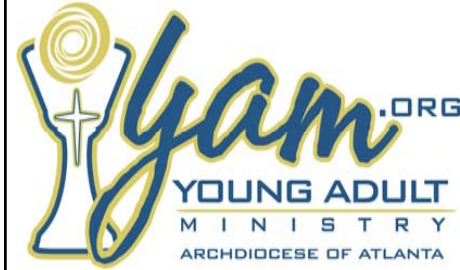


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“If you knew the gift...”

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!



Change Your Life Over a Cup of Coffee

Holy Grounds Speakers 2008

February 13
Father Brett Brannen
Holy Spirit
4465 Northside Dr
Atlanta, 30327



February 20
Brendan Murphy
St. Matthew
215 Kirkley Rd.
Tyrone, 30290



February 27
Sister Rita Marie
St. Joseph Maronite
502 Seminole Ave, NE
Atlanta, 30307



March 5
Father Eric Hill
St. Jude the Apostle
7171 Glenridge Dr, NE
Atlanta, 30022



March 12
Chris and Michelle
Benzinger
St. Jude the Apostle
7171 Glenridge Dr, NE
Atlanta, 30022

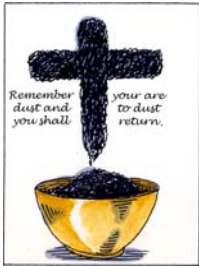


6pm Mass
7pm Dinner
7:30pm Speaker
\$4 Donation

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With the sound of Christmas bells still ringing in our ears, it is already time



to turn our thoughts to the upcoming seasons of Lent and Easter. On February 6th, Ash Wednesday will be upon us. The cycle of Lent and Easter includes our Church's greatest celebrations, and requires an equally great degree of care in its celebration. The season of Lent, in particular, provides a welcome oasis from a consumer culture sick from self-indulgence. There is a certain clarity to Lent, a purity that comes when all of the external ornament is stripped away, when all excess is

abandoned, and we stand before God simply as we are, sinful yet repentant, aware of our failings, but confident in God's grace. The liturgy manifests the spirit of this season of penance.

Regarding the individual celebrations of Lent and Easter, we begin with Ash Wednesday. Here, the imposition of ashes take the place of the penitential rite, and so the opening prayer immediately follows the greeting. As Lent progresses, its austerity (which also magnifies the joy of Easter) is increased. The removal of holy water from the fonts does not take place until after the mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, when the altar is also stripped. Even at the altar of repose, the blessed sacrament is not exposed in a monstrance, but is kept in a ciborium. Following the distribution of communion on Good Friday, any of the blessed sacrament that remains is reposed in a tabernacle in a place that is not available to public veneration (such as a sacristy) so that the emptying of the church is complete. After this purgation, life begins anew on the night of Holy Saturday. This year in Atlanta, Civil Twilight occurs at 8:16 PM on Holy Saturday, so the celebration of the Easter Vigil should begin sometime after that time. Then the glory of Easter will have arrived!

-Rev. Theodore Book



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YAM Events

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I am the vine, you are the branches...

Abide in me

John 15:5-6

Come and join other
YAM leaders
in a day of reflection...
and shopping or hiking, too!

Leadership
Day of Reflection
February 23, 2008
9:30am-4pm

Cost:
\$15 person or
\$5 SCC Students
Includes Lunch!

Southern Catholic College
330 Southern Catholic Drive
Dawsonville, GA 30534
www.southern catholic.org
Mass with Fr. Brian Higgins
RSVP: ynoggle@archatl.com by 2/21

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Adore 2007, April 9th

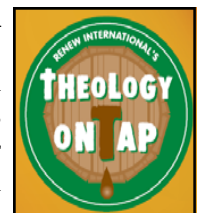


Spend an evening of prayer, worship and discussion with Matt Maher, Paul George and the ADORE team. Pope John Paul II prophetically dreamt of a renewal in the Church – a New Springtime mirroring Pentecost. ADORE believes this New Springtime is dawning as Christians around the world bow their lives before God like never before! Details TBA.

