

# The Vine

August 2019

A Newsletter for St. Bruno Young Adult Fellowship

## This Month

**Wed. 8/7 and 8/14** Book Study  
*Letter to a Suffering Church* by  
Bishop Barron – see calendar for  
details

**Sat. 8/10** FIT Hike with Deacon Gabe  
– see calendar for details

**Wed. 8/14** Make Care Packages for  
the Homeless 7:00 PM in the Hall

**Sat. 8/24** Pick-up Basketball on the  
St. Bruno courts 9:00 – 10:00 AM

**Sun. 8/25** YAF Dinner after 5:30  
Mass at Thai Table, Whittwood Mall;  
Matt & Laura host

**Wed. 8/28** YAF Coffee House in  
Hall: coffee, tea and more. Brief talk  
on Sign of the Cross as an opening  
for prayer

**Save the Date – YAF  
End of Summer BBQ  
Saturday, September  
24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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## YAF Dinner

July 28<sup>th</sup> after 5:30 PM Mass at St. Bruno, the Young Adult Fellowship gathered for dinner at Pizza Press on Whittier Blvd. YAF end of the month dinners are an opportunity for Catholic young adults to strengthen their bond in faith and friendship.

Join YAF at Thai Table (Santa Gertrudes Ave. two blocks north of St. Bruno Church) on August 25<sup>th</sup> following Sunday 5:30 Mass. Look for Matt and Laura, hosts for dinner.

*All Young Adults are invited.*



*All Young Adults – age 18 to 39  
years – married or single are welcome  
at YAF. Sign up for our Alerts and  
Newsletter on the St. Bruno website!*

## Young Adult Fellowship Mass

Serena Hernandez

On Wednesday July 24th the Young Adult Fellowship celebrated Mass together. We were blessed to have Father David lead us in a beautiful celebration. It was the second time that YAF has held a special celebration of Mass. It was a privilege to participate: for Lukas and Kevin assisting as altar servers, to Matt and I being lectors for the readings, for all of us as a group.

It is easy to fall into the thinking in our crazy modern lives as we labor day-in and day-out at work, in life, and even in ministry, that the things we do and the effort we make go unnoticed. The readings for Mass from Exodus 16, Psalm 78 and the Gospel of Matthew (13) served as a reminder that God hears us - He hears our

biggest worries and our fleeting thoughts, He knows our deepest secrets and battles fought - and even more He cares about it all. He wants to answer all of our prayers in the best way for us, and longs for us to be the rich soil that can turn the seeds He lovingly sows into pleasing fruit, all for His glory.



It was an amazing experience for everyone in attendance, and it is beautiful to see the work the Holy Spirit is doing in and through our humble fellowship! The Mass is the place where we can come together as the Body of Christ and have an intimate experience of Jesus in the Eucharist. Come experience the fun, friendship and welcoming comfort together with discovering the unique gifts God wants to bring out in you with the Young Adult Fellowship at St. Bruno!



## Matt's Search for Truth: His Testimony – July 10, 2019

By Tania Lopez

The first July YAF get-together was highly anticipated because of the scheduled testimonial by Matt Wingert of the YAF Leadership Team. Matt shared the story of his search for Truth. This was the first time many YAF member heard a testimony from one its members. Hearing Matt's story felt like catching up with an old friend in a comfortable living room. Matt made his storytelling conversational, light-hearted, and yet deeply introspective. By the end of the night, he had everyone feeling inspired and grateful that he shared such a personal part of his life with fellow young adults.

Born and raised in Protestantism, Matt was fully immersed in the culture and practice of Calvary Chapel and Sola Scriptura (Protestant theological belief that translates to "by Scripture alone"). Matt shared that his Protestant faith formation helped him come to know God and build a relationship with Jesus. In his late teenage years, however, Matt began to feel like he was going through the motions of faith; he began to long for something more. To Matt it appeared that his Protestant faith was on the opposite end of the religious spectrum from Catholicism.



As divine intervention would have it (and God's romantic sense of humor) Matt was introduced by a friend to a lovely and very religious young lady named Laura. Matt was charmed and developed a friendship with Laura although she was profoundly Catholic! Their friendship blossomed into a romantic relationship in their early twenties. But Laura was not the only one Matt began falling in love with...he began to fall in love with the bridegroom of Christ, the Catholic Church (despite some moments of stubborn denial he wrestled with in the process). Attending Mass helped tug at his heartstrings and open his mind to the traditions of the Catholic Faith. Matt became inquisitive; he asked questions, began to read works by prominent Catholic authors, and listened to Catholic speakers which all helped him on his journey home. Easter of 2016 at St.

Bruno, Matt was received into communion with the Catholic Church. He has found the fulfillment and fullness of Catholicism in the source and summit of our Faith: the Eucharist.

Matt made it a point to share he is not a "convert" as it insinuates leaving Protestantism to become Catholic is joining a completely different faith, and therefore, being Catholic is different from being Christian. Being Catholic is being Christian, we believe, in the fullness of the Faith.

Matt's story is a testament to believing in the Truth of the universal Catholic Church and living out our Catholic faith boldly. Matt is now a parishioner at St. Bruno, is happily married to his wife Laura, who together have two beautiful children. Praise God for the gift of Matt and his search for Truth!



Come join us for a pick-up game of Basketball on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM on the courts at St. Bruno. Last game we had 10 players. Bring a friend. Ladies welcome.