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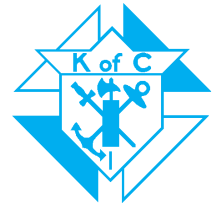
1932 - 75th Anniversary - 2007

Saint Bede School of Religion Aids the Angels of Mercy Clinic

Saint Bede School of Religion sponsored a fall outreach project that focused on children helping children. Children assembled personal hygiene kits for children who receive services from the Angels of Mercy Clinic. Pictured left to right, are Nicholas Lemmon, Sam Robles, Jeff Black, Executive Director of Angels of Mercy Clinic, and Valeria Odreman with boxes of hygiene kits ready for delivery to the Angels of Mercy Clinic.



Knights of Columbus present the March For Life 2008



The Saint Bede Knights of Columbus, Fr. Rizer Council #6828, will sponsor the annual bus trip to the January 2008 March For Life rally to be held in Washington, D.C.

This is the 35th year for the March which will take place on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! The March For Life will be prayerful and respectful. This is your opportunity to join us in this important cause and is guaranteed to be an experience that you will never forget!

Prior to our departure, Father Abe will celebrate Mass at 7:00 am followed by prayers at the Saint Bede Memorial for the Unborn. Once we arrive in Washington, the March will begin on the Mall, traveling down Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court steps for special prayers, and on to Union Station. Please dress appropriately for the weather and the distance. We will attend Mass at the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. after the March and will dine afterwards.

The weekly bulletins will provide additional details. If you are interested in joining us for the March, please contact Tom Corbett at 345-2637 or thomascorbett1@cox.net or Bart Crews at 741-2991 or bartpeg@aol.com.

Your support in prayer or by attendance is requested and will be greatly appreciated!



Thoughts from Father Abe



Dear Family of Saint Bede:

As we continue to celebrate the sacred season of Our Lord's birth, my prayer for you is a blessed and joyful New Year! I offer my sincere appreciation and keep in prayer all those who have given generously of their time, talent, and treasure to Saint Bede. Much effort is expended to prepare for the celebration of the Christmas season - from Advent through the Feasts of the Lord's Epiphany and Baptism. As the New Year begins, there are many events to anticipate in the immediate future; most notably, our Pastoral Council elections and an early Lenten season.

In preparation for our mid-month Pastoral Council elections, ballots are available and include biographies of the candidates. On behalf of the parish, I offer my thanks to all our candidates for their prayerful response to God's call by offering their time and talent to become members of this important parish body. The Pastoral Council, along with the Finance Council, works closely with the Pastor by providing advice and input on important parish topics. I ask that each confirmed parishioner carefully review the ballots prior to the election. Please return your completed ballots at Mass on the weekend of January 12 - 13.

This year we begin the holy season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 6. This is a special time of spiritual growth and preparation for the Easter Feast of the Resurrection. We will continue our Lenten traditions which include, among others, weekly Soup Suppers followed by Stations of the Cross, Evensong, meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ and our Parish Mission (February 23 - 28 with Father Gabriel Pivarnik).

May our Lord and Savior bless all of you devoted to building up His Church here at Saint Bede through your gifts of Stewardship.

Yours in the Prince of Peace,

Saint Bede Catholic Church

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Working for Christian Unity

The Virginia state conference of Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and United Methodist (LARCUM) churches was held in Arlington November 30 - December 1. Tess Thome and Carol Brandely, who are the Saint Bede Parish Ecumenical Representatives (PERs), attended along with clergy and laity from around the state.

This year, Dr. Ted Campbell, who has taught at Duke Divinity School, Wesley Theological Seminary, and Claremont School of Theology, spoke on *The Gospel: The Heart of Christian Unity*.

In addition to the speaker, four churches from the different traditions hosted prayer services for the group. It was a time of education and fellowship aimed at understanding each other in the hope of growing toward Christian unity. Msgr. Raymond Barton, the Ecumenical Vicar for the Diocese of Richmond, stated, "Catholics need to know that Christian unity is a pastoral priority of the Church according to Vatican II, Pope John Paul II, and Pope Benedict".



This month we will celebrate Church Unity Week. On Wednesday, January 23, Msgr. Barton will speak at Saint Bede on the Catholic Church's quest for full Communion with other churches. A copy of the LARCUM covenant will be posted in the church.