NEW THEOLOGY ON TAP FORMAT!

"TOT" will be every second Wednesday of the month from May through December!

"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. Stay tuned for details!



Parish YAM Events

Northside YAM

St. Jude the Apostle

Feb 5: Mardi Gras Dinner, 7pm, Mimi's Cafe: 1221 Ashford Crossing, Atlanta, 30346

Feb 16: 80's Prom Benefit, St. Jude Stapleton Center, \$5, 8pm
Come ready to walk like an Egyptian, drink spiked punch and enjoy the tacky fun while raising money to support St. Jude YAM Service Projects! RSVP: angelica.nordona@gmail.com

Feb 21: Pizza and Prayer, Ministry Hall, 7pm

March 9th & April 13th: Mass and a Meal, 6pm, contact Kathy Powell: kpowell@stjudeatlanta.net



Central YAM

Christ the King YAM(CTK YAM)

March: BREATHE Kickoff! The Mission: to link those who hunger to the table of fellowship. This is a small group/bible study program for young Catholic adults (ages 21-40) with same-gender groups. For more information, visit: www.ctkyam.org/breathe.php or email: breathe.atlanta@gmail.com.

Holy Spirit Young Professionals (HSYP)

Feb 8: TGIF - The "Dictatorship of Relativism" Part II

Feb 9: Volunteer at the St. Francis' Table, 7am. This soup kitchen is located at The Shrine of The Immaculate Conception in Atlanta (48 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd). We will help prepare food and then serve lunch from 10am-12:30pm. Each Saturday 400-800 homeless, hungry and poor people are served a nutritious meal. This is a great opportunity to help those less fortunate. If you are interested in volunteering please email HSYPSocial@hotmail.com.

Feb 12 -March 25: Lenten Scripture Study on the Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus. We'll meet after Mass on Tuesdays at 6:45pm in Room 9A in McDonough Hall. Study materials are \$11. Please RSVP to Erin at HSYPSpiritual@hotmail.com.



Southside YAM

Parishes of Fayette and Coweta County

First Wednesdays of the month: Meet for Mass at 6pm at St. Matthew's, 215 Kirkley Rd, Tyrone. Then come to Mellow Mushroom, 275 Highway 74N, Peachtree City for pizza and team trivia. Please RSVP to Pamela at ugapamela@aol.com so that we have a big enough table!

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Retreats

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Spirit and Life Retreat

Feb 22 - Feb 24th: Covecrest Camp in Tiger, GA, begins 3pm, Ages 18-27
Cost: \$85 - includes food, lodging, & retreat. Spirit and Life is a spirit-led ministry for college aged and young adult Catholics. We focus on retreats designed to lead the participant into a deeper relationship with their Savior through an openness to the Holy Spirit. More info: www.spiritandlifeministries.com

"My Beloved" Women's Event

April 25-27: Covecrest Camp in Tiger, GA

Cost: \$165 includes meal, housing, retreat. If needed, \$25 shuttle fee from airport
This retreat will focus on the heart of a woman and her truest identity as God's beloved daughter. This identity is true in all stages of life, but is experienced differently in each stage. More info: www.lifeteen.com

To Encounter Christ (TEC) #33

May 2, 10:30am-May 4, 6pm: Camp Westminster, GA. TEC is a co-ed young adult retreat that focuses on the Paschal Mystery. Cost: \$75, scholarships available. Cost \$95 after April 11th. Applications online: www.yam.org/tec. More info: Robert Devine, 404.326.8873, chiron44@mindspring.com

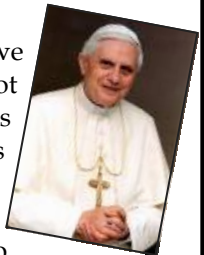
"The Search For Faith"

May 31, 11:30am-June 1, 4p, Ignatius Retreat Center, Atlanta, Age: 20's and 30's single or married, male or female. Charis Ministries offers young adults an opportunity to explore and deepen their faith and create lasting connections with fellow retreatants by praying together, talking in small groups, and taking time for silent reflection and spiritual direction.

