VESTRY MEMBER TRANSITION

There was a ceremony of decommissioning the outgoing Vestry and commissioning the incoming Vestry.

There being no further business, Bobbie Smith made a motion, seconded by Betsy Hvide to adjourn the Annual Meeting of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wegner





VESTRY CANDIDATES

THE VESTRY

The vestry is the official governing body of Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church. Vestry members are elected for a three-year term by the membership of the parish at the annual meeting. Each year, 3 vestry members "rotate" off, and three new vestry members are elected.

This year, the three vestry members who complete their service are Katherine Metzger, Tad Knutsen and Paul Wegner.

According to the By-laws of Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church, in addition to the rector, there are 9 vestry members who each serve 3-year terms. (The Head of Saint Joseph's School functions as an additional non-voting member of Saint Joseph's Vestry.) To ensure continuity, the terms of the elected vestry members are on a tri-fold cycle. Every year the terms of three vestry members expire. No one can serve consecutive terms. The outgoing vestry members form the nominating committee for the 3 new vestry members, who will be elected at the annual parish meeting on Friday, January 31.



The canons of the Church determine the qualifications of electors as "communicant members in good standing who are 16 years of age and over, whose names are duly enrolled as such in the register of the said congregation, and who are regular in their attendance upon its services and make stated contributions of record to its general support."





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Hewlis Eli Dillon: I was born in Trinidad West Indies where I attended elementary and high school.

Immigrated to the United States to further my education in 1970 at age 23, and attended Queens College in Queens, NY and St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY where I earned my BS degree in Business Management and Accounting.

I was married in 1971 to my wife Mary and we have three children, Michelle, Denise, and Michael.

My family and I attended St. Georges Episcopal Church in Hempstead NY where I was an active member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and served as treasurer. I also was actively involved with the Cub Scout troop at St. Georges and served as scout master.

I was employed with the United Nations Headquarters in New York as an accountant assistant. During my tenure with the U.N. I had the privilege of completing mission assignments in Tehran, Iran in 1989 and Jerusalem, Israel in 1996. I retired from the United Nations in 2006 after completing 27 years of service, and relocated to Boynton Beach, Florida.

I know that I will be an asset to the vestry, and promise to do my utmost in the committee assigned to me to accomplish the Parish Mission Statement "To bring all people into the fullness of Christ's Family and Nurture their Spiritual Development."



Elliott Williams: Born and raised in Delray Beach, my mother Elsie Mae Williams brought me to St Joseph's more than 28 years ago and I have been a member ever since, attending the 7:45 mass. I have seen a lot of changes in the Delray Beach and

Boynton Beach area and have watched St Joseph's grow and change along with the economic area growth. Fifteen years ago I met my best friend and lovely wife Dianne at St. Joseph's. I was honored to serve as a member of the Vestry from 2009 - 2012 as the Evangelism Liaison. I have also served on many local community boards:

- 2 yrs Chairperson City of Boynton Beach Special Events Ad HOC Advisory Committee Board
- Over 20 yrs Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce Board & Executive Board
- 2004 Chairman of the Board
- 3 yrs Board of Director Boynton Beach Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center
- 4 yrs Board of Director The American Heart Association
- 3 yrs Board of Director Cystic Fibrosis (CF)

After working for Southern Bell/BellSouth for over 10 years, I started my own company *Communications Resource Management, Corp.* in 1995 and continue to work with Dianne in this business. Throughout the years, one of my hobbies has been making my own Hot Sauce for family and friends, and after many years, I was encouraged to launch another company ...*Boynton Beach Hot Sauce Company* with our "Backyard Heat" line of hot sauce. Dianne and I have been growing peppers and marketing the hot sauce since May 2012.



ASSOCIATE PRIEST



“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” – (Matthew 5:14-16)

Dear family and friends of St. Joe’s,

Rev. Wendy Tobias

I love that we prepare our Annual Meeting reports in Epiphany. This is always a great opportunity for all of us to not only see Christ in one another but to be en’light’ened and enriched in our own walk and ministries. I give great thanks for our sacred community of St. Joseph’s on this sacred holy hill. And on this hill our light is shining brightly. Also, we have much light to be revealed that just maybe is hidden under that bushel basket a bit. Always more ways to shine.

I am in my third year now as your Associate Priest and lead priest for Unplugged. I appreciate your ongoing support especially as the Bishop’s Diocesan Ministry Placement Grant has decreased to 25% now. (1st year was 50%, 2nd was 33%). Speaking of finances, by the time of our meeting on January 31st I am hopeful we will have good news. Toward the end of last year we completed the application for what’s called a Mission Enterprise Zone grant. This grant is available as an outcome of Resolution A073 passed by our church’s last General Convention in 2012. Unplugged’s core mission of reaching 20s and 30s and those who are not here yet fits with the criteria for application to this grant. Since beginning my time here I have been in regular communication with the Rev. Tom Brackett, Missioner for New Church Starts & Missional Initiatives with The Episcopal Church Center who encouraged us to apply for this grant. Fingers crossed.

Here are some highlights for 2013:

- Unplugged continues to grow steadily, I’m pleased to report:

Monthly averages for Unplugged NOT including Easter*, Pentecost, Chr. Eve*, Blessing of the Animals, St. Thomas Gospel Choir Sunday, or Time Change (spring forward) Sunday.			
Month	2011	2012	2013
January	86.8	78.75	113.33
February	81.3	96.25	102.75
March	86.5	98	113.5
April	90.3	102	121
May	84.5	79.3	120
June	81	81.5	107
July	70.75	79.8	108
August	91.25	88.75	139
September	86.25	98.75	121.4
October	79.25	90.5	125.75
November	93.6	96.6	149
December	102	126.75	126
Easter*	179	206	235



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- A big part of our growth is the consistent attendance by those from one treatment facility/ recovery community who are transported to our service by passenger vans while they are in treatment. Many of them have continued to attend now that they are in halfway houses and beyond. This exciting and organic work of the Holy Spirit is a wonderful opportunity for us to serve the large population of people in recovery in this area and then work with them in service to others.
- Website redesigned and completely rebuilt so is now accessible with any mobile phone & is html based. Check it out at www.stjoesunplugged.org
- New business cards that match new website design
- In an effort to be more eco-conscious, we began use of a tri-fold leaflet to save paper.
- QR code created so people can access full announcements via their phones
- We also offer recycled 9:30 leaflets should congregants wish the paper announcements
- Several videos made and posted on our Unplugged website
- Instagram account created and active
- Baptized Jennifer Gomez
- Continued our relationship with Habitat for Humanity in which not only those from Unplugged but all services serve in this beautiful way
- Provided, prepared, and served part of Thanksgiving meal for the homeless at Holy Redeemer church
- Created a beautiful new free-standing backdrop that serves as a sound baffle for the band. This long time goal took several gatherings and was entirely funded by donations and gifts-in-kind by Unplugged members. Thanks to Carly Mejeur for her artistic inspiration and leadership in this effort. We'll also be able to use this out in the community now for future events.
- All of this would never be possible without our fabulous musicians of Live Hymnal and our amazing Youth Band and the dedication of the forty-eight (!) active volunteers who serve in a regular schedule of ministries.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve in the glorious light of Christ. What a privilege.
In Epiphany light and joy,

Rev. Wendy





SENIOR WARDEN



Paul Wegner

These past three years have gone by so fast. It really seems like just yesterday as Senior Warden I was going off the Vestry and presenting your newly elected vestry candidates to Father Marty for induction as Vestry Members. Now I am about to do it again. As many of you know, most of the work of the Sr. Warden is with the business aspects of the church. Things like personnel issues, financial decisions and general guidance and support of the activities of the Rector. Some would say it is like being on a Board of Directors working with the President of a company. So over the past three years my association with this wonderful church has felt more like a work style relationship instead of a spiritual one. This is not a bad thing, but I am telling you this to setup what I feel is important to say.