If you are interested in becoming involved with ecumenical affairs, please contact Tess at 253-6459 or Carol at 258-1401.

The Friends For Life Committee of Saint Bede Social Ministry extends to all parishioners, especially those who are expecting a baby in 2008, a blessed, happy and healthy New Year. We hope that the celebration of the Birth of Jesus allowed all to enjoy a very Merry Christmas.

March for Life

The Supreme Court decision in the Roe v. Wade case of 1973 which granted the right to legalized abortion in America has resulted in the death of over 50 million babies. In an effort to repeal this decision, we encourage as many youth and adults as possible to join in the March For Life in Washington on January 22. We will pray and express our feelings to our elected officials in our national government that abortion is morally wrong. Please see page 1 for details on how to join in the March For Life.

Pro-Life Across America

The Friends For Life Committee is pleased to introduce an initiative that will keep the abortion issue before those who may be considering this tragic step. Geographically, we sit at the western edge of a corridor that leads to 5 facilities that perform abortions from Newport News to Virginia Beach, which statistically perform more abortions than are done in densely populated northern Virginia. We encourage parishes and religious organizations in this area to participate in a media mission called **Pro-Life Across America**. The mission utilizes billboards strategically placed on major highways in an effort to reach those contemplating abortion, those teetering on the brink of a decision, and those on the way to an "abortion mill" to consummate the most heinous, life-altering experience of their life.

Pro-Life Across America wants to cause them to pause and think about the life that they are about to end.



On January 19 - 20, a Friends For Life member will speak at all Masses and representatives will be in the Commons after each Mass with literature on Pro-Life Across America. We will be eager to answer questions that you may have about this program. Please watch the bulletins for reminders in the coming weeks. If you are physically unable to attend the March For Life, your support for Pro-Life Across America is another way to be active in the pro-life effort.

As we move into the new year of 2008, may we remember the most vulnerable among us with prayers for their safety from conception to natural death. **We ask you to please pray for an end to legalized abortion and the exercise of sound judgment with regard to all end-of-life issues.**

Ministry for Persons with Disabilities

We bring to your attention two organizations, both of which provide spiritual support, comfort, and companionship for people who have disabilities or who are chronically ill.

CUSA is a community of people who are chronically ill or who have a physical disability. They support each other through prayers and communicate regularly through a group letter or e-mail. Each CUSA group is comprised of no more than eight people, with a leader and spiritual advisor (either an ordained priest or permanent deacon). A group selects its own patron saint, motto, and intention, which provides the group with a unique spiritual orientation. For over 50 years, CUSA has provided a way for members all over the United States and Canada to encourage, care for, and listen to one another. More information about this group can be found at www.cusan.org.



VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES is an organization founded in 1964 by the late Fr. John Maronic, O.M.I., who believed that people with disabilities had gifts...gifts that could and should be shared with the universal Church and the world. The Victorious Missionaries provide spiritual support for people with disabilities or who are chronically ill. More information is available at their website www.vmus.org.

We have to thank the Lord that we can both support and be supported by each other through prayers and current technology, even if leaving our homes is not always possible. He knows our needs, the gifts we have to share, and He goes before us. Praise Him!

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Confirmation News 11th Grade/Year 2 Confirmation Students

Class Schedule

January 6 and 10
Host Homes: Chapter 6

January 13
Church Commons: Large Group Gathering at 6:30 pm



Middle School 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

Classes are held at Walsingham Academy on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am until 10:00 am. Please drop off your child at 8:45 am.

January 6 - Class
January 13- Class
January 20- Class
January 27- No Class

January Middle School Social Activities

Check the take-home flyers and bulletin for details on these two Middle School events!

Friday, January 11
Lazer Tag

Friday, January 18
Movie Night

Baptisms

October 14, 2007
Neal Anthony Edgerton, son of
Neal and Caroline Edgerton

November 4, 2007
Harper Delaney Vulcan, daughter
of Sean and Ryan Vulcan

Weddings

October 20, 2007
Jason Matthew Gaskin and
Sarah Lee Ruhland

Brent Emmerich Yoder and
Sarah Marie Marengi

November 3, 2007
Christian Frederick Henel and
Jennifer Elaine Rich

Rest In Peace

October 22, 2007
Margaret Henry Peters

October 23, 2007
Rosemary Florence Winfield

October 29, 2007
Ryan Gregory (Cebulski) Cooke



Fr. Briefies Missionaries of the Holy Family

W. George (L)
Elliott & Celeste Murphy Family
(L&D)
Michael DeStefano (D)
Thomas Ricci (D)
Mrs. Lucille Patterson (D)
Olga Terribile (D)
Basil Ricci (D)

