

Letters to the Romans

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John S. Kirkland, Jr.

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Through 2014:

Russ Jennings Andve Moss

Suzanne Scott

Bob Steinbruegge

Through 2015:

Cooper Crawford

David Hunter

Through 2016:

Andy Anderson

Sue Anderson

Peggy Nash

Stephen Smith



Lenten Service Schedule- 2014

March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

6:00 p.m. Daniel Hall

March 5 Ash Wednesday Services*

7:00 a.m. Chapel Noon Church 7:00 p.m. Church

March 6, 13, 20, 27 Evening Prayer

5:30 p.m. Chapel

Led by Rev. Dr. Don Black

March 11, 18, 25 Stations of the Cross

5:30 p.m. Church

Led by St. Peter's Clergy

March 16, 23, 30 Lenten Adult Forum Series

11. a.m. Daniel Hall

Led by Rev. John F. Herring

*Please note that the 5.30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service normally held at Berry's Barnwell Chapel will not be held this year due to a conflict with the college's scheduled Spring Break. Also, there will be no Celtic service on this day.

Rector: The Reverend John Foster Herring & Associate Rector: The Reverend Janice Bracken Wright & Associate Rector: The Reverend Nikki Mathis & Seminarian: Kemper Anderson & Choirmaster & Director of Music: Dr. Fredrick Tarrant & Organist: Wanda Cantrell & Parish Administrator: Terri Borchardt & Parish Sexton: Sheila Kinnebrew & Newsletter Editors: Marny Busbin (marnyr@bellsouth.net) & Andye Moss (agm614@aol.com) & Layout Editor: Spencer Musick (layout@letterstoromans.info) & Church Photographer: Curt Yarbrough (CHY813@hotmail.com)

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Evening Prayer and the Daily Office: A Lenten Worship Opportunity with Ancient Roots







Evening Prayer

By The Reverend Dr. Donald Black

Evening Prayer, like its sibling Morning Prayer, is rooted in the daily worship of the early Christians. Their order, in turn, had been copied from the worship patterns of the Jewish community - from which most of them had come.

By the second century, daily morning and evening prayers, as well as, psalms and canticles (sung scriptural verses) were adopted, and in some areas, readings and instruction were included. An evening service was introduced by a blessing of light and sometimes associated with an agape meal. These liturgies were soon referred to as the Daily Office. (In the Church's vocabulary, "Office" means a non-Eucharistic service, one that takes place in the choir or chapel.) The monastic communities prayed the Office, or differing versions of it, several times a day and the "perfected" edition of their usage and experience is found in our *Book of Common Prayer*. The traditional language version is found on pp. 37-73, and the contemporary version on pp. 75-102.

For years, Morning Prayer was the chief Liturgy for Sunday mornings until the 1979 Book acknowledged that the Holy Eucharist is "the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day." Part of the popularity of Morning Prayer was that a priest was not required to officiate, which meant that small or rural congregations could survive when priests were only occasionally available. Additionally, the 1928 Holy Communion was lengthy, ill-arranged and priest-centered, which made Morning Prayer a readily preferred alternative.

Evening Prayer, which is simply Morning Prayer with an evening focus, will be back at St. Peter's this Lent; it will be read each Thursday from March 6th -April 10th at 5:30 pm. So come and get reacquainted with this old friend (and for some, a new one) and get further acquainted with the riches of the *Book of Common Prayer*, and discover what has proved to be a personal and enriching source of Lenten discipline and spirituality.

Need a Lenten Devotional at Noon, or a liturgical end to the day? There is a rite for that. Short on time? There is a rite for that too. Also, there is an app for that! Just search for 'BCP' in the iOS or Android app stores for a program that provides the day's office readings as listed in the prayer book, updated continuously for convenient and easy use on-the-fly.

In addition to the Morning and Evening Daily Offices, The *Book of Common Prayer* also offers offices for Noonday, Late Evening, and for the close of the day. You can also find shorter forms of each service for more convenient use by individuals and families. These make excellent devotionals and many people find them a meaningful addition to their Lenten disciplines. More information concerning the various rites, along with the orders for all of these services, can be found beginning on page 36 of the BCP.

