

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

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Your Stewardship of Treasure

722 registered families

The Week ending, March 29, 2009

Sunday Offering 139 envelopes	5,746.00
Children's Offering 3 envelopes	3.00
Sunday Offering loose cash	1,373.13
Total	7,122.13

YTD 392,089.68

Budget 360,000.03

+/- +32,089.68

Our fiscal year is from July 1st – June 30th.

Change Jar: 41.76 (3/29/09)

Our 12th Annual St. Ann's Easter Outreach Dinner is **today**, April 12th from 8:00am–12noon. This year we will be servicing approximately 800 people through The Urban Ministries, The Hope Haven, The Charlotte Rescue Mission and others. **Today, Easter morning, we need YOU to volunteer to assemble the meals and 15 vans or large vehicles to deliver the meals.**

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Charlotte is sponsoring *A Walk for Life*, Saturday, April 25th at 9:00am at the National Whitewater Center. This 2 mile walk is a fundraising event that allows **all ages** to show their concern for unborn babies and their mothers. Funds raised will provide life-affirming services to women in unexpected pregnancies. Please see this week's bulletin insert and the respect life table for registration information. Contact Danielle Mathis for further information at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com.

Bulletin deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, April 19th will be due Tuesday, April 14th.
Sunday, April 26th will be due Tuesday, April 21st.

April 12, 2009

HOME MISSIONS
FOCUS: Homeless Ministry

The ministry continues to answer Our Lord's call to serve His servants who find themselves in need of shelter. Volunteers lent substantial support to four outreach agencies in the Charlotte community during this past winter. Meals for 200+ men seeking a bed and dinner at the Emergency Winter Shelter were prepared on back to back to back (i.e., 3 Sundays in November, one of which was the very well subscribed Meat Loaf Sunday). In December, just before Christmas, preparation and serving teams provided Sunday dinner and sack lunches for Monday to the Salvation Army's Women's and Children's Shelter. From January through the end of March, St. Ann's took on the role of full team member on the roster of teams serving Room In The Inn at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. There the ministry served dinner and breakfast to 12 guests on four separate Sunday evenings and following Monday mornings with two volunteers staying overnight. The "Third Tuesday" outreach arm of the homeless ministry continued to prepare and serve dinner each month to an expanding population seeking sustenance at the Uptown day shelter. "Little Bundles" and the bi-monthly canned food drives touched countless lives in bringing soaps and shampoos to many community agencies and groceries to restock the diocesan center food pantry. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support. Facing an increasingly daunting task during these uncertain economic times, the homeless ministry at St. Ann's sends back to you the warmth of the gratitude extended to us who serve in the name of Christ Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.

Ted Peters

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Timothy Reid – November 2009.

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual pilgrimage to Israel this November with Fr. Timothy Reid! This pilgrimage will take you to see all of the important places that our Lord knew during His life on earth. Trip highlights include: Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethlehem, and all that Jerusalem has to offer. The 11-day pilgrimage leaves from Charlotte on November 9th and returns November 19th. Trip cost is \$3199, which includes round-trip airfare from Charlotte, first class accommodations, breakfast & dinner daily, taxes and tips. Brochures can be found on the table in the hallway. For more information or to register, call George's International Tours at 800-566-7499. Don't miss this! Call today!



Some day you, or someone you love, will receive help from a DSA funded ministry.

Please find the latest status of our Church Transformation below

Stained Glass Window: 14 windows have been memorialized so far. If you are interested, please contact Father Reid.

Building Update: Work on the new "arms" of the church continues along with the rest of the foundation work. The last of the concrete was poured, completing the slabs for the Chapel, the modernized restrooms and the new "Training/Cry Room" that will be where the boiler room once was. Metal stud framing for the new arm additions is underway as is the interior framing of the main church. Structural steel for the new roof and ceiling is in production and should arrive in 2 weeks. The short term goal is to have the new church under roof by May 1st! Once that is done the interior work can commence. From this point on you will start to see dramatic progress each week as our new church starts to take shape.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH IS A CONSTRUCTION AREA. YOU MUST HAVE A HARD HAT ON and should check in with our building supervisor, John Kovacs, before you enter the site. This is for your safety!!! We will schedule escorted tours soon.