I am enrolled in the Episcopal 101 class in which I have received some strange comments and looks, including surprised looks from Father Marty, Rev. Wendy and Father William when I told them I was taking the class. When someone asked me "Why is the Sr. Warden taking Episcopal 101?", I explained that I need to get back to the foundation or roots of my faith and look and understand the basics again. In other words focus on why we are, and I am, an Episcopalian. After just one class I knew I made one of the best decisions I could have made at this time in my life. With all of the "Business Activities" I have lost sight, to some degree, of why we are Episcopalian and what the core of the Episcopal Church stands for. However, one thing I never forgot was what a loving and caring community we are because I saw that every day I set foot on this campus. We, as Episcopalian, are blessed because not only are we a loving and caring group but because our faith in the Holy Trinity is so well

grounded. The support we have and show for each other is unquestionable. Reflecting back it makes sense to me now why with all of the issues, problems and hard decisions we worked through over the past three years it was still a joy to come to this place. All of you, the Staff, fellow Vestry Members, Volunteers, Ministry Leaders and the whole Congregation supported and encouraged me through not only the last three years but my entire time here at Saint Joseph's. For this, I thank you all.

One thing that has always stood out for me at Saint Joseph's is how we all work and function as a real team. I now look at the word team like this T.E.A.M. which means, TruE EpiscopAlians with Amazing Ministries.

There are several things I would like you to take away from this article: 1) Always be willing to step back and examine the foundation of your beliefs and faith; it is a wonderful experience. 2) Continue to support each other; you may never know how much a simple gesture or kind words can mean to someone. 3) Volunteer and become active in a ministry; your rewards will be bountiful. 4) Even though we are a diverse group, our strength lies as one body in Christ. We are a T.E.A.M. 5) I truly thank you for your support and kindness over the past three years. It was worth every moment of my time serving you and this amazing Church.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife and family for their support and encouragement over the past three years.

Through God's Love,
Paul Wegner,
Senior Warden



STEWARDSHIP

IF YOUR 2014 PLEDGE IS STILL OUTSTANDING,
PLEASE BECOME A 2014 ANGEL



\$770,000 = Pledge Goal

If you are one of the current pledging families who have not yet committed for 2014, we need you to get us "in the black."

**\$692,666 =
Pledges received**

GOT WINGS?



Chris Metzger



	Increased from 2013	Same as 2013	Decreased from 2013	New Pledges	TOTALS
Number of Pledges Received	118	86	28	23	255
Percentage Change from 2013	+23%	-	- 41%	-	+4%
Average Pledge *	\$2,235	\$1,833	\$1,271	\$1,012	\$1,884
Total \$\$\$ Pledged	\$263,725	\$370,072	\$35,587	\$23,282	\$692,666

*Highest & lowest pledges removed for data normalization.

Our pledge goal for 2014 is \$770,000. To date we have received 255 pledges totaling \$692,666. We are all surrounded by angels, and it is great that we have received this pledge amount. Unfortunately, this amount is not enough to keep all the programs in place that we love so much here at St. Joseph's. So if you have not pledged, be an angel and do so today. If you have pledged, and have been blessed with the opportunity to give more, please do so today. Thank you all for all you do for us here at St. Joseph's.



FUN-RAISING



St. Joseph's "Fun"raising 2013

As of December 31, 2013, there is \$758,338.45 in the "Make Room at the Inn" capital campaign fund. Nancy and Bill Swaney put out a call to match any funds up to \$400,000. An anonymous donor donated stock that met that match, and donations were received from some other donors, as well. We have some very generous parishioners!!! Thank you!

We had a very successful and fun Mardi Gras party in February, which netted more than \$35,000 for our final phase III project that includes new and expanded offices, parish hall and kitchen.

Please consider making a pledge. Thank you for supporting our expansion. Keep in mind that our budget is \$3.5 million so keep on giving!

Thank you,
Katherine Metzger
Vestry "Fun"raising Liaison



FELLOWSHIP/ FINANCE

ECW



Gail Drane

We have had a wonderful year! The annual Bazaar and Christmas Bazaar were incredibly successful. We were able to give Children's Ministry \$1000.00 for VCC. We also gave the office a new folding machine.

Our UTO collection was \$1345.00. We gave \$500.00 to Pastor John van Hemert, \$500.00 for the Seafarers at the Port of Palm Beach as well as 100 knitted hats and socks thanks to the Sassy Sewers.

We were able to purchase two new LEM kits for our church.

We sent \$100.00 worth of medication to our sister parish, San Jose, in the Dominican Republic. The toys and headbands and beads collected will be brought down to the DR mission trip in March.

We have many new members and look forward to a blessed 2014.

In His name,
Gail Drane
President

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

The Fellowship ministries are going well...

Our Hospitality Committee met on Thursday, January 23rd, to:

- finalize the reception for Bishop Todd McGregor on Feb. 9
- organize the Lenten Wednesday nights, Easter Brunch, and Family Picnic.

Foyer Dinner Groups have gone really well and

Lynne McKague did a fabulous job putting them together!

We are always looking for new volunteers to assist with our ministries. In particular, we need more volunteers to assist with – and perhaps even take over – the Sunday morning coffee hour.

Shirley Goodrich



Thelma Gannon

FINANCE

A year on the vestry is an enlightening experience. A look at our bulletin plainly shows what a volunteer driven church we are and it is the work of the vestry to give direction to this energetic and hard working group.

Many find finance, budgets and bookkeeping boring but it is my background and passion. After a few months of working with Father Marty, Erik, Charlotte and our finance committee, I began to understand the enormous task of keeping our parish viable.

Our budget is based on our pledges and I would encourage all to state their financial intentions each year to enable the vestry to be fiscally responsible and make informed decisions when looking at our diverse ministries.

I have been doing accounts payable and have revised to biweekly processing which saves time for both staff and check signers.

St. Joseph's is so much more than a Sunday place for many of us and I look forward to my second vestry year to continue to find ways to manage and report our finances to the benefit all parishioners.

Thelma Gannon
Vestry Liaison for Finance



EVANGELISM

THE MINISTRY OF GREETERS



Being a Greeter is one of St. Joseph's very important ministries. After all, for visitors arriving, their first contact is with our greeters. Yes, "first impressions are lasting impressions". Many parishioners

Mary Lou Eastham at St. Joe's have said that one of the reasons they became members is because of the way they were received while "church shopping".

