

Have a Blessed Birthday!



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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To everyone celebrating a birthday this week!!
For a list of students with birthdays see this week's printed bulletin.



This week we celebrate the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. According to Jewish law, every first born son was to be dedicated to the Lord forty days after his birth. The Presentation calls to mind the beautiful image of the babe Jesus humbling himself before the Father in heaven. Our Lord, a helpless baby, surrenders to the will of God. He becomes our hope and our example, dedicating Himself to God from the beginning of His life.

The Presentation of our Lord reminds us that we too are called to present ourselves with humble hearts to God. So often, the stress and strain of everyday life leaves little time for developing our relationship with God. Amidst the chaos of school, assignments, and responsibilities, we are asked to lay ourselves at the feet of God.

Yet how are we able to follow the Lord with humble hearts when so much work is to be done? In faith and love, we turn to the Lord for assistance. We are called to recognize the gifts and talents that lay within our own hearts. We are asked to see His face in those around us. Most strikingly, we are asked to be his children. Children dependent on a Father's guidance, children in need of loving conversation, children caught up in the beautiful relationship of family. He, who showed us best how to be a loving child, asks us to follow his example—to once again dedicate ourselves to the Father, to dedicate ourselves to *Our* Father.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK

M	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10, Mk 3:22-30
T	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19, Mk 3:31-35
W	2 Sm 7:4-17, Mk 4:1-20
TH	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29, Mk 4:21-25
F	2 Sm 1:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17, Mk 4:26-34
S	Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Sun	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13, 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 5:1-12a

PAX CHRISTI *A student perspective by Chris Needham*

What informs my beliefs about peace? Why do I believe peace is possible?

These are some of the difficult questions we asked ourselves last night at our weekly meeting. Peace is a difficult thing, and it is important to understand why we believe we can work to it. Our beliefs shape our actions, and very much inform the way that we think about peace in our world. If we didn't have faith and trust, what would we have? How would we continue to work for peace?

We would love for you to come join us. We meet in Pryz 205 every Thursday from 8:30pm to 9:30pm. If you have any questions, e-mail me at 86needham@cua.edu. Check out our website: studentorg.cua.edu/paxchristi

Announcements

Annual Mass in Honor of the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

CUA celebrates the Patronal Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas with a university Mass on Tuesday, Jan. 29th at 12:10pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Crypt Church. Classes scheduled to begin at 11:10 a.m. should end at 11:50 a.m., and classes scheduled to begin at 12:35 p.m. should begin at 1:20 p.m. Faculty members are welcome to participate in the Mass in academic regalia. The celebrant of the Mass will be Very Rev. Joseph Baranger, O.P., prior of the Dominican House of Studies, and the homilist will be Very Rev. Steven Boguslawski, O.P., president of the Dominican House of Studies.

THANK YOU!!

"A special thank goes out to the CUA community that helped with Pro-Life Hospitality and walked in the March for Life this past week. Your sacrifice of time and energy is sincerely appreciated! Thank you for your beautiful witness to life!"

DC READS

Join DC Reads and earn \$12/hr tutoring children this semester! Work study positions are still available, and volunteers are always welcome. Transportation is provided, and there are tutoring sessions available morning until evening every day, including Saturdays! Contact Angela Rasmussen at 42rasmussen@cu.edu or go to dcreads.cua.edu for more information.

Senior Retreat – “Falling Into Grace: Catholic after Catholic”

Sign up now at ministry.cua.edu for the Senior Retreat taking place February 8th-10th. Spend a fun, peaceful, and reflective weekend with your classmates before graduation! The cost is \$40, scholarships are available. If you have any questions or need special assistance, please email Emily at 18Wallace@cu.edu.

Learn more at the Teach for America Info Session

Monday, January 28th 5:00 PM Pryzbyla Center, Room 327
Food will be provided

Spring RENEW begins this week. Please sign up at www.ministry.cua.edu. A great to meet new friends and share your faith.

The Men's Discernment Group will have Mass and a discussion lead by Bishop Paul S. Loverde of the Diocese of Arlington on Thursday, January 31st at 6:00 pm in Caldwell Chapel. Dinner and a talk by Bishop Loverde will begin immediately after Mass, in the Happel Room. The topic is "The Bishop and his priests" Please email Fr. Bob if you plan to attend, Schlageter@cu.edu.

Be a part of Liturgical Ministries

Pianists, Organist, Accompanists- Use your gifts to be a part of Music Ministry!

We are always in need of accompanists for Sunday Masses and Praise and Worship Adoration!

If you are interested in learning more, please

Contact Jessica in Campus Ministry at X5575 or Deprizio@cu.edu

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP will have its first meeting this semester on Wednesday, January 30th at 8:00 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Prayer Room. All are welcome!!

CUA on TAP

[Catholic Families: Cheaper by the Dozen?](#)

Join the Resident Ministers on Thursday, January 31 at Ellis Island for this edition of CUA on TAP. Dr. Michael Pakaluk, husband, father, and professor from the School of Philosophy, will be speaking on the idea of large Catholic families and the significance of God in their everyday lives. Students of all ages are invited to attend, but you must be 21 to purchase drinks. Vans will begin leaving from the Campus Ministry Office at 7:15 PM and the talk will begin around 7:30. We hope you can join us for the amazing opportunity. Please e-mail Nick at 43berg@cu.edu if you have any questions or special needs to attend this event.

Job opening: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is looking for a **Switchboard Receptionist**. Starting pay is \$7.00 per hour. For more information please call Sister Teresa Mary Kozlovski, RSM at (202) 281-0611 or e-mail at stm@bnsic.org

AA Meetings are every Thursday evening in Caldwell Hall, Room 325 at 7:30 p.m.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERIANS is forming a new division in this area. If you are over 21, Catholic and of Irish descent, who wish to learn about and enjoy your Irish heritage and culture, come to Colonel Brooks this Sunday, January 27th from 2-5 pm. Contact George Rogers at rogfah@aol.com. For more information, see www.aoh.com.

VOCATIONS CORNER:

Little Sisters of the Poor Vocation Discernment Retreat

February 15-17, 2008

Contact Sr. Julie: 202-269-1831

vocwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org

The weekend is open to single catholic women ages 18-35. The program begins with supper at 7 pm on Friday evening, but a late afternoon arrival is preferable.

On February 1-3, 2008, Archbishop Wuerl will be holding a vocations retreat for men who have considered a call to the priesthood. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations to register. Office phone: 301-853-4580 or email Msgr. Rob Panke at vocations@adw.org. Date: Friday, February 1st, 7:30 pm – Sunday, February 3rd at noon. Place: Theological College, 401 Michigan Ave, NE.

February 2nd World Day of Consecrated Life ... a Testimony to Christ Yesterday, Today and Forever