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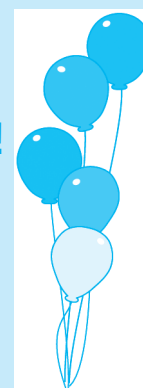
ANNUAL SAINT BEDE PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
12:15 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

New this year: Karaoke with Father Arlon!

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO BRING:

A–M: Desserts and N–Z: Salads/Side Dishes
(The parish will provide everything else.)



Don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets!

Educating for Eternity

Homeschooling is not new; it is as old as the Church and existed even prior to the Church's establishment. There was a time when the Mass and the home were the most important and only educators of children in their Faith. In more recent years, there has been a renewal of homeschooling, with many parents taking seriously their role as primary teachers of their children.

There are many reasons for, as well as benefits and blessings to be derived from homeschooling, including a Catholic faith-filled education, having more time and flexibility, and growing closer as a family. There are many resources for homeschooling: Catholic curricula, support groups, and enrichment activities for families. For many, homeschooling is a way of life.

Pope John Paul II wrote in his letter to families: "Parents are the first and most important educators of their children, and they also possess a fundamental competence in this area; they are educators because they are parents."

Children are brought into this world to know, to love, and to serve God, and to be with Him forever in heaven. We are educating for eternity. It is our primary responsibility to raise our children in the Faith and to help our family members become saints. All families already homeschool to some extent. Make it count for an eternity!

Some helpful resources on homeschooling are www.heav.org, www.setonhome.org and www.hslda.org. Please contact Sheila Lancour at 259-0193 with questions or for more information.

**AROUND ONE TABLE:
EXPANDING OUR HOME**

By Erin Pitre and Larry Fronheiser



In early June, representatives from the Around One Table (AOT) Coordinating Team, Development Office, and parish staff presented our case for the Parish Life & Ministry Center (PLMC) to the Building & Renovations Commission at the Diocese of Richmond. Highlights of the presentation included:

- A recap of the original Saint Bede master plan that called for “buildings which provide more space for our children, youth and all parish age groups for meetings and parish activities” (as quoted in the One Table Campaign Case Statement, 1999)
- Reminders of what you, our parishioners, reported as “Needs” in the “We Walk by Faith” survey results: More parking, more opportunity for “connecting” with one another, and religious education programs across all levels
- An update on our present situation: Over 50 active ministry groups, limited meeting spaces, 645 youth in last year’s Religious Education programs, a 112% increase in Adult Faith Formation, and a two-campus staff.

By July, Bishop DiLorenzo responded to the presentation. Among his sentiments and recommendations were:

- Recognition of our need for space and a central parish staff office
- Concern with parish debt and encouragement of our efforts with the new debt reduction program
- Phasing construction of the PLMC, suggesting site development and additional parking as a first focus based upon parish needs as stated in the “We Walk by Faith” survey results
- Assurance of his support and interest in our progress.

Concurrently, work teams from the AOT Committee have been briefing the Finance and Pastoral Councils, tweaking the plans with our architectural firm, Geier Brown Renfrow Architects, LLC, meeting with attorneys, and sustaining the momentum of this project.

Taking all of this into consideration and coupling it with our parish leadership’s sensitivity towards the current economy—both at Saint Bede and at the diocesan level—we envision construction of the PLMC to be a multi-year project with additional parking and site development due for completion in spring 2011. It is difficult to ascertain a long-range time line, since many factors will contribute to the realization of the master plan for our church. These include the national economy, the level of your generosity, fluctuating construction costs, and growth in the number of registered parishioners. God willing, we all will quickly bring to life the project which the AOT Committee has tirelessly worked towards since 2006.

**Saint Bede
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BAPTISMS

July 1, 2009

Zachary Mattias Wright, son of George and Antoinette Wright, Jr.

