



The Good News

CORAL GABLES

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

June 2007 A.D.

2007 Vestry

The Reverend ERIC KAHL,
Rector & Chaplain

Class of 2008
MICHAEL KARCHER, *Senior Warden*
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Jr. Warden—Capital Campaign

The Parish Staff

The Reverend ERIC KAHL, *Rector*
The Reverend DAVID KARCHER, *Deacon*
CHRISTOPHER HARRELL,
Director of Music and Liturgy
NICOLE GARCIA, *Parish Secretary*
JANE PEPIA, *Parish Bookkeeper*
TREY SOLMS, *Parish Youth Director*
GEORGE ("Jeff") DEVIN, *Head of School*
MARK J. RAVELLI, *Assistant Head of School*

ST. PHILIP'S WEBSITE

Please visit our website at
www.saintphilips.net

The Feast of Pentecost

Sunday, May 27



Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Confirmation

Bishop Richards will be the celebrant
during the 10:00 A.M. Service

*Remember to wear **RED!***

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Parish Life

A Big Thank You!!

We would like to thank all of the families that helped to make our Parish Directory such a success. We had 103 families participate, which exceeded our goal of 100 portraits.



We are currently working on publishing the St. Philip's directory and you should soon be receiving a copy.

Saint Catherine's Corner



Please join us for our end of the year luncheon at the Riviera Country Club on **Tuesday, May 22**, at noon.

The cost is \$35 per person. Please R.S.V.P. by May 15, to Jeanne Rigl at 305.444.2466 or email Carol Berg at carolberg@bellsouth.net.

Youth News

Summer BlocPARTY

We will be having three Summer BlocPARTY's which will be taking place all on Wednesday nights.

June 20th 5-8pm
July 11th 5-8pm
August 8th 5-8pm

Groupith's

Groupith's are small groups of 5-10, meeting at Sunset Place, to eat, talk, see a movie, and go to Gameworks. Contact Trey before room runs out. We will be meeting on **June 21st, 26th, 28th** and **July 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th**, from 1:00-4:00pm.

High School Ministry

This Fall we are starting the new High School Ministry, **Revolution**. If you are interested in volunteering in this awesome ministry, or you are a youth who wants to be a part of the planning, contact Trey.



Almost Broadway

Dance/Exercise Classes
Dance your way to fitness

Light and easy routines from Broadway shows



Charleston . Swing . Waltz . Blues . Jazz .
Rock . Tango . Boogie-Woogie

You can wear comfortable clothes, leather soled shoes or socks - straw hats will be provided

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
4:00-4:45p.m in Sewanee Hall

No Registration Needed -
Just Join Us Any Day You Can

A \$1.00 donation to St. Philip's at each class would be appreciated

For Information call Mimi Winship 305 445-8740

You Don't Have To Be a Dancer!



VBS

This Summer

VBS will take place from
July 31- August 3

Registration forms are available in the church office.

For more information contact Trey at 305.444.6176 or email him at tsolms@saintphilips.net



Last SFC June 1st
We will resume in the fall.

Evangeliism/Newcomers

New Member Incorporation Sunday, May 20

We will officially incorporate our Winter Newcomers **Sunday, May 20** during the 10 A.M. Service.

St. Philip's 101 Sunday, June 3

St. Philip's 101 will cover subjects such as "What is the purpose of the church?" "What do Episcopalians believe?" "Why do we do what we do... kneel, cross oneself... in church?" "What's the difference between the Roman Catholic (Orthodox, Methodist, etc.) Church and the Episcopal Church?"

We will be offering this course on **Sunday, June 3**, after the 10 A.M. service in Sewanee Hall (childcare will be provided). If you interested in attending, please contact Nicole at (305)444.6176.

Worship

Choir Tour—England and Ireland!

The St. Philip's Choir has grown, both in numbers and musically, and we are looking to continue that growth! The choir is presently putting together a prospectus for a tour of England and Ireland from **June 9-19, 2008**. Pending confirmation, the choir will be singing at such prestigious spaces as St. Paul's Cathedral, Southward Cathedral, Bath Abbey, and St. Mary's Pro Cathedral in Dublin. Additionally, Christopher will be presenting at least one organ recital.

In the same manner as the choir's previous trip to Italy, we would like to invite parishioners to consider **joining the choir** in order to come along with us! Beginning in the fall, we will begin working on the music we will be singing in the tour. Also, we will have availability for non-singer chaperons to join us on our journey.

If you are interested in coming along with the St. Philip's Parish Choir on our exciting journey, contact Christopher in the office: (305) 742-5369 or charrell@saintphilips.net



Reflections on Worship and Liturgy

As we approach the end of the school year and the beginning of summer recess, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with the many liturgies and musical events that have shaped our pattern of worship this year at St. Philip's :

- Thanks to Father Kahl, Deacon Karcher and Bishop Richards for their spiritual leadership and inspiration.
- Thanks to the dedicated and multi-talented members of the St. Philip's parish choir who work tirelessly behind the scenes to present our best musical offerings in worship.
- To the children's choir and their parents who supported our choristers in singing at various times throughout the year, including at the Lessons and Carols service, Mardi Gras celebration, and at our first spring musical, "100% Chance of Rain!"
- And for those who contributed towards the success of our Lenten soup and sandwich meals and contemplative prayer series, which drew a consistent attendance of approximately 30 people each Wednesday in Lent.

