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An Evening Celebrating the Life and Works of Robert Burns is Friday, January 21. Festivities begin at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall with a fellowship time followed by dinner and an evening of highland dancing, music, poetry, piping in of the Haggis, Scotch tasting and much more. Information and for tickets contact Harriet Perry at 806-1431. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

St. John's Annual Parish Meeting Between 9 & 11:15 Services Sunday, January 29

Religious Book Group Goes "WALKING"

St. John's Religious Book Group will meet on Thursday, March 1, to discuss *Surprises Around the Bend* edited by Richard Hasler. It is a collection of short essays by famous personages from times past and present (including the likes of Francis of Assisi, Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dietrich Bonhoeffer) who all weigh in on the spiritual values in walking. It's insightful and in the breadth of writers including physicians, naturalists, poets, politicians, and social reformers . . . there's something for everyone in this volume. Copies of the book will be available through the church office at a discounted price. Everyone is welcomed to the group which meets to share a meal and discuss the book. Take the plunge and join us!

Teacher Appreciation & Commissioning on Sunday*

Our Sunday School teachers and Children's Chapel leaders will be recognized this Sunday at the 9:00 A.M. services. Our teachers are trusted to perform an essential task of helping to pass along our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord to another generation. It is with a profound thanksgiving that we hold them up to God. Come this Sunday and thank a teacher for the good work that they do in our church community.

*My take on children's Christian education--

Our children have many influences in their lives. Many adults are often surprised at the ideas our children express or behavior they exhibit which do not reflect the values and the faith that we hold dear. Getting a solid moral, Christian grounding is more important than ever and it starts in the home and is bolstered by Christian education. The faith development that occurs in Christian education is imperative for our children. Children need the tools to make better decisions and understand more clearly what Jesus Christ calls them to do. Bringing your kids to Sunday School to develop the spiritual grounding they need is just as important as learning math- maybe more important. Start the new year off with a renewed commitment to educate your child so that he or she may be better equipped to make decisions that are influenced by their faith instead of a peer's bad behavior or a TV show. Get them there while they are young. I think God can work with us more easily when we start early.

The Reverend Scott Lenoir

St. Luke's Guild will meet Thursday, January 26, at 7:00 P.M. at Lil Italy's on Highway 90. Meal will be approximately \$10.00...come support your Preschool.

Film Series Begins Thursday, February 16

“Soup and Cinema” will begin next month with the showing of the classic silent film, *The Passion of Joan of Arc*, made in 1928 by Carl Th. Dreyer. The film will be shown at 6:00 P.M. on the large parish hall video screen that is nearly a full-sized theatre screen. It will be preceded by an offering of vegetable soup and bread. The film is a little over an hour in length. Childcare will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge for the movie or the meal.

Lenoirs settling into Coast living

Just a note to say that Harriett and I are enjoying our time on the Coast now as opposed to being in the moving in process. Thank you to everyone who helped with the great reception we had Sunday a week ago. It was good to meet you all.

For those of you who do not know me, I am a native of McComb, a graduate of Sewanee, and served many years in the Delta before moving to the Coast as vicar of St. Pierre's in Gautier in 2000. Harriett and I moved to Madison County in April of 2005, but found myself on the Coast a lot after Katrina. Most recently I served at Chapel of the Cross in Madison where I was on staff. It was very similar to the position I hold here at St. John's. I'll be working two days during the week, usually Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Sundays. I look forward to meeting all of you. You can me at slenoir1@gmail.com or phone 228-205-2682 (h) or 601-331-1863 (c).

As has been mentioned previously, I'm on the diocesan staff serving as the editor of *The Mississippi Episcopalian*. If you do not receive our diocesan newspaper, please let me know. There is no subscription fee. The diocese pays for the production of the paper and its desire is to put it in all the parishioners' mail boxes!

For those of you who do not know Harriett, my wife, she is a landscape oil painter. She's been a member of the Ocean Springs Art Association and the Pascagoula Art Association and will affiliate with those groups again. She's a member of the Mississippi Art Colony as well. Her work is shown in galleries in Greenwood, Ridgeland, and at different galleries on the Coast. I'm in negotiation with her for some paintings for my new office at St. John's, so put in a good word for me!

We are both excited about being at St. John's and look forward to a great year.

Blessings, Scott+

New Babysitters Beginning This Week

St. John's nursery will welcome two new sitters beginning this weekend. Parents are asked to make a special effort to introduce yourself and your children to the sitters. We are grateful to have two vivacious and energetic young people to watch our children.

Pre-school Fundraiser

Create memories at St. John's Preschool Orlando Wonderland

Enjoy one week at Summer Bay Resort

Summer Bay Resort Orlando is just 6 quick miles from Walt Disney World® Resort

Drawing will be held **February 29, 2012** during children's chapel.

One ticket for **\$20.00** **Six** tickets for **\$100.00**

Tickets available from the Preschool or Church Office

Proceeds benefit St. John's Episcopal Preschool

summerbayresort.com/orlando.htm

Good only for 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS...SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH the parish clergy will be attending the Annual Diocesan Council in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The Sunday schedule will remain the same with Morning Prayer being offered in place of the Eucharist. Also, attending Council are our delegates: Jan Waterhouse; Nick Gault; Glen Huff and alternate: Susan Ray...**Holy Baptism** will be offered at the 11:15 A.M. service on Sunday, February 12... **Ash Wednesday** is February 22nd. Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 7AM, Noon, and 5:30PM. There is no Wonderful Wednesday meal or program that evening. The Lenten Suppers will begin the following week, February 29, on the theme of “Creativity: God's and Our Own.”... **Mark your calendar** for Saturday, February 18, for a Mardi Gras party at St. John's Parish Hall... **Ministry reports** for the ANNUAL REPORT are due by Friday, January 20. Please email your report to stjohnsosms@cablone.net...**Sympathy of the Parish** is extended to the families of Sue Reynolds and Mary Butera.

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Sunday - 7:30 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite One; 9 AM and 11:15 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Child care available at 9 AM and 11:15 AM services

Wednesday - 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing

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Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM; Wednesday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM