

APRIL 2007 Newsletter



Connecting Young Adults to Jesus, the Catholic Church & One Another. For Anyone 18-40, Single or Married.

On Your Mark....Get Set...Grab Your Day Timers!!!



YAM DAY OF REFLECTION & LEADERSHIP RETREAT

A retreat especially for those who lead YAM groups or who would like to start a YAM group at their parish.

Saturday, May 19th at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers from 9:30pm-5pm. Join us for this opportunity to fellowship with other YAM leaders and to renew yourself spiritually. Cost is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch.



Theology on Tap is a Summer and Fall speaker series for young adults 19-40, single & married. A casual forum where friends of all denominations and walks of life gather in local bars and restaurants for "straight talk, hard facts, & real answers" on our faith & how it applies to daily life.

JULY 11, 18,25

SEPT 5,12,19,26

Topics, speakers and more details coming soon!



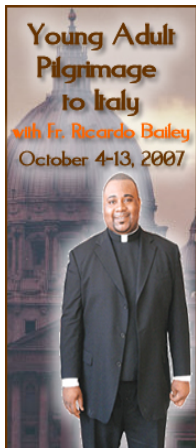
REVIVE RETURNS!

June 8th—Please join us in welcoming Father Leo Patalinghug and Matt Maher to the Georgia International Convention Center.

Nov 17th—Fall REVIVE Returns!

The YAM office will host Revive this fall at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Roswell.

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!



THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

Young Adult Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Ricardo Bailey October 4-13, 2007 only \$1,990. For more info and a complete itinerary –Bret at bthoman@juno.com. The itinerary is subject to change due to factors beyond our control. However, the focus on the spiritual nature of the trip will always be the overall objective and will not change.



World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney, Australia, on July 12-21, 2008.

What began by John Paul II in the early 1980's as an invitation to young people, ages 18 -35, to attend an International Jubilee of Youth in St. Peter's Square has grown to be the single largest, international gathering of young people the world has ever seen. It's not too late to sign up! www.wyd2008.org

Thank God It's *First* Friday!
St Michael Catholic Church, Gainesville
Friday, May 4th
7:30pm Mass
1440 Pearce Circle
Gainesville, 30501

Dinner to follow at a local restaurant
For more information or to volunteer, contact Ana at 404-885-7458 or Ana@yam.org

GO TO WWW.YAM.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Highlights...

April 6- Annual Good Friday Pilgrimage

People of all faiths will gather and visit 14 urban Atlanta sites. On this journey, you will first reflect upon today's social justice issues as they connect with the sufferings endured by Christ in His Passion and Death. For more information, contact Colleen at csmith@archatl.com/ 404-885-7472

April 10- "Meet and Mingle" with St Jude Young Adults, 7p
Meet n' Mingle Wine & Cheese Social. 7:00pm in the Stapleton Center.
Help kick off the Young Adult Ministry at St. Jude's! Join us for wine & cheese and meet other young adults in the parish. All singles and marrieds ages 21-35 are invited to attend and friends are welcome.
Please RSVP to Kathy Powell at kpowell@stjudeatlanta.net.

April 10- Mass at Georgia State University with Archbishop Gregory
 12pm in room 470 of the University Center. Contact Rudy at 678-794-320 for more info.

April 13-15- TEC (To Encounter Christ) Retreat, Fri-Sun
 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.

April 13-15- CELEBRATE, A Young Adult Conference Sponsored by Spirit & Truth
 Fri-Sun in Pensacola Beach, FL. For registration and hotel info, please visit: www.sandt.org

April 13- TGIF with Holy Spirit Young Professionals & Msgr. Dillon, 6p
 This month we'll be joined by our own Msgr. Edward J. Dillon talking on the topic of Tradition vs. tradition and scripture. We will begin with daily mass at 6 pm in St. Mary's Chapel. Drinks and dinner will start at 6:30 in McDonough Hall, with Msgr. starting to speak at 7 pm. The cost of the event is \$10 which includes your food and drink (a \$5 donation is appreciated from anyone not eating). Please RSVP to HolySpiritYP@hotmail.com so we are sure to have enough food.

