



# Saint Bede NEWS

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*You are invited...*



WHO: FRIENDS FOR LIFE

WHEN: EACH WEEKEND IN OCTOBER

WHERE: IN THE COMMONS AFTER EACH MASS

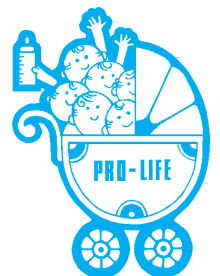
FRIENDS FOR LIFE WILL SPONSOR THEIR ANNUAL BABY SHOWER ON BEHALF OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EASTERN VIRGINIA, INC. WILLIAMSBURG CARE CENTER. THE FOLLOWING **UNWRAPPED** GIFTS ARE WELCOMED!

*(Due to health considerations, we cannot accept formula and baby bottles.)*



- SIZE 1 DIAPERS
- BIBS
- WASH CLOTHS
- TOWELS
- LOTION
- SHAMPOO
- BOOTIES AND SOCKS
- SLEEPERS
- HATS AND SWEATERS
- CRIB BLANKETS
- RECEIVING BLANKETS
- QUILTS
- PACIFIERS
- LIQUID BATHING SOAP

***Please pray for all unborn babies and their parents!***



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## Social Ministry and Human Concerns

Have you been reading the articles about the various Social Ministries in the newsletter? Have you ever wondered how they started? Who does what and why? What is Saint Bede Social Ministry and Human Concerns anyway? We're glad you asked!

We are the parish response to the Gospel call to reach out to people with compassion and love. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus and guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church, our ministries seek to serve our parish and the larger community by promoting justice and peace in its many forms using our time, talent, and treasure.

To acquaint you with the various ministries under Social Ministry and Human Concerns, a different ministry will be highlighted each month. We also will share with you interesting events from our other ministries. For October, we learn more about Friends for Life.

### Friends for Life



Shortly after the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade in 1973 which legalized abortion across the country, a group of Saint Bede parishioners began meeting to discuss how they could promote the Church's pro-life stance. At first, there were only 5 or 6 members who met on a regular basis and began praying together, reciting the rosary, and participating in peaceful prayer gatherings at local abortion clinics.

As time progressed, the ministry formed its mission: to promote life from conception to natural death, with an emphasis on supporting pro-life events, and became the Friends for Life ministry. Around the mid-1990s, Friends for Life began supporting the pro-life focus of the Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, Inc. Williamsburg Care Center by collecting baby items for mothers in need. Some members also volunteer time at the Care Center.

Today, Friends for Life has 39 members who meet monthly for prayer and work on upcoming projects. The ministry currently has several annual events, including 40 Days for Life National Campaign, the annual October Baby Shower, and the March for Life campaign in Washington, DC. Members are free to attend all events or focus on one particular aspect.

If you are interested in joining our efforts, or for more information, please contact the Ministry Coordinator, Don Seger, at 565-2348.

### Saint Bede Catholic Church

Please submit all November articles by October 5.

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### Funeral Planning and Columbarium Presentation

Are you unsure of how to begin planning for the funeral of a loved one, or even yourself? It is not unusual for these situations to come upon us by surprise. Therefore, it is wise to plan arrangements in advance.

Join us on Wednesday, October 14, in the Nave at 1:30 p.m. for a presentation on funeral planning, burial, and the columbarium. Presenters will include Father Abe; Neil Kraft, Director of Music; Hal O'Connor, Columbarium Committee; and Blair Nelsen of Nelsen Funeral Home.



# Social Ministry and Human Concerns

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## Haiti Ministry

*Saint Bede in solidarity with St. Joseph Parish in Thomonde, Haiti*



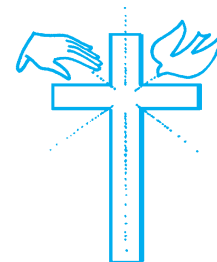
The Haiti Outreach Committee thanks all who contributed to the August fund raising effort on behalf of St. Joseph, our twin parish, in Thomonde, Haiti. To date, we have received over \$6,086 in donations – all of which will be used to support the needs of the children and their families in the area served by our twin parish. Your generous support will enable many children to obtain a basic education and help keep our Catholic faith alive in a severely disadvantaged country.

