

Parish Announcements!

Dear Parishoners,

I would like to congratulate our Managing Director of Development Wayne Slough, Ph.D. who has been offered and has accepted a full time teaching position with Virginia Commonwealth University. Wayne will leave his position with the parish at the end of July. I am very grateful to Wayne for leading the successful school renovation effort and for guiding school financial development. Ray Honeycutt and I agree that Wayne has been a true professional, is a man of deep faith and a joy to work with. We will miss him. Wayne and his family are also parishioners so we look to them for continued leadership in parish life. I will soon begin a discernment process to address the matter of a replacement in a timely manner.



Wayne Slough

Blessings, Monsignor Carr

St. Bridget School Building Fund



We recognize and thank all who have contributed to the campaign thus far. If you made a pledge with the intention of making payment on an annual basis, please accept this gentle reminder that a payment may be due.



Please contact Joan Scarola at 282.9511, Ext. 353, or jscarola@saintbridgetchurch.org.

Also, please look for the Building Fund envelope in your monthly envelope packet.

Are you living with an Eating Disorder, struggling with your life everyday?

Sadly there is no support group to help us in the Richmond area...yet. I'm a recovering anorexic/bulimic and a part of your parish family here at Saint Bridget. After living in Virginia 5 years struggling alone fighting to beat this, I am at the point in my recovery where I feel compelled to help create a safe place for all of us to work together while on our journey to live and eat again. With the blessing of Msgr. Carr, this will be a weekly group held every Saturday evening 4:30-5:20 p.m. in the Church Hall (downstairs).



The meeting is open to anyone, and will be based on the foundational commitment to confidentiality. Please join me because I understand, and because I care.

If you would like to talk or have inquiries you may contact me michelle@battyhead.com

The Greatest Gift

Consider a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!



The next one will be September 24-26th in Richmond, Va.

Visit our web page at www.wmmeva.org or call Diana and Brian at 379.4297.

For a more visual presentation, google (YouTube Chapman Marriage encounter), to see what Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the [Five Love Languages](#) has to say about this awesome weekend.

Warm thanks to the Ancient Order of Hiberians for two generous donations to our parish, \$500 each to St. Bridget School and the St. Bridget Church School of Religion. The gifts were offered in recognition of the church and school's support of the Ancient Order of Hiberians 2010 Raffle Drive.

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Contact the **Communications Office** (communications@saintbridgetchurch.org, 282.9511 ext. 351).

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Send your announcement via e-mail or fax (285.7227) two Sundays prior to desired bulletin publication.

Bridge

Send your news by Noon on the 1st of the month prior to desired publication month.

E-News

Send your news to be distributed via e-mail as appropriate.

Web Site

Send your news noted to post in the appropriate section of the Web site.



A Message from Monsignor Carr

This month, Monsignor Carr has invited Father David Stanfill to offer his greeting to our parish.

Dear Parishoners,

I am very happy to have been appointed by Bishop DiLorenzo to serve as Parochial Vicar at St. Bridget. Perhaps for those who have not kept up with the Catholic Virginian articles concerning my vocation, it might be nice if I give you some idea of my background and vocation story.

I am what some call a second career vocation. I am older than most newly ordained priests, and that is a result of the fact that my first vocation was to the married state, a vocation shared with many of you. I loved being married and raising a family. My wife Jamie and I were blessed with six children and have three grandchildren, all of whom live in the Roanoke Valley. When my wife died in 2004 of breast cancer, my children all grown and on their own, I experienced a feeling of being called to serve God as a priest. So I retired from a long career at Graybar Elec. Co. and contacted Fr. Michael Renninger to explore the possibility of entering priestly formation for the Diocese of Richmond. To my great joy, it was determined that I would be accepted as a seminarian. On June 5th 2010, I was ordained to the priesthood in the Cathedral of The Sacred Heart.

I am so happy that I am a Catholic priest, and so excited to have been assigned to St. Bridget. The people I have met in the short time I have been here have all been so friendly. They have confirmed the legendary hospitality that has spread throughout the Diocese about St. Bridget.

