

**AUGUST
2007**



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

Thank God It's *First* Friday



St Monica Catholic Church

Friday, August 3rd

7:30pm Mass with Fr. Jack Durkin

1700 Buford Highway

Duluth, GA 30097

Dinner Social to follow at a local restaurant.

Contact Creig at golfyourball200@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Inter-Parish Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, August 21st at 7pm

Our Lady of Lourdes

25 Boulevard NE ATL, 30312

It's time again for our quarterly Inter-Parish Leadership Mtg. ALL YAM leaders (parish & YAM affiliated organizations) are invited to come and join us for an evening of sharing new media networking ideas (Facebook, MySpace, etc.), an opportunity to dialogue regarding YAM and multi-cultural diversity, and a time to start looking at Holy Grounds 2008. We're rely on your ideas and suggestions. A lot of new YAM groups are springing up! Please come and network with other YAM leaders! Don't forget to RSVP (Ana@yam.org) so we know how many people to include for our Chinese dinner.

BREATHE ≈

KICK-OFF Wed, August 8th at 7:30pm

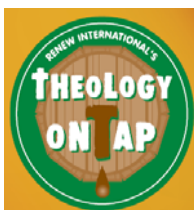
Cathedral of Christ the King, Parish Hall

2699 Peachtree Rd., NE ATL, 30305

BREATHE is a new small group initiative for young Catholic Adults (ages 21-40) that has been developed by the Archdiocesan YAM Office in partnership with CTK Singles. We invite YOU to be part of something NEW and EXCITING! Learn more and register for a BREATHE group: www.ctksingles.org/breathe.php (physically type site into your browser). After registering, please join us for the BREATHE Kick-off event where you'll meet your small group.

Questions? breathe.atlanta@gmail.com or

membership@ctksingles.org.



"Love Is Not A Four Letter Word"

SEPT 5, 12, 19, 26 at FRANKIES on the PRADO in Sandy Springs

"TOT" is a speaker series for young adults 19-40, single and married. 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! Go to www.yam.org for *speakers and topics!*

AUGUST Highlights...

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

Aug 1- Benediction and Social with St Brigid's Young Adults

We will go to Benediction in the chapel (lower level) starting promptly at 7pm. Confession and adoration is available from 7:30-8pm. We will all go to a local restaurant afterward. Contact Stephanie for more info 4-455-3598, skelly19@gmail.com.

Aug 3- TGIFF at St Monica's in Duluth

7:30p Mass with Fr Jack Durkin- See front page

Aug 9-12- Serra International Convention

Archbishop Gregory will host international guest speakers and Cardinals at the Hilton, Atlanta. Contact Joe Krygiel at 4-885-7476 or Jkrygiel@archatl.com for more information or visit www.serra.org.

Aug 10-12- On The Deck College Age Retreat at Covecrest

To sign up for the retreat, or for more information, contact Danielle at Danielle@otdatlanta.com. Cost for retreat -\$30

Aug 11- HSYP Cradle of Christianity at the Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory

Organized by The Israel Museum in Jerusalem, Cradle of Christianity explores the concurrent histories of early Christian and Jewish life through some of the most significant biblical artifacts ever found, including a section of the Temple Scroll, a major Dead Sea Scroll. Meet us at 2:15 for a carpool from Holy Spirit, or at the museum at 3:00PM. Free parking and shuttle service will be provided from Emory's Briarcliff Campus at 1256 Briarcliff Rd. Tickets are \$15. Please RSVP to HSYPSocial@hotmail.com.

Aug 16- Mustard Seed Mission Trip Informational Meeting

The YAM Office is sponsoring a Mission trip to Jamaica with the young adults from Our Lady of Lourdes and Mustard Seed Communities Nov 17-24th of this year Contact Liberty Jones at Libertyjj4@yahoo.com for more information. Meet at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thurs night Aug 16th at 7p for more information.

Aug 18 & 19 - CHARIS Young Adult Retreat

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. The retreat is at Ignatius House Retreat Center, 6700 Riverside Dr. Atlanta, GA. The retreat begins at 2:30PM on Saturday the 18th and ends with Mass at 5PM on Sunday the 19th. The cost is only \$100 for a private room and bath, meals and snacks, and a complete retreat. For more information and to register, Contact Ignatius House at 4-255-0503 or by email ihsecretary@bellsouth.net. The deadline to register is August 6th.

Aug 25 - Just Faith Introductory Workshop

Workshop will be held at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Saturday, August 25 from 9am to 4pm. JustFaith is an extended justice education/formation program that provides an opportunity for parishioners to study and be formed by the justice tradition articulated by the Scriptures, the Church's historical witness, and Catholic social teaching. To register for the JustFaith Introductory Workshop, visit the following site: www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/events/justfaith.php. Cost of the workshop is \$20 per individual. Make checks payable to the Cathedral of Christ the King, ATTN: Outreach/JustFaith. Contact Bernadette Flowers at bflowers@ctking.com or 404.233.2145 ext 438 or visit www.justfaith.org to find out more about this program.

