



February 2007 Calendar

Connecting Young Adults to Jesus, the Catholic Church & One Another

For Anyone 18-40, Single or Married

So That Our Joy May Be Complete

Welcome to "So That Our Joy May Be Complete," our new addition to the monthly newsletter! This column will appear in our Young Adult Ministry newsletter and will feature various contributors who will encourage us in the faith.

Why would we want to add such a feature to our monthly newsletter? "We write this so that our joy may be complete" (1 John 1:4). This scripture from a recent daily Mass reading struck a chord with me. I thought that's the exact purpose of this new column: to encourage young adults to seek God in their life so that their joy - our joy - may be complete! So welcome to this monthly column! This month we focus on the ever so quickly approaching season of Lent.

Lent. 40 days of entering into the suffering of Christ. 40 days of leaving our comfortable routine to enter a place of emptiness and need. To be honest, writing the word "Lent" doesn't conjure up emotions of excitement. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving - what's so exciting about that? Yet, the more we empty ourselves, the more we change for the better. That change draws us closer to the one who emptied himself on the cross for our salvation, our Lord Jesus Christ. Now that's exciting! As a priest once said, "Know that a religion that does nothing, costs nothing, suffers nothing - is worth nothing."

Lent is a tremendous gift to Catholics. Even other denominations recognize the value of Lent and have adopted this liturgical season. What the world sees to be a time of glum and ashes, we know to be a time of healing and restoration. This spiritual change is even reflected in the seasons. The dormancy and barrenness of winter explode into the color and bloom of springtime. We, too, by allowing ourselves to be changed by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent can enter more fully into the springtime of Easter. In fact, the word *Lent* originates from two words: an Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "Spring," and *lenctentid*, which literally means not only "Springtide" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls.

This Lent, the YAM office will provide you with an opportunity to grow deeper in your relationship with God through our Lenten Speaker series known as Holy Grounds. See the flyer with all the details in this newsletter. Each host parish has a designated Holy Grounds Coordinator - please contact Ana at ana@yam.org if you'd like to volunteer. Come and join us. And change your life over a cup of coffee!

Grace and peace,

Dorothy Polchinski, Director of Young Adult Ministry

Change Your Life Over a Cup of Coffee



Lenten coffeehaus Speaker Series on Wednesday nights throughout Lent beginning the week after Ash Wednesday. Five weeks of Lent. Five locations around the Archdiocese. Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun!

CONTACT- Ana Nagel 404-885-7458/Ana@yam.org

COST- \$7 Speaker/Dinner -RSVP to Ana

SCHEDULE- 6pm Mass (optional)
7pm Gather and Dinner

7:30pm Speaker followed by Small group discussion & Coffeehaus Social

Priests will be available for confession

"Called to Communion"

February 28th

"Called to Communion:
That They Might Be One"
Fr. Timothy Gadziala, J.C.L.
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

March 14th

"Called to Communion:
An Ongoing Conversion"
Liz Brown
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

March 7th

"Called to Communion:
Why Christianity?"
Pete Brown
St. Jude Catholic Church

March 21st

"Called to Communion:
Holiness is What I long For"
Fr. Luis Zarama
Holy Trinity Catholic Church

March 28th

Called to Communion:
"Finding Life in Christ"
Fr. Kevin Peek
St. Joseph Maronite Church

For more information contact Ana Nagel at Ana@yam.org / 404-885-7548

Thank God It's *First* Friday!

St Theresa Catholic Church

Friday, Feb 2nd

7:30pm Mass

4401 Prestley Mill Road

Douglasville, Georgia 30135

Dinner to follow at a local restaurant

For more information or to volunteer, contact Ana

at 404-885-7458 or Ana@yam.org

www.sainttheresaofdouglasville.org

PRAY AND DISCERN!

SPIRIT AND TRUTH

[www.sandt.org]

Weekly prayer groups featuring meditative talks, music and Eucharistic Adoration. Groups usually go out for dinner before hand or afterwards.

Mondays:

Kennesaw State University Catholic Center, 3487 Campus Loop Rd, Kennesaw. 7:30-9 PM.

Contact Nikki Pazourek—770-633-6992 or countrygirl1985@comcast.net

St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 675 Riverside Road, Roswell. Meet in the Family Center from 7:30-9 PM.

Contact Tiffany Flick—678-778-3470 or tafflick@gmail.com

UGA's Catholic Center, 1344 S. Lumpkin St, Athens. 7-9 PM;

Contact Luis Vera—706-296-5054 or lgvera@uga.edu or Alison Lloyd at joyfulali45@yahoo.com

Thursdays:

St. Philip Benizi, 591 Flint River Rd, Jonesboro. 7:30-9 PM.

Contact Rudy Schlosser—678-794-3200 or rudyr777run@yahoo.com

SOUTHSIDE ACTIVITIES!

First Wednesday—6 PM Mass at St Matthew's in Tyrone (215 Kirkley Road, 30290) and 7 PM Dinner/Trivia at Mellow Mushroom (275 Hwy 74N, Wisdom Point, 30269)

Every Monday—Mass at 7 PM at Holy Trinity in Peachtree City (101 Walt Banks Rd, 30269), followed by Trivia at 8PM at Tavern on 74 (288 Hwy 74N).

