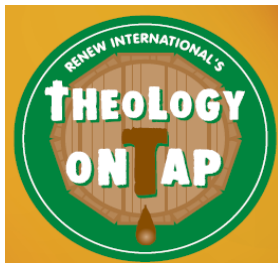


JULY 2007 Newsletter



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



Theology on Tap Wednesday nights in JULY at FOX SPORTS GRILL, Atlantic Station

"TOT" is a Summer and Fall speaker series for single and married young adults. A casual forum where friends of all denominations and walks of life gather in local bars and restaurants for "straight talk, hard facts, and real answers" on our faith and how it applies to daily life. Come once or enjoy the entire series!

"Love Is Not A Four Letter Word"



JULY 11th- Anthony Buono presents "SURFING FOR LOVE"

Do you believe with all your heart that you are called to the vocation of marriage, but are waiting on the "when?" Do you find it difficult to meet solid Catholic young adults who are dedicated and attracted to sharing their Catholic faith? There may be a solution! Come and meet Anthony, the founder of Ave Maria Singles as he shares inspiring stories about Catholic singles who met their spouses while "*Surfing for Love.*"

JULY 18th- Jennifer McCartin presents "MYSTIFIED BY MARY"

What would life be like if we could all love Jesus the way Mary did, with such intensity, purity and urgency? The kind of love that forgets how pouring perfume on someone's feet and wiping those feet with your hair is something that one does not do at a proper dinner party. Come and meet Jennifer, whose encounter with Mary led her to Jesus, as her life was transformed by becoming "*Mystified by Mary.*"



JULY 25th- Fr. Luke Ballman presents "SO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?"

Jesus invites us to feed His sheep and follow. Are we brave enough to accept? If we are to love Jesus as Peter did, we *must* be prepared to be taken where we might not wish to go. Come listen to Fr. Luke tell the story of his invitation and acceptance into a life that's full of adventure and one he could never have imagined for himself...but, God did. *So, what are you doing for the rest of your life?*

7:00pm Gather & Dinner Opportunity
7:30pm Speaker with Q & A

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FOX SPORTS GRILL, Atlantic Station
261 19th Street
Atlanta, 30363, 404-207-1369

July Highlights...

The events on pages 2 and 3 are parish- or group-sponsored events.

Tues & Thurs- On The Deck "OTD"- College Age Summer Program

All college-age people (18-22) are welcome! The mission of OTD is to provide an opportunity for Christian fellowship & spiritual growth to college students while they are home for the summer. We meet every week in two locations for 10 weeks. We eat, hang-out, talk and pray. Come to meet new people, come for the free food or just come and check it out! **Southside-** Every Tuesday 7-9:30p in the Parish Hall at St. Phillip Benizi in Jonesboro at 591 Flint River Road Jonesboro, 30238. **Northside-** Every Thursday 7-9:30p starting May 31st at Mike Judge's in Marietta at 2545 Waterstone Way, Marietta, 30062. For more details, visit their website at www.otdatlanta.com.

July 1- Holy Spirit Young Professionals (HSYP) New Member Wine and Cheese

Join us following the 5:30p Mass on Sunday, July 1st. Please note that the July and August Wine and Cheese events have been relocated from McDonough Hall to the bottom floor of the parish office, across the parking lot adjacent to McDonough Hall and St. Mary's Chapel. Please RSVP to HSYPNewMember@hotmail.com.

July 13, 20 & 27- CTK Apologetics Series "Reason to Believe"

A 6 week apologetics series held Fridays, July 13th, 20th, 27th, and August 3rd, 10th, 17th. Come and hear 5 priests and a deacon address current issues that concern Catholics today and gain insights into how to handle the challenge to defend your faith and give a reason for your hope. Mass begins at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall and the sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. Nursery provided. There is no cost; a free will offering will be taken. For more information or to register, call 404-233-2145 ext.671, email csmolynsky@ctking.com or visit www.ctkevangelization.org.

July 20-22- Steubenville Atlanta

To be a volunteer usher, contact Joe Orlando at Goega@bellsouth.net or 404-405-9330. Steubenville Atlanta, in conjunction with Life Teen, is one of fifteen youth rallies offered by Franciscan University of Steubenville. These rallies invite teens into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ and enable them to be filled with the Holy Spirit. At the heart of the weekend are the sacraments, through which teens experience God's loving mercy, forgiveness, and healing compassion.

July 28- Holy Spirit Young Professionals (HSYP) Casino Night and Benefit

Help us support the Solidarity School by coming out to McDonough Hall from 8:00-11:00pm for an evening of gaming followed by a silent auction. Beginning June 30th, tickets will be sold after every Mass for \$40, and can also be purchased at the door for \$50. Tickets include playing chips and two drinks.