Over the last ten years, while our church grew, the Greeter volunteers have more than tripled for the 9:30 service. The 7:45 Greeters continue with their loyal duties every Sunday. Last year, because of the success of the Unplugged service at 11:45, we recruited more Greeter/Ushers. Although all services are different in their own way, all volunteers are doing an excellent job.

Every week, behind the warm smiles, extended handshakes and hugs, the Greeters get down to the "behind the scenes business". They meet with each other and decide who will take responsibility for various but important weekly tasks. Some of these include helping with the name tags, helping visitors sign the guest book, taking families over to Sunday school and the nursery, presenting the chalice and wine cruet to the altar, and handing out welcome bags. After the service they are still on duty introducing new visitors to Father Marty and making parishioners and visitors feel comfortable and welcome during coffee hour.

I would like to thank all Greeters new and old for all they do. Our church home is a better place because of you.

MaryLou Eastham

HEALING PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



It is with great joy that I report that 24 Healing Prayer Shawls were lovingly knitted/crocheted by St. Joseph's volunteers, blessed by one of our priests, and then given to friends and/or family members of our parishioners in 2013.

For those new to our parish, our Daughters of the King chapter sponsors this ministry which gives these healing shawls to those who may be in treatment or recovering from various illnesses, surgeries, or suffering from a recent loss of a loved one. This is one way we pray to bring God's comfort, love, and healing into their lives at a time when most needed.

We invite all parishioners (male, female, Youth, Seniors, & In-Betweeners) to prayerfully knit or crochet warm, cuddly shawls to be blessed by one of our priests and given with our parish's love and prayers to those in need of an extra touch of God's healing love. If you are interested in participating in this ministry by requesting a shawl for a loved one, knitting or crocheting a shawl, or making a donation to help pay for yarn, please call Bobbie Smith (736-5642) or Gail Schuler (302-7021).

In Christ's love,
Bobbie Smith

NEWCOMER BREAD MINISTRY

Visitors at each of our weekly worship services are asked to identify themselves. They are given a Welcome Bag, warmly welcomed and prayed for. In addition, they are asked to complete the card found in the Welcome Bag and place that card in the collection plate.

During the week following their visit, our local visitors/newcomers receive a small loaf of fruit/nut bread, delivered to their home, along with a



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welcome note and an invitation to come often to share in our worship and fellowship. The breads are lovingly baked by St. Joseph's volunteers and delivered by other volunteers.

In 2013, 57 loaves of bread were baked and delivered to those visitors/newcomers who came to visit and share in our worship. Our ministry purpose is always to extend a warm and loving St. Joseph's welcome to those who visit in the hope they will return often and become part of our parish family.

In Christ's love,
Bobbie Smith

USHERS ANNUAL REPORT- 2013



Robert Lees

Again, special thanks goes out to our team of ushers for their work in 2013. Besides the annual "outreach" event- the Blessing of the Animals- your ushers also served at three Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services attended by over 1000 worshippers.

Your ushers are also called upon to serve at celebrations of life, weddings, and the renewal of vows ceremony at Valentine's Day. All in all, your ushers served at over 168 services and events. Ushers are there to facilitate the worship services for others. Ushering duties are open to all, including families for the fourth Sunday of the month. A special thanks to the Haddad Family for their service. Aren't there any other families willing to add their names to the list? Won't you consider doing your part and helping others too? Please contact Dee Zlatic at the church office or Bob Lees at 561-436-7766, or bob@zaldiva.com.

Thanks again to all our wonderful ushers who served in 2013.

Robert Lees



THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW



Jerry Guthrie

The Brotherhood has been very active in the last few months. We had a joint work party with the youth and painted the fence at the sexton's house and cleaned up around the outside of the Youth House. Sam Mancuso repaired many of the kneelers in the sanctuary and worked on the door closers for two doors.

We had a faith chest work party at Bob Lees' garage and finished up the last six faith chests that we had material for. We used them for the January 26 baptisms and are awaiting a shipment of the next chest forms.

Bob LeNeve will be finishing his term as the Diocesan Director. Congratulations for an outstanding job. We will be going to St. Mary's in Stuart soon to install a new chapter there. Under Bob's leadership, we have grown from 7 chapters in the Diocese to 13!

We are now in the planning stages for the next Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, to be held March 4 from 5:15 - 7 p.m. followed by an organ recital and show by David Clyde Morse. Tickets for the dinner are \$7 or family of 3 or more for \$20.

Our brotherhood has grown. We now have junior members and an Associate member in Maryanne Rowland, adding 5 new members since November. You may be an Associate if you are a woman interested in the work of BSA. You can attend meetings and participate, but not hold office.

Remembering our purpose is to bring men and boys to Christ through Prayer, Study, and Service, we meet on the second Wednesday of each month in Van Rooyen from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. and on the 4th Saturday of each month for a breakfast and meeting from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Guthrie

Director, St. Joseph's Brotherhood Chapter



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MINISTRY OF MUSIC & LITURGICAL ARTS



**David Clyle
Morse**

In a recent sermon, Fr. Marty spoke about what a blessing it is to focus one's leadership on finding ways for others to shine. When I look around the activities of our church, I see evidence of this all over the place! However, it seems to go beyond because I also see the leaders shining brightly as well. If this is the light of Christ, then we're truly a Spirit-led church that's headed in the right direction and I couldn't be more excited about being a part of this continued life and growth.

I know that the people of the church are very grateful to the several decades of work that Bill French put into the music program through his playing of the organ and leading of the Parish Choir. We're now ready to begin ministry together, perhaps in some new ways.

It's clear to me that the people of St. Joseph's understand how important it is to support and equip music leaders and it's obvious that a foundation has been laid for the future, literally, in the form of a new music building. When I first began coming to the church in February, the choir had only occupied the new music building for about a month. The space has now been further enhanced by risers, a music folder storage cabinet and an improved administrative work area, all because of the efforts of Ray Mills, who spent countless hours over the summer getting everything ready for the new choir season in September. Prior to this, the room could only adequately accommodate 18 people on one level. Now we have comfortable seating on 3 levels for the first 32 people who arrive at any given time – and we filled them all on one Sunday in December!

The main part of my job as Minister of Worship Music is to prepare music for the 9:30 a.m. service and work with choirs. Some of the tasks are obvious, such as rehearsing, practicing, selecting music, or ordering music. Along with obvious tasks are obvious myths, or things that might have been true in another time in history. For example, a choir now needs to be an organization that knows how to embrace people who may not be able to make a full time commitment. People's lives are busy and complicated; priorities need to shift on a daily basis – sometimes choir has to take second or third place. It is hoped that in years to come there will be more people who will make a short-term commitment to projects such as the Christmas Eve and Fourth of July concerts. I believe that the foundation has been set for this new reality and that the people of the choir and I are ready to embrace all who enter – any time.

On the Sunday after Christmas, which is sometimes referred to as Low Sunday, with a small attendance, we had a big choir that was made up of regulars, occasionals, friends from out of town and curiosity seekers. Even Fr. Marty added his beautiful voice. I had hoped that we would have 50 people and there are some who would say we had only 32, but I simply say that I stopped counting around 29 . . . it wasn't about the numbers, it was about finding out if we could occasionally have a more expanded group by being intentional about learning a song that would be fun and easy. It was a wonderful way to end the year. Clearly, the choir is continuing to be a group that understands that through the worship and praise of God, the light of Christ shines – joyfully, meaningfully and deeply. Did I say joyful? Oh yes, the choir not only appeared in the balcony every Sunday but even sang joyful songs from the church steps or in the narthex prior to worship on a few Sundays – you never know where they might appear next!

