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Letters to the Romans

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Vestry Members

Sr. Warden: Sue Anderson
 Jr. Warden: Peggy Nash
 [Through 2016]
 Andy Anderson
 Sue Anderson
 Stephen Smith
 Peggy Nash
 [Through 2017]
 Jim Keaten
 Lee Niedrach
 Rebecca Roberts
 Bill Schoepski
 (Through 2018)
 Cynthia Murphy-Burnes
 Kathy Steinbruegge
 Clem Trammell
 Tyler Wood

Parish Meeting

There will be a Parish Meeting on Sunday, December 6, immediately following the 10:00 AM service in Daniel Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to approve changes to our parish By-Laws.

The proposed changes were explained at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 15. Since that time, your Vestry has approved an additional minor change to the proposed By –Laws. For the most part, the changes are legalistic and technical. There are two changes that will affect how we elect new Vestry members.

In brief, the changes are:

1. The composition of the Nominating Committee will be changed from the four outgoing members of Vestry to the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden and two (2) non-Vestry Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing who have not served on the Nominating Committee in the previous two years and who shall be appointed by the Rector and approved by the Vestry. The Rector will serve Ex Officio and will vote in the event of a tie, as he does now.
2. The Nominating Committee will compile a slate of no fewer than four candidates for the four open positions on the Vestry. Under our current By-Laws, the Nominating Committee must present a slate of eight candidates to fill the four vacancies on Vestry.

The old By-Laws and the proposed changes are on the church website – stpetersrome.org.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the By-Laws Task Force – Lee Niedrach, Jim Keaten or Sue Anderson. They will be happy to answer any questions.

Rector: The Reverend John Foster Herring ☩ Associate Rector: The Reverend Janice Bracken Wright ☩
 Associate Rector: The Reverend Nikki Mathis ☩ Parish Administrator: Terri Borchardt ☩ Choirmaster and
 Director of Music: Dr. Fredrick Tarrant ☩ Organist: Wanda Cantrell ☩ Financial Coordinator: Debbi West ☩
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PURPOSE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF ATLANTA:

We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus, as we serve compassionately, worship joyfully, and grow spiritually.

ST. PETER'S PARISH NEWS

New Vestry members elected at the Nov. 15 Annual Meeting:

Cynthia Murphy-Burnes, Kathy Steinbruegge, Clem Trammell, Tyler Wood. Their terms will run through 2018.

Sue Anderson, Senior Warden

Peggy Nash, Junior Warden

Stephen Smith is the new Vestry Clerk.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE PARISH GO TO:

- Mary and Curt Yarbrough on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Catherine Elizabeth Blair, on Nov. 2 in Aviano, Italy. Catherine is the daughter of Amanda and Stephen Blair.
- Ashley and Jack Smith on the birth of their daughter Morgan Elizabeth on November 5 here in Rome. Morgan is the granddaughter of Ellen and Roger Smith and the great-granddaughter of Cissy Rogers.

SYMPATHY OF THE PARISH IS EXTENDED TO:

- Beth Starnes on the death of her brother, John Wheat Long on November 11, 2015.
- Jacquelyn Wright on the death of her mother, Jacquelin Leffers on November 8, 2015 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- Marny Busbin and family on the death of her mother, Ethel Leigh Fulton on October 25, 2015 in Cleveland, Tennessee

JOIN The St. Peter's JOY group as we take a very special Christmas Tour of **The Governor's Mansion** on **Thursday, December 10**. Our special guest will be Kennesaw State University history professor Dr. Jennifer Dickey, one of the co-authors of *Memories of the Mansion* (featured in the Atlanta Journal Constitution on September 26). Autographed copies of the book will be available at the Governor's Mansion. Lunch (on your own) will follow at the iconic **Marietta Diner** (as seen on Food Network). Depart St. Peter's at 8:30 a.m. Return by 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$25 includes transportation and admission. Guests >21 always welcome. Call 706-291-9111 to reserve your space.

The Right Reverend Robert Christopher Wright
By the grace of God
the Bishop of Atlanta

will ordain

Aelred Bernard Dean
Christopher James Alan Miller
Lori Cameron O'Riley
Gretchen Suzanne Ratterree
Timothy Joseph Sommer Seamans

To the Sacred Order of Deacons
In Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
On the Nineteenth day of December,
two-thousand and fifteen, at two o'clock in the afternoon

Cathedral of St. Philip
2744 Peachtree Road, NW
Atlanta, GA 30305

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Clergy: Red stoles

Reception follows in the Atrium



The Return of the NOTE CARDS!