The Haiti Outreach Committee especially appreciates the support it received from parish volunteers who helped with this year's fund raising effort. We remind all parishioners that the needs of our twin parish extend far beyond what can be collected during a single annual event. We encourage you to consider making frequent deposits in any amount in the alms boxes located at the entrance to the Nave. Even the smallest contribution can produce great results when it is offered as a loving token of solidarity with our needy brothers and sisters. We also ask that you pray for our mission in Haiti.

## Parish Nurse Ministry

*Fiber: Are You Getting Enough?*

Dietary fiber is the indigestible portion of plant foods that pushes food through the digestive system. Fiber can be soluble or insoluble. Both types help with bowel function, but scientific studies have confirmed that soluble fiber also helps to lower cholesterol and improve blood sugar control in those with diabetes.



Daily recommendations for fiber intake vary from 25 to 38 grams per day. Unfortunately, total dietary fiber intake in American adults is less than half of the recommended amount. Studies show that on average, men ingest 16.7 g/day and women ingest 15.6 g/day. Our bodies do not store fiber, so it must be eaten every day. Good sources of fiber include legumes (peas, soybeans, and other beans), whole grains (oats, rye, and barley), fruits, and vegetables. It is suggested that we eat five food sources each with five grams of fiber daily to equal 25 grams per day. The FDA approved fiber supplements as an acceptable means of achieving a higher daily fiber intake. An easy way to increase fiber is to take a supplement along with your morning beverage. Some supplements completely dissolve in liquid without changing the texture or taste.

*(Medscape, August 7, 2009)*

## Inclusion Ministry



A number of years ago, the first week of October was designated as Mental Illness Awareness Week, so this is an appropriate time to hear from Catholics who are living with brain disorders and what their faith means to them.

One wrote: "My faith? It means that I have hope, that I haven't given up. And that's about all you can have. It keeps you going. It's like, when all else has failed, God won't give up on you." Another writes: "My faith is my priority in life. My Catholic faith is (strong) because I believe that I can live with this illness. I might get sick again but I'm learning new coping skills and my faith can help me do anything I want to do." And still another says: "No, you can't get well without God. I think (of) the amount of time I take to pray every day. God is my divine healer. I think that without God, I couldn't have done it."

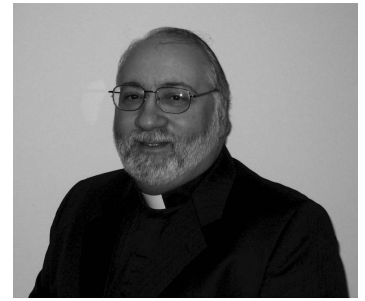
Please remember to include in your prayers for the sick those suffering from mental illness.

*(The National Catholic Partnership on Disability's Council on Mental Illness)*

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## Ask the Deacon

By Deacon Dominic Cerrato, Ph.D.



**Question:** Why did Vatican II downplay Confession and is it still necessary?

**Response:** It is not unusual for someone to attribute something to the Second Vatican Council that has nothing to do with the Council. This is particularly true when a practice or belief was not held before the Council, but has become commonplace (either officially or unofficially) after the Council. Before addressing the specific question on Confession, a fundamental distinction needs to be made between what the Church calls the *objective* content of the faith (*fides quae*) and the *subjective* content of the faith (*fides qua*).

The *objective* content of the faith is what the universal Church holds. It asks the question, “What does the Catholic Church believe?” These beliefs are found in summary form in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). The *subjective* content of the faith is what an individual Catholic holds. It asks the question, “What do I believe as a member of the Catholic Church?” Properly understood, the *objective* content of the faith, which we believe is preserved from error by the Holy Spirit, ought to form and inform the *subjective* content of the faith. Put another way, one’s personal faith (*subjective* content) is shaped and transformed by the faith of the Church (*objective* content). While we are Catholic by virtue of our Baptism, we are faithful Catholics to the extent that we allow our personal faith to conform to the faith of the Church.