Another effective way for people to participate was the creation of a Summer Choir booklet



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that contained all of the music for the months of July and August. The music was designed to be more simple in nature and more user-friendly for someone who might be trying choir for the first time or only able to be present on Sundays. Meanwhile, the summer Thursday rehearsals emphasized vocal training and improving music reading skills.

In November we re-launched a Children's Choir for students in grades 2-5. Again, times have changed and a new model needs to be set in place. One of the main features of this new model is the offering of 2 different times for rehearsing - Wednesdays at 4 o'clock for 60 minutes and Sundays at 10:45 for 20 minutes. The Sunday experience allows many to participate by focusing on just the music of the current month. The Wednesday experience allows for more time for voice teaching and song learning, especially songs that will be sung in future months. But even more important, the longer time frame on Wednesdays allows time to do what we actually pray for each week when we start our rehearsal by praying: "God, help us to know you better, to know Jesus better, to get to know each other better and to learn our music."

I am so thankful to the people of St. Joseph's for welcoming me so openly and warmly this past year and I look forward to another great year and even more new and different opportunities for ministry in the name of Christ.

Blessings,
David Clyde Morse
Minister of Worship Music



LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Olive Gill

This past year, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers took Communion to several Parishioners who were unable to attend church services because of one or more of the following reasons: they were ill, injured, in the hospital, in a rehab center, recovering from surgery, or otherwise temporarily or permanently housebound.

Visits were made weekly, biweekly, or once a month according to need.

We would like to thank Gail Drane and the E.C.W. for two communion kits very much needed. Special thanks goes to Diane Kinishi and Gene Seyffer for their dedication and servanthood in helping to make this ministry run smoothly.

If you would like to receive communion please notify the church office, Diane, Gene, or me. May we continue to grow in faith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Olive Gill

LITURGICAL MINISTERS



The Wegners

We schedule and train readers and altar ministers for the 9:30 a.m. service. Currently, there are 12 readers and 21 altar ministers on our roster. Readers recite the lessons and psalms. Altar ministers assist the clergy at the altar for Eucharist and in distributing bread and wine. They serve in a variety of roles as Deacon, Sub Deacon and Chalice Bearer. There is training involved for each role. Thank you to all who serve St. Joseph's as a Liturgical Minister. If you feel called to serve as a reader or altar minister contact us.

Paul and Barbara Wegner



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VOICES IN BRONZE YEAR END RING REPORT 2013



Sue Tiller

Throughout the year we have been given the opportunity to enhance the worship service by offering musical selections that will complement worship and follow the liturgical seasons of the church year. Our music selections try to encompass many different musical styles from

traditional hymn tunes to contemporary praise music.

This has been a truly exciting year of individual and collective growth for the Voices in Bronze, which has allowed us to stretch and reach the next level in creating music as a choir.

In March, several members of the handbell choir were able to attend the Florida State Handbell Festival held in Tarpon Springs, FL. There were over 28 handbell choirs or roughly 300 people from various church denominations who attended the two day affair. It was directed by the very talented David Harris, Director of the Raleigh Ringers. The Raleigh Ringers are an internationally acclaimed advanced community handbell choir founded in 1990. They have performed in 39 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and France. Their most popular concert, "One Winter Evening at the Meymandi", is shown regularly on PBS and they have numerous recordings to their credit. It was thrilling and a great opportunity to watch a "master" at work and have David as the director for the ringing sessions, learning how he interprets the musical score and to share his time afterwards talking with the ringers. We also had the opportunity to attend instructional and informative classes for both ringers and directors. The "singing bell" technique, which involves using a wooden dowel being moved around the lip of the bell, is one such technique that we learned at the festival. We used this when we played "Let

All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" this past Advent. Our Lenten and Spring offerings were all from the music used at the State Festival. It was a chance to recharge the batteries and get excited about playing bells all over again. After the season was over we used 2 weeks to share the classes we attended with each other.

After a brief summer hiatus, we came back ringing in September as we prepared for Advent. Having Georgene playing keyboards has allowed us to expand our repertoire with bells and piano playing together which we did in "I Wonder as I Wander" during Advent.

December 18th saw us on the road traveling to the Healey Rehabilitation Center in Rivera Beach for our annual Advent service project. Every year, we tease each other by wishing we played piccolos instead of handbells considering all the equipment we have to travel with. That aside, this was our fifth year in presenting a musical program roughly 1 hour in length, which means the bell choir must learn almost 10

pieces of music. We perform using the full Voices in Bronze, handbell choir, Vinny as a handbell soloist and our guest pianist, Jim Poch. Fr. Monte read from Isaiah



and the Gospel of Luke as we shared the Christmas story through words, song and handbell ringing. Remembering the saying from the film "It's a Wonderful Life": "Every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings", everyone was presented with a handmade bell necklace. We served the residents and staff holiday cookies and cranberry punch that we had brought with us taking time out to share the gift of music, fun and friendship. It was a wonderful evening for the patients, staff and the ringers alike.



WORSHIP

In the coming year we will look forward to raising the bar musically and to continue offering our gifts in worship and service. More important, we are always looking for new ringers. So if you get misty eyed during the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" when they say, "Every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings"... It's time to join the Few, the proud, the ringers of St. Joseph's! Come join our Handbell choir!! No experience necessary. We range from very beginner to the more advanced ringers in an intergenerational choir setting. We meet on Monday nights from 7:15-8:30 p.m. For further information please ask any Handbell choir member or call Sue Tiller at 714-6254.

-Sue Tiller

ORDER OF ST. LUKE/ LAY ANOINTING MINISTERS

The Order of St. Luke/Lay Anointing Ministers (LAMS) continued to participate with Fr. Marty each week at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday healing service for those who request prayer and anointing. At the 9:30 service, we coordinate with the Daughters of the King who pray with parishioners and then the LAMS are able to do anointing.



Barbara MacKenzie

Additionally, when the members take the Eucharist to parishioners, they are able to offer anointing and healing prayer.

When there are special services for Healing, either during Lent or other times of the year, the LAMS assist with anointing. We are there to assist Fr. Marty whenever he identifies a need.

Currently, there are eight who are participating in this



Ministry. We are fortunate to have three new Associate Members of the Order of Saint Luke who are training for full membership in that Order and subsequently will complete the training to serve as Lay Anointing Ministers.

If there is a special need or request, please contact Barbara MacKenzie at 585-9557 or barbaraehay@yahoo.com.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHAPTER



Officers: Gail Schuler, President;
Dianne Williams, Vice President;
Gail Drane, Treasurer;
Evelyn Weicker, Secretary;
Christine Pedic, Past President

The Saint Margaret of Scotland Chapter meets monthly from September through May, and holds an informal luncheon during the summer. The first Sunday of each month is "Daughters of the King" Sunday, when we all sit together in church, and take corporate communion. Daughters alternate attendance in the Lady Chapel, adjacent to the altar, for confidential intercessory prayer during communion at each Sunday service. All are welcome to pray with one of us for healing, thanksgiving, support or any other needs, for themselves or others. We maintain a daily prayer list and an emergency prayer chain. In the past year:

We organized and hosted our annual "Young at Heart" luncheon in February, honoring our parishioners over the age of 80. A four course gourmet lunch was prepared and served to more than 60 of our elders in faith. The Sunday School children sang and gave handmade cards to each guest.



