

First Annual Henderson House Celebration Dinner

All proceeds to be used for garden equipment and yard projects at Henderson House

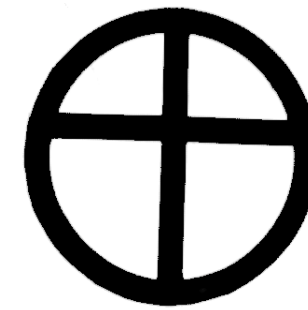
Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya; Seafood Jambalaya
Eggplant, Corn and Cheese Casserole; Salad
Ice Cream Bar

...all prepared by a ragin' Cajun Episcopal chef, Charlie Merino

Advance ticket sales only \$20.00 adult
 \$10.00 5-12 years
 \$ 5.00 under 5

Deadline to purchase tickets April 11
Purchase Tickets from Serena Wyckoff or the Rector, or from the Office
during the Week
Saturday, April 17, 6:00-8:00, Miller Hall

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The Great Three Days: Our Annual Revival

The Great Three Days, traditionally known as "the Paschal Triduum," is, for churches like ours in the catholic tradition, our annual revival as a community of faith. For three days we slowly and carefully tell the story of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus in the context of his own Jewish Passover tradition.

We begin on Maundy Thursday with a simple Seder supper, followed by a celebration of the Eucharist on the very night on which Jesus commanded us to do this in memory of him. That celebration includes the "mandatum" (footwashing), in imitation of that other act of profound servanthood of Jesus on the night before he died.

Until midnight on Maundy Thursday and from 7 am to 7 pm on Good Friday, we keep "the Watch" in the Chapel, as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Our Good Friday Liturgy is not so much a dwelling on Christ's death as much as a service of quiet joy in the face of the love that drove Jesus to be "lifted up so that I might draw the whole world to myself."

After the sun sets on Holy Saturday, we light a new fire to begin the Great Vigil of Easter, the heart of the Christian Year and the principal celebration of the resurrection. This year we are blessed with the baptism of an adult, Patrick Hardy, by whose baptism we all see our own resurrection.

See inside for the full Holy Week and Easter schedule.



Annual Meeting & Ministry Fair May 2

The Annual Meeting of Glenn Dale Parish is scheduled for 11:15 am on Sunday, May 2, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. All eligible voters, and all others associated with the parish, are urged to join us for this important meeting. A list of eligible voters is posted on the narthex bulletin board or is available from the office. Eligible voters are those age 16 years or older who are communicants in good standing of the parish at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

There will be four items on the agenda for the meeting: 1) the election of new members of the Parish Vestry and Diocesan Convention Delegate and Alternate, 2) the consideration of a change to the bylaws of the Parish, 3) the required reports from the Parish officers, and 4) a report on the discernment process to propose a new community ministry or ministries for the parish.

The report of the Nominating Committee and the proposed bylaws amendment follows. See the separate article about the Ministry Fair.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following members of St George's who wish to submit their names as nominees for the vacant Vestry positions:

For a 1-year term (one position open)

- Steven Pigott

For a 2-year term (four positions open; five if the amendment to the by-laws passes).

- Susan Geiger
- Martha Horn [incumbent]
- Rowland Hoke
- Audrey Profitt [incumbent]
- Linda Sanches

The Nominating Committee is also pleased to announce the following members of the parish who wish to submit their names for Convention Delegate and Alternate Delegate:

- Karen Horrocks Convention Delegate [incumbent]
- Jeffrey Williams Alternate Delegate

The Nominating Committee consisted of Libbie Griffin (Senior Warden), Lee Rowe (Junior Warden), and Lois Rapp, as appointed by the Rector and confirmed by the Vestry. The following members of the Vestry will be "retiring:" Libbie Griffin, Thyra Packett, and Lee Rowe.

Proposed By-law Amendment

The following resolution will be considered at the Annual Meeting, as approved unanimously by the Vestry at its meeting on March 2004:

"Resolved, that the following amendment be made to the By-laws of Glenn Dale Parish, effective immediately upon passage:

That Article III, Section 4 be amended to read "There shall be *nine* members of the Vestry . . ."