Building Update Capital Campaign Committee

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Tom Mathis, Building Committee Chairman 704-541-0858 tmathis3@carolina.rr.com

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Through the intercession of St. Ann we humbly place our plans for the building of a new church before our Lord: seeking unity within our diversity, the increase of faith within our fears, the blessing of wisdom in our deliberations, and the mind of God in our decisions.

Immigrant Window Update. In memory of all of our immigrants that dedicated their lives serving and working in this country. For those who have pledged, thank you for your financial contribution! If you have not participated yet, please consider your financial support to honor our immigrants, ancestors, friends, and/or loved ones that have given their lives serving in this country, frequently working in the most life threatening of physically demanding jobs, helping to build this great country. Might the Lord open the gates of heaven for them! Mark your checks on the memo line "immigrant window" and send to the church office. Call Esteban Cardoso at 704-733-7532 for details. (Received: 4,568.00 – as of 03/29/09).

St. Gerard's Club. Missions: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth, or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinetlauer@gmail.com. *Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, pray for us.*

We ask your generous support and response to the second collection which will be taken in all churches of our diocese on this **Easter weekend**. This collection will help meet the needs of our Seminary and Priests' Continuing Education programs. We currently have 14 young men studying for the priesthood in various seminaries. We look forward to the time when they will be able to begin their service as priests in the Diocese of Charlotte. The diocese also sponsors workshops and programs to help keep our priests informed of developments in theology and pastoral practices, thereby enabling them to better serve the faithful. Please be generous to this important second collection.

Masses

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009

Seminary and Priests' continuing
Education Collection
8:00am Mass Intentions of Abbey and Rick Lejk
51st Anniversary
10:30am Mass Intentions of Bonnie and Scott
Wheeler
by Robin Reid
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Monday, April 13, 2009

9:00am Mass +Carl Peters and Louise Johnson
by Godparents
Activity Center closed

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Mass +Claude Lentz
by Anne Lentz

Thursday, April 16, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Rev. Mr. Ben Roberts
by the Borin family

Friday, April 17, 2009

8:30am Mass Intentions of Brianna Gerold
Birthday intentions
by Mary Pat Anthony

Saturday, April 18, 2009

10:00am Reconciliation for Confirmation
Candidates
3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass +John Leach, Jr.
by the Rothe family

Sunday, April 19, 2009

8:00am Mass Intentions of our parish family
10:30am Mass Intentions of Carol Norris
by Dorothy Poetzsch
Baptism
12:30pm Mass +Thomas Manera
by Scott Perry

Monday, April 20, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Fr. John Leonard
by the Borin family

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Mass +Josephine Gulla
by Paulette and John Ensrude

Thursday, April 23, 2009

7:00am Mass +Richard Gerard
by Jim and Rose Gerard

Friday, April 24, 2009

8:30am Mass +Bryan Whalley
by Annette Whaley

Saturday, April 25, 2009

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass +Helen Shoemaker Hall
by Virginia Doman

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Girl Scout Sunday
8:00am Mass +Patrick Joseph Romano
by the Peeples family
10:30am Mass +Ethel Wiley
by Connie and Jim Wylie
Baptism
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

The Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by our parish residents of Atria-Merrywood Park Road. This month they are celebrating St. Ann Parish.

Mark your calendars for *St. Ann's Vacation Bible School, "Crocodile Dock, Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light"*, June 22nd-26th from 9:00am to 12noon. Children age 4 thru 5th grade are invited to attend, and as always, we are looking for teen helpers (raising 6th graders and up) as well as young-hearted adults to help as volunteers. Contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com.

Please keep all of our servicemen and servicewomen in your daily prayers.