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Our Chapter prepared and distributed a Lenten Devotional Booklet for our Parish, a collection of daily prayers and reflections written by our Daughters and clergy.

We were blessed to welcome six new Daughters to our Chapter in April.

Two of our members were honored to represent our Chapter in attending the Daughters of the King Diocesan Assembly in the Dominican Republic in September.

In December, our Chapter sponsored an Advent Quiet Day for Daughters, parishioners and guests. After a silent lunch, Fr. Marty was our guide for a series of meditations and reflections, and a labyrinth walk, closing with the Healing Service.

Daughters served on the Vestry and Altar Guild, as Greeters, Altar Ministers and Eucharistic Ministers, in Hospitality, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Hospital Ministry, the Choir and the ECW, attended memorial services and assisted with receptions.

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others and to become reflections of God’s love throughout the world.”

For His Sake
Gail Schuler

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ

-2 Corinthians 2:14



MINISTRY OF ACOLYTES



Sherry Thomas

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

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

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

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

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

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

Peace

Sherry Thomas
Acolyte Master



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VACATION CHURCH CAMP



Nancy Gorant

Saint Joseph's Vacation Church Camp (VCC) has been an unforgettable summer treat for children, youth, and adults for years now. This year's program, "Kingdom Rock," was led again by VCC Director Nancy Gorant, Children's Minister Dee Zlatic,

and Preschool Camp Director Barbara Wegner. Altogether we spent the week of June 10th-15th learning to "Stand Strong!"

VCC brought together 500 people from St. Joseph's and the local community! Leadership for preschool through 5th grade campers was provided by 115 youth and 68 adults. Adult and teenage crew leaders assisted 40 crews of children, each consisting of six or more kindergarten through 5th grade children. In all, 240 elementary-aged and seventy five preschoolers sang, played, and praised God!



The St. Joseph's Youth Band, directed by Mike Troina, led a packed church full of enthusiastic campers and leaders. Each

day was guided by a different bible verse and story teaching us to "Stand Strong" through God's love, family and friends, prayer, trusting God, and the Bible. The campers traveled with their crews to stations around campus at stops including Drama, Theater, Crafts, Games, and Snacks. Preschoolers had great fun in their own special program for little

ones at Pip's Palace.



For our VCC outreach this year, we collected collared shirts for local "Title One" schools that require their children to wear uniforms. Campers donated 142 collared shirts to Forest Park,

Galaxy, Palmetto, Rolling Green and Starlight Cove Elementary Schools.

Several peer churches in our community offer VCC programs with much lower attendance. St. Joseph's is truly blessed to have a strong and exciting outreach that follows our mission statement by bringing people into the fullness of Christ's family and nurturing their spiritual development.



Mark your calendar for next year's program, "Weird Animals," where Jesus' love is one of a kind! Join us June 9-14, 2014! Look for registration information in the spring at www.stjoesweb.org.

Nancy Gorant





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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Dee Zlatic

Children's Ministry serves the needs of all children from birth to 5th grade and their families.

Sunday School, for children Nursery through 5th grade occurs during the 9:30 a.m. service.

Children are escorted back to their families in church before

Communion. Curriculum is from Godly Play and Weaving God's Promises.

2013 Statistics:

Children on Database: 209

Sunday School Teachers: 21

Children's Ministry Team: 46

Luanne Varn is in her third year as Sunday School Superintendent.

Children's Choir:

David Clyde Morse began a Children's Choir this year for 2nd grade through 5th grade students. There are currently 10 members of the choir. David will initiate a kindergarten and 1st grade Choir starting in 2014.

Toddlin' Together Classes:

Designed for babies through 2 year-olds and their caregivers, the class split into 2 classes on its first day in 2013. There are currently 25 toddlers attending, of that 25, 2 are members of St. Joseph's, another toddler's family has joined the church. Because of the high numbers, an additional "toddlin'" class begins February 2014.

Additional Children's Ministry Information:

Childcare for various ages is provided from 9 a.m. through 12:45 p.m. (the end of the Unplugged Service). Childcare is also provided at special services and/or events as needed (i.e. Episcopal 101, Annual Meeting, etc). We are blessed to have

Patricia Sheaks and her father Oscar Sotomayor (lovingly called Papy) and Stephanie Wrona as ongoing childcare staff.

- ▶ **Holy Baptism** - The Sunday School classes return early to watch the baptisms at the 9:30 a.m. Service. The newly baptized receive a faith chest filled with personalized, age-appropriate items created and donated by parishioners and the church. Items include hand-crocheted lamb, hand-stitched baby quilt, embroidered towel, Christian books and music and a personalized hand-crafted baptismal banner. This year, a total of 6 children, youth and adults were baptized.
- ▶ **Holy Communion Milestone** - This series of classes for First and Second Grade (or older) students and their parents is offered to our parish and school. In 2013, the Very Reverend Doctor William Stomski assisted by Mrs. Jennifer Williams prepared 18 students and their families for Holy Communion Milestone on May 12, 2013.
- ▶ **Acolytes** - 3rd-5th grade students acolyte for the 9:30 a.m. service rather than attend Sunday School on the Sundays they serve. Sherry Thomas is Acolyte Director.
- ▶ **Vacation Church Camp** - This 6-day summer offering occurred in June. See separate report.
- ▶ **Special Events** - Children's Ministry special events include Sunday School Kick-off, old-fashioned carnival games Sunday, Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Easter and the church picnic. We are currently looking for a Special Events Chair to coordinate these activities.
- ▶ **Christmas Eve** - The 4 p.m. service had the annual "spontaneous Christmas Pageant" for children. Approximately 100 children participated. At the 6:30 p.m. service, our Jesus was played by newly born Amelie



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Rothrock, with parents and brothers as holy family and shepherds. For the third year, a special living Nativity was staged outside the fence on the grounds next to Seacrest Blvd., from approximately 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Donkeys, lambs and goats joined the parishioners who dressed as the holy family, shepherds and angels.

YOUTH OUTREACH (YO) 6TH-12TH GRADE:



I can't believe another great year has gone by and I am excited to see what 2014 brings us!

Debra Titkemeier Our Youth are some of the coolest people you will ever meet and it's so much fun watching them figure out how to work together and grow closer. This spring, you could find our youth helping in a lot of ways. We helped serve at the Young @ Heart luncheon, and with your generosity they participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring, which is a national youth-led campaign to stop hunger. They raised over \$450 for the Holy Redeemer Food Pantry. The cool thing about our youth is that they choose to help others outside of our traditional youth program. You can catch a lot of them being acolytes on Sunday, or helping make music in our youth band, the choir and the Live Hymnal band, as well as joining the Unplugged Habitat for Humanity Saturday work days.

