

## Parish Announcements!

### Sober Intoxication? "A New Pentecost for the Church"

This dynamic and inspirational 13-week DVD Series was given to the Priests of the Archdiocese of Denver and the Diocese of Cheyenne. **It will be shown at St Bridget Church on Mondays 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. starting on May 17th.** Moderator: Fr Matthias Lusembo. Come, watch, learn and pray. This series is open to all from High School up to Senior Citizens. For more info contact: Teresa Lee (Religious Ed Director) 282.9511 ext:335, Kath Thompson 784.6094 or 338.2956, Dante or Jeanette Pelli 741.7413 or 543.9325.

The following are topics & dates:

- July 5 Holiness
- July 12 Prayer
- July 19 Celibacy, A Charism
- July 26 Mary, Mother of Hope
- Aug 2 Homily
- Aug 9 Homily



### The Greatest Gift

Consider a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend as a combined Mother's and Father's Day gift.



The next one will be September 24-26<sup>th</sup> in Richmond, Va.

Visit our web page at [www.wmmeva.org](http://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.

### OFF TO CAMP!

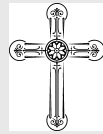
I know of some little boys who will never get the chance to go to camp....**unless we make it happen!**

St. Bridget parish wants to send 2 or more boys from Blackwell School to Benedictine Basketball Camp for a week in July. The cost is \$185/week. Any amount that you can contribute will help. Call either Paul Amrhein 282.9511 or Alicia Meyer 740.4272 for more information, or send a check to St. Bridget (marked Blackwell BB Camp). *Thank you so much!*



### 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. **Starting June 12**, 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](mailto:michelle@battyhead.com)**

### Sports Update!

After an unusually slow start the St. Bridget Men's softball team got back to it's winning ways capturing four of the last five games. Their next scheduled games are July 14th at Parker field at 8:30 and July 21st at Westhampton Field at 8:30. Tournament play is scheduled to begin June 28th



## Help Us Communicate!

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

### Bulletin

Send your announcement via e-mail or fax (285.7227) by Noon, two Thursdays prior to desired bulletin publication.

### Bridge

Send your news by Noon on the 15th of the month prior to desired publication month.

### E-News

Send your news by Noon on the 15th of the month prior to desired publication month.

### Web Site

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



## A Message from Monsignor Carr

Dear Parishioners,

This message brings summer greetings and the assurance of my prayers as you go about the summer. I hope you get a well deserved break and find your vacation to be restful and a re-creation.

On Independence Day our beloved nation celebrates freedom. And in spite of our nation's financial woes we still think, and all the world thinks of America as a land of prosperity. Many are feeling the pinch these days but we are indeed a prosperous land. And our prosperity comes from God and is to be used for God's purposes.

Jesus tells us that we feel most free when we have less stuff. He sent his apostles on the road without a lot of baggage, and they returned successful beyond their wildest dreams.

On Independence Day and every day thank God for all you have and share, and then share some more. Pray for unity in our country and work for peace and justice. And then God will continue to bless us and grant us freedom.

The Eucharist is the sacrament of thanksgiving and Mass is celebrated Monday- Saturday at 8 a.m. Please come and offer thanks to God.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Carr



**Happy Independence Day, July 4th!**

**Have a Fun and Safe Summer!**



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### Summer Mass Schedule (Through Labor Day, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>):

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.



St. Brigid

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**From the Development Desk**

Friends,

**Thank you** for so richly supporting St. Bridget this year! You continue to give of yourself and your resources in ways that drive the mission of both St. Bridget Church and School. Whether offertory or annual fund, capital campaign or ministries, PTO or parish life, you are unceasingly generous. Please know how much we all appreciate, and benefit from, your support.

**Making a Difference**

*News of members of our campus family  
making valuable contributions to the community. Congratulations!*

Parishioner **Bobbie Barajas** was one of six guest conductors for the May 22<sup>nd</sup> "Celebrity Maestro Concert" to benefit the education programs of the Richmond Symphony. Bobbie regularly attends, and frequently lectures at the 12:00 Mass. Professionally, she hosts "Classical Music" on WCVE Public Radio from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., weekdays.