July 4, 2009

Oliver John Owens, son of Edward and Helen Owens

July 12, 2009

Lynn-Li Grace de Guzman, daughter of Joachim and Allison de Guzman

Jocelyn Susanna Drumheller, daughter of Meghan Morrisette

July 19, 2009

Joseph Dylan Buck, son of Scott and Christina Buck

July 28, 2009

Larry Osbaldo Bolanos Jimenez, son of Ernesto Bolanos and Silvia Jimenez

Patricia M. Delgado Lima, daughter of Husiel Tovar Lima and Estela Delgado Juarez

Diane Linares Alfaro, daughter of David V. Linares and Emilia N. Alfaro

August 1, 2009

Lucas James Hodge, son of John and Samantha Hodge

Samantha Dawn Peterson, daughter of Jonathan and Amanda Peterson

Cameron James Walker, son of Peter and Cynthia Walker

WEDDINGS

June 7, 2009

Daniel Scott Lee and Elizabeth Ashleigh Schuller

June 26, 2009

Jack Alfred Garrow and Linda Margaret Padgett

June 27, 2009

Edwin Armando Escobar and Veronica de Socorro Hernandez

Nathaniel Wilson Hoover and Colleen Elizabeth Dorgan

Michael Robert Dorn, II and Kristin Nicole Kocinski

July 4, 2009

Allan Nahum Garcia and Dinora Marilu Samayoa

July 11, 2009

Eric Michael Brinker and April Marie Winebarger

Andrew Joseph Augustin and Laura Elizabeth Smalling

July 18, 2009

Gabriel Balderas and Lizette Carrillo

Jonathan Robert Schoenfeld and Audrey Lynn Kroll

July 25, 2009

Richard Brian Neely and Lauren Elizabeth Mullenax

August 1, 2009

Theodore George Kirby and Suzanne Marie Taylor

Keith Butler Klovers and Amanda Marie Downing

REST IN PEACE

June 29, 2009

Al Vita

July 9, 2009

John Joseph Regan

July 16, 2009

Wassyl John Hvizda



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Friends for Life

The **Friends for Life Committee** has several upcoming events and hopes that many of you will choose to participate. Over the years, you have seen the project **40 Days For Life** mentioned frequently. Locally, it entails personal fasting, personal prayer and prayer with others at an abortion mill in Richmond from September 23 through November 1. **40 Days For Life** has conducted campaigns in the fall and spring for the past several years with an ever-increasing response and increased positive results. Our committee invites as many parishioners as possible to join us. Look for announcements in the bulletins in the coming weeks for further details on how to participate.

The annual **Baby Shower** for the benefit of **Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia Care Centers** will be conducted, once again, during the month of October, **Respect Life Month**. We request donations suitable for infants such as diapers, blankets, bibs, booties, etc. Please drop by our display table during the third weekend in September for a more detailed list of items needed. The generosity of our parishioners in the past has been most heartwarming!

CHOOSE LIFE License Plates are now available in the state of Virginia. Type in the following link: www.dmv.state.va.us/exec/vehicle/splates/info.asp?idnm=CL for more information. As a revenue sharing plate, \$15.00 of the \$25.00 fee is transferred to HEARTBEAT INTERNATIONAL, after the sale of the first 1000 plates.

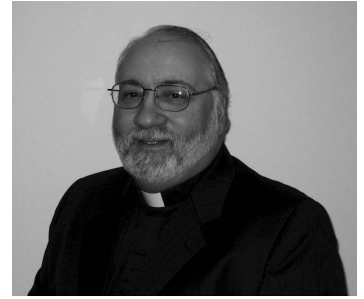


Our committee is always looking for new members! Please join us at our meeting in the Conference Room on the third Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. In the meantime, **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE BABIES VULNERABLE TO ABORTION.**

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Ask the Deacon

By Deacon Dominic Cerrato, Ph.D.



Question: Deacon Dominic, I see in the bulletin that you are the Director of Adult Faith Formation at Saint Bede. Just what is “Adult Faith Formation” and what kind of programs will you offer this fall?

Response: The term “Adult Faith Formation” is used to describe the many catechetical efforts aimed at helping adults better understand and integrate their Catholic faith into their everyday lives. Often, we think of catechesis as something children do either in Catholic schools or in School of Religion programs. While this is true, taken by itself, it is misleading. Catechesis is absolutely necessary for every age, from the very young to the very old. This is because the Church understands catechesis as not so much about coming to know something better (our Catholic faith – though this is essential), but rather coming to know Someone better (Our Lord). Sometimes these points are placed in opposition, but properly understood, they are fundamentally related. It is only in and through the study of the Faith that the sweet face of our Savior becomes clearer and clearer, drawing so close to us that He can kiss us. Pope John Paul II taught that, “At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth. Accordingly, the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but in communion, in intimacy with Jesus Christ; only He can lead us to the love of the Father and the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity” (Catechesi Tradendae #5). This is how the Church understands catechesis and this is the common thread that runs throughout the Adult Faith Formation programs at Saint Bede.