St. Peter's JOY Group on the Move!

Coming Up: A Trip to the Breman Museum



First, our JOY group will enjoy a guided tour of the **Return To Rich's** exhibit: The Pink Pig. Fashionata. The Magnolia Room. The Great Tree. These terms evoke memories of Rich's. The Breman Museum is bringing Atlanta's favorite store back for an exciting interactive exhibition that spans 150 years of Rich's history.

Then, we will be treated to a **catered lunch** crafted by in-house caterer *A Kosher Touch* and inspired by the Magnolia Room recipes. And finally, we will visit the signature exhibit **Absence of Humanity: The Holocaust Years, 1933** - **1945** *Absence of Humanity* describes the systematic murder of six million European Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators. The story is told through historical photographs and documents, personal memorabilia and family pictures, and in the voices of those who survived and made new lives in Atlanta.

Monday, April 7, 2014
Depart St. Peter's at 8:30 a.m.
Return by 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$50 per person covers transportation, admission and lunch.
Because of museum requirements, the deadline for registration is noon on Monday, March 31.
A non-refundable payment is required for each registration. 706-291-9111.
The trip is limited to 30 participants

Looking Back: A Trip to the Cathedral Antique Market

Due to unexpected winter weather, the JOY trip to the Cathedral Antiques Show was rescheduled to Saturday, February 1. But neither the snow Armageddon of 2014 nor the delay could keep the JOY group and guests from some antiquing retail-therapy! In all, 28 travelers made the journey to Atlanta. They enjoyed not only the antique store, but also Inspiration Avenue Exhibits, the Cathedral Book Store, flower displays, various speakers, lunch on the mezzanine, and more. The return bus was weighed down with books, stationary, artwork, jewelry, linens, lamps, a large leather wing chair, and the happy memories that arose from an activity-packed day!

-Editors' Note: Many thanks to Rev. Janice Wright for providing the Letters with the above information on this one-of-a kind JOY trip!



Sarah Kilgore & Betty Andrews browse the bookstore



Beautiful Floral Displays Grace St. Philips

	March 2014- Parish Calendar					
	(Services listed in Bold , Special Activities in <i>Italics</i>)					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Activity Locations: Rite I: Chapel Rite II: Church	ilion	Tuesday Activity Locations: Pancake Supper: Daniel Hall	Wednesday Activity Locations: Celtic Service: Chapel Dinner: Daniel Hall	Thursday Activity Locations: Bible Study: Rhodes Wyatt Room Evening Prayer: Chapel		1
2 Epiphany VIII 8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 9.00 a.m. Breakfast 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 11.15 a.m. Christian Formation	3	4 Shrove Tuesday 12.15 p.m. Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 6.00 p.m. Pancake Supper	5 Ash Wednesday (See Page I for Service times and locations) No Celtic Eucharist or Dinner	6 10.00 a.m. Bible Study 5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer	7 Vestry Retreat, Monteagle, 7-9 March.	8
9 Lent I 8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I	10	11 12.15 p.m. Healing Service &	12 5.30 p.m. Celtic Eucharist	13 10.00 a.m. Bible Study	14	15 ECW Lenten Meditation
9.00 a.m. Breakfast 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 11.15 a.m. Christian Formation		Holy Eucharist 5.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross	6 p.m. Dinner	5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer		(House of Dreams, Berry College) 10-a.m2 p.m.
16 Lent II 8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 9.00 a.m. Breakfast 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 11.15 a.m. Christian Formation 4.00 p.m. Jackson Hodges Sr. Recital	17	Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 5.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross	6 p.m. Dinner	20 10.00 a.m. Bible Study 5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer	21	22
Lent III 8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 9.00 a.m. Breakfast 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 11.15 a.m. Christian	24 Newsletter Submission Deadline Soup Kitchen though 3-28	12.15 p.m. Healing Service &	26 5.30 p.m. Celtic Eucharist 6 p.m. Dinner	27 10.00 a.m. Bible Study 5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer	28	29
30 Lent IV Canterbury Sunday 8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 9.00 a.m. Breakfast 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 11.00 a.m. Christian Formation	31	Looking Ahead at Holy Week & Easter: April 13- Palm Sunday: Usual Sunday Service Schedule April 17-Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist, 7 p.m. April 18-Good Friday Liturgy, Noon. April-19 Easter Even: Vigil and Holy Eucharist, 9 p.m. April-20 Easter Sunday: Festival Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.				