-Christopher Harrell



BAPTISM

The next Sundays for Baptisms in 2007 are:

October 14

November 4

Parents wishing to present their children for baptism should contact the church office for more information. (305.444.6176)

Make a Joyful Noise! Concerts at St. Philip's 2006-2007

This has been a particularly busy year concert-wise at St. Philip's! We have hosted a number of concerts this season, continuing in our outreach to the community. At several of these concerts, **more than 250 people** were in attendance! Highlights from the 2006-2007 concert season include:

- Five internationally renowned guitarists presented by the Miami Classical Guitar Society
- Miami Bach Society season concert featuring our organist Christopher Harrell with the Bergonzi String Quartet from the University of Miami
- South African harpsichordist Kristian Bezuidenhout as part of the Miami Bach Society's Tropical Baroque Festival
- "Music for Royalty" and other choral concerts presented by the University of Miami choral studies program
- Miami-Dade College choir singing Rutter Requiem, directed by Dr. Gene Greco

Preparing for Pentecost:

The Study and Practice of the
Life in the Holy Spirit

Tuesdays at 8:00 A.M.
May 22 & May 29

Thursdays at 10:30 A.M.
May 24 & May 31

Praise and Prayer Worship Service

5 P.M. – Sat., June 2

*Charismatic * Casual*
Contemporary*

Sing to the Lord a New Song! or “Why do we sing *THAT* hymn?”

In his monumental book, Church Music in History and Practice, Winfred Douglas writes, “*Worship is the primary and eternal activity of redeemed mankind.*” Amen! Each Sunday as we lift our voices in song, we offer our praise to God. As a community of faith, and as followers of Christ, we are called to a new commandment: To love the Lord God with our whole heart, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We express this love towards God in our common worship, and music has been a major part of Divine worship from the very beginning of both Judeo and Christian traditions. In the Temple worship of Jesus’ day, the service included Psalms sung in praise of God. The early Christians continued this tradition, and over time, more songs were developed as hymns and chants. In the Reformation, both word and song were more equally shared between the clergy and laity, and the great age of the congregational hymn began.

In our modern world, we are constantly bombarded with music: background music in commercials, songs we sing along with on the radio, and music for relaxation and contemplation—whether it be a symphony or rock concert. In his book, Douglas goes on to question our popular culture’s view of music as “*simply amusement,*” and urges that somehow we are losing sight of the role of music as “*a collective voice of mankind that unites us on a higher level of spiritual sensitiveness than we could otherwise attain.*” Our sacred song comes from the core of our being to unite us in prayer and praise, not simply make us feel good!

Our sacred song should stretch us beyond our comfort zone. In entering the sacred space of worship, we leave the secular world. That which we direct in our daily lives to each other, we now direct to God. Our song should express both joy and pain, hunger and redemption. If every service only has hymns that express “praise, praise, praise,” aren’t we shortchanging our depth of spiritual expression? We need only look in the Psalms (which were written to be sung!) to find a rich array of expressions of not only praise, but also pain, anger, longing, adoration, and joy.

In the realm of church music, there are two terms being used that seemingly contradict each other: **traditional vs. contemporary.** On the one hand, the proponents for traditional hymnody see contemporary music as overly simplistic and too often centered on “me, me, me!” Our *common prayer* is replaced with personal devotion. On the other hand, proponents for contemporary music see traditional music as “boring and outdated,” pointing out that contemporary music is often easier to sing. I firmly agree *and* disagree with both arguments! If we do not see beyond the Hymnal 1982, we are living with blinders on, for there is certainly more valid music for worship beyond the pages of this great hymnal. However, if we only have “praise music,” we are abandoning the depth of scriptural and musical tradition passed down through thousands of years of sacred song. In the process, we end up leaving more of the Bible out of the service rather than including it!

Whether it be the Sunday morning Eucharist, a Lenten prayer service, a contemporary praise and worship celebration, or choral evensong, the music should fit the mode of worship. Our music and liturgy should express the “unique voice” of St. Philip’s in worship. We are many people—with many voices. It is my goal that our music and liturgy express our many voices inspired by the presence of the Holy Spirit that sings within each of us. Our hymns should express both common prayer and personal devotion, praise and contemplation. We sing familiar hymns alongside hymns that challenge and inspire us to a deeper knowledge of God.

I close with a quote from the great contemporary hymn writer and theologian, Carl P. Daw: “*If we truly believe that our faith provides meaning and purpose for our lives, then our worship should also bear witness to that unity—even in the way we choose our hymns.*” And the people said, “Amen!”

