

Have a Blessed Birthday!

We sincerely wish everyone celebrating a birthday this week;

A very Blessed and Happy Birthday!

The list of students with birthdays is in our printed copy of the bulletin



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Why Pro-Life ???

It is often assumed that if someone is Pro-Life, they are against abortions and that is where the definition ends. While it is pertinent that we defend the unborn and a fundamental part of the Pro-Life message; being Pro-Life is more than that – it is the belief and knowledge of the beauty, innumerable value and most importantly, the dignity of every human being at every stage of life – from the moment of conception to natural death. And it is the practice of that belief that truly makes you Pro-Life. It is embracing every person as your brother and sister, a fellow child of God, someone who was made out of unconditional love and someone who deserves and needs unconditional love.

The Pro-Life message is important for our generation because we have lost the idea of human dignity. We have forgotten that in each and every human face, there is Christ and because of Him, each and every face is a picture of pure love. We have forgotten that we ourselves are images of pure love and that we deserve a society that will respect us and love us for who we are as a human person. We have seen mankind tear itself apart by its own hand, whether it is wars or the everyday demoralization of the human body. And as Blessed Mother Theresa said, "We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other?" If we do not come together as a unified whole and work to bring the Pro-Life message from a belief into a reality, we will ultimately destroy ourselves; echoing Pope John Paul II as he said America's survival rests in her ultimate test of being able to respect every human person from conception to natural death.

And there is hope for the future, for the unborn, for every person needing love. And that hope is found in you and in your courage to stand up and spread not only the Pro-Life message, but God's love. And if you yourself have trouble finding that courage in your heart, look to God, for He has already won this battle. We are merely instruments of His will, but we are the vessels that can bring Him and His message to every person. We have the ability to bring love and respect to every human heart, whether it has just started beating in his mother's womb or for years – God has given us that amazing gift. Why not use it? Our world is thirsty for love, our generation is immersed in a culture of death – let's make a difference! If we do not, who will?

I urge you all to come see beautiful, courageous people making a difference at the March for Life, January 22nd. It will set fire to your heart and ignite the strength you need to spread the Pro-Life message. Know you always have God (and Campus Ministry!) to turn to. Never forget you deserve love and respect and you have courage in your heart to make it happen for you and for every human.

...Reflection by Lauren Roselli, sophomore in the School of Arts and Sciences.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M	1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
T	1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
W	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
TH	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
F	Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
S	2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 3:20-21
Sun	Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

PAX CHRISTI A student perspective by Chris Needham

I was reminded the other day of a homily I heard several years ago. The priest was talking about New Years and new beginnings, and made the statement that while most people expect to completely change once they set out to make a change in their lives, it is not realistic, and doesn't really make sense.

He pointed out that while God obviously wants us to change and become the best people we can be, he still loves us when we are less than perfect. He wants us to live our lives so that we become more Christlike everyday and that everyday we should move in the right direction just a little bit.

Peace is like this. It would be very difficult to become a completely peaceful person overnight, yet over time, we are able to improve who we are. That is really what matters.

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

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@cua.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@cua.edu.



MLK Day: A day ON not OFF

Help celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's commitment to service and social justice by spending Monday, Jan. 21st helping to renovate DC Public schools. It is not too late to sign-up. Sign-up at ministry.cua.edu

CUA IS PROLIFE

Join CUA at the March for Life
Tuesday, January 22, 2008!
Sign up at ministry.cua.edu.

Follow directions needed to be excused from classes.

You MUST march with CUA contingent to be excused from class.

Help With Lent Adoration!

On the Wednesday January 23rd at 8:15pm, there will be a meeting in the Campus Ministry lounge for all of those who would like to help with Lent Adoration. There are many opportunities to help and it is a great way to minister and prepare for Lent.

Be a part of Liturgical Ministries

Info and Training Sessions- *St. Vincent's Chapel*

Altar Servers- Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 7:00 pm.

Hospitality- Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 8:00 pm

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@cua.edu

Student Minister Applications are due in the Campus Ministry Office by 10:00 pm Wednesday, January 23, 2008. Applications can be downloaded from our webpage at Ministry.cua.edu

Save the Date: St. Thomas Aquinas Patronal Mass

January 29, 2008 12:10 p.m. Crypt Church

RENEW – Sign Up for Spring RENEW this Sunday after All the Masses and online at ministry.cua.edu

Community Service

All community service sites are starting for the Spring Semester. For more information and dates please visit ministry.cua.edu.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Did you miss your Confirmation? Are you interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year?

The Confirmation Program begins January 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to talk about receiving Confirmation, contact Fr. Andy at Santamauro@cua.edu or call the campus ministry office at x 6579.

We Remember:

+Wesley McClaren, former Budget Administrator and Accounts Control Manager in the Office of Finance and Administration, Treasurer, died on January 13, 2008. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the Naval Academy Main Chapel in Annapolis, MD 21401. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Mrs. Ann McClaren at 1040 Lake Claire Drive, Annapolis, MD 20419.

+Woodrow Harris, father-in-law of David Washington, a Plumber in the Department of Facilities, Maintenance Operations, died on January 12, 2008. Condolences may be sent to David Washington in the Power Plant, Room 200.

+Dr. Edwin E. Ukwandu, brother of Sebastine Ukwandu, a student in the School of Theology and Religious Studies, died on December 23, 2007. Condolences may be sent to Sebastine Ukwandu 401 Michigan Avenue, N.E. Washington, DC 20017.

+Anneliese Thompson, mother-in-law of Sara Thompson, Dean of Metropolitan College, died on January 14, 2008. Condolences may be sent to Dr. Sara Thompson, Metropolitan College, Pangborn Hall, Room 334.

+Chester Clark, brother-in-law of Stanford Moore, Zone Refrigeration Mechanic in the Department of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations, died on January 13, 2008. Condolences may be sent to Chester Clark, Power Plant, Room 200.

+Ralph Matter, uncle of Dr. M.J. (Mimi) Schuttloffel, Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Education, died on January 15, 2008. Condolences may be sent to Dr. Mimi Schuttloffel, O'Boyle Hall, Room 207.

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@bsnic.org

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