We have put together a number of catechetical efforts in an attempt to provide a menu of options depending on the catechetical needs. Our main programs are:

- **RCIA (directed to non-Catholics)** RCIA is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic Church. The program is a communal process and involves a number of stages punctuated by liturgical rites to aid and assist the participants toward the final rite, usually at the Easter Vigil, at which time the participants become full members of the Church.
- **Welcome Home (directed to fallen-away Catholics)** Our lives on earth should be a wholehearted search for God and His truth. For some, the search is quick and easy and for others, it is long and hard. *Welcome Home*, a ministry to non-practicing Catholics, offers spiritual reunion and a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. The seven-week series is designed to make their search for the fullness of truth easier and more fruitful.
- **Life in Christ (directed to all Catholics)** *Life in Christ* is a comprehensive adult catechetical series based on the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: faith, sacraments, morality, and prayer. The sessions are spread out over a two-year period with fall and spring sessions. Participants may attend the whole series or choose which sessions to attend.
- **Word Made Flesh (directed to all Catholics)** Saint Bede Adult Faith Formation is committed to helping Catholics deepen their love of our Lord Jesus Christ and knowledge of His Church by providing Catholic study materials that are always faithful to the teachings of the Church. Through our *Word Made Flesh* effort, our Bible studies incorporate Sacred Tradition which, together with Sacred Scripture, make up a single deposit of the Word of God. This year, we have the *Gospel of Luke*, the *Great Adventure Bible Study*, and the Passion and Resurrection narratives.

Beyond these programs, we also have Bede Lectures, Adult Confirmation classes, Our Lady of Walsingham Bible Study, prayer groups, and our Marriage Enrichment program. Watch the bulletin for details or contact me directly at 229-3700.

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By Neil Kraft, Director of Music

The personnel in the Music Ministry have not been idle during these past summer months! The *Summer Choir*, made up of veteran singers and some “newbies”, has added its support to the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The *Ensemble Singers* took a few weeks off but were back in action again early in August at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. You may hear some new and different sounds in their ministry! Several of our children also participated in the Williamsburg Summer Music Camp in mid-July, singing in choirs and attending other elective classes. Their week culminated in a vesper service on Friday evening in which all the children took part in song, word, and dance. The *Youth Ensemble*, under the direction of Heber Dunkle, took part in the *August Rush* praise and worship concert on August 7 at St. Olaf Church. The featured band for the evening was *Full Armor*.



In July, our leader of Children’s Music, Terri Osborne, completed Year I of the Choristers Guild Institute certification program. The Institute is a three-summer certification program for directors of young singers in Christian churches and schools. It provides a rigorous curriculum and schedule with nationally recognized leaders in church and choral music education. Terri plans to continue straight through to her certification.

I attended the national convention of the Pastoral Musicians Association, along with our Music Associate, Mary Stutz and her husband Bill. The convention was held in Chicago this summer. The schedule included many opportunities to learn in workshops, many concerts, and marvelous opportunities to socialize and converse with other music ministers from all over the country. About 2700 attended this year, including about 30 from the Richmond Diocese.

Our parish music ensembles rehearsal schedules are as follows: The *Bells of St. Bede* (Adult Handbells) on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 8. Our new *Middle School Choir* (grades 6-8) begins rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9 at 3:30 p.m. The *Angel Choir* (grades 2-5) will resume on Wednesday, September 9 at 4:30 p.m. The *Youth Ensemble* rehearses on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. The *Children’s Handbell Choir* (grades 3-8) rehearses on Thursdays beginning September 10 at 4:30 p.m.

The *Ensemble Singers* (11:00 a.m. Mass), which welcomes singers and instrumentalists from high school age on up, rehearses on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. The *St. Bede Chorale* (9:00 a.m. Mass) also welcomes teenagers through adults and rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning September 3.

If you would like to know more about the music program and how you might fit into it, please speak with me by calling the Music Office, 229-7723, or e-mail me at nkraft@bedeva.org. If you are interested in any of the children’s ensembles, please contact Terri Osborne at 220-3647 or markterri@juno.com.