Although the teaching after the Council emphasized God’s mercy, the core teaching of the Sacrament of Reconciliation has not changed. Sin is still sin (CCC #1854-1864) and Confession is the ordinary way to seek reconciliation. According to the Catechism, “Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God’s mercy for the offense committed against Him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion (CCC #1422).”

This gift of Divine Love, which was purchased for us by Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection comes to us directly from Him when, “He breathed on them (Apostles) and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained’ (Jn 20:22-23).” Those who deny or downplay the Church’s teaching on Confession are offering their particular *subjective* content of the faith as though it were the *objective* content of the faith, as though it were the teachings of the Church. They are offering their personal interpretation of the Council’s teaching in a manner inconsistent with the Council’s actual teaching.

With regard to Confession, the Church teaches that, “Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in Confession, even if they are most secret . . . (CCC #1456).” The Catechism goes on to teach that, “. . . each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year. Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to Confession (CCC #1457).”

To return to your question, Vatican II did not downplay Confession, but simply grounded the traditional teaching in God’s mercy (making explicit what was always implicit). This means that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is necessary to authentic Catholic life and is an essential element in drawing closer to Jesus Christ.



## Family Mass

Did you know that since April 2008, nearly 50 children have served and that 30 parish families have assisted in carrying the Offertory Gifts at 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](mailto:thomasneville@cox.net) or 784-3706 for more information on having your children serve Our Lord in these liturgical ministries.



### Schedule of Masses for Families

October 24 at 5:30 p.m.

November 22 at 11:00 a.m.

December 24 at 4:00 p.m.

## *Tidewater Intergenerational Orchestra*



The Tidewater Intergenerational Orchestra (TIO), in residence at Saint Bede, will open its 6th season of concerts on Saturday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m. to perform music for the glory of God. The orchestra members are professional concert artists, adult members of the community, and accomplished students. The concerts are free. Please contact Dr. Alice Lindsay for more information at [tio@cox.net](mailto:tio@cox.net) or call 565-5463.

## FAMILY MINISTRY

[www.bedeva.org/family](http://www.bedeva.org/family)

### **Mom's Morning Fellowship - October 7 and October 21**

This ecumenical group for Christian women promotes fellowship through a covenant of prayer and reflection with women from 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 are held at 9:30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. For information, contact Jennifer Gillette at 258-9538 or [bedefamily@cox.net](mailto:bedefamily@cox.net).



### **Fellowship for Fathers - October 12**

Join the fathers of our parish on the 2nd Monday of each month in the exploration of the glory and challenges of fatherhood. Please contact Earl Anderson at [bedefamily@cox.net](mailto:bedefamily@cox.net) or 259-0383 with ideas or if you would like to meet with other Catholic fathers.

### **Infant & Toddler Playgroup - October 14 and October 28**

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 opportunity 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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in Noah's Nursery. For information, contact Heather Clemens at [bedefamily@cox.net](mailto:bedefamily@cox.net).

### **E-mail Distribution List**

To receive information about all Family Ministry events and activities via e-mail or to change your e-mail address, please contact us at [bedefamily@cox.net](mailto:bedefamily@cox.net).

## Catechetical Corner

Celeste Prezioso, Coordinator  
[cmprezioso@yahoo.com](mailto:cmprezioso@yahoo.com)

Sunday night sessions for 9th Graders and teens *not* in Confirmation:

### 4th

Theology of the Body  
 Chapter 3: *Naked Without Shame*

### 11th

Theology of the Body  
 Chapter 4:  
*Hope and Redemption in Christ*

### 18th

Theology of the Body  
 Chapter 5: *Truth and Redemption*

### 25th

Theology of the Body  
 Chapter 6: *Language of the Body*

### November 1st

All Saints Day Party - Dress up as your favorite saint and assist with our annual Trunk or Treat for the children of our parish.