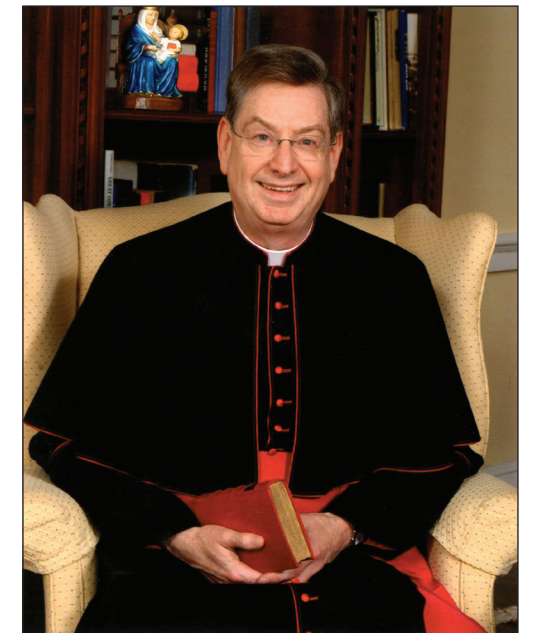
I look forward to meeting all of you as the days ahead of us unfold.

May God bless you all,

Fr. David Stanfill



Father David Stanfill, 2010



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Summer Mass Schedule (Through Labor Day, Sept. 5th):

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word 11:00 a.m.



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Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) 2010

Faith, Service, Community

Our planning goals for CHWC 2010 were to take about 60 campers. We were overwhelmed by the 120 plus parishioners who attended our two mission trips this summer. We were only able to take this many campers through the tremendous generosity of the St. Bridget Parish and the commitment from our campers and their families. We have listed below our various activities and community sponsors that enabled us to go on our trips.

It is of course much more than just the fundraising, but most important to us has been the support of our St. Bridget Parish. Your prayers, support, and encouragement throughout the entire year have empowered us to grow in our faith, prepared us to serve others in our mission trips this summer, and provided a living example of a Christian community. Thank you.

Lancaster, PA, was our first trip June 20 – 26. It was hot. Everyone worked very hard throughout the week, from cleaning, organizing, weeding, and building, to community activities and social programs. It was the little and sometimes unexpected moments and the relationships with those we served that made a big difference in our experience. We not only served, but grew in our faith from daily Mass and the evening spiritual programs. We were challenged to not be comfortable in our faith but to continue to grow; to be true prophets and not false prophets. Grandma Pat adopted all of the campers and promised to pray for all of us, as a good grandparent does. Did we mention it was hot?

Prince Frederick, MD, was our second trip July 11 - 17. Our service to that community included repair work, painting, cleaning, and lots and lots of landscaping and yard work, as well as a lot of service programs for the elderly and mentally challenged. We stayed at beautiful St. John Vianney Catholic Church. Each day began with a Mass, then off to

our work sites for the day, and finished with evening spiritual programs, such as adoration, the rosary, reflection and a lot of teenage humor. It is slightly different with some slightly deeper programs. The messages for us that week focused on service and works for others (no matter how small or unexpected) as an essential part of our Catholic Faith - being called to give of yourself and receive in return. Following Christ is not easy, but it is the true way.



Thank you to the entire Parish and the following sponsors who helped us achieve our goals:

CHWC Reunion – DeLuca Gelato

Spaghetti Dinner – Kent Alley, Tom Giannasi, Teresa Lee, Frostings, Azziza's on Main, Tommy's Garden, Maury Place at Monument, Gearhart's Fine Chocolates, Zeus Gallery Café, Alan Serafim, and Vending Services of Richmond

Adoration – John Hopke, Domino's Pizza at Willow Lawn, and Superstar's Pizza

Dance-A-Thon – AAA Disc Jockeys, Chipotle @ Stony Point

Other – St. Bridget Rosary Guild, Virginia Diner, Exxon @ Patterson & Three Chopt, Knights of Columbus Council # 395, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Arby's, Image Designers, St. Bridget School, and the St. Bridget Parish, John Raines and Carolyn Alley

Look out for our CHWC 2010 Reunion weekend on September 11th and 12th and CHWC 2011 sign ups on September 19th. CHWC 2011 camp locations and dates to be announced in the September Bridge and bulletins.

Summary of June 2010 Church Operating Fund Revenue & Expense Report

Fiscal Year-End: June 30, 2010

Fiscal year-end figures are subject to finalization of the Audit Report. Saint Bridget Church has an absolute commitment to financial transparency and accountability. Monthly Income and Expense Reports are on file in the parish center office and are available for review during regular office hours.