Fr. Eliphete St. Joseph Parish Haiti

Special Intention
Carl Sprick (L)
Rev. James Curran (L)
Rev. Michael Joly (L)
Joyce Johnson (D)
Peter Kelly (D)
John Holland (D)
Elliott & Celeste Murphy Family
(L&D)

Fr. Paschal Morlino, OSB St. Benedict Parish Baltimore

Catherine Forrest (D)
Jack Garner (D)
Frances Michl (D)
Lynn Neill (D)
Elliott & Celeste Murphy Family
(L&D)

Fr. Rodrigo Mingollo St. Peter the Apostle Onley

Bud & Adele Robeson (L)
John Barrett (L)
Antonio Mabutas (D)
Colin Wooldridge (D)
Colin Wooldridge (D)
Anna Turtorro (D)
Teresa Aimone (D)
Elliott & Celeste Murphy Family
(L&D)

Adult Faith Formation

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Bede Lecture

Tuesday, January 15
7:30 pm

Appreciating Our Baptismal Call

At Baptism we were incorporated into the Body of Christ, became a tabernacle for the indwelling of the Holy Trinity, set on a path of grace to be leader, prophet and priest to the world. Father Abe will explore how this vocation is lived out in our daily life and how it nurtures our life and the life of the Church. Join us in appreciating and reaffirming our Baptismal Call.

Bible Study: Book of Judges

Judges contains the traditions of the century and a half during which “there was no king in Israel” and groups of tribes were led in war and ruled in peace by governors. Join this six-week study and discover the men, and even a woman, who led the Israelites. The sessions will begin Monday, January 21, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Peggy Peterson will lead this study. Please contact Peggy at PegPeterson@cox.net or 345-5411 to register or for more information.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18 – 25) marks its 100th Anniversary this month. This week of prayer was begun in 1908 by the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor in Garrison, NY and has been officially observed by the Catholic Church since 1968. To commemorate and celebrate this anniversary, Saint Bede will host an ecumenical evening on **Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the Church**. Our guest speaker that evening will be Msgr. Raymond Barton, the Vicar for Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs for the Diocese of Richmond. Msgr. Barton's topic is *Being the Answer to Jesus' Prayer for Unity – Parish Ecumenism*.

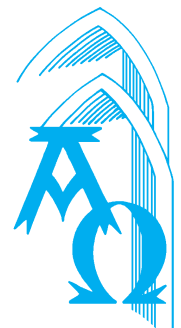
Websites:

<http://www.sacredspace.ie/> – Daily Prayer Online - Produced by the Irish Jesuits
<http://findinggod.org> – Sponsored by Loyola Press - 3-minute retreats, link to Sunday readings and more
<http://www.americancatholic.org> – Roman Catholic Church site from the Franciscans
<http://www.hcfm.org> – Holy Cross Family Ministries – Emphasis on the Rosary and family prayer
www.loyolabooks.org/lent – Prepare for Lent with free on-line resources: Parents, children and the whole parish community can choose from an array of Lenten resources designed to accommodate many different needs and schedules.

Ministry for the Dying

One of the noteworthy issues identified at our October Bede Lecture was that our society does not know how to care for the dying. As parishioners, we can correct this societal shortcoming by helping the members of our parish who are dying as well as their immediate family members.

We can do this by ensuring that the family is aware of Church teachings on ordinary and extraordinary care, that wills are in place and updated, that funeral arrangements are in hand, and that prayers are said.



Please call Barbara Smith at 345-5728 if you are interested in this new ministry. Our first meeting will be held in January 2008.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Class Schedule and Activities

This semester, high school Youth Catechesis will focus on the fourth pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Christian prayer. Classes resume on January 6. Please note that a parent meeting also is scheduled for that evening and all parents are asked to attend!



