



Faith & Ale

A Gathering of Catholic Men



Are you a male in your 30's or 40's wishing to strengthen your faith in a casual and unassuming setting? I can tell you that I fit the aforementioned description and am very excited about the following program that will begin on October 21st at St. John the Evangelist.

Faith & Ale is a once-a-month gathering of Catholic men from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to hear an inspirational speaker. Until now, meetings had

been held in a local restaurant. The first event of the season had 78 men in attendance and the group has now outgrown its venue. We are pleased to offer our facilities here at St. John the Evangelist to accommodate future increases in attendance. All men are invited - the saints, the sinners and everyone in between - everyone interested in the implications of faith and morality on our daily lives, our community and our society. We want to encourage, exhort, and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, workplaces, and parishes. We do this by creating an entertaining event that will also build our faith. We begin with social time enjoying food, drink and camaraderie. This is followed by a spiritual talk and a question & answer discussion period. The speakers are always impressive and inspiring. From business tycoons to former skinheads to an Olympic athlete who fled Cuba to a Military Chaplain who served in Desert Storm, just to name a few. Don't expect a bunch of Holy Rollers; we are normal men just like you. We are employees, employers, fathers, husbands, single guys... We enjoy having a beer and being with our friends. However as normal men we have also realized that our Faith must be something more than what happens within the 4 walls of a Church for an hour each week. Our faith needs to be lived all the time. As lay men we need to bring Christ into our jobs, families, marriages, and recreation. Faith & Ale is something to strengthen and encourage us as we try to live Jesus Christ in the heart of the world. Where else can you find a comfortable environment where you can explore issues of faith and spirituality? At Faith & Ale, we provide the atmosphere, the food and drink, and a thought-provoking speaker that will be sure to spark conversation. Faith & Ale offers these events so that men can experience a sense of community, have a great experience learning about their faith, and feel invited to take part in the ongoing life of the Church. The next speaker will be Eugene Milhizer, Dean of the Ave Maria School of Law. In December, Bishop Dewane will be the featured speaker. If you would like more information on this exciting organization, please visit their website at www.faithandale.com.

“Keep Christ in Christmas” is an evangelization program of the Knights of Columbus designed to emphasize the real meaning of Christmas. During these times when everything ‘Christian’ is being attacked in our secular society, we have an obligation to encourage the message that the real purpose of December 25th is to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The Knights are again selling these high quality, modestly priced Christmas cards. These cards are being sold after each Mass in front of the Church. All profits will go to the Jamaica Outreach Program and the youth of the parish. The Knights deserve your support.

The Religious articles store, now known as the Religious gift shop will open on Sunday, October 24th. Many of you may not have been aware that we have such a shop as it was until very recently located in the Claussen Center. It is now very conveniently located in the location of the former Altar Servers room or just opposite the restrooms. This outstanding location will allow those wishing to purchase anything from a rosary to a bible the opportunity to do so. I would like to recognize Marianne Brooks for all of her hard work in getting the store moved and up and running for your convenience.

With the return of many of our seasonal residents and visitors, I will again make a reminder for those that may have forgotten. If your intent is to help us reach our Catholic Faith Appeal goal, please make your check payable to the CFA and not St. John the Evangelist. Please include St. John in the memo line so that we will be properly credited. Thank you again for your generosity in supporting the Catholic Faith Appeal. We have just over 30% of our goal remaining with three months to go.

In His work together,

Scott Schlossberg, MBA
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