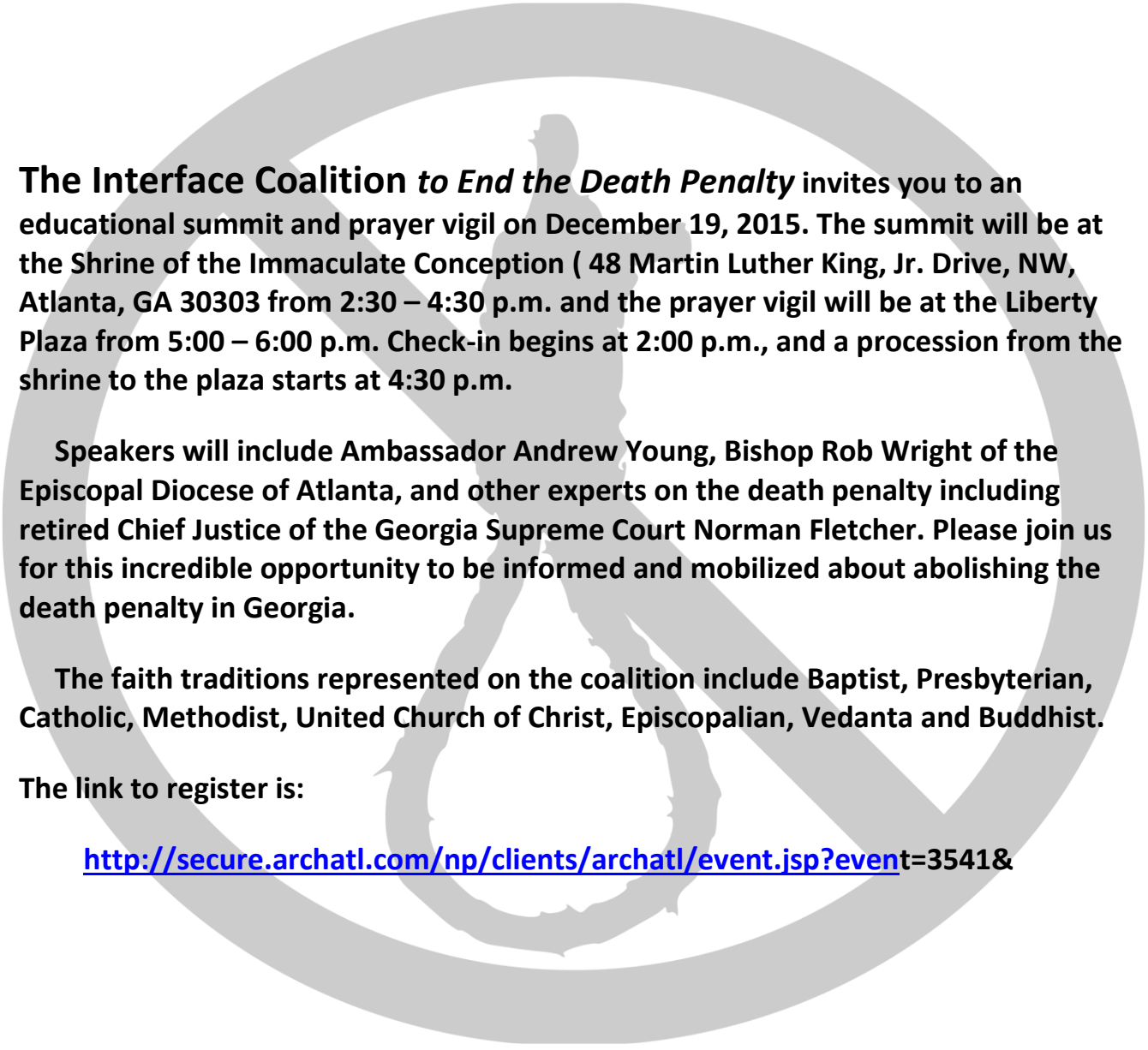
Several years ago, note cards featuring a window from St. Peter's sanctuary were sold and the money raised helped send our EYCers to New York. This coming year, these wonderful young people have taken on another destination for service and reflection as they plan a pilgrimage to Ireland next summer. To help support this venture, note cards featuring pictures of St. Peter's windows will again be available for sale very soon.