COMING IN AUGUST- RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

You don't want to miss a YOUNG ADULT retreat sponsored by the Ignatius Retreat House and Charis Ministries! This retreat offers young adults in their 20's & 30's the opportunity to explore and deepen their faith through communal prayer, small group discussion, silent reflection and spiritual direction. This is a great way to escape the hussle and bussle of your life and relax, concentrate on your relationship with Christ and meet other young adults who are searching for the same thing. The retreat is on August 18 & 19, 2007 at Ignatius House Retreat Center, 6700 Riverside Dr., Atlanta. The retreat begins at 2:30 pm on the 18th and ends at 5:00pm with Mass on the 19th. The cost is only \$100 for a private room and bath, meals and snacks, and a complete retreat. Contact Ignatius House at (404) 255-0503 for more information. Register from our website www.ignatiushouse.org or by email ihsecretary@bellsouth.net. Please make your reservations soon since only 50 rooms are available.

For more detailed information on these events and many more, visit the YAM website at www.yam.org

Featured YAM Group for JULY is **BREATHE** ≈

Are you interested in an opportunity for fellowship and faith sharing?

BREATHE ≈

**Small Group Faith Sharing of Young Adults (21-40 yrs)
Regularly To Be Closer To God.**

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when he had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

E-mail: Breathe.atlanta@gmail.com for more information

Sunday	Monday
<p>1 Teach ESL w/ SVdP, 11a HSYP New Member Wine and Cheese. (See Highlights) St. Catherine Young Adults (SCYA) Supper after 5:30p Mass</p>	<p>2 Mass & Trivia at Holy Trinity, 7p Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's, 7:30p</p>
<p>8 Teach ESL w/ SVdP, 11a Mass and A Meal with St Jude YA's after 6p Mass at SCYA Supper after 5:30p Mass</p>	<p>9 Mass & Trivia at Holy Trinity, 7p Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA, and St Andrew's, 7:30p Trivia w/ HSYP, 7p CTK Bingo at Nursecare, 6:30-8p St Brigid Bible Study, 7:30p</p>
<p>15 Teach ESL w/ SVdP, 11a Supper after 5p Mass w/ St Brigid YA's 1:05p Braces Game with St Jude YA's. Meet up after Mass. SCYA Supper after 5:30p Mass</p>	<p>16 Mass & Trivia at Holy Trinity, 7p Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's, 7:30p St Brigid Bible Study, 7:30p</p>
<p>22 Teach ESL w/ SVdP, 11a HSYP Mass and Supper after 5:30p Mass Mass in French at Mary Our Queen in Norcross, 4:30p SCYA Supper after 5:30p Mass</p>	<p>23 Mass & Trivia on the South-side at Holy Trinity 7p Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's 7:30p Trivia w/ HSYP, 7p St Brigid Bible Study, 7:30p Rm 147 w/ Deacon Juan</p>
<p>29 Teach ESL w/ SVdP, 11a SCYA Supper after 5:30p Mass</p>	<p>30 Mass & Trivia at Holy Trinity, 7p Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's 7:30p</p>

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Saturday

<p>3 OTD Southside, 7p-9:30p <i>(See Highlights)</i></p> <p>Financial Peace Seminar CTK, 7p-9p</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Happy 4th of July YAM Office Closed</p>	<p>5 YAM Toastmasters, 7:45p</p> <p>SCYA Bible Study, 7:30p</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi, 7:30p</p> <p>OTD Northside, 7p-9:30p <i>(See Highlights)</i></p>	<p>6 * No TGIFF Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil, 6:30a</p> <p>SCYA Trivia in Kennesaw, 7:45p</p>	<p>7 Helper of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil, 10a-Noon</p>
<p>10 OTD Southside, 7p-9:30p <i>(See Highlights)</i></p> <p>Financial Peace Seminar CTK, 7p-9p</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>TOT at Fox Sports Grill "Surfing for Love" \$4</p>	<p>12 Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi 7:30p</p> <p>OTD Northside, 7p-9:30p <i>(See Highlights)</i></p>	<p>13 CTK Apologetics Series "Reason to Believe" <i>(See Highlights)</i></p> <p>HSYP Shakespeare's Tavern 7:30p</p> <p>SCYA Trivia in Kennesaw, 7:45p</p>	<p>14 Helper of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil, 10a-Noon</p> <p>CTK VA Nursing Home Pet Therapy, 9a-11a</p> <p>CTK Lunch and Movie w/ Calvin Court Seniors, 11a</p>
<p>17 OTD Southside, 7p-9:30p <i>(See Highlights)</i></p> <p>Financial Peace Seminar CTK, 7p-9p</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>TOT at Fox Sports Grill "Mystified by Mary" \$4</p>	<p>19 YAM Toastmasters, 7:45p</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi 7:30p</p> <p>OTD Northside, 7p-9:30p <i>(See Highlights)</i></p> <p>HSYP Happy Hour 7p-9p</p> <p>SCYA Bible Study, 7:30p</p>	<p>20 Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil, 6:30a</p> <p>CTK Apologetics Series "Reason to Believe" <i>(See Highlights)</i></p> <p>SCYA Trivia in Kennesaw, 7:45p</p>	<p>21 Helper of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil, 10a-Noon</p>
<p>24 OTD Southside, 7p-9:30p <i>(See Highlights)</i></p> <p>Financial Peace Seminar CTK, 7p-9p</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>TOT at Fox Sports Grill "So, What Are You Doing For the Rest of Your Life?" \$4</p>	<p>26 Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi, 7:30p</p> <p>CTK Food Bank, 6p</p> <p>OTD Northside, 7p-9:30p <i>(See Highlights)</i></p> <p>SCYA Bible Study, 7:30p</p>	<p>27 Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil, 6:30a</p> <p>CTK Apologetics Series "Reason to Believe" <i>(See Highlights)</i></p> <p>SCYA Trivia in Kennesaw, 7:45p</p>	<p>28 Helper of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil, 10:30a-12:30p</p> <p>HSYP Casino Night & Benefit <i>(See Highlights)</i></p>
<p>31 Financial Peace Seminar CTK, 7p-9p</p> <p>OTD Southside, 7p-9:30p <i>(See Highlights)</i></p>	<p>Want to see what's coming up in AUGUST?</p> <p>Want to hear the podcasts from REVIVE?</p> <p>Go to www.yam.org/enrich/podcasts.php</p> <p>WWW.YAM.ORG</p>			

