

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Charles Parishioners:

Further updated information on the architectural plans for our new Parish Community Center will be available soon. While we have a representative Parish Development Committee headed by Monica Craven to work closely with the architect, we also welcome your individual ideas and suggestions. Look out for announcements that will advise you about how and when you may offer your insights.

Our Community Center is an opportunity for all to become engaged in envisioning the future of St. Charles. We encourage your active participation. In addition to ideas we also appreciate the tangible support of all who pledge and look for the day soon when ALL can find their way free to participate in the pledging program.

"Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain"

Geary Creedon

PARKING FOR MASS

ALERT!! Please **do not** park at the curb on the Fairfax Drive side of the church. It is a "NO PARKING" zone and you may be ticketed. We are working on the traffic flow in the Church parking lot to avoid parking difficulties. Please be patient and with our volunteers - they are working very hard to help everyone. If you would like to become a member of this volunteer team, please call Marvin Mayorga at the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation!

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY has made available to St. Charles parishioners, 75 parking spaces on their surface lot during Sunday Masses. The parking lot entrance is located on Kirkwood between Fairfax Drive and Washington Blvd. Please note that George Mason also uses the lot during these times and cannot be responsible for any property loss or damage. In the spirit of cooperation, we thank them for their consideration.

CHILD CARE AT MASS

We need your help in organizing childcare during Mass for our littlest parishioners here at St. Charles. If you are interested in helping, please meet with us in the Parish Memorial Room on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:30. For more info, please call Rose Holiday at 703-522-8336.

PLEASE NOTE

- **Baptismal preparation in English**, previously scheduled for August 26, has been rescheduled for today, August 19.
- **The Parish Office will be closed TODAY, next weekend (8/25-26/01) and at 5:00 PM the week of August 19-24.** If you have a meeting scheduled during this week that requires the use of one of the office keys, please call the Parish Office to make other arrangements.

OOPS! We Goofed... In last week's article "Picnic Time", Pat Horner's email address should have read... phorner@erols.com.

LITURGIES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2001

7:30 Parishioners
9:00 Mr. Ruffner by Catherine Ann Schmitt
11:00 Loretta Sarahan by her Children & Grand-children
1:00 Berta Rosales by Blanca Muñoz & Family
*Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrew 12:1-4;
Luke 12:49-53*

Monday, August 20, 2001:

9:00 T. Jean Mondora and Eleanor B. Risdon
7:30 (at the Arlington Detention Center) for Inmates
Readings: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 21, 2001:

9:00 Frank DiMeo by Ellen Whalen
Readings: Judges 6:11-24; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 22 2001:

9:00 Marian Thompson & The Robinson Family (L)
by Twila Gavin
Readings: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 23, 2001:

9:00 Nita Singh by Olga Singh
Readings: Judges 11:29-39; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 24, 2001:

9:00 Lorraine Kirchgessner by Louise Montavon
Readings: Revelation 21:9-14; John 1:45-51

Saturday, August 25, 2001:

9:00 Lucille Phelan by Savery Gradoville
5:00 Eileen Bruno (L) Camille Burruto
Readings: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

Please pray for

Please remember to keep in your prayers, those who are sick and those who suffer, especially: Eileen Bruno, Judy Birt, Sr. Margaret A. Cook, Connor Cozoli, Michael Andrew Herdoiza, Mary Catherine Kern-Herdoiza, Mary Theresa Kern, Joshua Solano, Arthur Simolunas, Jared Spaerh, Mary Gerwin, Mildred Weaver, and Amalia Verdeja. Let us also pray for those who have died, especially: Miguel Sotelo and Alice Flaherty.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

