

# January 2008 Newsletter



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

**The Young Adult Ministry and the Office of Religious Education wishes you a Happy and Blessed New Year!**



## Coming this February...

Young Adult  
Lenten  
Speaker Series

*"If you knew the gift..."*



**6pm Mass**  
**7pm Dinner**  
**7:30pm Speaker**

FEBRUARY 13th, 20th, 27th  
MARCH 5th, 12th

Holy Grounds is a Lenten Speaker Series held on the five Wednesdays of Lent at five locations around the Archdiocese. Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship and fun! We'll begin with Mass at 6pm, a light Lenten dinner at 7pm, and a dynamic speaker at 7:30pm. We'll conclude with coffee and dessert. Stay tuned for more details or checkout our website at [www.yam.org](http://www.yam.org).

## YAM Networking Meeting

The YAM Office welcomes the New Year with new suggestions and ideas as to how we can better serve you and our Archdiocese.

Tuesday, Feb 5th at 7pm  
The YAM Office at One GA Center  
600 Peachtree St. Suite 600  
Atlanta, 30308

Please join us for our quarterly Networking Meeting! All YAM leaders (parish & YAM affiliated organizations) AND volunteers are invited to come and join us for dinner, networking, and an informational meeting. We rely on your ideas & suggestions! A lot of new YAM groups are springing up! Please come and network with other YAM leaders! Don't forget to RSVP ([ynoggle@archatl.com](mailto:ynoggle@archatl.com)) for dinner.

# January Updates

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

## This New Year brings New Beginnings....

★ This month we welcome Yvonne Noggle as the program coordinator for the Office of Adult and Young Adult Ministry! She has been part of the Religious Education family since May after having served abroad as a missionary in Honduras and Liberia. Please contact her for ideas/suggestions as to how we can better serve you and our Archdiocesan community: ynoggle@archatl.com, 404-885-7222

★ This will be the last monthly newsletter! We will be changing our format to QUARTLY newsletters. The spring edition will include February through April. For event details or more YAM information, please visit: www.yam.org

★ The location for Holy Grounds is on the move! We will be having this event in various parishes across the Archdiocese! Come and meet a new YAM group as they help host this event.

★ Theology on Tap will be every second Wednesday of the month starting in April until December! More information about Theology on Tap and Holy Grounds will be in our new Spring Newsletter.

## Upcoming January/February Events:

**Jan. 18, 25** Circle of Life Series, CTK, Mass 6:15 Talks 7:00, free will offering, for more information call 770-906-8783 or email

Sarah Cannon @ shepherdsway42@hotmail.com or

**Feb.5** YAM Networking Meeting: All current/future leaders or those who wish to network among young adults are invited! 7-9p, YAM Office 600 W. Peachtree Street Atlanta, 30308

**Feb.7** "Living in the Spirit", CTK 7-9p, this six week series will help you find out what it really means to be in an intimate relationship with God, through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. No fee, nursery available, register: www.ctkevangelization.org

**Feb.13**—Holy Grounds Speaker Series begins, Holy Spirit Church, 6p, details to follow

### Featured YAM Group:

### St. Vincent de Paul Young Adults

The St. Vincent de Paul Young Adults have been serving our Archdiocese for over a decade beginning unofficially in 1993.

They established the SVDP Conference Name: Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Young Adult Conference in 1997.

Their events and good works include: Home visits & Service Projects every 2nd Saturday of the month; Teaching ESL at Mission de San Felipe de Jesus, Forest Park every Sunday; Thrift Store Project at SVdP Outreach center every last Thursday of the month; Hiking every 3rd Saturday of the month; Small Christian Faith Sharing and Bible Study every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

**For more information or to volunteer, contact:** Shirley D'Souza, Patrick Hannon or Philip Quinn at pg\_frassati@svdpatl.org or call 770-576-4081.



## Sunday

## Monday



6 Teach ESL w/ SVdP, 11a SCYA Mass and Dinner, 5:30p  <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	7 Spirit and Truth at St. Andrew's 7:30p   <i>St. Raymond Penyafort</i>
13 Teach ESL w/SVdP, 11a SCYA Mass and Dinner, 5:30p  <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	14 Spirit and Truth at St. Andrew's 7:30p   <i>Ordinary Time begins</i>
20 Teach ESL w/SVdP, 11a SCYA Mass and Dinner, 5:30p	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Spirit and Truth at St. Andrew's 7:30p  <i>St. Agnes</i>
27 Teach ESL w/SVdP, 11a SCYA Mass and Dinner, 5:30p	28 Spirit and Truth at St. Andrew's 7:30p   <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>

The Archdiocese of Atlanta is not responsible for these events or their content.