Steubenville Atlanta- July 20 - 22
(See Highlights)

So That Our Joy May Be Complete "Inescapable Love"

That breath you just took, God was present in it. He breathed it with you. Yes, the next one too. God is that close, that omnipresent - His inescapable Love permeates every moment of our lives. Many of us have experienced profound "God Moments," these fleeting glimpses of Heaven, when we feel the presence of God in our midst. Perhaps it comes as overwhelming sense of peace, or a flood of love that fills our hearts and we know that its Source is from beyond this earthly life.

The two experiences I've mentioned - the breaths that we take, and profound "God Moments" - both feel so very different to us in our humanity. We don't necessarily feel the overwhelming presence of God in every breath we take, yet He is there in a very overwhelming way. It would seem that from God's perspective, these experiences are very similar - He's right here, all the time, offering us the love, joy and peace that He promised us and only He can give. For us, it's likely intermittent at best.

I've got a picture of the face of Jesus that I spend time with as often as I can - on a good week, almost daily. It has been a great mediator of that peace and joy that I've mentioned, and have sought more fervently as I continue on my faith journey. The picture made its way to me across the globe through a close friend and I'm certain that God was helping me to make those intermittent moments of feeling His presence a more frequent occurrence through this picture. And I have spent many hours in front of the face of Jesus.

I am currently reading a couple of books - "The Gift of Faith" and "Experiencing God" - both of them helping me in different ways to make God's presence a more constant reality; to see the hand of God, and to feel His love in every moment. Without a doubt, it takes concentrated effort. For example, when I'm at work and various situations arise, both ordinary and unusual, if I say to myself "remember, God is with you in this moment" - in an instant, the entire situation is transformed - in terms of the way I'm experiencing it and how I respond to it. It calls me out of selfishness. It's miraculous. It's peaceful. I'm hoping it will become something that I don't have to think about as much, but will be a more natural surrender as time goes on.

The contemplative, quiet time that I spend in front of the face of Jesus or the crucifix above my bed, is helping me seek God's presence in every moment. After I end that time of contemplation and return to daily life, the peace and presence of God returns to it with me, and I'm becoming more aware of that reality.

Much Peace,
Jenn Kilfin,
Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Peachtree City

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A Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola

Take, Lord, all my liberty.
Receive my memory, my understanding,
and my whole will.
Whatever I have and possess,
You have given me;
to You I restore it wholly,
and to Your will I utterly
surrender it for my direction.
Give me the love of You only,
with Your grace, and I am rich enough;
nor do I ask anything besides.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

St. Ignatius was born in the family castle in Guipúzcoa, Spain. When he was old enough, he became a soldier of Spain to fight against the French. A cannon ball and a series of bad operations ended his military career in 1521. While recovering, he read the lives of the saints, and decided to dedicate himself to becoming a soldier of the Catholic Faith. Soon after he experienced visions, but a year later suffered a trial of fears and scruples, driving him almost to despair. Out of this experience he wrote his famous "Spiritual Exercises". Many first hated St. Ignatius because of his humble lifestyle. Despite this, he attracted several followers at the university, including St. Francis Xavier, and soon started his order called The Society of Jesus, or Jesuits.

There are 38 members of the Society of Jesus who have been declared Blessed, and 38 who have been canonized as saints. He died at the age of 65.