High School Faith Formation

Theology of the Body for Teens
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Nave
Begins September 20

High School Faith Formation is open to all youth in grades 9-12 who are not preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

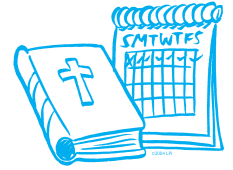
Catholics in Action

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Youth Room
September 13 and 27



Catholics in Action is open to all confirmed youth who are striving to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and serve in parish ministry. Non-confirmed youth are welcome provided that they also participate in the Confirmation preparation program.

September Calendar



- 13** Intro Night
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
In the Nave
- 20** Theology of the Body for Teens
Chapter 1: Created for Love
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
In the Nave
- 26** Diocesan Youth Day
Busch Gardens
- 27** Theology of the Body for Teens
Chapter 2: Love Defined
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
In the Nave



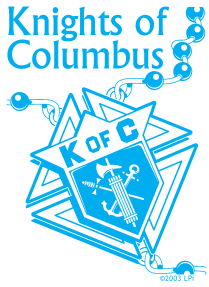
Thirty-five high school teens and seven brave adult chaperones went on this year's Youth Ministry Mission Trip to the Catholic HEART Workcamp in Prince Frederick, Maryland. The group spent the week of July 12-17 serving the needy in southern Maryland. Each parish participating in Catholic HEART Workcamp broke into several small work teams that served at various locations in and around St. John Vianney Parish, the camp headquarters for the week. The work teams served at family residences, often doing labor-intensive work for

elderly and physically handicapped parishioners, and at community service centers doing outreach work with the homeless, intellectually disabled, and unemployed. The youth all said that they saw God in the faces of the people they served.

The workcamp in Prince Frederick was a "Next Level" camp. This meant that youth and adult chaperones were required to attend daily Mass and were given opportunities to pray the Rosary, go to Reconciliation, and participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The work day was framed by high energy morning and evening programs which brought the Sacraments to the youth and engaged them in skits, praise and worship music, and even a dance party!

It was great to see our youth bond with teens from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maine, North Carolina, and New Jersey. The relationships they built during the course of the week meant more than any fence they painted or yard they raked. Our youth thanks all parishioners who donated their time, talent, and treasure to make this memorable weekend possible!





By Grand Knight, Larry Munk

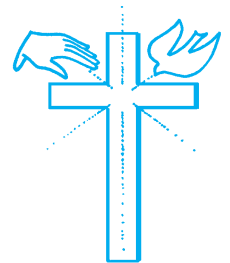
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The Knights of Columbus Father Rizer Council of Saint Bede has planned a wide variety of projects and events for the coming year. For details on who we are and what we do on behalf of the Church, our parish, and the community, please visit our local Father Rizer Council 6828 website, www.fatherrizercouncil6828.org.

Parish Nurse Ministry

The noroviruses are a group of related viruses that cause acute gastroenteritis in humans. This group of viruses is named after the original strain "Norwalk Virus," which caused an outbreak of gastroenteritis in a school in Norwalk, Ohio, in 1968.

The incubation period is generally between 24 and 48 hours, but cases can occur within twelve hours of exposure. This infection usually presents an acute onset with vomiting, non-bloody diarrhea with abdominal cramps, and nausea. A low-grade fever occasionally occurs, and vomiting is more common in young children. Dehydration is the most common complication, especially among the young and elderly, and may require medical attention. Symptoms usually last from 24 to 60 hours and recovery is almost always complete. No evidence of serious long-term side effects exists.



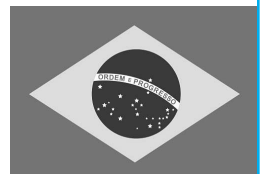
Noroviruses are highly contagious and are spread either by consumption of contaminated food or water or by direct person-to-person contact. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 23 million cases of acute gastroenteritis are due to norovirus infection, and it is now thought that at least 50% of all foodborne outbreaks of gastroenteritis can be attributed to noroviruses. A CDC study from July 1997 to June 2000 stated that of the 232 reported outbreaks of norovirus illness, 57% were foodborne. In this study, common settings for outbreaks included restaurants and catered meals (36%) with the rest stemming from nursing homes, schools, vacation settings or cruise ships. Most foodborne outbreaks are likely to arise through direct contamination of food by a food handler immediately before consumption. Outbreaks have frequently been associated with consumption of cold foods, including various salads, sandwiches, and bakery products. Salad dressings and cake icings which allow the virus to mix evenly are often implicated in outbreaks.

Lessons to be learned are simple: Wash your hands thoroughly before preparing food, keep cold foods cold, don't allow food to sit out for hours at any time, and do your best to ensure that the food preparers are healthy.