LT Michael P. Bernard, Jr., USN,
Louis Cragg, US Navy,
Todd MacDonald 1st class Petty Officer,
US Navy, Ted MacDonald Sgt. US Marines,
Richard Beard A.F. National Guard Master
Sergeant, Austin Timm Montana National Guard,
Corp. Justin David Schoonover

The Allen Center Schedule

Easter Sunday, April 12th

2nd collection Seminary and Priests' continuing
Education Collection
Easter Dinners delivered

Monday, April 13th

Activity Center closed

Tuesday, April 14th

9:00am Ceramics
6:00pm Dance Group

Wednesday, April 15th

7:00pm Why Catholic
7:30pm True Beauty
7:30pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 16th

7:00pm Bingo

Friday, April 17th

4:00pm Set-up for Fundraiser
6:00pm Dance Group

Saturday, April 18th

9:00am AA/NA
9:30am Ceramics
12noon Set-up
6:00pm Fiesta Latina

Sunday, April 19th

9:00am Bible Study/9:10am CSS
2:00pm Latin Server Practice
3:00pm Brownies and Girl Scouts
7:00pm CSS
Youth Group Hiking

Monday, April 20th

6:00pm Dance Group
7:00pm R.C.I.A.
7:30pm Rosary

Tuesday, April 21st

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, April 22nd

5:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm Healing Service
7:00pm Why Catholic
7:30pm True Beauty
7:30pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 23rd

7:00pm Bingo

Friday, April 24th

6:00pm Dance Group

Saturday, April 25th

9:00am AA/NA
9:30am Ceramics
10:00am First Communion Retreat
3:00pm Confessions
7:00pm St. Ann School Musical

Sunday, April 26th

Girl Scout Sunday
9:00am Bible Study
9:10am CSS
3:00pm Brownies and Girl Scouts
6:30pm Youth Group movie night
7:00pm CSS

Christopher West presents John Paul II's
"Theology of the Body," April 24th-25th, Belmont
Abbey College. Call Jillian at 704-461-6869.
alumni.belmontabbeycollege.edu.

World Rosary, Monday, April 20th at 7:30pm.
Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for
location. All are invited to attend.

***Please inform the church office of any changes:
phone numbers, emails and/or addresses.***



St. Ann's Women's Society. Mission: Catholic women providing a light to our parish and surrounding community by service, prayer and fellowship. "*lighting up the community one hand at a time.*" All women of our parish community are welcome. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the Allen Center Library. For information email stannwomen@gmail.com or call Chris Brunhuber at 704-540-9252.

The St. Ann's Women's Society and the Circle of Hope are collecting food for the pantry of the Presbyterian Children's Hospital. They are in need of individually wrapped snacks for the children and their families such as chips, crackers and cookies.

St. Ann's Youth Group
(Middle and High Students)
6:30 – 8:00pm
Food, Fun, Games!
Don't miss out!

Today, Sunday, April 12, 2009
No meeting

Sunday, April 19, 2009
Hiking at Crowders Mountain TBA

Sunday, May 3rd
An Interview with Jesus

Sunday, May 10th
Adventures in the Dark

Faith Formation Schedule:

Sacrament Preparation classes: Grades K-8 meet each Sunday 9:00 – 10:20am St. Ann School **except** for the following Sundays **Today, 4/12/09.**

Children's Liturgy meets during the 10:30am Mass and is for children ages 4-8. **Each Sunday, now through May 10, 2009 during the 10:30am Mass except for Today, 4/12/09.**

Confirmation practice is April 28th at 7:00pm. **Confirmation** will take place Wednesday, April 29th at 7:00pm with Bishop Jugis.

Community Service Project Girl Scout Troop 10: St. Ann's Girl Scout Troop 10, our Daisy Troop, is collecting used towels for the Charlotte Animal Shelter. The scouts in Troop 10 are working on this community service project to complete the Outstanding Troop Award. Please consider helping them. They are 5 and 6 year old scouts. The Animal Shelter needs towels to wrap the animals after surgery. If you have any old towels, please wash them and bring them to the church for Troop 10 on or before April 19th. Thank you. Any questions please email Joanne Shea at joannesh@carolina.rr.com.