March 2014 Lay Reader and Chalice-Bearer Schedule **SUNDAYS SUNDAYS CONTINUED** 3/9/2014 3/30/2014 Reader/Prayers 8:30 a.m. Spencer Musick Reader/Prayers 8:30 a.m. Mark Jester Spencer Musick Chalice Bearer Mark Jester Chalice Bearer 10:00 a.m. David Harvey 1st Lesson Tom Dasher 1st Lesson 10:00 a.m. Randa Mixon 2nd Lesson 2nd Lesson Janet Byington **Bob Berry Prayers** D'Ann Downey **Prayers** Chalice Bearer Chalice Bearer Jody McDaniel Bryant Steele **Brian Hampton** Chalice Bearer Bill Byington Chalice Bearer Brian Johnson Chalice Bearer 3/16/2014 **WEDNESDAYS** 8:30 a.m. Tricia Richards Reader/Prayers Tricia Richards Chalice Bearer 3/12/2014 | Stephen Patton | Lay Reader Stephen Patton Lay Reader 10:00 a.m. Zibby White 1st Lesson **Delores Nowell** 2nd Lesson 3/19/2014 | Curt Yarbrough | Prayers **Prayers** Al Bonnyman Curt Yarbrough | Chalice Bearer Chalice Bearer Alex Hodges Chalice Bearer 3/26/2014 | Stephen Patton | Prayers Andye Moss Sunny Knauss Chalice Bearer Stephen Patton Chalice Bearer Ash Wednesday 3/5/2014 Spencer Musick Reader/Prayers 3/23/2014 7:00 a.m. Spencer Musick Chalice Bearer Spencer Musick Reader/Prayers 8:30 a.m. Spencer Musick Chalice Bearer Noon John Duncan 1st Lesson **Andye Moss** 2nd Lesson 10:00 a.m. Kemper Anderson 1st Lesson John Duncan Chalice Bearer Buster Wright 2nd Lesson Andve Moss Chalice Bearer Randy Warley **Prayers** Frieda Yeary Chalice Bearer Brian Hampton | Chalice Bearer Heidi Cole Chalice Bearer Frieda Yeary Chalice Bearer Buster Wright 1st Lesson 7:00 p.m. Tom Dasher Chalice Bearer Bryant Steele 2nd Lesson If you are unable to serve or need to trade days with Buster Wright Chalice Bearer another lay minister, be sure to let the church office Stephen Patton Chalice Bearer know in advance so that they can make appropriate

changes to the bulletin or find a replacement if

necessary.

Bill Byington

Bryant Steele

Chalice Bearer

Chalice Bearer

March 2014 Schedules, Continued

Altar Guild:

Contact: Frieda Yeary 706-234-7757 & Helen Keaten 706-232-1121

Beth Hughes©, Elaine Smith, MaiMai Kelly, Sunny Knauss, Ann Laughlin, Lulie Chin, Lynn Hicks

Loaves and Fishes:

Contact: Kathy Steinbruegge, 706 -234 - 5908 & Peggy Nash 706- 235- 4911

Kathy Steinbruegge©, Peggy Nash, Barbara Potter, Beverly Burnes, Dale Carroll, Janice Holly-Houck, Jody Selman, Karen Hellriegel, Mary McGuffey, Sylvia Hine

EYC:

Contact: Mother Nikki Mathis, 706-291-9111

3/6 11th &12th Sunrise at Swift &Finch 3/9 Hunger Walk/Run 3/12 Schroeder's Night 3/15 Jr/Sr EYC Adventure: Service Workday 3/21 Episcopalooza

Canterbury Club

Contact: Rev. Janice Wright janicewright001@bellsouth.net

3/4 Host Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

3/10 Berry RiLAC

3/11 Compline & Conversation

3/16 Lunch after 10.00 a.m. Service

3/18 Compline & Conversation

2/25 Compline & Conversation

3/29 Tigers for Tomorrow Bus Trip

3/30 Canterbury Sunday at Lunch After Church

-Check your email inbox for activity locations and updates!