Class Dates (Time 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm)

January 6:

Topic – Mass Appeal, Part I

Parent meeting in Youth Room following video in Sanctuary

January 13:

Topic – Mass Appeal, Part II

January 20:

Topic – Introduction to Christian Prayer

January 27:

Social night – See below

Opportunities for Fellowship, Fun, and Spiritual Enrichment

Friday, January 11

Disco bowling at the Williamsburg Lanes – Please see the bulletin for details.



Wednesday, January 16

All are welcome to a Youth Ministry-sponsored potluck dinner and Eucharistic Adoration! Join us at 6:30 pm for a potluck dinner and stay for praise and worship. Adoration begins at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday, January 22

March for Life – Buses will leave the Saint Bede parking lot to attend the March for Life in Washington DC. One bus will leave at 4:30 am to attend the Rally for Life and Youth Mass, which precede the March. For more information, please call the Youth Ministry Office at 229-1745.

Sunday, January 27

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Game night! Join us for a “free for all” of ping-pong, Mario Cart tournament, Dance Dance Revolution, or any other games you want to bring and play. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Coming soon...

February 1 – 3

Ski Into Lent weekend retreat at Massanutten – We have a few spots left for what is guaranteed to be a fun-filled weekend! Sign up before it's too late!

March 7 – 9

Rez Retreat –Registration forms coming out soon!



For more information on any of the above Youth Ministry activities, please call the Youth Ministry office at 229-1745 or e-mail Celeste Prezioso at cmprezioso@yahoo.com.



To Our Saint Bede New Parishioners

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Mr. and Mrs. David Abbinanti
& Family
Mrs. Sarah Ackerson
Mr. and Mrs. Damian Aguilera
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Allard
& Family
Kara Anderson
Mr. Leonard Andrie
Mr. and Mrs. John Avenell
& Family
Atilio Benitez & Family
Rogelio Benitez & Family
Mrs. Kim Blount & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bolton
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bradley
& Family
Stephanie Bova
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Burns
& Family
Irene Calvillo & Family
Mr. and Mrs. John Carlton
& Family
Luziane Castelane & Family
Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler
Mrs. Alice Chestnutt & Family
Ally Chiang
Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Cilia
& Family
Mary Ellen Cole
Mrs. Alberta Connor
Mr. and Mrs. John Connors
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Cook
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Corbett
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Crane
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cucuel
Dr. and Mrs. Valentine Curran
& Family
Mrs. Isaura Diaz & Family
Mr. Evan Doboga
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Doliente
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drouillard
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Drummond
& Family
Stephanie Dunkle
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dye
& Family
Caroline Edgerton
Lt. Col. and Mrs. Mark Elfendahl
& Family

F - M

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Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Federico
& Family
Mr. Jose Flores
Mr. and Mrs. James Fraser
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Frechette
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gainey
& Family
Elizabeth Gallagher
Catalina Garcia & Family
Mr. Joseph Gidaro
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Giordanengo
Miss Elizabeth Goldcamp
Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Gonzalez
& Family
Mrs. Yasmin Goodman
& Family
Mrs. Lori Gronbeck & Family
Yeni Guzman & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Halioris
Mr. and Mrs. John Heintz
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Horn
& Family
Carlos Juarez-Lopez & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Juan Juarez
& Family
Mr. Brian Kane, Sr.
Mrs. Gail Kesten
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kienlen
Mr. and Mrs. John Kuplinski
& Family
Mr. Bruce Lipkin
Mrs. Marie Livesay
Mr. Jaime Llanos
Mr. Joseph Lora
Mr. Kevin Madden
Mr. and Mrs. William Marker
Judith Marx
Mrs. June Mathews
Mr. and Mrs. Mark McBride
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. T. McGovern
Mr. and Mrs. David McKinney
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. John McSorley
Jeanne & Michael Millin
Mr. and Mrs. Zoltan Molnar
& Family
Mrs. Jeanne Muller and
Roger Green & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Munk
& Family

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Miss Rachel Olcheski
Mr. and Mrs. James O'Reardon, Jr
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Pickles
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pieknik
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pierro
& Family
Catherine Popowich & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Postemski
William Powers
Mr. and Mrs. William Pratt
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Purtill, Jr.
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. Al Rivera
Matthew Rivers and Elizabeth
Lemaire
Walter Morales Roblero
Mr. Gene Rodriguez
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ruck
& Family
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sander
& Family
Mrs. Cindy Schon & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schumann
Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Scretchings
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaffer
& Family
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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Tanglao-
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Julie Taylor
Mr. Thomas Toothaker
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Trapani, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tyranski
& Family
Mrs. Christine Vedovelli-Peterson
& Family
Mrs. Sonia Vellis
Mr. and Mrs. John Vidlak
& Family
Annemarie Vozzo
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Walker
& Family
Mrs. Mary Lynn Wells & Family
Jeanne Williams & Family
Frances Williams-Banta
Mrs. Peg Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yeats
& Family

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of our HEROES OF FAITH!