Parishioner and school parent **Frank Gilliam** was recently named by the Richmond Ad Club *Ad Person of the Year*. Frank and his wife Ellen have three children in our school and are ardent supporters of Saint Bridget.

Parishioner and school parent **Dr. Stephanie Call** was recently named in the *Top Docs* survey conducted annually by *Richmond Magazine*. Dr. Call, the associate chair for education in the Department of Internal Medicine at VCU Medical Center, was recognized for her work as a teacher and mentor to the university's medical students.

**Rise, let us be on our way.**

**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. For those pledge holders who may now be able to accelerate their payout, this action will greatly assist Saint Bridget with our debt retirement planning. Please immediately contact Wayne Slough at wslough@saintbridget.org or 282.9511, ext. 331.

Contact Joan Scarola at 282.9511, Ext. 353, or [jscarola@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:jscarola@saintbridgetchurch.org).

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

**Summary of May 2010 Church Operating Fund Revenue & Expense Report**

**Revenue/Expenditure Comparison**

For the period May 2010, expenditures exceeded revenue by \$3,393. Year to date revenue exceeded expenditures by \$90,162. The parish continued to support our ministries, in addition to paying for the ongoing maintenance and utility costs.

**Offertory**

The weekly offertory for May 2010 averaged \$22,867 (compared to an average weekly collection of in April \$31,385). Weekly offertory for May 2009 averaged \$25,860 and weekly offertory for May 2008 averaged \$23,955.

**Monthly and Year to Date Comparisons**

The total monthly offertory for April 2010 was \$114,333 (compared to a monthly total offertory of \$129,298 in April 2009 and to a monthly total offertory of \$95,843 in April 2008).

The total year to date offertory for this fiscal year is \$1,533,468 (compared to a total year to date offertory of \$1,506,596 for fiscal year 2008-09 and to a total year to date offertory of \$1,466,317 for fiscal year 2007-08).

**Holy Day Collections**

Holy Day Collections for the fiscal year to date totals \$8008 (compared to a total of \$8,801 for Holy Day Collections for the prior fiscal year).

**Second Collections**

Thank you for your contributions, \$1,022 was collected for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (compared to \$815 collected for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal in 2009).

**Memorials and Bequests**

Memorial donations were received in memory of Miss Helen Coleman, Mrs. Ruth Kanitz, and Mrs. Jeanne Kramer.

**Human Concerns**

We thank you for your continuing support: \$2,105 was given to those in need of assistance in our community.

**Church Capital Reserve Account Transfer**

\$1,920 was transferred from the Church Operating Account to the Church Capital Reserve Account in May. Additional funds will be transferred this year from the Church Operating Account to the Church Capital Reserve Account on a monthly basis.

**Thank you for using E-Giving**

E-giving offertory contributions in May totaled \$17,688 (compared to \$8,981 in e-giving donations in May 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 May was \$23,253. *To make a contribution on-line, please visit our Web site: [www.saintbridgetchurch.org](http://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 gift of Stewardship.**

**Who is a Christian Steward?**

A Christian Steward is defined as

"One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord."  
Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom and the source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another.

As Catholics, we are called to prayerfully reflect on our baptismal promise to follow Jesus and be an example of Christian Stewardship for others to follow.

Kimberly Lapkin, *Director of Stewardship*  
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**May 2010 Church Operating Fund Revenue and Expense Report**