First Annual Bulldog Run 5k The Holy Trinity Middle School. Athletic Association's first Annual Bulldog Run 5k on April 25, 2009, to benefit HTAA and Crisis Assistance Ministry! The 3.1 mile run will begin and end at St. Matthews School. Pre-registration is \$20, race-day registration is \$25 and all participants receive a free t-shirt. For more information, or to register, www.sportoften.com, / www.queencitytiming.com.

Watch for more on our Lighthouse Media on the Stand! Be sure to pick up some for Easter!



What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?" (Psalms 116:12)

Stewardship Corner: The jar \$41.95
(3/29/09)

Don't forget the jar. As you can see, it adds up! \$631.76 YTD.

BI-LO's certificates are available in the Church Office. They are good until May 31st and 1% of our purchases will go to St. Ann's.

The Diocesan Program, "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" will be offered at Saint Ann's Tuesday evening, April 21, from 6:30-9:30pm. This will be in the Parish Center. All volunteers, 18+ assisting in any summer programs: Religious, Academic, Outreach or Athletic must have this program completed before the opening day of service. A Background Check is also a requirement and the form can be completed that evening. Parents who are enrolling a new student to a Catholic School also must take this program. A reminder of the Continuing Education provided by VIRTUS ON LINE is also a requirement for those who have already had the Program.

CSS is now collecting furniture and household items Please call S. Helene if you have any donations 704-523-4641 x233.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. — *Psalm 118:17*

PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!"

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

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There will be introductory sessions of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System at 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 16 at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Fort Mill, SC and Thursday, May 21 at St. Ann's Parish in Charlotte, NC for anyone looking for a natural and drug free approach to monitoring fertility and/or natural family planning. Reservations are required. Private introductory sessions may also be scheduled by appointment. For more information and to make a reservation, please call Trisha Brown, Diocese of Charleston FCPI, at 803-554-6569.

Our R.C.I.A. Candidate of 2008-2009 are now our newest Catholics:

**Chris Bisbee
Luiz Cortes
Laurel Hoes
Jason Riggs
Mary Vendal
Charles Wray**

Thank you to all who helped with R.C.I.A. Scott Wheeler, Frances Liberto, Dan Perry, Sister Judy, Fr. Reid. And thank you to the parish for all the prayers for our teams.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at

www.stannscatholicschool.com

Monday, April 20th School back in session!

Friday, April 24th 5th grade Field Day

Saturday, April 25th
First Communion Student's Retreat 10:00am
School Spring Musical 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 28th
1st grade Field trip

Thursday, April 30th Mid-term reports

Join us to pray the Rosary to stop abortions at the Hebron Abortion Clinic off South Blvd. Every Saturday at 9:45am.

HELP WANTED: During these difficult economic times, some members of our parish family have lost their jobs. Others are facing an uncertain future. You may be able to help! If you or anyone you know is looking to hire, please consider those within our church family first. Contact Marcy in the office for names and numbers of those currently searching for employment. (Please be sure to contact the church if you would like your information to be included on this list.)