In keeping with a fund raiser for the youth of the parish, two different windows will be featured, the Kumar window from the Bell Tower (a picture not often seen by many of the congregation) depicting Jesus blessing children and the round Victorian window of a guardian angel protecting children near a precipice. Both windows were chosen for their emphasis on children.

These cards will be on ivory stock and sold in packs of 10 for \$10 each. Hopefully, they will be available for purchase before Christmas as they will make terrific gifts for friends and family as well as for the buyer. Texting is great, but a beautiful handwritten card is so much more personal and appreciated.

All of the proceeds from the sale of the cards will go to the Ireland Pilgrimage Fund as there is no cost to the parish for their publication thanks to the generosity of some parishioners. One hundred packs of 10 cards will be printed with the goal of providing \$1000 for the fund. Look for the announcements of their availability very soon.





The Interface Coalition to End the Death Penalty invites you to an educational summit and prayer vigil on December 19, 2015. The summit will be at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (48 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. and the prayer vigil will be at the Liberty Plaza from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Check-in begins at 2:00 p.m., and a procession from the shrine to the plaza starts at 4:30 p.m.

Speakers will include Ambassador Andrew Young, Bishop Rob Wright of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, and other experts on the death penalty including retired Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court Norman Fletcher. Please join us for this incredible opportunity to be informed and mobilized about abolishing the death penalty in Georgia.

The faith traditions represented on the coalition include Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Methodist, United Church of Christ, Episcopalian, Vedanta and Buddhist.

The link to register is:

<http://secure.archatl.com/np/clients/archatl/event.jsp?event=3541&>

*If the soul is left in darkness, sins will be committed. The guilty one is not he who commits the sin, the one who causes the darkness.
(Monseigneur Bienvenu in Les Miserables).*

Oktoberfest



December Schedule 2015

Altar Guild

Sunny Knauss, Chair; Frieda Yeary, Frances Knight, Michael Ann Booth, Suzy Gilbert, Sue Ann Kalkus, Tricia Richards, Beth Starnes, Mary Yarbrough.

Greeters:

Nancy Hunter, Chair; Peggy Nash, Tricia Richards, Mary Patton, Russ Jennings.

Loaves and Fishes:

Elain Smith, Chair; Beth Starnes, Christie Thomason, Frances Knight, Jackie Mooney, Janet Morris, Jean Clark, June Dellis, Sue Mann, Susan Harvey, Tricia Richards.

Ushers:

Winston Sirmans, Captain; Stephen Patton, Jim Hamrick, Leigh Patterson

Vestry of the Month: Sue Anderson

Fall 2015



Canterbury Club of Northwest Georgia

An Episcopal/Anglican/ELCA Student Fellowship Open to All College Students
Berry College, Shorter University & Georgia Highlands College

When?

What?

Where?

Canterbury Club for our annual Holiday Dinner at Janice's house on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. A mini-bus will run from the back of the Cage Center at Berry at 6:15 p.m. Watch your email for directions. There is always a surprise gift chosen by your club officers. By popular demand, the three Maine Coon cats will be waiting for you!

Rides to activities are available from all 3 campuses—just call club officer or chaplain

Canterbury Club members are encouraged to worship together at **St. Peter's Church**, downtown Rome, each Sunday morning at 10 am. Questions? Call CC Co-President John Evans (706-594-2406); CC Co-President Lydia Schlitt (865-323-3660); or Janice Wright, Canterbury Club Campus Missioner (706-506-0508).

LESSONS AND CAROLS: St. James' Episcopal Church (302 West Ave), Cedartown cordially invites you to attend a ceremony of Advent Lessons and Carols, on **Saturday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m.** St. James' is located at 302 West Ave. A reception will follow in the Parish House.

ALL THE SINGLE LADIES will hold their annual Christmas Party on December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the clubhouse at the Village of Maplewood. Please RSVP to Marny Busbin at 706-291-8913 or marnyr@bellsouth.net by December 6. Our Christmas project this year is a donation to the priests' discretionary funds. Please bring cash or grocery gift cards.