Revenue/Expenditure Comparison

For the period June 2010, expenditures exceeded revenue by \$89,653. Year to date expenditures exceeded revenue by \$492. The parish continued to support our ministries, in addition to paying for the ongoing maintenance and utility costs.

Offertory

The weekly offertory for June 2010 averaged \$26,154 (compared to an average weekly collection in May of \$22,867).

Weekly offertory for June 2009 averaged \$26,468 and the average was \$26,062 for June 2008.

Monthly and Year to Date Comparisons

The total monthly offertory for June 2010 was \$104,617 (compared to a monthly total offertory of \$105,874 in June 2009 and to a monthly total offertory of \$130,310 in June 2008). The total year to date offertory for this fiscal year is \$1,637,085 (compared to a total year to date offertory of \$1,612,470 for fiscal year 2008-09 and to a total year to date offertory of \$1,596,627 for fiscal year 2007-08).

Holy Day Collections

Holy Day Collections for the fiscal year to date totals \$8,098 (the total for the prior fiscal year was \$8,846).

Second Collections

Thank you for your contributions, \$1,320 was collected for Holy Father Peter's Pence.

Memorials and Bequests

Memorial donations were received in memory of Margaret Clarke, Helen Coleman, Joyce Doyle, Jule Healey, and Ruth Kanitz.

Human Concerns

We thank you for continuing to support the mission of Saint Bridget Catholic Church. The following donations were made in June: \$5,000 to the Haiti Fund; \$2,250 to Catholic Charities HELP; \$1,250 to CrossOver Ministry; \$1,100 to St. Francis Home; \$750 to Rebuilding Together; \$750 to Hilliard House; \$725 to Pregnancy Resource Center; \$600 to CARITAS; \$525 to William Byrd Center; \$500 to Freedom House; \$300 to Home Again; \$300 to the Neighbor to Neighbor ministry; \$250 to Richmond Peace Education Center; \$250 to Richmond Hill; \$250 Micah Initiative; \$250 to VA Interfaith Center; \$250 to VA Society for Human Life; \$100 to the BeFriender ministry; and \$1,754 was given to those in need of assistance in our community.

Church Capital Reserve Account Transfer

\$1,440 was transferred from the Church Operating Account to the Church Capital Reserve Account in June.

Thank you for using E-Giving

E-giving offertory contributions in June totaled \$15,857 (compared to \$9,106 in e-giving donations in June 2009). More people are taking advantage of e-giving: the total amount of e-giving including offertory donations, School Building Fund contributions, and all other collections for June was \$27,473. Total for all E-Giving contributions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 was \$245,173 (compared to a total of \$148,900 for the 2009-10 fiscal year and \$90,483 for the 2008-09 fiscal year). *To make a contribution on-line, please visit our Web site: www.saintbridgetchurch.org and click on the "Online Giving" link. Online giving is secure and convenient. You may use debit cards, credit cards or electronic funds transfer for your contribution. Thank you for all of your e-giving contributions.*

Thank you for your gifts of Stewardship!

We thank all the parish families for their many gifts that support God's work here at Saint Bridget Catholic Church. The financial gifts you return to God by sharing with your parish family have a tremendous impact. Your sacrifice makes it possible to operate our parish and reach out at home and abroad to help Christ's poor. Thank you! Your gifts of time, talent and treasure never stop giving!

Kimberly Lapkin, *Director of Stewardship*

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Human Concerns Ministry—Spotlight

Spotlight on Human Concerns' Ministry – This section will periodically highlight one of the ministries our parishioners support by their tithing of time, talent and treasure. Sometimes we will explain what they do and other times we will provide stories of our ministers in action. Our focus this month is on **Paul Amrhein, our Human Concerns Minister here at St. Bridget.** †



Q: How did you get involved in working for the church?

Paul: It began when I joined the Peace Corps and had a conversion experience. The whole time I served in Niger, Northwest Africa, I thought about God and grew in my spirituality. I was so grateful for the experiences I was having that I promised God I would do something for the Catholic Church when I got home.

Q: What did you do?

Paul: My first job after the Peace Corps was working with the forest service in California. I met the pastor of the parish I joined and asked what I could do. He sent me to a Franciscan nun who ran the religious education program for the church. She set me up as a confirmation teacher, and I taught for 4 years. It was not my gift, but I made a promise—could not say no to that nun.

Q: How did you make the jump from confirmation class to Human Concerns?