Aug 24 - Religiously Incorrect at Manuel's Tavern with Father Kevin Peek

Join us for another installment of Religiously Incorrect. Father Kevin Peek will lead us on a journey into our Catholic heritage. The Rosary, the Brown Scapular, and other practices...are they Tradition or tradition? Join us at Manuel's Tavern at 7pm for dinner and what promises to be an exciting talk. Contact Sarah Melissa 678-637-6560.

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

Featured YAM Group: Spirit & Truth Lite

Spirit and Truth is a great format! Eucharistic centered, faithful to the Magisterium of the Church, following the Traditions, the Teachings and using Scripture. Spirit and Truth meets EVERY week, some leaders might find it easier to try the 'lite' version. **Spirit and Truth LITE** is piloting a simpler program **Tuesday Nights at St Patrick Catholic Church -7:30p** with dinner at Norcross Tavern afterwards: Exposition, Rosary with hymns, and Benediction -with time for fellowship afterwards -no teachings or planning -Just prayer and fellowship. Contact Christopher at Christopher.Vigil@sandt.org.

Sunday

Monday

Want to see what's coming up in SEPTEMBER?

WWW.YAM.ORG

<p>5 Teach ESL w/ SVdP, 11a SCYA Planning Mtg 6:30-8:30p HSYP New Member Wine and Cheese, after 5:30p Mass</p>	<p>6 Mass & Trivia at Holy Trinity, 7p Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's, 7:30p Trivia w/ HSYP, 7p</p>
<p>12 Teach ESL w/ SVdP, 11a Mass and A Meal with St Jude YA's after 6p Mass SCYA Supper after 5:30p Mass Supper after 5p Mass w/ St Brigid YA's</p>	<p>13 Mass & Trivia at Holy Trinity, 7p Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's, 7:30p Bingo at Nursecare w/CTK, 6:30p</p>
<p>19 Teach ESL w/ SVdP, 11a SCYA Supper after 5:30p Mass</p>	<p>20 Mass & Trivia at Holy Trinity, 7p Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's, 7:30p Trivia w/ HSYP, 7p</p>
<p>26 Teach ESL w/ SVdP, 11a HSYP New Member Mass and Brunch Mass in French at Mary Our Queen in Norcross, 4:30p SCYA Supper after 5:30p Mass</p>	<p>27 Mass & Trivia on the South-side at Holy Trinity 7p Spirit and Truth at KSU, UGA and St Andrew's, 7:30p</p>

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	<p>1 St Brigid Benediction & Social, 7p (<i>See Highlights</i>)</p> <p>Serve food at Nicholas House with CTK, 5:30p</p> <p>SCYA Trivia in Kennesaw, 7:45p</p>	<p>2 <i>Final</i> OTD Northside, 7p-9:30p</p> <p>SCYA Bible Study, 7:30p</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi, 7:30p</p> <p>YAM Toastmasters, 7:45p</p>	<p>3 <u>Thank God It's Just Friday!</u> St. Monica, Duluth 7:30pm Mass 1700 Buford Hwy Duluth, 30097</p> <p>Dinner Social to follow. For more info, contact Creig at golfyourball2000@yahoo.com</p>	<p>4 Helper of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil, 10a-Noon</p>
<p>7 Financial Peace Seminar CTK, 7p-9p</p> <p>Liturgy of the Hours with St. Michael's Humble Hearts, 6 p</p> <p><i>Final</i> OTD Southside, 7p-9:30p</p>	<p>8 Rosary after the 7p Mass at Holy Trinity</p> <p>BREATHE ≈ Kick-Off at CTK, 7:30p (<i>See front page</i>)</p> <p>SCYA Trivia in Kennesaw, 7:45p</p>	<p>9 Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi 7:30p</p> <p>SCYA Bible Study, 7:30p</p> <p>9th-12th Serra International Convention (<i>See Highlights</i>)</p> <p>Pizza and Prayer w/ St Jude YA's, 7p</p>	<p>10 Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil, 6:30a</p> <p>CTK Apologetics Series "Reason to Believe"</p> <p>10th-12th On The Deck Retreat at Covecrest (<i>See Highlights</i>)</p>	<p>11 Prayer Vigil, 10a-Noon</p> <p>HSYP Cradle of Christianity, 3p (<i>See Highlights</i>)</p> <p>SVdP Service, 9a</p> <p>CTK Service, 9a</p> <p>Tubeing w/ St Jude, 10a</p> <p>SMHH Aug Social, 7p</p>
<p>14 Financial Peace Seminar CTK, 7p-9p</p> <p>Liturgy of the Hours with St. Michael's Humble Hearts, 6 p</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>YAM OFFICE CLOSED <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p>16 SCYA Bible Study, 7:30p</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi, 7:30p</p> <p>YAM Toastmasters, 7:45p</p> <p>Mustard Seed Informational Mtg at OLL, 7p (<i>See Highlights</i>)</p>	<p>17 Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil, 6:30a</p> <p>HSYP Jazz at the High, 7p</p> <p>CTK Apologetics Series "Reason to Believe"</p>	<p>18 Helper of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil, 10a-Noon</p> <p>18th-19th CHARIS Young Adult Retreat at Ignatius House (<i>See Highlights</i>)</p>
<p>21 Liturgy of the Hours with St. Michael's Humble Hearts, 6p</p> <p>YAM Inter-Parish Leadership Mtg, 7p at Our Lady of Lourdes (<i>See front page</i>)</p>	<p>22 Rosary after the 7p Mass at Holy Trinity</p> <p>SCYA Trivia in Kennesaw, 7:45p</p>	<p>23 Cocktails in the Garden with CTK at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, 6p-8p</p> <p>Pizza and Prayer w/ St Jude YA's, 7p</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi, 7:30p</p> <p>SCYA Bible Study, 7:30p</p>	<p>24 Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil, 6:30a</p> <p>Religiously Incorrect at Manual's Tavern (<i>See Highlights</i>)</p> <p>Movies at the Park with St Michael's Humble Hearts, 6p-11p</p>	<p>25 Helper of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil, 10a-Noon</p> <p>Just Faith Introductory Workshop at CTK (<i>See Highlights</i>)</p>
<p>28 Liturgy of the Hours with St. Michael's Humble Hearts, 6 p</p>	<p>29 SCYA Trivia in Kennesaw, 7:45p</p>	<p>30 Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi, 7:30p</p> <p>Atlanta Community Food Bank w/ CTK, 6p</p> <p>SCYA Bible Study, 7:30p</p>	<p>31 Respect Life SOS Prayer Vigil, 6:30a</p>	