Vestry Member of the Month:

Cooper Crawford 706-234-0849

Breakfast Crew:

Contact: Ann Pullen 706-292-0010

3/2 John Hine, Bruce Hunter, Joe Seigler, Wright Smith, Bill Fricks 3/9 Doug Lansing, Russ Jennings, Jack Knight, Sasa Vance, Andrew Berry 3/16 Charlie Hardaker, Ann Pullen, Winston Sirmans, Mary Osner, Jack McGuffey 3/23 Tricia Richards, Jimmy Kelley, Mike Alexander, David Hunter, Pete

3/30 Jack Niedrach, David Harvey, Tracy/John Schroeder, Cary Kilgore, Bryan Johnson

Greeters:

Contact: Mary Kirkland, 706-291-0558

Bob Evans©, Mary Yarbrough, Stephen Patton, Jody Selman, Susan Cooper

Ushers:

Contact: Leamon Scott 706-234-7545

Clem Trammell, Will Crawford, Bill Byington, Bret Kennedy

Soup Kitchen:

Contact: Bill Schoepski 706-235-210 & Sue Anderson 706-291-2599

Monday—Frances Knight©, Bob Evans, Amy Summerlin, Beth Starnes, Irby Ledbetter, Mary McGuffey, Shelley Parris, Anne Kaiser

Tuesday—Cary Kilgore©, Anne Kerr, Janet Morris, Marny Busbin, Peggy Nash, Ruth Forrester

Wednesday—Ann Laughlin©, John Hine, Randy Muller, Elaine Smith, Susan Cooper, Sylvia Hine, Larry Osborn Thursday—Rich Molnar©, Will Dellis, Barb Molnar, Betsy Awsumb, Kathy Steinbruegge, Laura Frederick, Lilli Tucker, Tracy Page, Cheryl Ranwez, Suzy Gilbert

Friday—Andye Moss©, Randy Muller, Amy Summerlin, Ann Laughlin, Cissy Rogers, Liesl Bold, Helen Keaten, Larry Osborn

March Ministry Updates: Local

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& Diocesan Opportunities for Service, Formation



Episcopalooza 2014 takes Youth formation, fellowship "Into the Wilderness"

The following information is found on the Diocesan Website:

Episcopalooza 2014: Into the Wilderness

Who: Youth in grades 10-12 and their adult chaperone

What: Lock-in

Where: Church of the Atonement, Hephzibah, GA

When: March 21..7:00 pm until Sat. March 22...9:00 am

Registration Deadline: March 17th
Cost: \$25 per person..youth and adult

Registration: On line at youth.episcopalatlanta.org **Questions:** Kim Smith, ksmith@episcopalatlanta.org

We each have a path that we are on. Sometimes we need time to stop and think about the steps that we want to take next. This time in a Christian person's life is Lent. Each year we pause and reflect on our life and where we are going. Are we being the best neighbor we can be? Are we honoring God? Do we love everyone as ourselves? What can we do to be better as we move forward? We will take some time to think about these and many other questions during this time of reflection. Before Jesus embarked on his journey in ministry he wandered the desert to discover what his ministry was going to be and discovered what he wanted to teach people. Examining yourself can be just as hard as figuring out which direction you should go next. We are all lost in the wilderness wandering around trying to find our path.

A Report from Missions and Outreach By Peggy Nash

Because of the continued generous monetary donations of the parishioners of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the church is able to support local and global outreach endeavors. Within the Diocese, these include Episcopal Charities Foundation and the Church of the Common Ground. Locally, parishioners' pledges support the following: Seminarian Scholarships, DIGS, Inc., Good Neighbor Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Harbor House, Hospitality House, STAR House, Davies Homeless Shelter, Mercy Senior Care, Loaves and Fishes, and Soup Kitchen. A total of \$51,300 is budgeted for these various organizations.