Please pray for: (in our parish): Don Millard, Maggie Bernard, John Nunes, Joan and John Knechtle, Ryan Nguyen, Mimi Gibson, Katie Sloan, Gerry Buening, Gladys Cavallone, Elizabeth and Danny DeHority, Gerald Dugan, Jane Grist, Esther Lapham, Richard P. Morency, Kate Mulkey, Helen Norton, Bill Prall, Jo Prall, Dolly Ballaro, Odette Ramsey, Alice Roth, Nellie Lopez, Catherine Silverthorne, Cecilia Gaffney, Louis Pagan, Mary Murphy, Geraldine Hossenlopp, Ana Troppoli, Bill Hall, Jeff Edmond, Mary Ann Conrad and Virginia Doman. **(and among our relatives and friends:** Amanda Owens (niece of Derek Gary), Ernest Rains (Delrio family), Angela Moliere (friend of Deborah Robert), Jack Broxterman, Janet Foss (mother of Bonnie Wheeler), Shannon McNelis, Maryanne Dale, John J. Eichorn, and Phillip D. Scruggs (friends of Charles Williams), Ruth Faure (friend of Nancy Tota), Luke Wenzl (nephew of Pat and Jim Rebol), Deanna Case (mother of Brenda Eckmair), Patty Hunter, (daughter of Margaret Hunter and sister of Karen Ponischil), Pat Bryant (sister of Kathy Karr), Donny Halstead (brother of Amie Grayson), William Grist (husband of Jane Grist), Jim Ensrude (brother of John Ensrude), and Jerry Eish. **Please pray for our friends who are incarcerated:** Tony Abernathy, Kevin Wilbur, Kyle Aranjó, Aaron Estes, Kirk Silvia, and Aimee Porter.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, through the diocese of Charlotte safe environment programs; over 20,000 adults have undergone background screenings and training in an effort to protect our children. A hallmark of the Catholic Church is the protection of life and the dignity of the human person. Child abuse remains a national problem. Resources are available on the diocesan webpage: liturgy guide, prayer cards, rosaries and please check USCCB <http://www.usccb.org/ocyp>.

Remember April 19, 2009 is Earth Day, as you know Pope Benedict XVI has called on politicians to respond "to the great ecological challenge". We must pledge to take care of creation and to share its resources in solidarity.

Come for a Night of Healing Prayer after the Latin Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 22nd. Please contact Carolyn Franks at 704-544-3153.

Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, April 20th) at 7:30pm in the chapel. CHLT5NC@aol.com.

Feeling the Need for Financial Peace? Following a tremendously successful first session at St. Patrick's, Financial Peace University is back to continue offering men and women the opportunity to win with money according to biblical principles. Dave Ramsey (www.daveramsey.com) teaches this 13 week program via DVD's, and facilitators lead small group discussion time for each session. Dave's videos teach about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving. Each household participating in the class needs a kit which costs about \$100 and comes with a lifetime family membership to FPU, allowing the participant to return to any class at any time for a refresher course. The kit also includes an FPU workbook, an FPU envelope system, 13 audio lessons, bonus CD, budgeting forms, debit card holders, and Ramsey's best-selling book, "Financial Peace." The classes will be on Monday evenings at 7:00pm beginning April 20th in the Cathedral Parish Center. Call Craig or Kathleen Lewis at 704-895-8470 or e-mail lewisfamily555@bellsouth.net to register or for information. Please consider making a scholarship donation of \$100 so that another family may be blessed too.

Christ resurrection gives us hope of eternal life. Your gift gives hope to our parish that we can continue to proclaim this joyous message for years to come.

Kamp Gabe 4 Kids a summer camp ages 3 _ to rising 6th graders. Hours are 10:00am-3:00pm. A camp where children are allowed to be children. Call 704-846-6558 or campgabe05@yahoo.com.

The Shepherd's Center of Charlotte is still offering one-day trips to seniors in the community. The next scheduled trip is Wednesday, April 22 when we will be traveling to Winston-Salem for a visit to the Reynolda House and Museum of Art. Cost is only \$89! Make your reservations today! 704-365-1995.

2009 North Carolina Healing & Marian Conference—April 17-18, 2009, Friday evening 6:00pm and Saturday 7:30am-5:00pm. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 108 St. Joseph Street, Kannapolis, NC 28083. Featured Speaker: Fr. William Halbing, dynamic international Spirit-filled speaker. Also in Spanish. www.OurLadyofManhattan.org or Jan at 704-658-1179 or Barb at 704-662-8123.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. Activities: Bowling at Strike City at the EpiCentre Friday, April 17th. For more information please contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or look us up on Facebook at Vinney's DOC.