## Catholics In Action

Nicole Lancour, Coordinator  
[nlancour@bedeva.org](mailto:nlancour@bedeva.org)

### 17th – 18th

Fall Doughnut Fund Raiser after all Masses

### 21st

Potluck Dinner: 6:30 p.m. in the Commons  
 Eucharistic Adoration: 7:30 p.m. in the Nave

### 22nd

Symphony Fund Raiser: 7:15 p.m. in the Commons. **REMINDER** - Volunteers are needed to sell refreshments during intermission to earn money towards summer mission trips and conferences. Contact Celeste Prezioso for more information.

**Knights of Columbus Father Bader Scholarship:** Now is the time for high school seniors to apply for a Father Bader Scholarship! These scholarships are available to youth who are graduating from high school and pursuing their first year of higher education, provided their fathers are Knights in good standing in their Council or were at the time of death, if deceased.

Applications are in three parts: one is completed by the student and family, one by the financial secretary of the father's Council, and one by the applicant's high school principal.

The application deadline is March 13, 2010. Winners of the scholarships are determined by the students' involvement in Church, community, and school, along with grade point averages and financial need. Winners will be announced at the State Convention in May, 2010.

To obtain an application, submit an application, or for more information, please contact Michael R. Whelan, Chairman, Father Bader Scholarship Fund, 4611 Trevino Drive, NE, Roanoke, Virginia 24019. Mr. Whelan's phone and e-mail information are (540) 265-9722 and [mrwkofc@aol.com](mailto:mrwkofc@aol.com).

## 10th and 11th Grade Confirmation

Michele Bolton, Coordinator  
[mbolton@bedeva.org](mailto:mbolton@bedeva.org)

Saint Bede offers a variety of catechetical choices for those seeking Confirmation. We offer both large group and small group sessions. Classes are held in the Nave on Sunday evenings and in homes throughout Williamsburg on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. All teachers work in pairs, are background screened, and VIRTUS trained. For more information or to enroll in our program, please e-mail Michele Bolton.

### October Class Schedule

**4th and 6th** - Session 1  
**11th and 13th** - Session 2  
**18th and 20th** - Session 3  
**25th and 27th** - Session 4



## SAVE THE DATE!

The Confirmation Retreat will be held at Makemie Woods in New Kent December 4-6. The cost of this retreat is \$90 and includes five meals and two nights' lodging. Registration forms and information for this retreat will be provided the second week in October, and deposits are due by November 1. All Confirmation students are expected to attend.



# Knights of Columbus News

St. Bede Father Rizer Council #6828

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**Open House:** The Knights of Columbus (K of C) is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization and was founded in 1882 by

Fr. Michael J. McGivney at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. He formed the K of C to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance still are offered to sick, disabled, and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief, and public relief works. Membership numbers more than 1.7 million in 13,000 Councils world-wide, with nearly 200 Councils on college campuses. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men, ages 18 or older. The K of C official junior organization, the Columbian Squires, has over 5,000 'Circles.' For its support of the Church and local communities, as well as for its philanthropic efforts, the K of C often refers to itself as the "strong right arm of the Church."

Our Council will host an Open House after each Mass the weekend of October 17-18 in the Commons. We will provide Catholic men 18 years and older information on the K of C. Please stop by and visit us! Our Council members will answer your questions and present a short video. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Council members Jon Tobias at [muleblockr@aol.com](mailto:muleblockr@aol.com) or at 645-8343, or Larry Munk at [lmunksva@aol.com](mailto:lmunksva@aol.com) or at 253-9556.

## 2010 Free Throw Championship

Hoopsters - get ready! The 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is fast approaching! Join the more than 151,000 sharpshooters competing in over 3,100 Council competitions across the country. All boys and girls ages 10-14 are eligible to compete in the "Best-of-15" contest. Last year, many of our Council trophy winners were crowned district and state champions!

Entry forms and score sheets will be available at the no-cost event, sponsored by our Council and hosted by Walsingham Academy. A copy of the participant's birth certificate must accompany the entry form to verify the participant's age. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins or contact Bruce Brahe at [bkbrahe@cox.net](mailto:bkbrahe@cox.net) or at 345-0434.



## keep christ in christmas

Our Council will sell Christmas cards before and after all Masses beginning the weekend of October 10-11. Proceeds will support our diocesan seminarians. We have new designs this year! Please support our seminarians through this worthwhile project!