Christopher Harrell
Director of Music and Liturgy



The Daughters of the King is an order of prayer open to all women of any age. We are diverse group—some work others do not; some are young and others young at heart. What we share is a life of prayer, study and service. Our primary purpose is to pray for the needs and concerns of the parish. All women are welcomed.

You may ask any of the members of the Daughters of the King to pray for you or someone you love, or call the church office and Nicole will forward the information on to us.

Our next scheduled meeting is Sunday, June 10 in the library after the 10:00 clock service.

Prayer Warriors Wanted!

We are beginning a new training class for new members this summer. The class will be three sessions long with installations in September. For more information call MB Witt at 305.673.8053.

Service to Others

What is Planned Giving?

We often refer to gifts to a charitable organization made through a will or trust as “Planned Gifts”, as opposed to Capital gifts for building and renovation or Annual gifts for ongoing ministry and operations. Through a planned gift, you are planning for the life of your church and school beyond your own time. For more information about planned giving opportunities, contact Tina Portuondo, Chair, St. Philip’s Episcopal Foundation at (305)284.4498, (email: tportunon@law.miami.edu) or request a copy of our brochure on “The Ministry of Planned Giving” from the Church office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS

On **Thursday, April 26th**, the Community Partnership for the Homeless held their annual luncheon honoring its many volunteers. I was privileged to be asked to make some remarks representing those who had served over 320 dinners in 2006 at both the downtown Miami facility and the Homestead facility.

The Community Partnership for the Homeless has a wonderful record in Miami in getting people off the streets and back to gainful employment. Eleven years ago, when the Partnership was initiated, there were over 8,000 homeless on the streets of Miami. Today that number has been reduced to approximately 1,800. Miami is the **ONLY** community in the nation with a population of over 1,000,000 that has had a reduction during this period of time. This is a remarkable achievement and I felt very proud, on behalf of all of the volunteers from St. Philip’s, that we were participants in this most worthy effort.

John Dickason, Chair, Social Outreach Committee

Coconut Grove Crisis Food Bank

On Sunday, **June 3**, we will be having our monthly collection food for the Coconut Grove Crisis Food Bank. Items needed are:

- *Rice**
- *Canned Tuna**
- *Canned Vienna Sausages**
- *Canned Spam**
- *Large boxes of cereal**
- *Canned or dried beans**

Our Little Roses

Girl's Orphanage
San Pedro Sula, Honduras

Buy Stock in Our Trip

For just \$20 per share
you can be a part of the
Saint Philip's
Mission/ Stock Team.

When you join, not only will you receive a stock certificate and an invitation to a stockholders dinner where you will hear and see pictures of our experiences at OLR, but you will also become an invaluable part of the entire team! Thanks!

Checks can be made out to: Saint Philip's Church, with 'OLR Trip' in the memo

For more details: Emily Geyer:
egeyer@saintphilips.net

BRUNCH AT THE BILTMORE?

You can also be a part of the team by purchasing raffle tickets in the mornings before school at Saint Philip's or before and after the 10am service on Sundays or from Nicole in the church office.

Win: Brunch for 4 at the Biltmore
(a \$200 value!)

Tickets: \$5 each or 6 for \$25



PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

We need people who are willing to commit to pray regularly for the team.

If you are interested please contact

Emily Geyer at egeyer@saintphilips.net or
MB Witt at mbwitt@bellsouth.net

Once you sign up you will receive a list of prayer requests from the team as well as a list of names of people traveling to Our Little Roses.

This Prayer Team is the most important group involved with the trip. Please seriously consider being a prayer partner.

PLEASE COLLECT

- * New Girl's bathing suits, all sizes *
- * New Girl's underwear, all sizes *
- * Perfume samples from the cosmetics counter *

Parish Information

OFFICE HOURS: The parish office is open Monday through Thursday from 9A.M. to 4P.M. 305.444.6176

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: The parish is supported by the offerings of all the people. The standard of giving is tithe, and all members are urged to reach this level of Christian giving. Envelopes are used and a pledge card may be secured from the church office.

HOSPITALIZATIONS: We ask that you notify the church office so clergy may call on you. At the hospital, please register as a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

FUNERALS: It is a right of every baptized Christian to be buried from the church. In the event of the death of a loved one, please contact the church office.

OTHER SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES: The priest(s) of the parish are available for administering many other sacramental acts of ministry such as, CONFESSION, HOUSE BLESSINGS, UNCTION (anointing with oil for healing) by appointment. Please arrange these events with the church office.

BAPTISMS: Holy Baptism is administered at various times of the year. Active participation in the life of the Christian community is expected of all candidates and sponsors. Instruction for Parents and Godparents is required. Class is generally held from 9A.M. to 12 noon on the Saturday preceding the Baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION: The training for young people age 5 to 8 is offered once a year in the spring. Please Contact the church office if you are interested in this preparatory course.

WEDDINGS: The sacrament of Holy Matrimony is celebrated at St. Philips for parishioners. Please contact the church office for more information.

IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT CHURCH BUSINESS: Please contact the Rector on his cell phone 305.495.4687

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**“TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE
THE LORD JESUS CHRIST”**