So That Our Joy May Be Complete

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior” (Luke 1:46). These words uttered by Mary to her cousin, Elizabeth, truly illustrate her role in the Christian life: quite simply, she shows us Jesus. Her very being *magnifies* God’s presence in our life. We are reminded of such a reality during this month with the great feast of the Assumption, which the Church celebrates on August 15. Although the belief in Mary’s Assumption into heaven was accepted by the living Church since the early years of Christianity, it was officially declared a dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950. He wrote, “Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory....”

The title of this event is purposefully different than when Christ entered heaven (the Ascension). Mary *was assumed* into heaven body and soul, whereas Jesus *ascended*. Note that the Assumption implies a passive verb; the Ascension, an active one. This is more than just grammatical jargon, but rather an illustration of the truth that Mary couldn’t take herself into heaven: all of her glory comes from God alone. Yes, she followed the will of the Father. Yes, she is the perfect model of discipleship. Yes, she is Queen of heaven and earth. However, she is all of these things not through her own power, but rather because she said yes to the grace of God. Her soul proclaims the greatness of the *Lord*, not the greatness of herself.

The truth behind the Assumption is not a vague doctrine, but rather a reality that should penetrate our lives as Catholics. Mary’s soul magnifies the Lord; so should ours. The great Marian saint, St. Maximilian Kolbe (incidentally, whose feast day is August 14) said that all of us are “called to be mothers of God, bearing Jesus Christ in human souls.” Just as Mary could do nothing apart from the power of God, so too can we accomplish nothing apart from Him. Further, as her life was a testimony to the love and power of God, so too must *our* lives proclaim the greatness of the Lord. And so, during this month of August, let us ask our Heavenly Mother to pray for us, that our lives may model her example, so that we too may share in her Son’s glorious resurrection.

Sarah Sheldon
St Peter Chanel, Roswell

A Prayer to St. Maximilian Kolbe

O Lord Jesus Christ who said, "greater love than this no man has that a man lay down his life for his friends," through the intercession of St. Maximilian Kolbe, whose life illustrated such love, we beseech You to grant us our petitions (mention them here).

Through the Knights of the Immaculata movement, which Maximilian founded, he spread a fervent devotion to Our Lady throughout the world. He gave up his life for a total stranger and loved his persecutors, giving us all an example of unselfish love for all men --- a love which was inspired by true devotion to Mary.

Grant O Lord Jesus, that we too may give ourselves entirely without reserve to the love and service of our Heavenly Queen in order to better love and serve our fellowman in imitation of your humble servant, Maximilian. Amen.
(Say 3 Hail Marys and a Glory be....)

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Maximilian was born in 1894 in Poland and became a Franciscan. He contracted tuberculosis and, though he recovered, he remained frail all his life. Before his ordination as a priest, Maximilian founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady. After receiving a doctorate in theology, he spread the Movement through a magazine entitled "The Knight of the Immaculata" and helped form a community of 800 men, the largest in the world. Maximilian went to Japan where he built a comparable monastery and then on to India where he furthered the Movement. In 1936 he returned home because of ill health. After the Nazi invasion in 1939, he was imprisoned and released for a time. But in 1941 he was arrested again and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. On July 31, 1941, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die. Father Kolbe offered himself in place of a young husband and father. And he was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1981. His feast day is August 14th.