HAITIAN STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS

Thanks to your generosity, St Charles is now sponsoring over 200 students in our partner parishes in Haiti. Those wishing to renew can drop off their \$100 tuition checks in the Haiti Committee box in the parish office. For more information about the sponsorships and committee, call Brian Francis at 703-812-8656, Linda Hill at 703 521-7623 or Josephine Lee at 703 522-5320.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Our Special Thanks to **MURPHY'S FUNERAL HOME** for their support.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Those of you who work in the pro-life movement are...witnesses to the truth. You proclaim what many people wish to forget, that the unborn and the elderly, the sick and the handicapped, those on the margins of life, are human beings and children of God, made in His image, and that they deserve our love and respect, especially because they are weak and vulnerable.
 -Msgr. Robert Sokolowski, homily August 10, 2000

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends in Christ, Over the years, your outstanding generosity to **St. Charles School Scholarship Fund** (better known as Sr. B's Kids) has provided a Catholic Education to many underprivileged children. For this, we are deeply grateful. Please be assured that you and yours are remembered in our daily prayers. Again, I appeal to your "giving hearts" as we prepare to begin a new school year. No amount is too large or too small to help prepare these children for a brighter future. God loves you and I do too. Your continued support is a blessing. Checks can be made payable to "St. Charles School Scholarship Fund". **LIVE THE SPIRIT!** In Him Always, *Sister Benedict, O.S.B.*

St. Charles School needs to upgrade its classroom computers. If your workplace is upgrading and could donate used Pentium 233 Mhz or better PC's, please contact either the School Office (703-527-0608) or Randy Bender (703-527-2476). Individual PC donations or funds toward the purchase of new PC's are also very welcome.



RCIA

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or do you know someone who is? Join us for our remaining summer sharing sessions from 7:30-9:00PM in the Upper Room on August

21. For more information, contact the parish office or see our new brochure.



THIS WEEK ONLINE: SEE THE HAITIAN STUDENTS YOUR PARISH SPONSORS

Your award-winning parish website, www.stcharleschurch.org, is featuring photos of the Haitian school children who St. Charles sponsors. Learn more about the program and how to get involved. Or check out the celebrants schedule, parish center blueprints or how to get involved with RCIA. Does your ministry or Neighborhood have a budding web programmer? If so, they should join the Web Team to make sure your area is well represented online. Email webteam@stcharleschurch.org.

A CHANGE FOR THE COMMUNITY BUILDING MINISTRIES

The Community Building Ministries will now be known as the Community Life Ministries. The change is to lessen confusion with the building campaign. Community Life now includes these ministries: Circle of Caring, C'YA, Cursillo, Sponsor Couples for Engaged, Gathering Groups, Marriage Encounter Circle, Moms Ministry, Monday Prayer Group, Scripture Reviews, Web Team. Members of these groups are invited to a kick-off supper Sept 11 at 7PM in the Cafeteria. RSVP with the office.

PICNIC TIME!!

Neighborhood E will hold a picnic on Sunday, August 26, 2001 from 1 to 4 PM on the grounds of Lyon Park at the corner of Pershing Drive and Fillmore. Turkey, ham and drinks will be provided. If your last name begins with: A-M, please bring a salad or side dish; N-Z, please bring appetizer or dessert. Please respond to Jan Martin at 703-528-0736 or Pat Horner at 703-524-5437 or e-mail: phoner@erols.com. Bring the kids. We hope to see you there for good food and good company.

RIGHT TO RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST

Every Catholic within St. Charles parish has a right to receive the Eucharist at least weekly. Our Eucharistic Ministries bring communion to the homebound. If you know someone who is unable to come to Mass, call Eleanor Werthmann at 703-821-3483 to arrange for Communion to be brought to that person.

Don't cash it!
 Don't deposit it!
 Turn it over, sign it, and write:
**"Pay to the order of the
 St. Charles Capital Campaign."**

Our tax refund checks are a wonderful opportunity for us to do even more – above and beyond our pledges – to Build the Spirit and Build the Parish Community Center Here at St. Charles.

You can simply place your check in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. Thank you again for your continuing generosity and spirit of sacrifice.



- Last Week's Collection: \$13,780.88
- Last Week's Tithe of \$1,378.09 was for St. Charles Outreach.
- This Week's Tithe is for AFAC.
- Next Week's Tithe is for the Arlington Free Clinic.