As 2007 has come to an end, we are happy to share with you that we had a very successful year with our parish children. We introduced twelve new Heroes of Faith (HoF) holy cards to the children.

Starting in May 2007, the children were given a "Summer Challenge" to collect a bulletin from a Mass they attended while on summer vacation and turn it in for a St. Christopher (patron saint of travelers) holy card in September.

As the year progressed, the children were given the opportunity to collect enough coupons to receive another eight HoF holy cards along with biographical information and activities on St. Vincent DePaul, St. Francis, St. Luke, Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Jude, St. Juan Diego, St. Stephen and St. John. (St. John was released on 12-23-07 and is still available at the Church Office or at the School of Religion on January 6).

Throughout the year, the children also had three opportunities to collect Holy Day of Obligation HoF cards for All Saints Day, the Immaculate Conception, and Christmas.

We were very excited to see so many new participants in 2007 and hope that if you have not joined our HoF ministry yet, you will join us in 2008. The children really enjoy collecting their HoF coupons after attending Mass and turning them in for their HoF holy cards. We love to see so many children excited about attending Mass! We also love to share the stories and activities of other disciples of Jesus with the children. This provides them with additional role models to look up to and to give them guidance.

As we did last year, all HoF coupons can be turned in for HoF holy cards at the School of Religion, Lower School and also at the Church Office on Ironbound Road from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Please be sure to stop by the information table (by the nursery) in the Commons for the HoF guidelines and featured saint biographies and activities.

January holds two new opportunities to receive HoF holy cards.
REMEMBER...TWO coupons = ONE new HoF holy card...so keep on collecting!

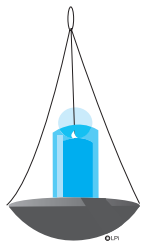
The children of the parish are the future of our church. In guiding, loving, and caring for them, we help to ensure them a brighter, more blessed future.



Sacred Objects Part III

PASCHAL CANDLE

This is also called the "Easter Candle". It is blessed at the beginning of the Easter Vigil and processed into the dark church. It burns throughout Eastertide as well as at all baptisms and funerals.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns near the tabernacle to indicate the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

SEDILIA

This term refers to the chair of the main celebrant.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These depict the fourteen events between Our Lord's conviction and execution.

TABERNACLE

This is the shrine in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. One always genuflects in front of the tabernacle out of reverence.

THURIBLE

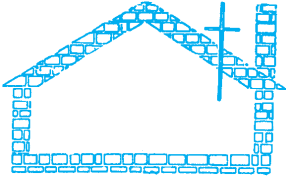
This vessel consists of a metal body with a separate lid enclosing a pan for burning charcoal and incense. It is also called a "censer".

Note: From Latin meaning "incense".

Haiti Outreach: Raise the Roof Again!

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Brighten a long winter night and join us for a memorable evening. The date is Friday, January 25 at 6:30 pm when Haiti Outreach will host another Raise the Roof event. Because of last year's positive feedback, we knew the occasion deserved an encore.



During the year we have been working towards a \$30,000 goal to repair the St. Joseph church roof and support system. Since we are at the half-way mark, we are eager to "go through the roof" and begin work in 2008. Only with your participation will it be possible!

This year's event will be even more special, starting with a star attraction: the Elliott Family String Quartet (from Newport News) who will provide music you won't want to miss! An award-winning ensemble, the Elliotts have performed throughout the U.S. including New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia, as well as Jamaica. When we first heard them play at the Ferguson Center, we were overwhelmed by their professionalism and the excellence of their performance. Their talent will sweep you away!

While you listen to the Elliotts and enjoy a delicious four-course meal, all winter worry will fade. And because we want to ensure that everyone has a chance to join us, we will be selling tickets (\$100 a plate) in the Commons after each Mass throughout January. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Barthelemy (876-2524) or Mary Haines (220-2654).