Catholic Exchange Student

Breno is a 16-year-old Catholic exchange student from Brazil who will be in the U.S. for the coming school year. He has requested placement with a Catholic family in order to easily continue practicing his Catholic faith while here. His interests include soccer, swimming, community service and bike riding. Breno speaks English well. He cannot live in a home with cats, as he is allergic to them. If you are interested in learning more about hosting Breno, please contact Teresa Mann, 1-866-338-1514 or tmann@ayusa.org. For more information about the student exchange organization, please visit www.ayusa.org.



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Marriage Encounter: Making Good Marriages Great!

In the "National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage," the U.S. Catholic bishops called attention to the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society, urging the Catholic Church to become a community of hope and help for marriages.



Today, couples become so involved in the day-to-day concerns of their lives — job, children, home, social activities — that they can lose touch with each other and their marital relationship, regardless of how many years they are married. The Marriage Encounter Weekend helps a couple discover the richness in each other again. It teaches a very positive way of communication. Married couples with good marriages are encouraged to register for the next "M.E." weekend in nearby Richmond on September 24-25, or for any other scheduled weekend. You may register anytime with a \$50 non-refundable deposit by e-mailing garbera@comcast.net or calling (804) 379-4297. Consult the Adult Faith Formation poster section in the Commons and the regional website, www.wmmeva.org, for updates of scheduled weekends and locations. A revised brochure and registration forms, describing much more, also are located in the Commons.

Spanish-speaking couples are encouraged to check out the *Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial* at: www.seccion16emm.com, or to contact Hispanic leaders, Ricardo y Soly Moreno of Beltsville, Maryland at morenoemm@hotmail.com.

Everyone Can Play! Anyone Can Win!



The Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) of the College of William & Mary will be in the Commons after Masses on Sundays, October 11 and October 18, to introduce the first-ever "No-Golf Golf Tournament" to parishioners and visitors.

Everyone can enter and anyone can win - "never-golfers", "non-golfers" and even "rehabilitated golfers" - because there is no golf in the "No-Golf Golf Tournament"!

Charity golf tournaments are a proven way to raise money for worthy causes. But the unique aspect of this tournament is that you don't have to be a golfer to "play" or win! This raffle is one way to raise funds for a ministry that serves more than 1600 Catholic students at W&M.

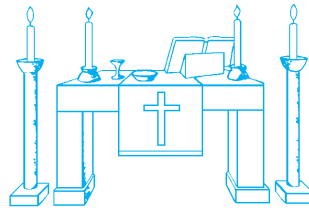
CCM students and supporters will be manning the tables in the Commons on October 11 and 18 providing information on how to enter. The grand prize is the winner's choice of a round of golf and lunch at Two Rivers Country Club for a foursome or a sizeable gift card. Other prizes will be awarded for such achievements as Hole in One, Longest Drive, and Fewest Putts, but there is no golf and anyone can win!

CCM provides a religious home to Catholic students at W&M by offering five weekly Masses, faith formation, and fellowship. The students are very active in the community, doing good works and helping in many charitable projects, both here and abroad. One of the major objectives of CCM is to become independent of Saint Bede Parish for its operating expenses - the costs to operate and maintain the Chapel and Parish Center and to run student activities.

Your help is needed to support the W&M CCM to raise funds. CCM is providing a new way to participate and win some great prizes. Thanks for your support!



Masses for Families



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Did you know that since April 2008, nearly 50 children have served and that 30 parish families have assisted in carrying the Offertory Gifts during the Masses for Families? If your children would like to participate as altar servers, greeters, lectors, ushers, or gift bearers, please contact Tara Neville at thomasneville@cox.net or 784-3706 for more information.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Masses for Families

September 27, 11:00 a.m.

October 24, 5:30 p.m.

November 22, 11:00 a.m.

December 24, 4:00 p.m.

FAMILY MINISTRY

www.bedeva.org/family

Tot Spot at the Parish Picnic

The Tot Spot will return this year to provide the children of our parish a safe setting in which to play together. We will have sporting events, craft projects, and other fun activities for the children. We are in need of volunteers to help with organizing and implementing the various activities. For further information, contact the Family Ministry at bedefamily@cox.net.

