

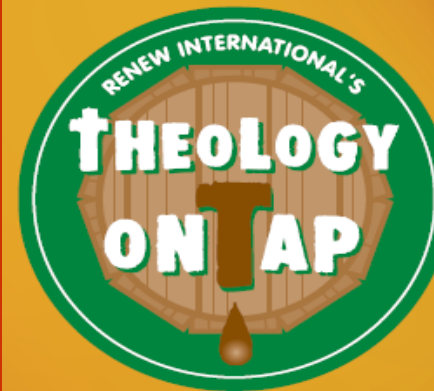
Connecting Young Adults to Jesus,
the Catholic Church & One Another.
For Anyone 18-40, Single or Married.

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Summer 2008

What would a priest say if he only had one last sermon to give?

Come find out!



Last Sermon Series
featuring...
Fr. Kevin Peek ~ May 14th

A Speaker series for young adults
18-40, single and married



New MONTHLY format!
May 14,
North River Tavern
8879 Roswell Rd, Atlanta 30350

7:00pm Gather and dinner
opportunity
7:30pm Speaker and Q & A
9:00pm Social

\$4 Cover at the door
No registration required
Come once or for the whole series!
June 11, July 9, location TBA

Join us as we hear an
incredible priest, who has
served our Archdiocese for 10
years, speak to young adults
for the last time before join-
ing the U.S. Army in June!

Series Two:
3rd Wednesday of the month
Manuel's Tavern
Starting in August
Details in the next newsletter...

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Mary and the Holy Spirit

by Danielle Volk, teacher at Pinecrest Academy



With the beckoning in of May flowers, we begin to see the revitalization of the world around us. The buds are blossoming, the grass is green again, and the Church celebrates two important things: the Blessed Mother and Pentecost. May is traditionally the month the Church devotes to Mary, who conceived Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. 50 days after Easter, Pentecost celebrates that same Holy Spirit descending upon the timid apostles, emboldening them to proclaim to both neighbors and distant lands the Good News of the Risen Christ.

The Mother of God knew the Holy Spirit, just as she knew her Son. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (piety, fear of the Lord, understanding, courage, fortitude, wisdom, counsel, and knowledge) were so apparent in the glimpses we get of her in the Gospels. Being totally without sin, she must have been even more keenly aware of the promptings the Holy Spirit gave her in the daily grind of rearing the Son of God (if that's not a daunting mission, I don't know what else is). At the wedding in Cana, she had the wisdom to prompt Jesus to start His miracles, even though she knew it would eventually lead to the cross. She had the fortitude to accompany her only Son through His suffering on the way of the cross and to the crucifixion, and had such interior strength as to accept His lifeless body in her arms. Imagine the joy and awe she experienced seeing Him after the Resurrection. The role of the Blessed Mother during those nine days between the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost, must have been as a comforter for the apostles, hoping with them for that advocate her Son had promised. We know the apostles were fearful to the point of paralysis in the upper room. She must have reminded them, through the knowledge of the Holy Spirit, of the times they had doubted and been fearful before (that time in the boat with the storm, the feeding of the 5,000 people with three loaves and two fishes, or the crucifixion), and that Jesus had worked mind-boggling miracles then, why would He not send the advocate now?



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YAM Events



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JUNE 20-21, 2008

REVIVE, Friday June 20th

Mathew Kelly is a speaker and best selling Catholic author. His books help people put into context the unchanging truths of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Curtis Stephan and Band is led by Curtis, a Catholic musician and Youth Music Minister at St. Ann's Church in Coppell, Texas with over 18,000 members. He uses his music to spread the Good News of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world and to promote a message of hope for all people.

Desmond Drummer, emcee, is a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and is completing a pastoral year in the Office for Black Catholic Ministry.

Thank God It's *First* Friday!

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

48 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SW
Atlanta, 30303

May 2nd, 7:30pm
Mass followed by dinner social

For more information, contact Lyndon
at info@damilrecords.com

YAM Networking Meeting

Tuesday, May 6th at 7pm
Sts. Peter and Paul
2560 Tilson Road Decatur, 30032

All YAM leaders (parish & YAM affiliated organizations) AND volunteers are invited to join us for dinner, a networking opportunity, and an informational meeting. RSVP to ynoggle@archatl.com for dinner.

YAM Mustard Seed "Labor of Love" Mission Trip to Jamaica, August 30- Sept. 6

- *Do you want make a difference in your life and the lives of others in need?
- *Can you say, "Yes" to God's invitation to serve His precious orphaned children?
- *Are you ready to go deeper?
- *Are you ready to rock your world?



Then what are you waiting for?... Sign up today!

For more details/info visit www.mustardseed.com or contact:

Dorothy Polchinski, dorothy@yam.org or

Janice Givens at 770-663-8807.

Parish YAM Events

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Northside YAM

St. Jude the Apostle, 7171 Glenridge Dr. Atlanta, 30328
June 8, July 13 & August 10 : Mass and a Meal, 6pm, contact Kathy Powell:
kpowell@stjudeatlanta.net
Summer small group study on prayer, details in YAM weekly emails

Central YAM

Christ the King YAM(CTK YAM)
May 22-26: Memorial Day Beach Excursion: Leave your footprints in the Sand!
Destin FL. For pricing and booking, visit: www.cktyam.org.

Northeast YAM

St. Joseph Maronite Church, 502 Seminole Ave NE, Atlanta, 30307
May 4: Lebanese and Mediterranean Food Festival, 11:30am-4pm, free admission, dinner donation accepted. Come and join the Young Adult Lebanese community in a day of food, fun and fellowship including a Live Dabke performance and tons of delish food!