Additionally, many St. Peter's parishioners volunteer many, many hours to these local outreach non-profits organizations. There is always a need for additional volunteers, including helping with a Habitat Apostles' build planned for the spring. Watch your bulletins and email inboxes for the forthcoming date. St. Peter volunteers will be needed for this worthwhile project.

Editors' Note: St. Peter's is a viable and important part of the life of the Rome community. The work of the Mission and Outreach Committee actively supports many non-profit organizations locally as well as within the Diocese of Atlanta. To keep St. Peter's parishioners aware of how their pledges are used, the editors thought the readers would appreciate updates on our work in this area.

March Ministry Updates, Continued

St. Peter's Soup Kitchen: Opening our Doors to the Community for Over Two Decades





During the last full week of each month, the sign can be seen on the sidewalk of 4^{th} street outside Daniel Hall, inviting our fellow Romans to enjoy a hot meal and offering a much-needed chance to escape the elements in the heat of summer or the frigid cold of winter. Inside, volunteers like those pictured above prepare plates 'assembly line' style to the hundreds of quests we welcome into our doors.

St. Peter's Soup Kitchen Fills a Need

Another example of St. Peter's contributions to the people of Rome is its Soup Kitchen which serves hot meals to guests on the last week of each month. Sue Anderson and Bill Schoepski plan the meals, see to the procurement of supplies, and keep the daily teams informed of their duties each day.

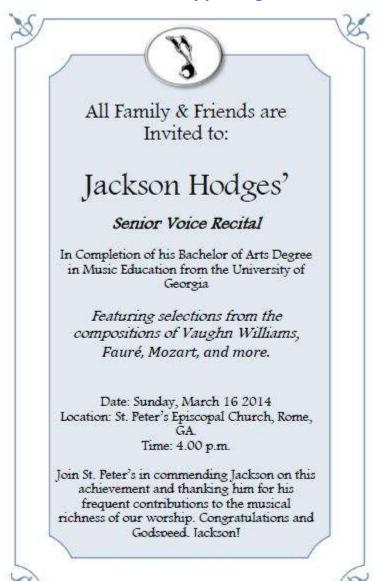
The brain child of Patti Barron and Christie Thomason, the Soup Kitchen began about twenty-five years ago. At that time, the meals consisted almost exclusively of hot soup and cold sandwiches with a drink. Because of the generosity of businesses in Rome, the meals have evolved into much more. A typical week of meals in Daniel Hall includes a meat, two vegetables (or more), bread and dessert. Pasta from La Scala, salads from Harvest Moon, desserts from Food Lion, and breads and pastries from Panera help Sue and Bill vary the menus and please the guests. Food from the Atlanta Food Bank also supplements the choices.

Each team is made up of a captain and five to six soux chefs, a statistician, and a dish washer. In 2013, 7066 meals were served with an average of 589 meals each month. We just thought you'd like to know!!



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March Happenings at St. Peters and in the Community



St. James EWC to Host Lenten Retreat



The EWC (Episcopal Church Women) at St. James in Cedartown is hosting a Lenten Meditation Day on **Saturday, March 15**. The event is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Berry College's House of Dreams on the mountain campus. Their EWC is inviting all women of the Northwest Georgia Convocation of the Diocese of Atlanta to attend.

The Rev. Terri Brice will lead the session with the text of Tim Perry's Blessed Is She: Living Lent with Mary as the text. There is no charge, but meeting space is limited. Please call Hazl Brumby at 770-748-0713 by Monday, March 10 to reserve a spot. Participants are encouraged to bring a brown bag for lunch.

Not Me But Thee, Poetry Book Published

St. Peter's parishioner **Julie Ouesley** has written a book of inspirational poetry and it is available at St. Peter's and various venues in Rome. All profits from the sale go to NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Health. This organization is a non-profit offering support, advocacy and research on behalf of those living with a mental illness and their families.