April 14- Mercy Evangelization with St Michael's Humble Hearts, 2p
 We will be working with the children in lower income area of Gainesville to plant a garden for their community. For directions or more information contact Betty at goofyeba@bellsouth.net about this wonderful project!

April 14- "The Fabulous Fathers Talent Show" at St Andrews, 6:30p
 Regina Caeli Academy is honored to invite you to a fundraising gala starring our very own Atlanta priests. Come join us for an evening of dining, dancing, silent auction and an unforgettable event. prayfirst@charter.net for tickets. 2 for \$75, 1 for \$40, or Sponsor a Priest for \$40. For more information on attending or signing up a priest please call 404-729-1795.

April 15- Lebanese festival at St Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, 11:30a-4p
 Children's activities, Auction, Music and Backgammon tournament. Middle Eastern and American specialties. www.sjmcc.org for more details.

CHECK OUT THE NEWEST YAM GROUP...

ST JUDE YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adult Ministry at St Jude brings together young singles and marrieds in 21-35 years of age. This ministry hosts a variety of events that allow young adults in our parish to share their faith and experiences through the spiritual, service and social events. We are currently growing our ministry. All are welcome and please invite friends to join us! **COME TO OUR "MEET AND MINGLE" ON APRIL 10TH.** See the top of the page for details!
 Contact- Kathy Powell at 678-252-5639 or kpowell@stjudeatlanta.net

For information on the many YAM Ministries go to our website under **MINISTRIES** or to www.yam.org/ministries.

Sunday

Monday

<p>1 Teach ESL w/ SVdP 11a</p> <p>Bible Study & Pot Luck w/ St Michael's Humble Hearts, 12:30 to head out</p> <p>HSYP New Member Wine and Cheese, 6:30p</p>	<p>2 Mass & Trivia on the South-side at Holy Trinity 7p</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's 7:30p</p> <p>HSYP Team Trivia, 7p</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p>	<p>9 YAM OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Mass & Trivia on the South-side at Holy Trinity 7p</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's, 7:30p</p> <p>Beginner Rosary, 7p CTK</p> <p>BINGO w/CTK, 6:30p</p>
<p>15 Teach ESL w/ SVdP 11a</p> <p>Bible Study & Pot Luck w/ St Michael's Humble Hearts, 1p</p> <p>Lebanese festival at St Joseph Maronite Catholic Church (<i>see highlights</i>)</p>	<p>16 Mass & Trivia on the South-side at Holy Trinity 7p</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's 7:30p</p> <p>HSYP Team Trivia, 7p</p>
<p>22 Teach ESL w/ SVdP 11a</p> <p>Bible Study & Pot Luck w/ St Michael's Humble Hearts, 1p</p>	<p>23 Mass & Trivia on the South-side at Holy Trinity 7p</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's 7:30p</p> <p>Beginner Rosary, 7pm CTK</p>
<p>29 Teach ESL w/ SVdP 11a</p> <p>Rosary Hike with St Michael's Humble Hearts, 1p</p> <p>Mass in French 4:30p at Mary Our Queen in Norcross</p>	<p>30 Mass & Trivia on the South-side at Holy Trinity 7p</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's 7:30p</p> <p>HSYP Team Trivia, 7p</p>

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Tuesday

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Saturday

<p>3 Liturgy of the Hours w/ St Michael's Humble Hearts at 6p</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Holy Thursday YAM OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6 Respect Life 24 Hour Prayer Vigil 7a-7p each day Good Friday YAM OFFICE CLOSED Good Friday Pilgrimage (see highlights)</p>	<p>7 Holy Saturday</p>
<p>10 Liturgy of the Hours w/ St Michael's Humble Hearts at 6p Noon Mass w/ Archbishop Gregory at GSU (see highlights) St Jude YAM Meet & Mingle Wine and Cheese, 7p (see highlights)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Spirit and Truth St. Philip Benizi 7:30p</p>	<p>13 Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil 6:30a TGIF at Holy Spirit with Msgr. Dillon 6p (see highlights) TEC Retreat Weekend (see highlights) YA Conference from Spirit and truth (see highlights)</p>	<p>14 SVdP Service, 9a Nursing Home w/CTK, 9a Mercy Evangelization w/ St Michael's Humble Hearts at 2p(see highlights) Fabulous Fathers Talent Show at St Andrews, 6:30p</p>
<p>17 Liturgy of the Hours w/ St Michael's Humble Hearts at 6p CTK Service, 5:30p</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Spirit and Truth St. Philip Benizi 7:30p YAM Toastmasters 7:45p</p>	<p>20 Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil 6:30a</p>	<p>21 Respect Life Group SVdP Thrift Store, 1p</p>
<p>24 Liturgy of the Hours w/ St Michael's Humble Hearts at 6p</p>	<p>25 HSYP join Project Open Hand, 7p</p>	<p>26 Spirit and Truth St. Philip Benizi, 7:30p CTK Food Bank, 6p</p>	<p>27 Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil 6:30a CTK Relay for Life, all day</p>	<p>28 Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil 6:30a</p>