Around One Table

As an update to last month's article, the Around One Table (AOT) Committee is pleased to announce that information on the Committee's progress is now accessible on the Saint Bede website, www.bede.va.org. On the home page, simply click on "About Us" and then click on "Around One Table". Alternatively, access is also available through www.bede.va.org/AOT.



As a reminder, the purpose of the AOT Committee is to explore and implement a plan to expand our church and parish facilities at the Ironbound Road campus. Committee members are Greg Allen, Greg Ballentine, Rosanne Black, Charlie Connelly, Brenda Fochtman, Al Jaroszewicz, Beverly King, John McCormack, Frank McGuirk, Don Seger, Barbara Smith, Bill Theroux, and Lynne Williams.

Imminent plans for our website page include an e-mail link to the AOT Committee Chair, Larry Fronheiser. In the meantime, please send your comments regarding AOT to Larry at fronheiserVA@verizon.net.

The AOT Committee welcomes your thoughts!

"75 Years of Catholic Campus Ministry" 2nd Annual Spring Benefit Gala

Save the date! Catholic Campus Ministry's (CCM) second annual spring gala will be on Saturday, March 29 at Walsingham Academy. The theme this year will be 75 Years of Catholic Campus Ministry, as October 2007 marked the 75th anniversary of the CCM Chapel. The Chapel was originally built in 1932 for the Catholic students at William & Mary and its congregation grew into the parish of Saint Bede. Then, in 2003, the Chapel once again became a dedicated worship space for students when Saint Bede moved to its present location on Ironbound Road.



Our first gala last March was an amazing success, raising over \$26,000 for CCM's endowment fund, part of which will be used to pay operating expenses for the Chapel when CCM becomes financially independent of Saint Bede. We hope to be as successful this year, as the event will again have catered food, wine, a silent auction, and entertainment provided by the students. We are now collecting donations for the silent auction as well as sponsorships to underwrite the cost of the event. Please visit www.wm.edu/so/ccm/gala.php for more information or if you would like to help.

What is happening with the surveys that were completed in November?

The surveys were delivered to the diocese on Monday, December 10. They will be scanned and the results returned to the parish in a spreadsheet format.

How many surveys were completed?

Approximately 2000 surveys were completed and approximately three-fourths of them had comments. All information will be captured and become part of the process.

What happens then?

The WWBF Committee has been:

- 1) Taking the information gathered during the workshop and at-large portions of the WWBF process and entering that information in a spreadsheet format.
- 2) Taking the comments from the survey forms and entering them in a spreadsheet format.

Once all of the information is received and entered, we will be able to combine, sort, and analyze the information; understand the "voice of the parish"; and report the findings in the following ways:

- 1) By the areas of Word, Worship, Community, and Service
- 2) By our strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations
- 3) By including the comments you, the parishioners, provided.

When will we hear more about the results?

The WWBF Committee continues to work on the data in preparation for the report to the bishop. Our plan is to have open parish forums where the information will be shared prior to the bishop's visit on June 1.

What if I have a question?

Please contact Greg Ballentine (259-1289) or Peg Crews (741-2991).

Finance Council Update

Operating and Social Outreach Ministry Funds

Fiscal Year Update for Five Months Ending November 30, 2007 and 2006

	<u>Actual This Year</u>	<u>Budget This Year</u>	<u>Actual Last Year</u>
<u>OPERATING FUND:</u>			
RECEIPTS:			
Envelope & Check Collection	\$694,041	\$669,762	\$641,324
Cash & Plate Collection	57,532	62,504	59,851
Visitors Collection	<u>32,649</u>	<u>26,433</u>	<u>25,310</u>
Collection Income	784,222	758,699	726,485
Other Income	<u>58,766</u>	<u>54,757</u>	<u>87,845</u>
Total Receipts	842,988	813,456	814,330
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>902,070</u>	<u>877,860</u>	<u>823,971</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ (59,082)</u>	<u>\$ (64,404)</u>	<u>\$ (9,641)</u>
<u>SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY FUND:</u>			
RECEIPTS:			
Envelopes & Cash Collection	\$80,564		\$79,482
Other	<u>25,338</u>		<u>24,851</u>
Total Receipts	105,902		104,333
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>101,620</u>		<u>84,119</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 4,282</u>		<u>\$20,214</u>

As of November 30, 2007, five months of the fiscal year have been completed and the operating fund has produced a deficit of \$59,082. This deficit is \$5,322 better than budget but \$49,441 worse than last year. Receipts totaled \$842,988 while disbursements were \$902,070. Receipts from parishioners using envelopes and checks accounted for \$694,041, or 88.5% of all collection income. Debt service of \$158,849 accounts for 17.6% of all operating expenses; of that, \$59,451 has reduced the outstanding debt to \$3,407,831.