Mom's Morning Fellowship

This ecumenical group for Christian women promotes fellowship through a covenant of prayer and reflection with Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. The group reads and discusses Christian-based family life, parenting, and marriage books while the children play together in the Nursery. Meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church starting September 16. For information, contact Susan at bedefamily@cox.net or 564-9550.

Fellowship for Fathers - September 14

Join the fathers of Saint Bede on the second Monday of each month as they explore the glory and challenges of fatherhood. Please contact Earl Anderson at 259-0383 or bedefamily@cox.net with ideas or if you would like to meet with other Catholic fathers.

Infant/Toddler Playgroup

The playgroup is a support group for mothers to discuss issues relating to the spiritual, emotional, and physical development of their children. It also is a social gathering for children to interact with one another through age-appropriate play. The group meets from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Noah's Nursery starting September 9. For information, e-mail bedefamily@cox.net.



E-mail Distribution List:

To receive information about Family Ministry events and activities via e-mail or to change your e-mail address, please e-mail us at bedefamily@cox.net.

Finance Council Update

General and Social Outreach Ministry Funds

Fiscal Year Update for Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2009 and 2008

GENERAL FUND (Operating):	Actual This Year	Budget This Year	Actual Last Year
RECEIPTS:			
Parishioner Collection	\$ 1,990,311	\$ 1,993,970	\$ 1,810,004
Cash & Plate Collection	139,648	147,450	144,053
Visitor Collection	64,927	76,180	74,507
Collection Income	2,194,886	2,217,600	2,028,564
Other Income	128,339	99,746	120,685
Total Receipts	2,323,225	2,317,346	2,149,249
DISBURSEMENTS	2,323,095	2,317,346	2,095,023
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 130	\$ -	\$ 54,226
SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY FUND:			
RECEIPTS:			
Envelopes & Cash Collection	\$ 200,020		\$ 192,378
Other	38,323		46,820
Total Receipts	238,343		239,198
DISBURSEMENTS	262,166		219,760
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (23,823)		\$ 19,438

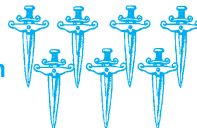
As of June 30, 2009, twelve months of the fiscal year have been completed and the operating segment of the General Fund has produced a surplus of \$130. This surplus is \$130 more than budget and \$54,096 less than last year. Receipts totaled \$2,323,225 while disbursements were \$2,323,095. All receipts from parishioners accounted for \$1,990,311 or 90.7% of all collection income. Debt service of \$363,274 accounts for 15.6% of all operating expenses; of that, \$152,083 has reduced the outstanding principal. As a result of the new debt reduction program, an additional \$14,600 was applied, reducing the outstanding debt to \$3,155,945.

Social Ministry Fund is running a deficit this year of \$23,823. The General Outreach had a surplus of \$312. Receipts from the monthly collections for General Outreach totaled \$200,020 (an increase of \$7,642 from last year), while related disbursements were \$209,631. Other income included \$28,400 designated for Haiti. Our support of St. Joseph Parish in Haiti was \$52,535 of which \$27,000 was for the replacement of the church roof. Funds to replace the roof were raised over the last few years. For this fiscal year, the support of St. Joseph resulted in a deficit \$24,135 which was covered by funds raised in prior years.

Additional special collections taken this year totaled \$94,455 and benefited the Little Sisters of the Poor, \$13,633; Mission Co-Op for Southwest Virginia, \$10,900; Catholic Charities, \$9,732; World Missions, \$6,540; Campaign for Human Development, \$6,797; Retired Religious, \$15,161; Respect Life, \$6,760; Catholic Relief Services, \$7,474; Holy Land, \$1,706; Knights of Columbus KOVAR, \$ 2,067; Diocesan Home Missions, \$5,457; Refugee and Immigration, \$1,653; and Peter's Pence, \$6,575.

As always, the Finance Council appreciates your generosity and invites your comments and questions.

September
Month of The Seven
Sorrows of Mary



School of Religion: *From the Director, Josh Bitting*

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“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6, RSVCE). These words, written thousands of years ago and recorded in Holy Scripture, remind parents of the incredible gift and responsibility that we have to teach our children about the most important things in life. Just as we desire that our children be happy in this life, we also should be concerned with their eternal happiness. In fact, the Bible verse above was repeated to me many times during my childhood by my own parents. I plan on passing it along to my own children, not only by having them learn it by heart, but most of all by showing them in all that I say and do what is most important in life.