## Knights of Columbus Calendar

### October 22

- Business Meeting. - Please note that this was previously scheduled for October 8.
- We will not have an October Program Meeting.

### November 12

Business Meeting

### November 19

Dinner for the Religious



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## BAPTISMS

August 9, 2009

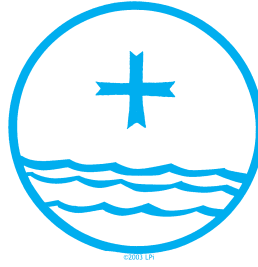
Brielle Ava Keyes, Daughter of Jeffrey and Carrie Keyes

August 15, 2009

Ava Maria Phuong Dunkle, Daughter of Heber and Lily Dunkle, III

August 23, 2009

Olivia Grace Rosas-Barber, Daughter of Kenneth R. Barber and Patricia Rosas



## WEDDINGS

August 8, 2009

James Alfred Murphy and Loretta May Martisauskas

## REST IN PEACE

August 29, 2009

Dale Michael Fouchi

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## Safe Environment Committee

*By Marsha Allen, Coordinator*

Last year I announced the formation of a Safe Environment Committee. Several members of the parish were asked by Father Abe to serve on this Committee to assess our compliance with diocesan regulations relative to "Protecting God's Children". These regulations focus on how we ensure the safety of our children while they are on church property. This also includes ensuring that all adults understand the expectations of the Church and our diocese. The Committee periodically reviews: 1) Spaces at both campus locations (Ironbound Road and Harrison Avenue); 2) Processes used for volunteer background screenings and required VIRTUS training; 3) All youth and educational programs and 4) All parish ministries, events, and programs with the potential to involve children and youth under age 18.

The Committee believes we have sound policies and procedures in place to keep our children and youth safe and will make on-going recommendations as needed to improve these policies and procedures. We will continue to share information with you and make you aware of actions we have taken and that you might take to participate in our efforts to make our children and youth as safe as possible. If you would like to learn more on your own, please visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). If you have suggestions for the Safe Environment Committee, please contact me at 258-5348 or at [allensofva@verizon.net](mailto:allensofva@verizon.net).

The next VIRTUS training session at Saint Bede will be on Wednesday, October 21, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Visit <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/VirtusTraining.htm> for a complete list of training dates and locations.

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### Fr. Brieffies

#### Missionaries of the Holy Family

Monsignor William Carr (L)  
Charles David Taylor (D)  
Marie Baron (D)  
Angie Posillico (D)  
Jeanne Oesterle (D)

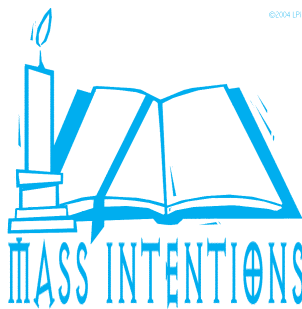
### Fr. Eliphete

#### St. Joseph Parish, Haiti

Bill and Myrna Comfort (D)  
Henry Adams (D)  
Lorraine Link (D)  
Alejandro Aspiras (D)

### Fr. Paschal Morlino, OSB St. Benedict Parish, Baltimore

Bill and Myrna Comfort (D)  
Marie Baron (D)  
Peter Boyle (D)  
James Clark (D)



### Fr. Rodrigo Mingollo St. Peter the Apostle, Onley

Governor's Land  
Small Faith Group (L)  
Marie Baron (D)  
Bill and Myrna Comfort (D)  
Lorraine Link (D)  
Patricia Smead Sklepowicz (D)  
Mary Drift (D)  
Arthur Nordby (D)

### Fr. Steve Antes

#### St. Joseph Parish, Petersburg

Nancy Rodgers (L)  
Hornbostel Family (L/D)  
Shelby K. Langebeck (D)  
Marie Baron (D)

### Fr. David Nott

#### St. John Parish, Petersburg

Kay Henderson (L)  
Robert Morse (D)  
Richard Cleveland (D)  
Dale Michael Fouchi (D)