The reason for this proposed change is to enhance the ability of the Vestry to liaise with the various ministry areas. Specifically, the Vestry feels that the area of Buildings and Grounds is a sufficiently large area to require the attention of two Vestry members.

Annual Ministry Fair: Our Other Yearly Stewardship Opportunity

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, all will adjourn to Miller Hall for our Annual Ministry Fair. It is our annual time to pledge our time and talent for various ministries at St. George's. ALL ministry volunteering at St. George's is for a one-year period (June 1 to May 31 annually). That means that if you want to continue in a ministry, sign-up!

There are two categories of ministries: Sunday Ministries and Committee and Other Ministries. Sunday Ministries will have a separate area for sign-ups. These include Acolytes, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Readers, Hospitality Teams, Eucharistic Ministers, Sunday School Teachers, and Children's Sermon Time Leaders.

Each Area Ministry Committee will have its own table. These include: Buildings & Grounds, Christian Formation, Evangelism, Finance, Pastoral Care, Social Action, and Stewardship,

We in the church often think of "stewardship" as the pledging of financial resources. Equally important is the pledging of our time and talent through the many of ministries of St. George's.

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- Debbie Nebel, Clerk
- Karen Horrocks, Convention Delegate
- John Clinton Bradley, Alternate Convention Delegate

Mission Statement

The mission of St. George's is to build a Christian community of love and support that actively seeks and includes all people.

We commit ourselves to spiritual growth through worship and education that empowers us to follow Christ's example in the world.

St. George's Spring Yard Sale

by Serena Wyckoff

Spring is really here (at long last!) and it is time to start planning for St. George's next yard sale. The date is set for Saturday, May 1, and there is a lot to do in preparation. We can all start by going through our closets and putting aside items that need new homes. After all, it *is* time for spring cleaning! And if you would like to lend a hand, we need all the help we can get. There will be many tasks that will require just a little bit of time, so don't feel that you can't help if you're not there on the day of the sale. But if you can help on that day, that's great, too!



To find out how you might get involved with the yard sale, please call or email me (301-459-1941; serena301@att.net). Yard sales are important fundraisers for St. George's, so let's make this one a great success!

Please watch the weekly bulletin for times to bring in donations on the Thursday and Friday before the sale, or call the Office to make an appointment to bring in things. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board to help on the day of the sale.

March Vestry Report

The following actions were taken at the March meeting of the Vestry:

- Audrey Profitt was elected to fill the position vacated by Leigh Hollis (due to her move to Iowa) until the Annual Meeting.
- A Ministry Review was begun in the area of Worship. It is the intention of the Vestry to do a Ministry Review of one or two areas of ministry at St. George's each year.
- An amendment to the bylaws of the Parish was approved for vote at the Annual Meeting (see page 2). The possibility of proposing an amendment to extend Vestry terms from two years to three years was decided against.
- Plans for the Annual Meeting and Ministry Fair were completed.

Area Youth Ministry Goes to Camp Letts

by Erin Iverson, Area Youth Minister

The diocesan middle school retreat, "Let the Games Begin", was held March 5-7. Our Area Youth Ministry had eight middle school students, one high school student leader, and four adult youth leaders in attendance. Our weekend was full of spirit, fun, and a hard look at competition in our lives and how we deal with it. Our middle school students experienced small group activities and discussions, ice-breaker activities, games, and arts and crafts in the environment of Camp Letts. We spent time looking at how competition in school, in our social activities, and in our church activities impacts our lives and our relationships with God and with each other.

The retreat itself hosted over 130 middle school students and adult youth leaders, which made for some very interesting and fun-filled times. At the end of the weekend, our youth said good-bye to their new friends from around the diocese, in anticipation of our next event when they will see each other again to share in God's love and work in their lives.



Front Row: Trevor Jones (St. A), Tatiana Wynn (St. C), Ellen Woodbridge (St. A); Second Row: Marylyn Agonloye (St. C), Tori Johnson (St. G), John Perkinson (St. A), Amy Carpenter (St. A), Zoë Woodbridge (St. A); Third Row: Karen Horrocks (St. G), Jo Mimms (St. C), Richard Maduka (St. C), Oliver Farley (St. C); Not Pictured (because she was taking the picture) Erin Iverson (Area Youth Minister).