More info: (404) 255-0503, or email ihsecretary@bellsouth.net.

A message from the Holy Father:

"And only where God is seen does life truly begin. Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him." -Pope Benedict XVI



Around the Archdiocese...

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Feb 5: Catholic Day at the Capitol, 8:30 am -3:00 pm, Exercise the virtue of responsible citizenship by participating in legislative advocacy at the State Capitol in Atlanta. The Office of Catholic Communications invites you to a legislative briefing at either 8:30am or 11:00am at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, view the opening of the legislative session, meet your legislators and have lunch on your own. Optional tour of the Capitol at 1:00 pm. The event is free, but registration is required at www.archatl.com or call Veronica at 404-978-2766.

Feb 5- March 18: Lenten Scripture Series, CTK, Tuesdays, 7pm, Conference Rm 2, More info: evangelization@ctking.com

Feb 7- March 13: "Living in the Spirit" CTK Parish Hall, Every Thursday, 7-9pm
This Lent, take your relationship with God to a new level by learning to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. This six-week seminar will deepen your prayer life and help you use the gifts of the Holy Spirit you have already received. There is no fee, but a free will offering will be taken. You can register at the door or in advance at evangelization@ctking.com.

Feb 9: "Pins for Priests" 9am-12pm, A big bowling event where all money raised goes to support the seminarians that serve Atlanta Catholics. Two locations this year: Brunswick Lanes in Norcross and Oasis Bowl in Buford. The past two fundraisers have generated funds to cover tuition for four seminarians and to build a chapel at the Charles Borromeo house for the Director of Vocations and seminarians. For more information, email Jamie: jgraebner@gmail.com

March 3-5: "His Healing Presence" CTK Parish Hall, 7pm. Fr. Fernando Suarez, from the Eucharistic Congress Healing Mass, and Fr. Jeff Shannon are presiding. Both priests are members of Companions of the Cross and reside in Canada. Confessions available after Mass on Monday. Fr. Suarez will conduct healing service after Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. For more information contact: evangelization@ctking.com, or call 4-233-2145 ext. 462.

March 17: Jeff Cavin's Great Adventure Series, "Adventures in Acts" Bible Study, Mondays, 7pm, CTK Parish Hall. For more info: evangelization@ctking.com

March 21: 28th Annual Good Friday Pilgrimage, 9am-1pm. People of all faiths will gather and visit 14 urban Atlanta sites. On this journey, we will 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 csmith@archatl.com or visit: www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org.



Contact Information

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**For more information
about young adult events
in the Archdiocese,
contact the groups below
or visit www.yam.org for
more details!**



Atlanta Catholic Sports: co-presidents@atlantacatholicports.org

Berry College/KSU: Fr. Paul Burke, 7.423.9909

Christ the King YAM: www.ctksingles.org

Corpus Christi: Tammy Thorton, tamerathornton@yahoo.com

Emory University: Fr. Bryan Small, 4.636.7237

Georgia State University: Rudy Schlosser, rudyru777run@yahoo.com

Georgia Tech: Fr. Mario Lopez

Hispanic Ministry Office: www.juvatlanta.com

Holy Spirit Young Professionals: Todd Gangell, HolySpirit@hotmail.com

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On the Deck: www.otdatlanta.com

Our Lady of Lourdes: klemon@bellsouth.net

Spirit and Truth: Martha Gaynoe, Martha.gaynoe@sandt.org

Southern Catholic College: Fr. Bryan Higgins, 706.344.4000

St. Brigid YAM: Stephanie Kelly, skelly19@gmail.com

St. Catherine of Siena Young Adults: Nicole Moers, nmoers@comcast.net

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