### Fr. Matthew Mauriello St. Roch Parish, Greenwich

Carol Lambert (D)  
Terrance McGinty, Sr. (D)  
Stephanie T. Lympert (D)  
Special Intention for Mother (D)  
Special Intention for Daughter (L)

## A Steward's Way

Erin Pitre, Development Coordinator

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Let us reflect on the many blessings the Lord has given us. Recognizing that our personal talents and material goods are gifts from the Lord, we are asked in the Gospel to give back a portion of these gifts in thanksgiving for God's generosity and goodness to us. This first step, accepting and understanding that everything we have and all that makes us who we are is because of God, starts us on the path towards being authentic disciples of the Lord.

As we follow the Spirit on the path, we must understand that an authentic Christian disciple is a good steward of all which God has bestowed on him. And stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. Sharing our gifts is an opportunity to leave a legacy for generations to come. Furthermore, Scripture tells us that Christian stewardship goes beyond giving of our surplus. It is a gift made from our substance - a gift which we give lovingly and freely.

Intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Those who seek to do so learn that "all things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28)." It is never too late to make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure! Our Lord is a patient Lord and He will wait for you.



### The "No-Golf" Golf Tournament

*Benefitting Catholic Campus Ministry at the College of William & Mary*

#### GRAND PRIZE:

Golf & Lunch for Four at Two Rivers Country Club or a \$500 Visa Gift Card



- Hole in One - \$200 Amazon gift card
- Longest Drive - \$200 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card
- Low Gross - \$100 W&M College Bookstore gift card
- Low Net - \$100 W&M Alumni Gift Shop gift certificate
- Closest to the Pin - \$75 Best Buy gift card
- Fewest Putts - \$50 WaWa gift card
- Most Putts - \$50 Starbucks gift card
- High Gross - \$25 Outback Steakhouse gift card

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Entry Form for CCM's 2009 No-Golf Golf Tournament - Enter by November 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

# of entries \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total

Please mail this entry form by November 1 with your entry-fee check, payable to Catholic Campus Ministry to: W&M Catholic Campus Ministry, 10 Harrison Avenue, Williamsburg VA 23185. Winners will be selected on November 3. For further information, please phone 220-1415. Additional entry forms are available in the Church Commons. See you on the green!

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## Finance Council Update

General and Social Outreach Ministry Funds

Fiscal Year Update for One Month Ending July 31, 2009 and 2008

GENERAL FUND (Operating):	Actual This Year	Budget This Year	Actual Last Year
RECEIPTS:			
Parishioner Collection	\$ 143,589	\$ 140,881	\$ 135,711
Cash & Plate Collection	10,403	9,867	9,867
Visitor Collection	6,065	4,788	5,320
Collection Income	160,057	155,536	150,898
Other Income	8,240	8,488	25,150
Total Receipts	168,297	164,024	176,048
DISBURSEMENTS	169,762	187,486	178,525
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (1,465)	\$ (23,462)	\$ (2,477)
<b>SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY FUND:</b>			
RECEIPTS:			
Envelopes & Cash Collection	\$ 16,887		\$ 15,711
Other	(309)		609
Total Receipts	16,578		16,320
DISBURSEMENTS	21,160		14,046
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (4,582)		\$ 2,274

As of July 31, 2009, one month of the fiscal year has been completed and the operating segment of the General Fund has produced a deficit of \$1,465. This deficit is \$21,997 better than budget and \$1,012 better than last year. Receipts totaled \$168,297 while disbursements were \$169,762. All receipts from parishioners accounted for \$143,589 or 89.7% of all collection income. Debt service of \$30,865 accounts for 18.2% of all operating expenses; of that, \$16,279 has reduced the outstanding principal. As a result of the new debt reduction program, an additional \$3,998 was applied, reducing the outstanding debt to \$3,135,822.

Social Ministry Fund is running a deficit this year of \$4,582. Receipts from the monthly collections for General Outreach totaled \$16,887 (an increase of \$1,176 from last year), while related disbursements were \$20,525. Other income included \$112 designated for Haiti while \$635 was sent in support of St. Joseph's Parish in Thomonde.