The beginning of this summer our youth and a lot of their friends volunteered to help make St. Joe's Vacation Church Camp AWESOME!!! This year VCC was, as usually, a crazy fun time of working! Our youth became role models for a week to all the many children that were participants in the week of fun and learning. Last year's theme was Kingdom Rock! Our youth were awesome shepherding the children around as well as leading

and entertaining them. We love VCC! Beyond helping others the youth team up to help raise money for the things they love to do. Each spring and fall they and their awesome parents give about three days to prepare each Yard Sale to cover some of the cost of their summer and winter Kanuga trips. This year, after a week of volunteering for VCC our youth loaded up the bus and headed to North Carolina to attend youth week at Kanuga. The High School students attend SYP and the Middle School students attend JYP. Kanuga is such a great place for our youth. It is a second home to a lot of them; a place they can be with friends and safe place to just be themselves. We also have a lot of our graduated youth joining the Youth Week and Winterlight teams to help put on these events! They all love going and being at Kanuga!

This summer 2014 we have a new group of youth going on Pilgrimage! They are Savi Benner, Shay Benner, Allie Carpenter, Sophia Pisana, Patrick Rowland and Alisson Sealy. Together with their facilitators, Karen Antonucci, Carrie Frazer, and Rich Haney, they have been preparing and fundraising this past year. One of their fund raisers was a Caribbean Dinner, which was new and very tasty! It was a really fun night! Thank you for all who came out and all that have supported our other fund raisers! Please join us at our 5 course gourmet Italian Dinner February 15th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in the church office for \$30.

To start off the school year of youth groups and events, we went to Disney's Night of Joy. It was such a fun night of rides and music. We then started out Wednesday and Sunday Youth groups. Last year's Rite 13, J2A, Pilgrims and Wednesday Night Madness groups not only met for learning and fellowship they also got to participate in fun events such as costume bowling, Lock in's Pumpkin Carving, Christmas Caroling, Etc. We could not have done any of our Youth events without the help and support of their parents and of course their amazing facilitators! The facilitators



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are also some of the coolest people you will ever meet! They really care about our youth and get to know them as well as teach them. It's not always the easiest of jobs when you're working with teenagers but it is highly rewarding! I want to thank each one of them for taking on this role and being awesome at it! Thank you, Karen Antonucci, Carrie Frazer, and Rich Haney (facilitators of the Pilgrims); Lorraine Baker, Rocco Casucci, Brent Langley and Sherry Thomas (facilitators of J2A) and Carrie Guthrie and Debra Titkemeier (Facilitators of Rite 13).

We had a good 2013 and 2014 is looking awesome! On behalf of all our youth I want to thank everyone at St. Joseph's for all the support you have given and continue to give us! THANK YOU!!!!

Debra Titkemeier
Youth Minister

THE MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP



Fr. Wm. Stomski

A year ago we took on the task, along with a couple other small groups within the parish, of reading the Bible in a year with the Bible Challenge Program. It had been presented by the National Convention to promote greater interest in Bible study and the nurturing of

faith with a stronger scriptural basis. Bishop Frade was very much behind promoting this project, so the challenge was made to the parishes of our diocese. Many congregations enthusiastically welcomed the program and got on board as many of the clergy committed to writing a blog to offer insights and meaning into the multiple daily readings.

Our Monday night group can now say we have

successfully reached the goal! We have read the Bible in a one year period. Upon its completion we will continue to do a study of the Book of Revelation, which received a lot of interest when it was a part of the Bible Challenge series. We have only managed at present to deal with the opening chapter. We will continue this study now into the Spring. When we approach Lent, we will stop to engage in the Parish wide study, then again return to Revelation.

Please consider joining us! We have fluctuated in size from 24 to 12 on the average, and realize that personal schedules and commitments can sometimes interrupt a regular weekly attendance. But that is not a problem and we are grateful for all and any folks when they are able to attend. Many of us start at 6:00 with a pot-luck supper to have an opportunity for interactive fellowship. The Bible study then begins at 6:30, the time when other guests will join us. We always end by 8:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to talk with Father William, or any of the other adults who attend. Father William can be reached by email at wstomski@sjsonline.org or his cell phone at 561-779-5119.

Father William Stomski





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ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR



Chris Lockhart

2013 was a banner year for recycling and Green Faith efforts at St. Joseph's. A core team of Rev. Wendy, Rosalind Murray, Karen Antonucci, Sandy Kantorow and I hammered out a Policy of Green Faith for St. Joe's during the summer months.

It was approved by the vestry and has been published in the bulletin and the Carpenter. Strengths and weaknesses in our recycling practices were reviewed and consistent guidelines were developed. Solid Waste Authority provided information during the Sunday coffee hour, which was followed by tours of their facilities attended by several members of our congregation. October 20th was "Green Sunday" and the official "kick-off" for implementing our recycling program. Rev. Wendy presented a beautiful "green" sermon at all services. New recycling containers were placed around campus and efforts were coordinated with St. Joseph's school through Michelle Donahue. We now are paying less for a smaller trash dumpster and a larger recycling receptacle. The goal is to make recycling easy at church and at home. Changing habits takes time and patience.

The stalwart and mighty fine small group of "Garden Angels" continue to help with occasional spruce-up days to maintain the butterfly garden on the south side of the church and the dune sunflower patch that leads to the overflow parking area. Mother Nature continues to challenge our xeriscape efforts in the absence of irrigation but we give it our best as time and availability allow. We also assist the Junior Warden with planting flowers donated for Earth Sunday in April.

In 2014, we hope to:

- ▶ Involve the youth and others to be monitors during coffee hour to remind us of the recycling guidelines so we can get it right and build on the foundation laid.
- ▶ Work toward the goals of becoming part of the Green Faith initiative, a national interfaith collaborative.
- ▶ Expand the Green Team to include other interested people and members involved with major events and dinners and maintain recycling practices whenever possible.
- ▶ Share environmentally friendly ideas and practices.
- ▶ Continue to maintain the butterfly garden and coordinate efforts for Earth Sunday (after Easter). We need extra helpers so please contact me if you're interested or available.

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

Cheers,
Chris Lockhart



TECHNICAL MINISTRIES

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Sherry Thomas

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

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

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

Sherry Thomas

WEBSITE AND GRAPHIC DESIGN



Susan Oakes

During 2013 I continued with the maintenance and design of the main website of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, www.stjoesweb.org, under the supervision of Vestry liaison Sherry Thomas.

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. 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 "photog", Georgia Handy.

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!

I continue to provide graphic design (print and web) page layout services for The Carpenter and this Annual Report, as part of my ministry in conjunction with Rich Haney, who coordinates, edits, and generally mops up after me, keeping us all on deadline!

The Technical Ministries team we have built, Rich Haney, John Carpenter, Sherry Thomas, Brian Rowland, Georgia Handy, Karen Antonucci and myself support each other and contribute to the ever-changing challenge 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

Webmaster

CARPENTER REPORT



Rich Haney

2013 was quite a year for the various Technology Ministries at St. Joseph's!

In late July, we sustained damage from a lightning strike. We lost a major component of our audio system, most of the phone system, one of the video surveillance recorders, and our network router. We were able to get most things

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up and running within a couple of days – many thanks to Charles Milling and Sherry Thomas for their roles in that – and we limped along until all of the things were either fixed or replaced.