St. Matthew Young Adult Life Group invites all those in their 20's and 30's to **Theology On Tap Lent**: 40 days in the Desert Part IV: Mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 16th**. We meet at Mario's Pizza/John's Place, 3016 Weddington Rd., #100. Join us at 6:30 pm for drinks and food (\$8/person for all you can eat pizza and soda) Speaker begins at 7:00pm. RSVP to www.meetup.com/youngadulthood or email st.matthews.yal@gmail.com.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church presents Fr. Stan Fortuna the "rappin reverend" in Concert on Sunday, May 3rd at 7:00pm. the doors open at 6:45pm. A free will offering will be taken. Father Fortuna has recorded several CDs and all profits from the sales support his work with the poor in New York and abroad. Any question call 704-549-1607. Check out Fr. Fortune website www.francescopeproductions.com.



Fiesta Latina A tribute to the immigrants in our country's history. Sponsored by St Ann's Hispanic Ministry. The Hispanic Ministry at St. Ann invites **all parishioners** to the **FIESTA LATINA!** Mark your calendars for **April 18th, from 6:00pm to 12midnight.** Come for a delicious Latin cuisine dining experience and be part of an unforgettable evening of cultural exposure. Besides enjoying a professional Latin dance show, learn some dancing moves and dance the night away! Also, there will be a raffle of various valuable items, contests, and prizes. This is a fundraising event to help pay for the IMMIGRANT WINDOW, dedicated to the memory of all deceased immigrants who gave their lives serving and helping build this great country. St. Cyril and St. Methodius, depicted in this window, were brothers and missionaries. Born in Greece, they emigrated from their native land to what is now the Czech Republic and later modern-day Hungary. We are all descendants of immigrants who settled in America! Bring your family and friends! Let's all share in this tribute and in this very worthwhile fundraising event! Tickets (minimum donation of 10.00, includes entrance, dance lesson at 6pm, and one dinner plate) will be sold after Mass and are available in the church office. Children 4 and under FREE.

FIESTA LATINA NEEDS DONATIONS

Our desire is to unite our parish with this event! Attend! Contribute! Help support the dedication of the Immigrant Window! **We need prizes for the raffle and dance contests, and donations of sodas and bottled water.** If you can help with any donations to the event or know of businesses that might donate, please, contact Esteban Cardoso at 704-733-7532

The Spiritual Exercises are a weekend silent retreat with Miles Christi Religious Order. A Men's retreat will be held June 12-14, 2009. The retreat starts on Friday at 4:30pm and concludes on Sunday at 4:30pm. The spiritual conferences are preached by the priests of Miles Christi, according to the method and principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Call 248-596-9677 or infousa@mileschristi.org.

Our Sunday bulletin is a primary way we use to communicate with you. Through our arrangement with the J. S. Paluch Company, the parish does not pay for the bulletin printing, which saves us thousands of dollars every year. Our bulletin is supported through the generosity of the advertisers - many of whom are our own parish members. Most are members of our local community. During these difficult economic times, I urge you to support our advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertising in the bulletin. This is one small way we can work within our own community to weather these challenging times. A strong and vibrant parish is good for our community and a strong business community is good for our parish.

“Water into Wine: An Ignatian Retreat for Women” – Saturday, May 2, 2009. During this time of change and transition, consider joining us as we contemplate with Mary the wonder of Jesus' first miracle. “Water into Wine: An Ignatian Retreat for Women” will be held Saturday, May 2, 2009 at St. Peter Church in Biss Hall (below the church.) Coffee and sign-in will be at 8:30am and the retreat begins promptly at 9:00am. Parking is free in The Green parking garage next door. To register, call St. Peter's parish office at 704-332-2901 or email us at retreat4women@gmail.com.

The Annual Card Party sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30pm in the Msgr. Pharr Activity Center. Tickets \$7.00 call Laura Meagher 704-556-9718 or email lgmeagher@carlina.rr.com.

Room At The Inn's 9th Annual Golf Tournament, Links Fore Life, will take place Wednesday, May 20th, at Pine Island Country Club. All players will receive lunch and beverages during the tournament, followed by dinner with a cash bar. Cost per player is \$135.00. For registration information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Elizabeth Lux: 704-525-4673 x13 or elizabethlux@rati.org. A full field is expected again this year, so be sure to register by May 1st!