Paul: A big part of my conversion had to do with the social mission of the church. At the time, war broke out in the Horn of Africa coupled with drought and famine causing a refugee crisis to develop in Somalia. I was asked to put my forestry skills to work by developing a forestry project in some of the refugee camps in Somalia. I felt it was a way for me to do God's will and work for Peace, so off to Somalia I went. While I was there, I met some Italian Franciscans, and it seemed my love of God and nature fit in with the Franciscan chrism.

Q: So did you get mixed up in your geography and think Virginia was in Africa?

Paul: Very funny. I grew in my sense of mission, and as my parents grew older and became frail, I realized I could not leave them on their own, so I left the Franciscans. I went back to doing natural resource management for a while until my restlessness with God brought me to working for the office of parish social ministry in the diocese of Wilmington, North Carolina. I liked my work for the diocese, but I felt like I wanted to get closer to people. I went to work at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Raleigh, North Carolina, where I got to work alongside some of the Franciscans I knew from my days as a religious brother.

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Dear Parishioners,

A Farewell Reception will be held for Seminarian Sean Prince on August 8th at 6 p.m. in the Church Commons. Sean soon returns to the seminary to complete his studies for Holy Priesthood. Sean has done wonderful work among us. His passion for priestly ministry, his good leadership skills and his sense of humor will be warmly remembered. Please join me in thanking Sean as we send him forward after his wonderful pastoral year assignment here.

Monsignor Carr

Sacraments



Baptisms

Brayden Robert-Rives Brinkley
Gabiella Lynnlee Brinkle
Henry Sloan Burger
Bridget Hanna Byrne
Sarah Wingrove Croft
Francesca de Candia
John Emmett Farmer
Gwendolyn Jennie Garrison
Abigail Kathleen Kuti
James Cameron McGuire
William Henry McLemore
Lucas Andrew Pokora
Cooper Andrew Smith
Nathan Andrew Sofish
Raphael Joseph Johnson Wallmeyer

Deaths

Harriet Byrider
Christopher Haynes
Julian Carlos Hofer
George Koper
Patrick Korn



Weddings

Carolyn Valentine & Robert Heilman
Kimberly Amaya & Alan Boissy
Megan Kohut & Kevin Johnson
Sandra Owings & David Goode
Emily Behringer & Daniel Reibsamen
Jennifer Collins & Joel Gorman

First Eucharist

Sophia Pal

Human Concerns Ministry—Spotlight...continued

Q: So how did you get from Raleigh to Richmond?

Paul: A lot of reasons, one was we wanted to move closer to my mom and the rest of my relatives. When I saw a position open at St. Bridget I became interested. The diocese of Richmond had a great reputation for its work on the social mission of the church, and I knew some of the folks in the office. But the main reason was I enjoyed meeting with Elaine Quinn and the other members of the search team, and Msgr. Carr seemed like a wise and good man to work with. So we made a move to Richmond.

Q: What do you think are the major issues facing St. Bridget in terms of Catholic Social Teaching?

Paul: I think our challenges facing people of faith across the country are the same. Catholic Social Teaching is the backbone of the social mission of the church and is simply the gospel put into today's language. At the heart of it all is the Judeo/Christian teaching concerning the Sabbath. What we have today is a total disregard for keeping the Sabbath in our lives. The Sabbath is not just about rest, it is about honoring God, and we do that in a number of ways. The Sabbath is about restoring the bonds of relationship in community. We need healing in our relationships among people and with God's creation. There seems to be a growing divide among us in this country.

I think one symptom is that we give congress poor marks, and it is probably because we have not taken the time and effort to reconcile with each other. How can we expect our representatives to do what we have not done? We listen to the news that affirms our viewpoint. When I listen to some reports I ask myself, "Would God talk like that to us?" I don't think so. God meant us to take delight in each other and in creation.

Care of God's creation also fits in to Sabbath practice as the ancients believed in a Sabbath for the land to restore its productivity. Take the issue of global warming. People get very passionate about the subject, and there is a great divide between the folks that believe and those that do not believe in global climate change. Our Church looks at the issue and tells us to apply the virtue of prudence. The virtue of prudence allows us to get beyond our anger and distrust and enables us to deal with the issue without agreeing about it.

As I do this interview it is report card time in our schools and I ask myself—and I ask you—what grade would we get for keeping the Sabbath?



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