Part of this recovery was the installation of our new digital audio control console. This new console provides a lot more flexibility and capability than the old analog system, and can even be controlled remotely through an iPad. We'll have more flexibility in speaker and microphone configuration and the new system has superior lightning protection, as well.

This year, we were also able to replace the computers for the office staff. The computers they had ranged from a few years old to a lot of years old, and we had reached the limits of what we could do with them to make them perform. We were fortunate to find new PCs at a good price, and we also found an organization that specializes in offering software donated to non-profits – so, for the first time in my memory, all of the staff are running computers with the same software versions, and we were able to stay within our budget to make it happen.

There is absolutely no way that our Technology Ministries could function without our dedicated group of volunteers. Sherry Thomas heads up the IT ministry, which handles the computers and the security surveillance. I help out on the computer part. Sherry also, with the very capable assistance of John Carpenter, runs the audio/visual for all of the services (if anyone would like to step up to learn these functions, especially for services other than the 9:30 Sunday service, please see Sherry).

Also under Technology Ministries is, of course, the design and maintenance of the websites. Sue Oakes maintains and hosts the St. Joe's website (<http://www.stjoesweb.org>), and Micah Kvidt handles the Unplugged site (<http://www.stjoesunplugged.org>).

Sue Oakes works with me to produce the Carpenter, which we publish three times a year in addition to this Annual Report. Sue does the layout work, which is the real heavy lifting. We've switched our primary distribution of Carpenter to electronic format, downloadable from the website, but there are printed copies available in the narthex.

And, of course, we cannot forget Karen Antonucci, who handles our Public Relations/Communications ministry. Karen has implemented the church's use of Constant Contact, which allows us to more easily email information to members of the congregation that have requested it. If you would like to be on the list to receive emails about events, or just "breaking news" at St. Joseph's, please contact Charlotte in the office.

Peace,

Rich Haney

Vestry Liaison, Technology Ministries,





OUTREACH MINISTRY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE



Linda Sorenson

The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to determine the distribution of the income (\$60,000) from The Benevolent Fund to programs and charities in our greater Christian community.

The committee presents their recommendations to the Vestry

for final approval. Our committee for 2013 was: Kenneth Albrecht, Gail Drane, Christine Pedic, Matthew Phillips, Linda Sorenson, and Fr. Marty Zlatic.

We participated in several events with the charities we support. The C.R.O.S. Ministries "Walk to End Hunger" October 13 raised \$2,350.00 from our parish. Parish members attended another fundraising event for C.R.O.S. Ministries at D.I.G. restaurant in Delray Beach November 25 and assisted in the US Postal Service Food Drive May 12. We attended a Family Promise fundraising event at The Seagate Beach Club November 12.

The Vestry approved the following recommendations.

Holy Redeemer, Lake Worth	\$8,000.00
Kairos Prison Ministry	2,000.00
Our Little Roses , Honduras	1,000.00
Family Promise, (Homeless)	2,000.00
Bishop Todd & Rev.	
Patsy McGregor, Madagascar	6,000.00
St. Joseph's Episcopal School	3,000.00
Southeast FL Foundation	
(Episcopal Charities)	1,000.00
Mission Trip to Dom. Rep.	10,000.00
Fr. Marty's Doctoral expenses	5,977.13
Fr. William's pension	9,600.00
Caridad Center, medical care	1,000.00
C.R.O.S. Ministries,	1,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of	

South Palm Beach Co.	1,000.00
Dean (Fr. Pierre S. Gabaud)	
of the Seminary	
School of Theology, Haiti	1,000.00
Haitian Broadcast Ministry	
Diocese of SE Florida	1,000.00
Rector's Discretionary Fund	6,422.87
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	\$60,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sorenson

ANGEL TREE



Karen Haney

The Angel Tree outreach program works with Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church in Lake Worth to provide clothing, shoes, and gifts for children who would not otherwise receive anything at Christmas.

Holy Redeemer also ministers to a number of homeless adults, and this program provides work boots and sneakers to them.

"What do you mean, you have no more Angels? I need to do something!"

This is not a bad thing for the Angel Tree outreach coordinator to hear, but it does not mean we did not have our share of challenges this year.

Our first challenge this year was our schedule. Usually, our first Angel Tree weekend is the one immediately before Thanksgiving. This year, in order to have all the gifts back in time for St. Joseph's Episcopal School to host the 12/13 dinner and distribute the shoes, we started two weekends before Thanksgiving. As a result, all who came looking for Angels on Thanksgiving weekend were very surprised to see an empty tree.



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Our second challenge was our Angel count. We average 200-300 children each year, shared between St. Joseph's Church and School, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and others. This year, we received a list of only 100 children. We also had a list of 78 work boot and sneaker requests. So, we shared the list of shoes with St. Paul's and St. Andrew's, and fretted over the children's list - who might be missing from the list this year? So, St. Joseph's Church very quickly signed out all 100 children's Angels before Thanksgiving, and then we advised all the other groups and our own parishioners to consider generic gifts for children who may have been missing off our list.

We had a very successful year with Angel Tree, filling all requests, and adding an entire car load of generic gifts to the mix. I thank all who helped - office staff and volunteers, school staff, children, and families, the bagging and transportation crews, and, of course, our entire parish, who filled all the Angel requests. I look forward to working with all of you next November and December for the 2014 Angel Tree program.

Karen Haney

PALANCA FOOD MINISTRY

Once a month, 6 to 8 volunteers from St. Joseph's go to Holy Redeemer Church, Lake Worth, to serve dinner to the needy and, in many cases, the homeless people who live near the church. The volunteers may be assigned to buy and bake 96 ounce lasagnas, or buy 8 loaves of Italian bread, or buy the salad ingredients, or buy 40 pounds of bananas, or buy tomato sauce and meatballs and juice. The volunteers get to the church around 3:30 p.m., prepare the salad, heat the meatballs and sauce, slice and butter the bread, make the lemonade, strip the bananas from the

stalk, slice and plate pies and cakes (that are in the refrigerators at the church), and make the parish hall ready for the guests. At 4:30 p.m., we join hands, ask a blessing on the food and those who are there and start serving dinner. This all sounds simple enough, but it does require the volunteers to give up some of their personal time to shop for the dinner, and to serve the dinner to our brothers and sisters in Christ. This is where we are rewarded. Most of the guests thank us and some say "God bless you." These blessings make it all worthwhile. The parish hall and kitchen are sometimes unbearably hot, the guests may not be clean, and in some instances may not smell good, but the blessings erase all the discomfort the volunteers may feel. This is where the rubber hits the road: we are carrying out Christ's admonition to feed the hungry.

When you see one of these volunteers, please thank them for being St. Joseph's ministers to the poor and homeless in Lake Worth. These ministers are: Kay Baker, Ellen Houck, Gail Drane, Tania Gaines, Thelma Gannon, Ron and Cheryl Laski, Eloise and Winsor Lee, Marg and Ken Marble, Catherine McCloud, Nancy Murry, Dawna Poirier, Phyllis Roberts, Pat Shanley, Linda Sorenson and Rel Prince.

Ken Albrecht





OUTREACH MINISTRY

HUMAN NEEDS MINISTRY



Do you like to serve others? Do you like to meet great people and have fun?