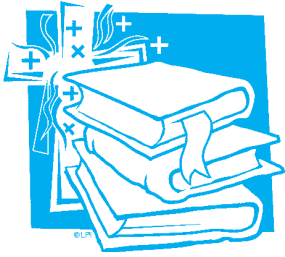
The Social Ministry fund is running a surplus this year of \$4,282. Receipts from the monthly collections totaled \$80,564, an increase of \$1,082 over last year. Other income includes \$18,273 designated for our twinning parish in Haiti.

Additional special collections taken this year totaled \$53,725 and benefited the following: Little Sisters of the Poor, \$17,600; Catholic University, \$4,100; the four mission parishes in Southwestern Virginia, \$18,775; World Missions, \$6,375 and Campaign for Human Development, \$6,875.

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

School of Religion News

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Religious Education Classes 9 am – 10 am Walsingham Academy

- 6 Class
Parent Formation WAUS
- 13 Class
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- 20 Class
Parent Formation WAUS
- 27 NO Class
Pancake Breakfast at the
Gazebo Restaurant

January saints

- 1 Mary, Mother of God
- 2 St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nazianzen
- 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- 5 St. John Neumann
- 6 Epiphany
- 7 St. Raymond of Penafort
- 10 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
- 11 St. Hilary
- 13 Baptism of the Lord
- 17 St. Anthony, Abbot
- 20 St. Fabian and St. Sebastian
- 21 St. Agnes
- 24 St. Francis De Sales
- 25 St. Paul, Apostle
- 26 St. Timothy and St. Titus
- 28 St. Thomas Aquinas
- 31 St. John Bosco

For more information on these and other saints, visit www.americancatholic.org or www.glorystories.net (Catechetical saint stories for children produced by Catholic World Mission)

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Gazebo Restaurant on Bypass Road Sunday, January 27 8:30 am – 11:30 am

The annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast is sponsored by the School of Religion. In addition to all the pancakes you can eat, there will be sausage, coffee, tea, milk and juice.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Price:

- \$7 per person
- \$25 per family of 4 or more (immediate family only)

This price includes tax and drinks – but no gratuity. We ask that you please leave a gratuity for the wait staff. Advance payment is requested.

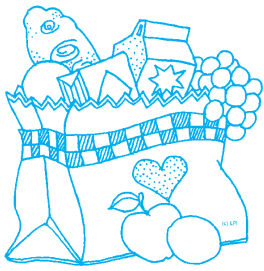
Ticket Purchase:

January 12 and 13 & January 19 and 20
After all Masses

January 27
At the Gazebo restaurant

The pancake breakfast is an outreach project for the School of Religion. We will apply the proceeds to assist the dioceses affected by Hurricane Katrina in rebuilding Catholic schools and catechetical centers. Many still suffer and will continue to suffer from this catastrophe.

We sincerely thank the Kokolis family for the use of their restaurant!



Social Ministry News

The Office of Social Outreach Ministry thanks the parishioners and friends of Saint Bede for the generous donations given during this past year. Our Thanksgiving program helped 50 families with food and food vouchers. Our Christmas program assisted 65 families with toys and food. Throughout 2007, we have seen 607 clients asking for assistance with food, rent, medical bills, and utility bills.

A special thank you to the Outreach volunteers who work tirelessly interviewing and assisting these clients with their needs, and also for helping with the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. We look forward to another successful and rewarding year serving the needy in our community.

"I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life." John 8:12

Angel Choir

It is 2008 – a new year full of new promises and possibilities! The Angel Choir (Grades 2 – 5) will gladly welcome new members when we resume our regular rehearsals starting January 6 from 2:30 pm until 3:30 pm in the Youth Room.

Please contact Terri Osborne by phone at 220-3647 or e-mail at markterri@juno.com if you would like your child(ren) to participate in our Music Ministry.



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