



Parish Liaison News

A Journey Together...

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ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
Easter continues! Celebrate with joy!
HE IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Month of MAY – Observances include:

Mary, Mother of God – we honor you and seek your intercession with your beloved Son, Jesus, for all we need.

Asian Heritage Month

Mental Health Month

National Bike Month

- May 18 = “bike to work” day – (one way to reduce YOUR carbon footprint!)

World FAIR TRADE day – May 12 (second Saturday of May)

- <http://www.crsfairtrade.org/>
- <http://www.tenthousandvillages.com>



CATHOLIC CHARITIES -- UPDATES:

- MAY 10 – In conjunction with the Forums on the Family series and mental health month, the counseling staff of Catholic Charities invites all to a forum on Thursday, May 10 beginning at 7 pm. A counselor will explore the topic of **stress relief and relaxation**. Call 703.841.2531 for details.
- MAY 12 – it’s not too late to join the fun at Ft. Hunt Park or Paul VI High School on Saturday, May 12 for the 24th annual WALK FOR LIFE. Call 703.425.0100 for details on registration and how you can support Children’s Services.
- MAY 19 -- Friends of the Thrift Shop, an opportunity to get into the action on the ground floor – **first** meeting for interested men and women is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 at 9:00 am at the Christ House Thrift Shop, 125 S. West St., Alexandria, 22314 – All are welcome!
- JUNE 9 -- Citizenship Workshop at Arlington Mill Community Center from 10:00 – 2:00. **Many** are needed to help eligible applicants complete applications for citizenship. Anyone seeking to obtain citizenship is welcome to come. Call 703.534.9805 to register. – see *insert*

- JUNE 25 – 15th annual Golf Classic at Country Club of Fairfax; call Beth, 703.841.3835 for details and more information about how you can help make this classic the best ever! – *see insert*
- Christ House – the inside is gutted! What a sight! What a mess! But oh, how sweet the vision! Rebuilding a space to serve as home and shelter for 18 people – oh, the rewards are many, the dream is sweet. All are welcome to support this endeavor that is underway. Honor a friend or loved one with a gift of a room! Or the contents of a room! Or with kitchen supplies! There are numerous ways for each of you to support this project. Contact Steve Luteran or Ray Pisney at 703.841.3836 for details.
- Hello Father! You need assistance? We are glad to help you find solutions! Call the Priest's Connection #, or 703.841.3830.
- Want to help break the cycle of crime by joining an “after care” team to aid ex-offenders? Contact Sr. Connie for details – 703.841.3832 or cparcasio@ccda.net.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

- May 16 – Workshop with Christian Moore, MSW – “Do You Want to Learn How to Work More Effectively with Young People” – 10:00 am – noon at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, sponsored by OAR (Offender Aid & Restoration); 703.228.7030 to register and for further information.

May 21 – Catholic - Muslim Dialogue at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Triangle, VA sponsored by the Arlington Diocese ecumenical and interfaith commission; dinner at 6:30, program at 7:30 pm. Call Fr. Bob Menard, OFM at 703.221.4044 to register and for more details.

- June 5, 2007 – National Hunger Awareness Day – *what is your parish or community doing to observe this special day?*
- July 15 – 20 -- The annual SOCIAL ACTION SUMMER INSTITUTE registration and information is on-line at <http://www.nplc.org>. Check it out! Great speakers! Great schedule.
- September 28 – 30 -- Our Faith, Our Lives, Our World – a regional training for parishes; Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh, NC; call Anne at 703.841.3831 for more details.



If there is right in the soul, *there will be beauty in the person.*
If there is beauty in the person, *there will be harmony in the home.*
If there is harmony in the home, *there will be peace in the world.*
 Chinese Proverb



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