Additional special collections taken this year totaled \$11,764 and benefited the Little Sisters of the Poor.

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



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

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“The future of the world and of the Church passes by way of the family (Familiaris Consortio, 86).” These words from our late Pope John Paul II emphasize the importance of the family in the future of society. In this same vein, the Church always has emphasized the irreplaceable role that parents play in their children’s religious and human formation. At a recent meeting for parents of children in Religious Education, I began by sharing statistics taken from a survey of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. Among the statistics, one of the most alarming was that 1-in-10 Americans are fallen-away Catholics. Of those 1-in-10, almost half of them left the Catholic Church before the age of 18 (<http://pewforum.org/docs/?DocID=411>). This confirms what we already know: the faith formation that children receive in their earliest years is of vital importance for setting the tone for the rest of their lives.

In speaking about the many challenges that parents face in an increasingly secularized culture, it is more important than ever to re-emphasize the basic truth that parents are, by word and example, the educators of their children; in fact, parents are educators *because* they are parents! Because we ourselves are part of the culture, however, many times we do not know how to make our homes domestic churches, where Jesus Christ is at the center and where all of the aspects of the larger Church are reflected: mission, catechesis, witness, and prayer.

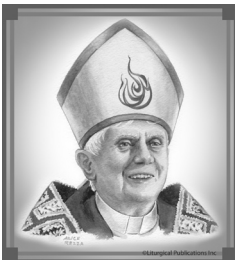
As we begin this new year of Religious Education, here are some concrete suggestions on how to make Christ the center of your homes and of your lives.

- As a family, make Sunday Mass the center of your week.
- Pray together as a family: in the morning and evening and before meals.
- Spend time with your children at home reviewing what they have learned in Religious Education class and spend time reading with them the Mass readings from the *MagnifiKid* subscription that they receive in class.
- Be in communication with your children’s catechists.
- Participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church by worthily receiving Our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist and regularly going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Participate in one of the offerings in Adult Faith Formation this year.
- Become involved in some aspect of stewardship with our Religious Education programs: parent core team, volunteer catechist, or classroom aide.
- October is the month of the Rosary: Consider praying a daily family Rosary together.



By weaving the Faith into our homes day in and day out, we fulfill our vocation as parents and give our children the greatest gift that we have: a deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ!

## Pope Benedict Speaks



Human life is a journey. Towards what destination? How do we find the way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true Light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But to reach Him we also need lights close by—people who shine with His light and so guide us along our way. Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her “yes” she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us (cf. Jn 1:14).



**No classes will be held on October 11 for the School of Religion or for Middle School Religious Education.**

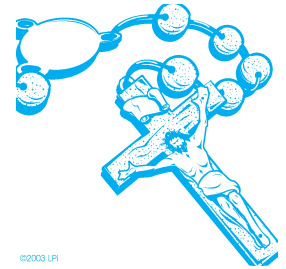
## October Saints

Read about the Saints for October at <http://www.daughtersofstpaul.com/saintday/index.html>.

## ROSARY BEFORE MASS

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. Legion of Mary members will lead a Rosary prior to the following Masses. Please join us in this holy devotion to Our Lady!

Saturday, October 3: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, October 4: 7:15 a.m.  
Sunday, October 11: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday, October 18: 11:00 a.m.



For more information, please contact Sheila Dunbar, Legion of Mary President, at (718) 570-4621 or at [dunbarhere@hotmail.com](mailto:dunbarhere@hotmail.com).



**Holy Cow!**  
**This is Interesting...**

### Saint Bede Staff News

We welcome our newest staff members who form the leadership team for Youth Ministry:

Celeste Prezioso – Catechetical Coordinator  
Michele Bolton – Confirmation Coordinator  
Nicole Lancour – Catholics In Action Coordinator

Celeste previously worked as an assistant in Youth Ministry and Michele previously worked in both Youth Ministry and the Church Office. Nicole is new to our parish. We warmly welcome Celeste, Michele and Nicole to their new positions!

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### Saint Bede Mission Statement

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