



Dear St. Charles Parishioners:

"Prepare a full account of you stewardship!" We often think of our stewardship in regard to money. This aspect of tithing is an important demand of discipleship. However, this weekend we focus on stewardship of our time and talent. We commission the members of our Parish Council to the work of fostering the growth of St Charles community. Next weekend, our Ministries Volunteer Fair at the School Cafeteria provides an opportunity for all to learn about the variety of ways we may offer our support to the mission of St Charles. You will learn about ways of offering your time to: Community Life, Liturgy, Education, Social Justice, Hospitality, Youth, Stewardship, Neighborhood. The Latin American Community will also share its ministries.

Please consider and discern how your gifts may contribute to the building of God's Reign! On the first Monday of October, I will offer a presentation in the Church at 8PM on the topic: "Everything you wanted to know about the Catholic Church and were afraid to ask!" In this session I will focus on questions in the area of contemporary morality.

I was proud to be pastor of St Charles this past week. The demonstration of faith in the face of our Nation's tragedy was heartwarming: hundreds attended a special Mass on Thursday with little advance notice, a school Mass of remembrance, a special evening of prayer for our youth, an overflow for the sacrament of reconciliation and a packed church at all of the Masses this weekend. May this period of fervor have lasting effects on the vibrancy of our hope and faith.

The Iman from the Falls Church Mosque, Anwar-Al Awlaki will join me for an adult education night on October 1st at 8 PM in the Church to consider how we may build bridges to understanding and peace. Come and be apart of an important dialogue.

Peace,

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

PLEASE NOTE:

- *Living Stones* publication will be available next weekend at the Ministry Fair
- *Baptismal preparation in English*, previously scheduled for today, has been rescheduled for next Sunday.

LITURGIES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2001

- 7:30 Parishioners
- 9:00 Mary & William Burke (L) by Catherine Wynne
- 11:00 Glyne Goodrige by Mary Bidhop
- 1:00 Padre Mario A. Cisneros & Santiago Cisneros by Santiago Cisneros

Readings: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Monday, September 24, 2001:

- 9:00 The Munly Family by Richard Munly
- 7:30 (at the Arlington Detention Center) for Inmates

Readings: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 25, 2001:

- 9:00 Primitiva Ocenar by Tito Farrales
- Readings: Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21*

Wednesday, September 26, 2001:

- 9:00 Louis Ormando by Carmela Ormando
- Readings: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6*

Thursday, September 27, 2001:

- 9:00 Father of Donna McCaffrey by Savery Gradoville
- Readings: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9*

Friday, September 28, 2001:

- 9:00 Victims & Families of 9/11 attack by Mario D'Ambrosio

Readings: Haggai 1:15-2:9; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 29, 2001:

- 9:00 Tita Mitra by Alex Cuejilo
- 5:00 Antonio Calogero by Camille Burruto

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; John 1:47-51

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, Mildred Weaver, Carolyn Gardner, Joseph Collins, Charles Williams, John Portaria, Sheila Creedon, Carl Gatto, and Michael Rontaler. Let us also pray for those who have died, especially: Lawrence Duffy, Jimmy Quinn, Johann Pociask, Lt. Scott Lamada, Lt. Eric Crawford, Tom Rasmusen and Venson Chu.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

CROP WALK IS BACK - join us for the 2001 Crop Walk on October 20, 2001. Consider walking or sponsoring a walker by registering at the tables outside of the Church doors after 9 and 11AM Masses or call Kristi at 202-238-1710 or Carol at 703-524-6133.

WE NEED YOUR HELP - Our Project Lazarus Fund has almost depleted its resources. Your generous cash contributions will allow us to provide emergency assistance to needy families within our area. Please consider donating to the Project Lazarus, it would be greatly appreciated.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Our Special Thanks to **Dwyer Service Corporation** for their support.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

We all have – and are – stories of faith, for through the Spirit, the gospel of Jesus Christ takes hold of us in the proclamation of his world and Jesus touches us in the celebration of his sacraments. When this genuinely happens, we are all set ablaze by his love.

SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to 8th grader LaToya Sims who attends St Charles School for her more than 60 hours spent this summer as a Summer Youth Volunteer at the Pentagon's TriCare Clinic. More than 40 youths volunteered for this and various other programs sponsored by the Arlington County Chapter of the American Red Cross. LaToya's efforts demonstrate her caring and diligence as well as her spirit of love. We're proud of her god work for the community.

"WE'RE IN IT FOR ETERNITY"

Please join Theology on Tap on Tuesday, September 25 at Whitlow's on Wilson, for a group discussion lead by Fr. Matthew Zuberueler, on "Why bother with weekly worship?" The talk begins at 7:30PM, followed by a brief Q&A session. You might want to arrive early for Happy ½ hour and socializing. For more information, email tot@arlingtondiocese.org or call Andrea at 703-841-2549.

A CHANGE OF HEART

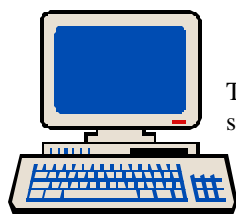
Bud Welch, father of Julie Marie Welch, who was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, will speak at Bishop Ireton High School today at 7PM. Bud will speak on how, in the months following Julie's death, he changed from supporting the death penalty for bomber Timothy McVeigh to taking a stand against it. The program is free to the public. For more information please call 703-892-6891.

PASTORAL COUNSELING SERVICES

If you were ever going to do therapy, now is the time, here is the place. Pay attention to unresolved family pain, learn new ways to make life work. Sliding scale fees. Call Jean Sweeney to set up appointments with Carl or Cecilia at 703-527-5500 ext15.

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF CRIME

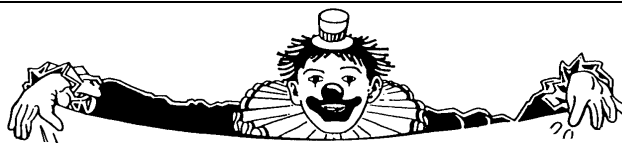
Help Fr. Gerry to help the Good News prison Ministry. All proceeds from this Good News Golf Marathon will support the Fairfax Chaplaincy at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Sponsor Fr. Gerry by pledging \$1, \$2, \$5 or \$10 per hole. Sponsorship forms can be picked-up in the Parish Office.



KEEP CONNECTED DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

The Parish web site, www.stcharleschurch.org, is one way you can keep connected to the St. Charles community during this time of national mourning. The Web Team will keep you informed of special parish events, ways you can help the relief efforts, and prayers to help the healing process.

IN OUR PARISH



OKTOBERFEST IS FOUR WEEKS AWAY

The Oktoberfest committee is busy preparing for this annual event that benefits our parish school. We are looking forward to a day of fun, food and entertainment. By now you have received a letter containing you raffle tickets in the mail. If you did not receive yours, or would like more tickets, you may pick them up at the rectory or school office. Raffle ticket stubs and money/checks can be given to the Parish Office or School Office. Last year's Silent Auction was a huge success! If you have a theme-basket of goodies that you would like to donate please give Melissa Wishy a call at 703-266-4932. As you do your "fall cleaning" please set aside items for the Yard Sale. Please see the Yard Sale information and donations guidelines in the back of the church or on the parish website. If you wish to volunteer and for the bake sale, yard sale or spaghetti dinner, please contact Mike or Sabra Flaherty at 703-920-2689. Thank you so much for your continued support. Feel the Spirit!

PARISH MINISTRIES FAIR

Mark your calendar so you don't miss this year's parish Ministries Fair, which will be held after all Masses next weekend (September 29 – 30, 2001). Ministry members will be on hand to speak with you about the many and varied volunteer opportunities available to you. St. Charles believes in full employment - there is definitely a job for everyone! Volunteering is fun and rewarding, and is a great way to make new friends! Don't miss it!

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.



CHURCH SUPPORT

- Last Week's Collection: \$24,602.76
- Last Week's Tithe of \$2,460.28 was for St. Charles School.
- Last Week's Special 2nd Collection of \$11,420.50 was for Catholic Charities Attack on America Relief Efforts.
- This Week's Tithe is for the Hispanic Committee of Virginia.
- Next Week's Tithe is for the Virginia Organizing Project.