The Church has always taught that parents are the first and best educators of their children in the ways of faith. In fact, in his Apostolic Exhortation *Catechesis in Our Time*, Pope John Paul II stressed that “the family’s catechetical activity has a special character, which is in a sense irreplaceable” (CT 68). He goes on to explain that family catechesis “precedes, accompanies, and enriches all other forms of catechesis” (CT 68). In fact, the family home is called the domestic church because there is present in the home all of the different aspects that are present in the Catholic Church: mission, catechesis, witness, prayer, community, etc. (General Directory for Catechesis 255). The importance of the role of parents in their own children’s religious education truly cannot be overstated, and this role is irreplaceable!

“The future of humanity passes by way of the family” (John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio* 86). Here at Saint Bede we recognize that parents are the first and best educators of their children and that family catechesis is of critical importance. Because we believe this is so important, we want to partner with you in the religious education of your children. If your children are attending the School of Religion this year, we invite you to become more actively involved in their faith formation. Our real goal is nothing other than to put each student into intimate communion with Jesus Christ, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6).

This year, we are taking new initiatives to assist you in becoming more involved in the faith formation of your children. First, we are making available to all children in the School of Religion a copy of *Magnifikid*. This magazine contains the Mass readings for each week of the year as well as activities that relate to each week. We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Mass reading each week with your children in preparation for Mass. Next, we will be sending home an activity or assignment with each student on a weekly basis to complete with you and return it the next week. In this way, we want to encourage you to go over with your children what they have learned in class each week. We also are beginning a new curriculum series this year, *Faith & Life*, and we invite you to learn more about it on our re-designed website.

Please know that our prayers are with you and that all of us on the Christian Formation team are dedicated to assisting you in every way possible. We look forward to the new year with joy and expectation.

**Classes for the
School of Religion and for Middle School
begin Sunday, September 13,
9:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. at Walsingham Academy
Lower and Upper Schools.**

If you have not yet registered your children, please do so! Registration forms may be downloaded from <http://www.bede.va.org/religiousEd/sor/>.

Calling All Parents!

A mandatory parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Walsingham Academy Lower School Gym for all parents of students in the School of Religion and Middle School program. This is an opportunity to learn about changes to this year’s program and to meet your child’s catechist. Attendance will be taken. Please contact Joshua Bitting or Terri Werle at 229-3700 if you have any questions.



All parents are invited to an Open House for the School of Religion (K-5) on Sunday, September 27 and for the Middle School (6-8) on Sunday, October 4. Both of these Open Houses will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. at Walsingham Academy.

Stewardship Weekend September 12 - 13

This will be an exciting opportunity for all parishioners to either renew or sign up in any area of time, talent, or treasure. How can you participate? Review the information that will be mailed to you just prior to Stewardship Weekend and prayerfully consider how you can offer your time, talent, and treasure to spread God's Kingdom in the upcoming year. Our ministries will have representatives available after each Mass to assist you in signing up.

*Grant us, O Lord, the willingness to allow You to use us
body, mind, and soul to spread Your Kingdom on earth. Amen*

Commemoration of September 11, 2001

On Friday, September 11, 2009, the Williamsburg United Methodist Church on Jamestown Road will host the second annual ecumenical service commemorating September 11, 2001. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude with refreshments and fellowship.



Representatives of at least ten area Christian churches of various denominations will participate. Rev. Lauren McDonald from Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, Toano, will be the homilist. Our parish Music Director, Neil Kraft, is involved with the musical plans. Father Abe and the parish Ecumenical Representatives, Carol Brandely and Tess Thome, will be among the participants.

Last year's service held at Saint Bede drew 500 worshipers. We are hoping to continue the tradition. If anyone would like to contribute finger food for the evening, please contact Carol, 258-1401, or Tess, 253-6459.



Holy Cow!
This is Interesting...

*We congratulate the following individuals on their anniversaries
as Saint Bede Parish staff members!*

- **Don Pierce**, Parish Center Custodian: 15 years
- **Ginger DiLoreto**, Secretary and Administrative Assistant to Father Abe: 5 years
- **Neil Kraft**, Director of Music: 5 years
- **Antonio Arrington**, new Church Custodian
- **Rhonie Butler**, new Director of Social Ministry and Human Concerns

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Rev. John A. Abe, Pastor	229-3631	John McCormack, Business Manager	229-3700
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Saint Bede Mission Statement

We are a Catholic faith community proclaiming Christ's message in word and action.