The local chapter of NAMI meets Monday nights at the First United Methodist Church of Rome at 6:00 p.m. They also give free classes for those families living with mental illness as well as supporting better services for the people living with mental health issues.

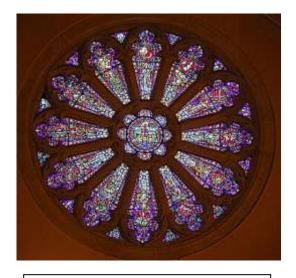
Mental illness affects 1 out of every 4 Americans. Support the efforts of NAMI by buying a copy of Julie's book.

Pictures of our Parish Life

The JOY Trip to St. Philips, Continued



Nancy Hunter & Dot Fletcher at the Cathedral Antiques Show



The Rose Window of St. Philips Cathedral



A floral display distracts from the winter weather

The Roy Mann Memorial Men's Dinner



"By the way, I'm loving that secret flat screen TV you had installed behind the fake bookshelf in the Rector's office!" Frs. John Herring and Roger Ard fill their plates at the dinner.



David Smith helps prepare food for the guests.



Bill Byington, Allen McNair, Bill Schoepski, and Brad Roberts enjoy some good conversation.



Attendees enjoy some fellowship before dinner is served.

An Unusual Opportunity for Spiritual Growth and Reflection: Lent Madness Pits Saint against Saint in March Madness-style Elimination Rounds

By Spencer Musick

The sports-savvy among us are no doubt familiar with March Madness, the yearly single-elimination championships of the men's and women's NCAA division I basketball league. Websites, twitter feeds, blogs, and sports newscasters go nuts dissecting everything detail of the competitors, including the records and statistics of their most promising players to determine that year's 'teams to beat.'

What if we were to apply the same fervor for knowledge and attention to detail about the track record of individuals to the saints that, collectively, form a 'cloud of witnesses' upon which our own Christian witness is founded? Thanks to a project by the Forward Movement, which most of us are probably familiar with, we can do exactly that. "Lent Madness" is a website where, starting on Ash Wednesday, a plethora of lesser-known saints (and a few you might have heard of) will be pitted against one another in voting rounds. Each day, one saint will be eliminated and another will continue on to fight another day. This will continue until Spy Wednesday (the day before Maundy Thursday) when a winner will be given the "golden halo."

The idea is that participants in the voting will study the life of each saint, and pick their favorite of the two presented every day. They can do so based on whatever criterion they choose: virtue, persistence, dedication to the Christian faith or to a particular monastic order or tradition, weirdest relics still preserved, best hair, or anything else.

By inviting us to immerse ourselves in the lives of saints who lived their faith through word and deed, "Lent Madness" beckons us to examine our own walk of faith and direct it more precisely toward God. This reorientation and examination in preparation for the Paschal feast is, after all, what Lent is all about. Visit www.lentmadness.org/about for more information.





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Return service requested.

Parish News



The congratulations of the parish is extended to:

- Ann Ingrid Ottesen, a former member of St. Peter's, who was inducted as a novice in The Society of Saint Anna the Prophet at St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta, on 1/31/14. The vowed religious community is composed of lay and ordained women whose ministry focuses on the old and the young unable to participate in parish life.
- → John Knauss, a Rome Middle School student, who won the Rome City Schools 2014 Spelling Bee for the 3rd time with the word "sousaphone." John is the son of Sunny and Mark Knauss.
- ** Katelyn Johnson who was one of two collegiate winners in the Rome Symphony Orchestra's 4th Annual Young Artists Competition. A sophomore vocal performance major at Shorter University, member of Canterbury Club, and of St. Peter's choir, Katelyn will perform April 26, 2014 with the RSO.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to:

- The family of Cullen Lovvorn who died in Athens, GA, on January 29, 2014;
- Charlotte Atkins and her family on the death of her mother, Jodie Reyner, on February 16, 2014, in Dothan, AL;
- * Kelli Gose on the death of her grandmother, Edith Moreland, on February 22, 2014;
- Anne Kerr and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Ross Stevens, who died on February 25, 2014, in Wilmington, Delaware.