But the Angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said."

MATTHEW 28: 5-6

Want to hear podcasts from past YAM events? www.yam.org/enrich/podcasts.php

Want to see what's coming up in May?

WWW.YAM.ORG

So That Our Joy May Be Complete

As we quickly approach Holy Week, my thoughts turn to Holy Thursday, in which Christ instituted the Last Supper and gave us the gift of Himself in the Eucharist. Recently a friend of mine emailed me a speech in which our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, answered children's questions as they prepared to receive our Lord Jesus in their first Holy Communion. In one segment a child by the name of Anna poses the following question to His Holiness: "Dear Pope, can you explain to us what Jesus meant when he said to the people who were following him: "I am the bread of life?"."

Benedict XVI so beautifully responded, "First of all, perhaps we should explain clearly what bread is. Today, we have a refined cuisine, rich in very different foods, but in simpler situations bread is the basic source of nourishment; and when Jesus called himself the bread of life, the bread is, shall we say, the initial, an abbreviation that stands for all nourishment. And as we need to nourish our bodies in order to live, so we also need to nourish our spirits, our souls and our wills. As human persons, we do not only have bodies but also souls; we are thinking beings with minds and wills. We must also nourish our spirits and our souls, so that they can develop and truly attain their fulfillment.

And therefore, if Jesus says: "I am the bread of life", it means that Jesus himself is the nourishment we need for our soul, for our inner self, because the soul also needs food. And technical things do not suffice, although they are so important. We really need God's friendship, which helps us to make the right decisions. We need to mature as human beings. In other words: Jesus nourishes us so that we can truly become mature people and our lives become good."

The questions and the responses to various children's questions regarding the Eucharist is simple and yet, profound. The speech in its entirety can be found at www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2005/october/documents/hf_ben_xvi_spe_20051015_meeting-children_en.html.

Happy Easter!
The YAM Office

DID YOU KNOW THAT...
The YAM Website has a section for you to **ENRICH YOUR FAITH?** Yup! It Sure does! You can find:
~Podcasts of our past events
~Catholic Resources
~A Confession Schedule
~Guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation
~Examination of Conscience
~Reflections from Young Adults
~Various links to places all over the world
And SO much more! Just go to www.yam.org and click on "Enrich Your Faith." **WE DARE YOU!**

Our New Monthly Prayer features
"The Disciple's Prayer"
By Cardinal Newman

O Holy Spirit of God,
Take me as your disciple;
Guide me, Enlighten me, Sanctify me.
Bind my hands, that they may do no evil,
Cover my eyes, that they may see it no more.
Sanctify my heart,
That evil may not dwell within me.
Be my God, Be my guide.
Wherever you lead me I will go.
Whatever you forbid me, I will renounce.
Whatever you command me,
In your strength, I will do.
Lead me, then, to the fullness of your truth. Amen.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Who was the first person commissioned to spread the Good News that Christ was risen from the dead? What is St. Peter? Or how about St. James? Or St. John? After all, these three apostles were with our Lord at the Transfiguration. Who would the Lord entrust with such an incredible message – a message that changed everything – which apostle would he choose? He chose Mary Magdalene. After Jesus appeared to Mary, she ran into the house, where the Apostles stayed still in dismay, and announced to them the joyous message "I have seen the Lord!" This was the very first preaching of the Resurrection. The Apostles were obliged to proclaim these glad tidings to the world, but Mary first proclaimed this message to the Apostles themselves.