Revenue	May 2010	Year to Date Jul 09 - May 10
Parishioner Offertory Contributions & Cash Plate	\$ 96,645	\$ 1,358,051
E-Giving Offertory Contributions	17,688	175,417
Human Concerns Contributions	3,533	48,187
Haiti Contributions + Haiti Scholarship Committee + Hinche	2,775	54,788
2nd Collections— Catholic Home Missions Appeal	1,022	(Total of all special collections) 21,447
Holy Day Collection	602	8,008
Wedding Fees	950	6,800
Religious Education Fees	1,815	54,837
Youth Mission Trip—Catholic Heart Work Camp	4,418	54,889
Votive Candle Offerings	302	3,807
Hospitality Special Events Revenue	3,465	12,064
Bequests & Memorials	295	5,945
Special Donations & Catholic Virginian & Other Revenue	5,488	21,198
Easter (and Christmas) Flower Memorials	0	6,922
Campus Ministry Revenue & Diocesan Subsidy	88	18,225
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	0	17,166
Dividends & Interest	0	4,147
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 139,086</b>	<b>\$ 1,871,898</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administrative Costs & Employee Benefits	\$ 35,837	\$ 420,214
Diocesan & Regional Assessments - (includes Increased Offertory Program Assessment for Catholic Schools)	13,448	189,528
Human Concerns/Social Ministry	7,532	105,051
Capital Reserve Fund Transfer	1,920	7,652
Development	0	1,962
Physical Plant Maintenance, Salaries, Utilities	14,672	232,302
Liturgy Ministries & Costs	13,352	155,656
Clergy/Religious Salaries & Benefits	12,738	123,167
Religious Education & Youth Ministry	5,702	102,144
Rectory Household Costs	7,898	74,645
2nd Collections/Donations Disbursed	3,797	76,235
Membership/Hospitality	6,199	70,479
Youth Mission Trip—Catholic Heart Work Camp	919	49,087
Campus Ministry	173	6,092
Catholic Virginian	2,042	21,272
Parish School Subsidy	16,250	146,250
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 142,479</b>	<b>\$ 1,781,736</b>

**The Campaign for Saint Bridget School**

**Saint Bridget School Capital Campaign - May 31, 2010**

<b>Total Project Costs:</b>	<b>\$ 3,612,512</b>
<b>Campaign Pledges:</b>	
Pledges	\$ 1,405,205
Matching Gifts Pledged	\$ 46,300
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$ 1,451,505</b>
<b>Collections &amp; Other Receipts:</b>	
Pledges Collected	\$ 866,786
Matching Gifts Received	\$ 25,600
Non-Pledged Cash Contributions	\$ 172,916
St. Bridget School PTO Gift	\$ 50,000
School Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 725,290
Interest Earned	\$ 518
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 1,841,110</b>
<b>Outstanding Collections:</b>	
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 538,419
Outstanding Matching Gifts	\$ 20,700
<b>Total Outstanding Collections Due</b>	<b>\$ 559,119</b>
<b>Remaining Capital Campaign Balance to be Funded:</b>	<b>\$ 1,212,283</b>

**PROJECT LOAN BALANCE as of May 31, 2010**

<b>Total Borrowed</b>	<b>\$ 2,201,607</b>
<b>Amount Paid on Loan</b>	<b>\$ 364,000</b>
<b>Current Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,837,607</b>



**Saint Bridget School Building Fund**

**Thank you to those who have made a gift to this campaign!**

- School Building Fund donations totaled **\$12,061** for the month of May.
- Thank you for your much needed contributions to this campaign to make our interest and principle payments on the loan! **\$50,000 was paid to reduce the loan in May.** Pledge payments are figured into the debt reduction—your help is needed by making timely payments on your pledge. Debt places an undue burden on our school's tuition and third-source funding, and this stresses our balanced budget. While our Finance Council is diligent in assuring that the loan is handled in the most cost effective manner, our goal is to eliminate a need to borrow.
- If you are still on the sidelines, please consider **now** how you can serve in this historic renovation project for our school – and act **this week** with your sacrificial gift.
- \$1,376 was received in May from **E-Giving donations**. To make a contribution on-line via E-Giving, please visit our parish website: [www.saintbridgetchurch.org](http://www.saintbridgetchurch.org) and click on the "Online Giving" link. Thank you to those using the Saint Bridget School Building Fund envelope found in the offertory envelope and Bridge newsletter packets to make donations to the School Building Fund!
- Always know you may contact our Managing Director of Development to discuss your gift: Wayne Slough, [wslough@saintbridget.org](mailto:wslough@saintbridget.org), 282.9511 ext. 331.