Volleyball Camps at Charlotte Catholic High School: 5th through 7th graders camp is July 13th-July 16th. 8th through 9th graders camp is July 13th-July 17th at a different site. The camps are run by Tim Leary Coach at CCHS and Bettie Berry Coach at MPHS. Call 704-301-7572 for details.

23rd Annual Spring Fling at St. Matthew Catholic Church on **Tuesday, April 28th** beginning with 9:30am Check-In (coffee and snacks). Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. John McSweeney at 3:00pm. **Tuesday, May 5th** at the Catholic Conference Center the day begins at 9:00am Check-In (coffee and snacks). Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Edward Sheridan at 2:30pm. Contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220.

6th Annual Catholic Social Services **Golf Tournament Fundraiser** Monday, April 27, 2009 at Palisades Country Club, \$125 per player. Advertise your company while supporting your neighbors in need. Sponsorships available from \$50 - \$5,000. Call 704-370-3232.

St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Idlewild Road in Charlotte is looking for a permanent part-time bookkeeper/accountant for a 20-25 hour work week that allows for a flexible schedule. Applicants should have good people skills and experience with Quicken Pro, Microsoft Suite including Excel and Word. A minimum of three years experience and a Bachelors degree are required. E-mail a cover letter, including salary expectations, along with a resume to joanne.klein@realestateideas.net.



Fiesta Latina Un tributo a los inmigrantes en la historia de nuestro país. Patrocinado por el Ministerio Hispano de Santa Ana. El Ministerio Hispano de Santa Ana invita cordialmente a **todos los miembros de la parroquia** a la **FIESTA LATINA**. Marquen sus calendarios para el **18 de abril, de 6:00pm a 12am**. Venga a saborear una deliciosa cocina latina y ser parte de una noche inolvidable de contacto cultural. Además de poder disfrutar de un espectáculo profesional de bailes latinos, podrá aprender algunos de los pasos y bailar toda la noche. También habrá rifas de varios artículos valiosos, competencias y premios. Esta es una actividad para recaudar fondos para ayudar a financiar el costo del Vitral del Inmigrante, dedicado a todos los inmigrantes difuntos, que dieron sus vidas sirviendo y ayudando a construir este gran país. Los santos Cirilo y Metodio, representados en este vitral, eran hermanos y misioneros. Nacidos en Grecia, emigraron de su tierra natal a lo que es ahora la República Checa y luego la presente Hungría. ¡Todos somos descendientes de inmigrantes que se establecieron en los Estados Unidos! ¡Traigan a su familia y a sus amigos! Compartamos como una parroquia unida participando en este tributo y muy importante evento de recaudación de fondos. Se puede comprar boletos después de las misas o en la oficina de la iglesia: donación mínima de \$10 cada uno. Niños con menos de 4 años- GRATIS.

NECESITAMOS DONACIONES PARA LA FIESTA LATINA

Necesitamos premios para la rifa y los concursos de baile para nuestra Fiesta Latina. También donaciones de bebidas y agua en botella. Nuestro deseo es el de unir más a nuestra parroquia mediante esta fiesta. ! Su contribución ayudara a esta causa! Si desea colaborar con los premios, donaciones y/o dinero para estas actividades, por favor, llame a Esteban Cardoso al 704-733-7532

El Padre Reid ha invitado a Dora Patricia Hoyos a ser parte del Consejo Pastoral (o Consejo de la Parroquia). Este Consejo es un cuerpo consultivo cuyas políticas y decisiones requieren de la autoridad del Sacerdote para ser efectivas. Su función está establecida en directrices trazadas por la Diócesis de Charlotte. Los doce miembros del Consejo son invitados por el Sacerdote a trabajar con él para desarrollar prioridades y dirección de la parroquia; el Consejo es un medio para alcanzar una total participación de toda la comunidad de la parroquia en su misión, dándole a todos una voz para asistir al sacerdote en su orientación y dirección de la vida parroquial. La meta del Consejo Pastoral no es solamente servir a los miembros de la parroquia, es también trabajar con el Sacerdote para desarrollar una visión y propósito común, abogar activamente por los pobres y los impotentes y extender el compromiso Cristiano a los vecindarios y comunidades vecinas. El Consejo se reúne cada dos meses o cuando el Padre Reid lo estime necesario

Servicio Bilingüe: Domingos a las 12:30pm.