# January 2008

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<p>1 <i>Mary, the Mother of God</i> Holy Day of Obligation</p> <p>“...My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” -Luke 1:46-47</p> <p><i>Catholic Center Closed</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi, 7:30p www.sandt.org</p> <p>YAM Toastmasters, 7:45p</p> <p><i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>TOBE: Theology of the Body for Everybody, 7p</p> <p><i>St. John Neumann</i></p>
<p>8</p> <p>Liturgy of the Hours with St. Michael's Humble Hearts, 6 p</p> <p>Northeast Atlanta Spirit and Truth Lite, 7:30p</p> <p>SCYA Trivia, 7:45p</p>	<p>9</p> <p>SCYA Bible Study, 7:45p</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi, 7:30p</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>SVdP home visits, 9a</p> <p>TOBE, 7p</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Liturgy of the Hours with St. Michael's Humble Hearts, 6 p</p> <p>North East Atlanta Spirit and Truth Lite, 7:30p</p> <p>SCYA Trivia, 7:45p</p>	<p>16</p> <p>SCYA Bible Study, 7:45p</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Spirit and Truth at St. Philip Benizi, 7:30p</p> <p>YAM Toastmasters, 7:45p</p> <p><i>St. Anthony, abbot</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Circle of Life Series, CTK, 6:15p*</p>	<p>19</p> <p>TOBE, 7p</p>
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## MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1

### *Mary proclaims the greatness of the Lord working in her*

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior. With these words Mary first acknowledges the special gifts she has been given. Then she recalls God's universal favors, bestowed unceasingly on the human race. When a man devotes all his thoughts to the praise and service of the Lord, he proclaims God's greatness. His observance of God's commands, moreover, shows that he has God's power and greatness always at heart.*

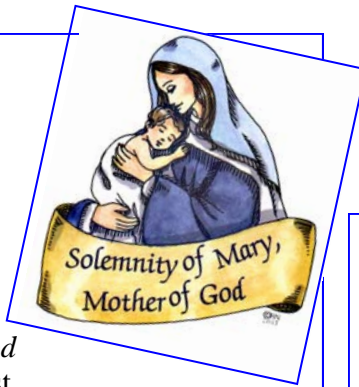
His spirit rejoices in God his savior and delights in the mere recollection of his creator who gives him hope for eternal salvation. These words are often for all Gods creations, but especially for the Mother of God. She alone was chosen, and she burned with spiritual love for the son she so joyously conceived. Above all other saints, she alone could truly rejoice in Jesus, her savior, for she knew that he who was the source of eternal salvation would be born in time in her body, in one person both her own son and her Lord.

*For the Almighty, has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Mary attributes nothing to her own merits. She refers all her greatness to the gift of the one whose essence is power and whose nature is greatness, for he fills with greatness and strength the small and the weak who believe in him.*

She did well to add: *and holy is his name*, to warn those who heard, and indeed all who would receive his words, that they must believe and call upon his name. For they too could share in everlasting holiness and true salvation according to the words of the prophet: *and it will come to pass, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. This is the name she spoke of earlier: and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.*

Therefore it is an excellent and fruitful custom of holy Church that we should sing Mary's hymn at the time of evening prayer. By meditating upon the incarnation, our devotion is kindled, and by remembering the example of God's Mother, we are encouraged to lead a life of virtue. Such virtues are best achieved in the evening. We are weary after the day's work and worn out by our distractions. The time for rest is near, and our minds are ready for contemplation."

-from a homily by Saint Bede the Venerable



## MONTHLY INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

### **General:**

That the Church may strengthen her commitment to full visible unity in order to manifest ever more clearly her nature as a community of love in which is reflected the communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

### **Mission:**

That the Church in Africa, preparing to celebrate the second Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for Africa, may continue to be a sign and channel of reconciliation and justice in a continent still suffering from war, exploitation and poverty.

## EPIPHANY JANUARY 6



The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East. . . . In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world . . .

(Catechism of the Catholic Church# 528).