2nd & 4th Wednesday—Rosary after 7 PM at Holy Trinity in Peachtree City 101 Walt Banks Rd, 30269

For information on these events, contact Mary at marygiusti@yahoo.com or Pamela at ugapamela@aol.com

RETREAT & REFLECT!

Three To Get Married— Next Retreat March 23-25

Don't just plan to get married. Prepare for a lifetime commitment! This Archdiocesan-approved pre-Cana program provides dating and engaged couples with a comprehensive marriage preparation weekend. Seminars, discussions, and private time ensure that each couple is presented with the spiritual, emotional, psychological and cultural dimensions of Catholic married life. Presenters include priests, psychologists, medical professionals, and experienced married couples. For registration and information, contact Cathy Zeliff at 404.261.5970 or catzeliff@gmail.com. The next weekends are Mar 23-25 and June 22-24, 2007.

TEC (To Encounter Christ) Retreat— Next Retreat April 13-15

For young adults, ages 20-40. Features small group discussions, dynamic meditations and liturgies, great music, and prayerful encounters with Christ. \$75. www.yam.org/tec or 404-885-7458. Now accepting team applications. Participant applications are available on our website.

Men's Evenings of Reflection

Meets **quarterly** at St. Andrews, 675 Riverside Road, Roswell. Contact Jo at 770-513-8602.

Vocations Discernment Group for Men and Women

Meets **every first Saturday** at 9 AM Mass followed by breakfast and talks. Ends at 11:30 AM. Emory Catholic Center, 1753 N Decatur Rd NE, Atl. Contact Fr. Small at 404-636-7237.

Atlanta Retreat Society

Ongoing retreats starting at 4 PM Friday and concluding at 4 PM Sunday at Carmel Retreat Center, Braselton, \$175. Contact Jo at retreats@bellsouth.net or 770-513-8602.

Atlanta French Mass

4:30 PM **every fourth Sunday** at Mary Our Queen, 6260 The Corners Pkwy, Norcross 30092. Contact Philip at 770-576-4081 x129 or pg_frassati@svdpatl.org.

Rosary Group

7 PM **every Tuesday** at Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Rd.

Beginner's Rosary

7 PM **every second and fourth Monday** in the D'Youville chapel at Christ the King.

Contact Ron at 678-365-1998 or spiritual@ctksingles.org.

Young Adult Respect Life

SOS Vigils: Say a Rosary for the unborn at the abortion mill **every Friday**. 6:30-7:30 AM at 235 W. Wieuca Road, Atlanta. Contact Noreen at 404-587-8450 or noreen_coughlin@yahoo.com.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants Vigil. Come join us on



Saturdays across the street from Surgi-Center (1113 Spring St NW, Atlanta 30309), one of the top five abortion centers in Georgia.

Every first Saturday, prayer vigil from 10 AM-12 PM. Contact Helene at 770-632-5701.

Every third Saturday, Mass at 9 AM at the Catholic Center (680 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta 30308), followed by prayer vigil from 10-11:30 AM. Contact Larry at larry@yam.org.

Every fourth Saturday, prayer vigil from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. Contact Pat at us2itis@aol.com or 770-592-7220.

SPORTS!



Atlanta Catholic Sports

Co-Ed Sports Leagues

Catholic Adults 18+

www.atlantacatholicsports.org

"Find out what 2,000+ Catholics already discovered: Friendship, Fellowship and Fitness through co-ed athletics. Atlanta Catholic Sports (ACS) offers 7 adult sports leagues to metro Atlanta Catholics. Schedule:

Upcoming Co-ed Adult Leagues

- * Basketball - started January 14 (ongoing)
- * Bowling - started January 16 (ongoing)
- * Soccer - starts February 10
- * Indoor Volleyball - starts March
- * Softball - starts June
- * Sand Volleyball - starts July
- * Flag Football - starts Sept

SPEAK!

YAM Toastmasters

Toastmasters is an international community committed to helping people overcome fear of public speaking. **7:45-9PM on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month** in Room 201, Bldg D, St. Andrew's, 675 Riverside Rd, Roswell 30075. Contact John at yam_toastmasters@yahoo.com.

SERVICE!

VOLUNTEER AT THE ATLANTA FOOD BANK!

YAM and CTK Singles are going to start volunteering at the Atlanta Community Food Bank on the **last Thursday of each month**. We'll be sorting and packing donated food at their Product Rescue Center from 6-8:30PM. It's a fun, social project for a great cause! The Food Bank is located downtown just west of Georgia Tech's campus at 732 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd. If you can help on **Thursday Feb 22**, please RSVP to Ann Blasick at blasickann@bellsouth.net or 404-213-2213.