La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$4,568.00) Nuestra meta es de : **\$25000**: \$25.000). En memoria de los inmigrantes, que han dedicado sus vidas sirviendo y trabajando en este país. Para quienes han participado, gracias por su contribucion financiera. Si no ha participado todavia, por favor considere el hacer una contribucion economica para honrar nuestros inmigrantes, ancestros, amigos y/o seres queridos que han muerto sirviendo en este pais, frecuentemente trabajando en los trabajos mas peligrosos y/o de mayor esfuerzo fisico, contribuyendo para la construccion de este pais grandioso. !Que Dios los tenga en su seno! Por favor, entregue su donacion u ofrecimiento en la oficina de la iglesia. Para mayor informacion, puede comunicarse con Esteban Cardoso 704-733-7532.

Vamos a necesitar de su gran ayuda para la realizacion de la Pascua Juvenil 2009, que se llevara a cabo el fin de semana del 3-5 de Abril en la escuela secundaria Holy Trinity que se localiza en el 3100 Park Rd. Vamos a necesitar de su ayuda para dar hospedaje a los jovenes y sus asesores que viajan mas de 1 hora de camino (Los jovenes que viven en el area de Charlotte, pueden ir a dormir a sus casas y ademas nos pueden ayudar con hospedaje para alguien mas de fuera). El hospedaje es solo la noche del viernes y sabado. Si puede ayudar, favor de llamar Ricardo Veloz 704 661 2243.

Su iglesia y la comunidad, ofrece muchas oportunidades para usar su tiempo y talento al servicio de Dios. Si tiene interes en servir en la misa como monaguillo, ministro de la Eucaristía, lector, etc. favor de llamar a Robin Davis 704-806-2434.

Si tiene algo que quiere anunciar en Español por el boletín, favor de mandarlo a Robin Davis por correo electrónico meandmygirlies@windstream.net .

El Grupo de Jóvenes de la parroquia de Santa Ana es un grupo activo de jóvenes quienes ayudan con actividades de la parroquia y programas locales de caridad. Macy y Gloria 704-752-8659.

Preguntas/Inquietudes acerca de nuestros planes de construcción:

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Tenebrae: Santa Ana, 7:30pm **10 Abril Viernes Santo.** Tenebrae (Tinieblas) es una palabra latina que significa “sombras” y es una forma antigua de adoración, llevada a cabo a la luz de velas, lo cual nos provee la oportunidad de reflexionar devotamente en el sufrimiento y la muerte de nuestro Señor. Se compone de una serie de lecturas de la Escritura y canciones, mientras se van apagando gradualmente las velas, lo que simboliza cómo se extinguía gradualmente la vida de Cristo en la cruz. La liturgia culmina en casi completa obscuridad, seguida por un ruido fuerte, que simboliza el terremoto que ocurrió cuando Jesús murió, y concluye con la reaparición de una sola luz, lo que nos hace recordar la esperanza que tenemos en la resurrección de Jesús.

La Iglesia de Santa Ana, Los miercoles a las 7:00pm: Entiendes verdaderamente el poder de la Palabra de Dios en tu vida? Que maneras encuentras de vincular tu fe con tu vida cotidiana? Por que ser Catolico es una oportunidad de unir la Sagrada Escritura con el Catecismo de la Iglesia Catolica a traves de las pequenas comunidades. Espero que se unan a mi en esta magnifica y especial jornada espiritual. Jorge Gomiz 704-458-4757.