



Dear St. Charles Parishioners:

"Then the celebration began." The father of the prodigal son welcomed back his son with a party. This aspect of joy and celebration has been reintroduced to the liturgy of the Catholic Church in recent decades. This element clashes with traditional experiences of reverence. Let us make room for quiet while at the same time opening our hearts in praise and thanksgiving.

Are there ways we can incorporate the aspect of praise into our private prayer and family rituals?

These are some of the questions we will reflect on at the upcoming day of reflection "Lord. Teach us to pray", on September 22nd. Remember if you pre-register at the Office, you get half price!

"Praise the Lord!"

Gerry Creedon

P.S. At next Sunday's liturgies, we commission our Parish Council.

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 with our volunteers - they are working very hard to help everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF CRIME

Help Fr. Gerry to help the Good News prison Ministry. All proceeds from this Good News Golf Marathon will support the Fairfax Chaplaincy at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Sponsor Fr. Gerry by pledging \$1, \$2, \$5 or \$10 per hole. Sponsorship forms can be picked-up in the Parish Office.

THANK YOU!

This bulletin is furnished to the parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. We encourage you to patronize our continuing sponsors and those that are new this year as a thank you for their kind generosity.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Don't forget to pick up your copy of *Living Stones* publication at the Ministry Fair here at St Charles on September 30.
- *Baptismal preparation in English*, previously scheduled for September 23rd, has been rescheduled to September 30th.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Our Special Thanks to **Ronald M. Cohen & Associates, P.C.** for their support.

LITURGIES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2001

7:30 Parishioners
9:00 John Chau by the Chau Family
11:00 Boodhan Singh by The Anhut Family
1:00 Maria Encarnacion Simon by Maria Elena Cordova
*Readings: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;
Luke 15:1-32*

Monday, September 17, 2001:

9:00 Lucille Phelan by Savery Gradoville
7:30 (at the Arlington Detention Center) for Inmates
Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 18, 2001:

9:00 Christine Culbertson/Paul Hohmann by Anne Rogers
Readings: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 19, 2001:

9:00 Thomas Pinto
Readings: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 20, 2001:

9:00 Rafael Mutis by Angelina Schor
Readings: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 21, 2001:

9:00 Daniel Herlihy by Maureen McElligott
Readings: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday, September 22, 2001:

9:00 Calixto Ocenar by Tito Farrales
5:00 Special Intention by the Anhut Family
Readings: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:5-15

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, Amalia Verdeja, Carolyn Gardner, Joseph Collins, and Charles Williams. Let us also pray for those who have died, especially: Hernando Parra.

NEWS FROM BORROMEIO HOUSING

Borromeo serves at risk homeless teenage mothers and their children by providing a transitional residential program. Depending on the family's need, the program may last from 6 months to two years. The Borromeo program, staff and volunteers foster a stable living environment that enables the residents to pursue their educational goals while improving their parenting and life skills. Our staff consists of Jane Hammitt (Executive Director), Maria Garland (Program Director) and Olivia Hayes (Direct Care at Elizabeth House). We have an active Board of Directors, including St. Charles Parishioners, Suzie Austin and Rob Donovan. Continue to read the bulletin for more Borromeo news, activities and ways that you can help our vision of responsible parenting become a reality. Please feel free to call our office for more information at 703-841-0139.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

You have received the Spirit of Christ Jesus, which brings salvation and hope; your lives are a witness of faith. Whether you were baptized as a child or joined the Church as an adult, you have a story of faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reminder... Atrium and Grade-Based religious education classes start THIS weekend, Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16. If you have not yet registered your child or children, please stop by the cafeteria after the 9 AM. Mass or by the Parish Office after any other Masses to fill out a registration form. Forms also are available on line at the parish website. If you have any questions, please call 703-527-5500, ext. 19.

THEOLOGY ON TAP (TOT)

If you are in your 20's or 30's, single or married and free Tuesday night from 7-9 PM, come listen to "Straight talk, hard facts and real answers" about the Catholic Faith. TOT meetings will be held at Whitlow's on Wilson at 2845 Wilson Blvd. in Arlington just 2 blocks east of the Clarendon metro. TOT will run for six consecutive weeks starting September 18th. Happy ½ hour starts at 7 PM, talk at 7:30 PM, Q&A at 8 PM. Must be 21 to attend – please bring ID! For more information, contact 703-841-2550.

MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS



Are you celebrating your Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year? Were you married in 1951 or 1976? Then contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2001 Marriage Jubilee Mass". This Mass will

be celebrated at 2:30PM on October 14th at the Cathedral, but the parish office has to submit all registrations to the Office for *Family Life* on/before September 20th. Call the Parish Office with questions.



RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

"Sustained and Growing in God's Love." Loyola retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland is offering a Weekend Retreat for Married Couples, September 21 – 23. The Loyola Staff will be joined by Bill & Pat Coffin in presenting this retreat. The suggested donation is \$250 per couple. To register or for more information please call 301-870-3515.

DON'T MISS



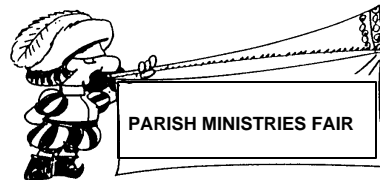
THE 2ND ANNUAL PVI RUNFEST

A 5k run and 1 mile fun walk will be held on Sunday, September 23rd at 8 AM. The run/walk begins and ends in the Paul VI parking lot. There will be cash prizes to top finishers, medals to the top 3 winners in 5-year age categories, door prizes and more. All proceeds benefit Paul VI Catholic High School. Call the PVI Development office for a registration form at 703-352-0925 ext. 351 or register on race day.

IN OUR PARISH

WEB HEADS MEET ON TUESDAY

The Web Team, the folks who make www.stcharleschurch.org possible meet this Tuesday, September 18, at 7:30PM in the Memorial Room (next to the crying room). All are welcome. We'll review options for the homepage redesign, testing of our new navigation bars, and finalize our gig at the Ministries Fair. Neighborhoods and Ministries who want a beefier web presence should have their web programming volunteers attend the meeting. Email webteam@stcharleschurch.org to join the fun.



Come to the **St. Charles Ministries Fair** after all Masses on September 29-30, 2001, to explore the unlimited opportunities

available to you. Whatever your interested or talent, there is a special place for you. Volunteering is both fun and rewarding! If interested in helping out, please contact Dottie Slovak at 202-862-5983 or 703-354-0028.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Help show the residents of Buckingham State Prison the redemptive love of Christ, by baking cookies for a four-day ecumenical evangelization modeled after the Cursillo weekend. Cookies may have chocolate chips, but must not have frosting, nuts or candies. They should be 2" round, placed in sandwich bags of 12, and home baked by Tuesday, September 18th. Call Dan Marsh for more details at home at 703-243-8508, or work at 703-816-8821.

LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

Please make plans to join us on September 22 at 9:45AM until 4:00PM, to explore the how and why of prayer. Registration is only \$5.00 walk-ins will be charged \$10.00, which includes lunch. Drop off your registration form at the parish office. Sponsored by the Community Life Ministries

MOMS AND ME

Ministry of Mothers Sharing is an opportunity for mothers to address feelings, personal growth and friendship through sharing with other moms. If you would like to participate please call Marna Louis at 703-801-1939.



- Last Week's Collection: \$18,162.50
- Last Week's Tithe of \$1,816.25 was for St. Charles Outreach.
- Last Week's 2nd Collection of \$3,237.00 was for Religious Education.
- This Week's Tithe is for St. Charles School.
- Next Week's Tithe is for the Hispanic Committee of Virginia.