St. Joseph's many Human Need Ministries have a place for you.

Christine Pedic

Here are some of the ways we gave our time in 2013:

- Serving food to the hungry with Palanca Food Pantry at Holy Redeemer Church, Lake Worth
- Visiting prisoners with Kairos
- Bringing God's word to the imprisoned with singing at Kairos Serenade
- Helping prisoners' families with Kairos Outside
- Cheering the sick with Flower Delivery
- Hospital and Nursing Home Visits
- Delivering meals to the sick and homebound with Food Outreach
- Sewing and crafting with Sassy Sewers
- Preparing and serving Thanksgiving dinner at Holy Redeemer
- Continued to serve with Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative

We also gave of our treasure in:

- Donating food for the baskets in the narthex
- Giving school supplies and hygiene products
- Cooking and baking for Food Outreach
- Donating sewing supplies for Sassy Sewers
- Supporting Mission Trips with fundraising dinners, coffee and tea sales
- United Thank Offering, collected every spring
- Holiday gifts for needy children and shoes for working adults with Holy Redeemer Angel Tree
- Distribution of funds through the Outreach Committee

Huge thanks to all who supported our efforts with

time, treasure and most importantly prayer. We welcome new helping hand and fresh ideas. Please contact me at 561-267-1764 or any of the ministry leaders as listed on the back of the bulletin.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"

1 Peter 4:10

Respectfully,
Christine Pedic

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Once a year, we collect money we have put aside for Blessings we have received thru the year. Our UTO collection for last year was over \$1,300.00.

Our donations help support grants both in the USA & all over the world. You will be receiving a letter & the information on this years's collection soon.

Thank You,
Ellen Newell





OUTREACH MINISTRY

SASSY SEWERS



Marla Peck

First we would like to thank our congregation for their support throughout the year. In 2013 we had our Easter sale, pillow sale, hat and scarf sale, back to school sale – you name it, the congregation came and bought. For this reason we are able to make so many donations.

In January we gave \$50 to support the Young at Heart luncheon and \$100 to Food for the Poor. At Easter-time we created 18 Easter baskets for our sick and homebound parishioners. The baskets and visits are always warmly received.

For the mission trip to the Dominican Republic, we gave \$50 for medicines and sewed terry cloth bibs for the nursing home residents. In April we gave \$200 to Fr. Marty for Madagascar after the terrible storms there. We also donated \$200 for the victims of tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri and received a touching thank-you note from them.

We donated bedsheets and towels to soldiers at halfway house. We also gave 26 baby rompers to the Children’s Minister for needy children.

The ECW had a visit from the chaplain of the Seafarers Ministry. He told us what was badly needed by workers on ships. Our donation to them was 48 pairs of socks and 70 hats. Betty Cuffe helped us with this. We could not have knitted so many that quickly. Thank you, Betty!

We helped Lucy Baker with the flower arrangements for Mardi Gras.

Our numbers are dwindling, and Lucy offered to write a notice for the bulletin. Lo and behold, another Betty, Betty Neumeister, joined us. She has brought pillows, cloth children’s books, cloth maps and her expertise to this group. We can’t

thank her enough. You are special, Betty!

Lucy Baker has joined us until she moves. She has helped so much. We finished a quilt together. She does beautiful crochet work and will teach anyone who wants to learn crochet or knitting. Thank you Lucy!

Lindel Mason continues to design and sew girls’ dresses. Dresses are donated to Foster Children and other organizations, and are available at the Fall Bazaar as well as throughout the year. Many parishioners love to give these pretty dresses as Christmas and Easter gifts. Thank you for sharing your talents, Lindel!

In August we are always ready to give to the Foster Children. They receive dresses, shirts, jeans, shoes and pillows. We also donated school supplies with money raised by Betty Cuffe from the sale of knitted caps and scarves. Thank you, Betty!

Janet Gibson makes the crosses for the welcome bags for newcomers. Thank you, Janet, for helping in so many ways!

I cannot forget our new Sassy Sewer Carolyn, who joined us in November. She crochets lovely hats and scarves.

There are many ways that we all work together, especially for the Bazaar. We were very blessed that our table made \$400 at the Bazaar. Thanks to Gail Drane and Tania Gaines for your hard work! We donated \$200 to the ECW.

A new project this year is hand-dyed silk scarves. We use recycled silk ties to create a variety of patterns and colors on fine silk fabric. Thanks to all the gentlemen of the parish for your ties!

Our biggest event of the year was the 90th birthday of Pauline Woodside. We celebrate everyone’s birthday, but this milestone for Pauline was special. She helps me with cutting out the squares and arranging them for the baptismal



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quilts. For so many years she has been a faithful helper and we salute her and wish her well! Well done, Faithful Steward.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Peck

HOSPITAL VISITORS

The Hospital Visitors ministry has changed drastically since the new privacy laws went into effect.

In past years we were able to go the hospital's front desk, ask for the list of Episcopalian patients and receive the names and room numbers. We could visit those from St. Joseph's, those from other churches as well as those not currently church affiliated. It was a great outreach program.

Now we have to know the patient's name in order to visit them. The hospital does not notify the church when a parishioner is admitted. It is up to you or your family to call the church office or call me directly (561-276-1723). We are particularly concerned about those from our St. Joseph's family who do not have a family member with them if they need help. Once I called before visiting someone and they need a hairbrush. One just said "I need chocolate"! Most of the time it's just a hand to hold while praying.

We have had few requests for visits this year, due, in part, to lack of communication and short hospital stays. Twice I was told of a need for a visit, went the next day and the patient had been discharged. Thankfully! We are always glad to know that people are well enough to go home. Sometimes I don't hear of a hospital stay until after the fact. Often this is because the patient was a long time church member who received lots of visits and help. We would like to see newer or less well-known people received the same love and attention. So please let me or the church office staff know if you or someone else would like a hospital visit. Wishing you the best of health in 2014.

Sarah Barnes

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

2013 was the 18th year of the Blessing of the Animals (BOA) Service which is the largest outreach activity in the community thanks to the dedicated planning committee here at St. Joseph's!

St. Joseph's holds the largest BOA Service in the area and uniquely hosts all animals (and their owners) in church for a Service and Blessing. This year we had over 300 in attendance for the event. We were blessed with warm weather this year and hosted the ever-popular "Pet Parade" and an impressive demonstration by the Boynton Beach and Delray Beach canine units.

Raffle ticket sales, combined with our sponsors - Culinary Solutions, Roadway Tire, Boynton Memorial Chapel and Dignity Chapel - enable us to cover all costs of this event and provide a fundraising opportunity for St. Joe's. This year we were able to raise just over \$3500.00.

And after all expenses we had a profit of just over \$800.00 which was placed in the operating expense budget.

This year's St. Francis Award was presented to Debbie Majors, Executive Director for D4DV (Dogs for Disabled Vets). Founded in 2009, D4DV's mission is to help disabled veterans, and was founded on the basis that there is a need to provide veterans the service, help, love and affection a dog can bring for a veteran's independence. D4DV works with shelters and rescue centers which provide dogs to train as Service Dogs. The dogs are trained by inmates through the D4DV Train the Trainer program at the Martin County Corrections Institute.

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

Dianne Williams