Northwest YAM

St. Francis de Sales, 587 Landers Drive, Mableton, 30126
Every Sunday, Holy Hour of Reparation, 3-4pm

Eastside YAM

Saints Peter and Paul, 2506 Tilson Rd, Decatur, 30032
May 9, 16, & 23: Three Part Series on "Joy"
May 17: Martinis at IMAX
June 28: "Open Mic with Father Eric Hill"
For more information on these events, email: stspandpyam@googlegroups.com

Southside YAM

Parishes of Fayette and Coweta County
First Wednesdays of the month: 6pm Mass at St. Matthew's (215 Kirkley Rd, Tyrone) 7pm dinner at Mellow Mushroom (275 Highway 74N, Peachtree City) for team trivia. Please RSVP to Pamela at ugapamela@aol.com by Tuesday.

Organizational Events

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Charis Retreat: "The Search For Faith"

May 31, 11:30am-June 1, 4pm, Ignatius Retreat Center (6700 Riverside Dr NW Atlanta, 30328) 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, small group discussions, and taking time for silent reflection and spiritual direction. More info: (404) 255-0503, or email ihsecretary@bellsouth.net.

On The Deck, Summer College Ministry, Every Thursday from May 29-July 31st, 7-9:30pm, Mike Judge's House (2545 Waterstone Way, Marietta, 30062). The mission of OTD is to provide an opportunity for Christian fellowship and spiritual growth to college-age students while they are home for the summer. For more information, check out: www.otdatlanta.com or email: team@otdatlanta.com

Theology of the Body for Everybody (TOBE), TOBE meets every Saturday evening. 6:45 Rosary, 7:00 Food & fellowship, 7:30 Movie/video. www.GodofDesire.com/tobe for details. Email: Larry@yam.org for mailing list.

Toastmasters, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursdays of the month, 7:30pm - 9:00pm, St. Andrew; Bldg D, room 202 (675 Riverside Rd, Roswell 30075) YAM TOASTMASTERS is focused on helping Young Adult Catholics develop public speaking and leadership skills within a Catholic environment. For more information, please contact: yam_toastmasters@yahoo.com.

Service Opportunities with St. Vincent de Paul

Home visits and service: Second Saturday of every month, 9am- 1pm. Volunteers meet at the Outreach Center and then go forth in pairs to help with chores, groceries and companionship by regularly visiting homebound and elderly clients who express a need for this.

Thrift Store Night: last Thursday of every month, 6 to 8 pm, followed by a brief discussion and an optional meal at a nearby restaurant, the SVDP Outreach Center's Thrift Store (2050 Chamblee Tucker Road, Chamblee, 30341)

English as a Second Language (ESL): Every Sunday, 11am- 2:30pm, San Felipe Mission (925 Conley Road, Forest Park)

French Mass: last Sunday of the month, 4-5pm, Mary Our Queen Church (6260 The Corners Parkway, Norcross, 30092), The Frassati Young Adult Conference of SVdP has traditionally supported this Mass.

Visit www.yam.org/events/calendar.php for more parish and organizational events!

Archdiocesan Events...

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Eucharistic Congress: June 20-21, 2008

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." - John 6:51

Mark your calendars today for the 2008 Eucharistic Congress, June 20-21, 2008. The event will be held at the Georgia International Convention Center, College Park. For speaker and the event schedule, visit: www.archatl.com/congress/

Holy Land Pilgrimage

"In the Footprints of Jesus and Mary" is the theme for the June 26 to July 9 pilgrimage led by Fr. Theodore Book from the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The trip will include prayer and mass at the central locations of Jesus' ministry: Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, and many others. Lodging will be in religious houses run by the Franciscans and other religious orders. Space is limited. For more information, check out the online brochure: s3.amazonaws.com/frbook/Brochure.pdf

Mary and the Holy Spirit, continued from page 1

After the transformation the apostles had at Pentecost, Mary would have urged them on in their mission, and maybe even packed them a lunch (as only a good mother would do).

These musings lead to nothing unless we turn them back towards our daily lives. What does it mean for me? The Blessed Mother has a desire to bring us closer to the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. She knows how much we need the gifts of the Spirit, and how vital it is for our mission to spread the good news of Christ. Are we asking for her help? Are we letting her lead us to God? Maybe we should pick up a rosary and pray the glorious mysteries during this month to ask for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit through our relationship with a loving and gentle mother. The natural world is in the midst of revitalization, the Holy Spirit wants our souls to bud and blossom too.



Contact Information

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Did you miss our Lenten Holy Ground Series?

Podcasts now available!

Do you want to know more information about young adult events and groups?

Would you like a detailed calendar of events?

Atlanta Catholic Sports: co-presidents@atlantacatholicsports.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

Holy Trinity/St. Matthew: Pamela Kinzly, ugapamela@aol.com

IHM Young Adults: Tatiana Krause, ihmyam@yahoo.com

On the Deck: www.otdatlanta.com

Our Lady of Lourdes: klemon@bellsouth.net

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: Lyndon Baptiste, info@damilrecords.com

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St. Jude Young Adults: Kathy Powell, kpowell@stjudeatlanta.net

St. Lawrence: Clark Graves, cgraves810@comcast.net

St. Luke: Michael Ferrin, college@stlukercc.org

St. Patrick: Christopher Vigil, Christopher@christophervigil.net

St. Paul of the Cross: Tiffany Harlow, tharlow@kslaw.com

St. Vincent de Paul Young Adults: Shirley D'Souza, Shirley.dsouza@ge.com

Sts. Peter and Paul: Kristina Carter, k.carterrph@gmail.com

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