SPIRITUALITY

Living in the Spirit Seminar "Experiencing the Power" 7PM - 9PM THURSDAYS CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING PARISH HALL

Can't get motivated to do anything? Not sure what to do? Plug into the power of the Holy Spirit at Living in the Spirit Seminar, Experiencing the Power. Come get to know Jesus in a new and different way and experience the power of the Holy Spirit. It's time to find out what it really means to be in an intimate relationship with God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

WEEK 4 Feb 1 RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT
WEEK 5 Feb 8 SEND THE FIRE
WEEK 6 Feb 15 TRANSFORMATION IN CHRIST
WEEK 7 Feb 22 OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE

This experience is for everyone: new Catholics, cradle Catholics, Catholics returning home and Catholics to be. It's even great for those who aren't Catholic and for those who don't go to Church at all.

The seminar is free. An offering will be taken each evening. Nursery is available upon request. To register, call 404-267-671, email evangelization@ctking.com or go online at www.ctkevangalization.org
 It's not just a seminar; it's the ultimate experience!

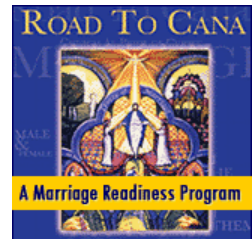
MEET!

Holy Spirit Young Professionals (HSYP) 4465 Northside Drive, Atlanta

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 Rosary
 Feb 5, 18 Team Trivia
 Feb 6 Scripture Study
 Feb 9 TGIF
 Feb 12 Stewardship Dinner
 Feb 17 2nd Annual Mardi Gras Masque at Atl Brewing Co
 Feb 22 Bowling
 Feb 25 Supper After Mass
 March 4 New Member Wine and Cheese followed by Italy Pilgrimage informational with Fr. Crunk

For more information on these events, email HSYPs at HolySpiritYP@hotmail.com

Cathedral of Christ the King (CTK) Singles 2699 Peachtree St, Atlanta



Road To Cana is a Catholic based 7 week Lenten marriage preparation series for young adults who are single, engaged or discerning the vocation of marriage.

Saturday Evenings during Lent Christ The King Parish Hall

6:30pm—Gather and refreshments
 7:00pm—Program of video, small group discussion and Q+A.

- Feb17:** Marriage: What Went Wrong? All The Time In The World
- Feb 24:** Our Wounded Human Nature One, Two, Zero
- March 3:** Back To The Future Sex And The Will
- March 17:** Know Thyself The Perfect Person
- Also March 24, 31 and April 14th**
roadtocanactk@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. John Corapi Lenten Weekend — March 2-3

The Conference will be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center. For more information and a detailed schedule, go to www.worldofhope.org.

Italy Pilgrimage Information Meeting — March 4

The first information session for the pilgrimage will be held after the 5:30 Sunday Mass during the wine and cheese social. Fr. Ricardo Bailey and Bret Thoman will be present to answer any questions. HolySpiritYP@hotmail.com

Hunger Walk — March 11

5K Fun Run/Walk at 2:30 p.m. to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. SVdP receives 60% of all money that we raise for the run. Register on-line at www.ACFB.org or contact Mary Ellen Cenzalli at 770-576-4076; mzczalli@svdpatl.org

Spirit & Truth Young Adult Conference — April 13-15

For young adults between the ages of 19-29. Conference will take place in Pensacola Beach, FL. www.sandt.org

Spiritual Cinema

February 03, 2007
 Donoghue Parish Hall
 Christ the King

After a long layoff, Spiritual Cinema returns! The feature presentation is "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell. We will begin the evening at 6:30 p.m. following the 5:30 vigil Mass at CTK with a Rosary for Vocations. The movie will begin at approx. 7:15 p.m. This event is free of charge.

GLOBAL FAST 2007

Global Fast 2007 February 21st—"One Day To Change the World"

A worldwide fasting and prayer movement created as a way to feed the poor, fight injustice and foster peace throughout the world. 10 million people are invited to fast and pray on Ash Wednesday of 2007 Global Fast- fast and pray to feed the poor, fight injustice, and foster peace. Fasters pledge one day's food cost to support an approved charity; 100% of the donations go directly to charity. For more information, contact Brian Walsh at 678-990-9032 or at bwalsh@maximusmg.com
www.maximusmg.com/globalfast/files/GF_OutreachKit.pdf

JUSTICE!

Catholic Day at the Capitol – February 27, 2007, 8:30am-2pm

Catholics in Georgia are invited to exercise the virtue of responsible citizenship by participating in legislative advocacy at the State Capitol in Atlanta. The Catholic Communications Office and the Georgia Catholic Conference invite you to a legislative briefing from 8:30am to 9:30am at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, view the opening of the legislative session at 10:00 am in the House of Representatives with Archbishop Gregory serving as Chaplain of the Day, meet your legislators, lunch on your own, optional tour of the Capitol, with a de-briefing and closing prayer at 2:00 pm. The event is free, but **pre-registration is required** at www.archatl.com or call Veronica at 404-978-2766.

About YAM

Welcome to the Archdiocese of Atlanta Office of Young Adult Ministry (YAM)! We're here to connect single and married young adults, ages 18-40, with Jesus, the Church, and one another through spiritual, social, and service opportunities. Visit www.yam.org for event information and to sign up for our email list. For additional information, visit the Archdiocesan site at www.archatl.com.

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