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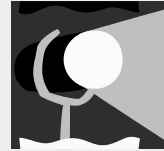
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Young Adult Ministry

**Human Concerns Ministry—Spotlight**

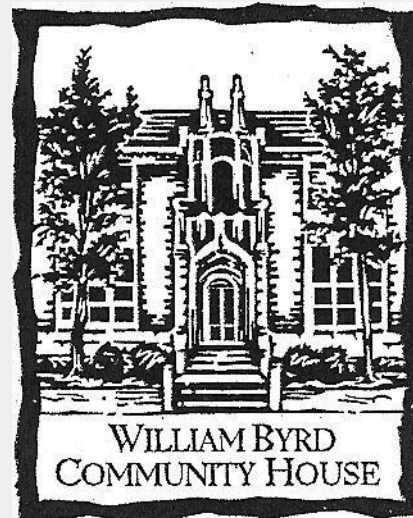
**Spotlight on Human Concerns' Ministry** – This section will periodically highlight one of the ministries our parishioners support by their tithing of time, talent and treasure. Sometimes we will explain what they do and other times we will provide stories of our ministers in action. Our focus this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



The **WILLIAM BYRD COMMUNITY HOUSE (WBCH) FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAM** targets low income individuals and families living in the Richmond Metro area who need assistance meeting their basic food and shelter costs. Our target population is Richmond City residents; however, we are seeing residents in the surrounding counties accessing these services.

The current economic downturn is reflected in the number of requests WBCH received for Emergency Services. From July 2008 through June 2009, our financial capacity to assist clients could not keep pace with the demand for services; we were only able to assist half of those requesting shelter and utility assistance. A typical client is an individual with a disability, a senior on fixed income, a single parent household earning minimum wage, an individual receiving government assistance or a family experiencing a sudden loss of income due to illness or unemployment.

Our Emergency Services program is unique as it focuses on crisis resolution and family stabilization. To this end, 100% of our clients leave with an identified action plan to specifically address the family's needs. Our agency continues to identify and utilize best practices to mediate and resolve issues facing our families. One of our unique partnerships is with Central Virginia Legal Aid as many families in crisis need not only food and shelter issues but also legal issues resolved. Once a family is stable, we can focus on food security.



Often, when counseling clients, we find there is a need for child care in order to secure employment. Because of our "holistic approach" we are able to provide child care at WBCH. We work with youth from 14-21 our Career Readiness program to prepare them for work. We provide referrals for services as appropriate. All our programs work toward meeting our mission to create pathways toward self sufficiency.

For more information, call Paul Amrhein at 282.9511 ext. 311 or email [paul@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:paul@saintbridgetchurch.org).



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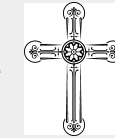
**Sacraments**

**Baptisms**

Brayden Robert-Rives Brinkley  
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Henry Sloan Burger  
Francesca de Candia  
Abigail Kathleen Kuti  
James Cameron McGuire  
William Henry McLemore  
Cooper Andrew Smith  
Nathan Andrew Sofish

**Deaths**

Dorothy Carson  
Margaret Clarke  
Jule Healey  
Ruth Kanitz



**Weddings**

Cecilia Blair Baxter &  
Charles Pierson Gilchrist, IV

**SAINTS & SINNERS  
Sixth Annual Social**

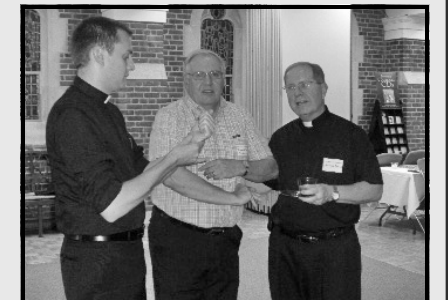
Saints & Sinners held their annual social on Thursday, June 10. The socializing was fun, the food was wonderful and the Men's Ministry Choir entertained us with songs from Broadway musicals. Contributions made were greatly appreciated.



**Men's Ministry Choir**



**The Gathering**



**Well Blessed**

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, unless otherwise arranged. To learn more about upcoming events, visit our bulletin board in the Parish Commons and regularly check the website. Please consider joining our SAS Coordinating Group to help plan and prepare future meetings.

For Information About Joining or Participating in the Activities of the Saints & Sinners, Please Contact: contact Ms. Flo Gorman at 965.0902.