

## Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday

### St. Ann Catholic Church

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### *Your Stewardship of Treasure*

722 registered families

#### **The Week ending, April 5, 2009**

Sunday Offering 186 envelopes 7,833.00

Children's Offering 13 envelopes 14.81

Sunday Offering loose cash 1,490.98

Auto Draft (4/6/09) 9,311.00

Total 18,649.79

YTD 408,739.47

Budget 369,230.80

+/- +3,9508.67

Our fiscal year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Change Jar: (4/05/09) 32.56

Attic Sale Net: 1,358.85

(going toward the Immigrant window)

Capital Needs and On Going

Improvement Collection

1,264.00

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](mailto:tmathis3@carolina.rr.com).

**The Respect Life Committee** will be having a meeting Sunday, April 26th immediately following the 10:30am Mass in Classrooms 1 & 2. **ALL** are invited to come! New pro-life outreach projects will be presented and discussed. For more information, please contact Danielle Mathis at [tmathis3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tmathis3@carolina.rr.com).

April 19, 2009

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Dear Parishioners,

I want to say a special word of thanks to all of you who helped with all of the Holy Week liturgies. We had a very beautiful Holy Week because so many people pitched in to help! I'd like to recognize all those who helped clean and decorate the church, and those who organized the gym so that we could have overflow seating with a video feed! I am also grateful to all those who lectured, served at the altar, distributed Holy Communion, and ushered. I'd also like to thank those who helped prepare for the Easter vigil and for those who prepared the reception afterwards. Furthermore, I want to thank all of you who helped prepare the Easter meals for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Once again, St. Ann's prepared more than 1000 Easter meals for the needy in our area! I especially want to say a word of thanks to Carol Kuhn for all of her hard work in coordinating all of these efforts. Carol is our "behind-the-scenes" person, and she put in a great deal of work this week so that we could worship well in our temporary church!

I also want to give my heartfelt thanks to Terese Rowe and our choir. I received so many wonderful comments this weekend from visitors about the quality of our music here at St. Ann's. Truly, we are blessed to have such a wonderful music program, and we were treated to some exceptional music for Holy Week. I especially want to thank our choir for the Tenebrae liturgy on Friday night. If you were unable to come, you missed an evening of really beautiful and prayerful music! It was certainly one of the highlights of Holy Week.

Lastly, I want to extend a warm welcome to our newly baptized and confirmed parishioners: Christine Bisbee, Luiz Cortes, Laurel Hoes, Jason Riggs, Mary Vendal, and Charlie Wray! We are so pleased to have you as part of our parish community here at St. Ann's!

With prayers for a blessed Easter Season,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Fr. Reid

**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!

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**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**

Clay Presley, Capital Campaign, Chairman 704-907-7914 [claywork@aol.com](mailto:claywork@aol.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: 6,042.92 – as of 04/12/09).

**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](mailto:katherinetlauer@gmail.com). *Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, pray for us.*

***The Altar Flowers next weekend will be donated to St. Ann's Church by our neighbors and parishioners of Atria-Merrywood.*** We are so very thankful for being included in all the activities at Merrywood. Fr. Reid says Mass for our parishioners at Merrywood once a month. Sister Judy takes ashes over for Ash Wednesday and we are always included in updates about *the lunch and learn classes* that are hosted at Merrywood. Please remember all of our parishioners and all the employees at Atria-Merrywood in your prayers this week.

Masses

**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 Peoples family  
10:30am Mass +Ethel Wiley  
by Connie and Jim Wylie  
Baptism  
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

**Monday, April 27, 2009**

7:00am Mass +Eileen McAuliffe Bolster  
by the Murphy family

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

7:00am Mass

**Wednesday, April 29, 2009**

5:00pm Holy Hour  
7:00pm Mass  
Confirmation with Bishop Jugis

**Thursday, April 30, 2009**

7:00am Mass For St. Ann's Benefactors  
and their loved ones

**Friday, May 1, 2009**

8:30am Mass Intentions for Trista Rothe

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**

3:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass +Virginia Lynn Reid  
by the Murphy family  
No 6:30pm Mass

**Sunday, May 3, 2009**

Capital Needs and On Going  
Improvements Collection  
Food Collection  
8:00am Mass +Bernard Lavery  
by Ann Lavery and family  
10:30am Mass +Tom O'Kane  
by the Rothe family  
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family  
3:00pm Hmong Service

**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.*

**Charlotte Catholic High School is doing a Book Drive** for invisible children to help the children in Uganda. If you have any books in fairly good condition we would love it if you could donate them to this cause. There is a big box in the hall way for you to drop books in, thanks for your help!

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

LT Michael P. Bernard, Jr., USN,  
Louis Cragg, US Navy,  
Todd MacDonald 1<sup>st</sup> 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

***Thank you to all those who contributed their time and/or food for the Easter Meals. It was a huge success!***

***Thanks again!***

*Watch for new CD's and brochures on our Lighthouse Media on the Stand!! Be sure to check the baskets also, there are some bargain CD's as well!*

**The Allen Center Schedule**

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am Ceramics  
6:30pm Protecting God's Children

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00pm Bingo

**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Dance Group

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**A Walk for Life**

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

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Altar Flowers donated by Atria-Merrywood*  
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

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Dance Group  
6:00pm AA  
7:30pm World Rosary

**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Ceramics  
7:00pm Confirmation practice

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Holy Hour  
**7:00pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Jugis**  
7:00pm Why Catholic  
7:30pm True Beauty  
7:30pm Boy Scouts

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm Bingo

**Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:00pm Dance Group

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am AA/NA  
9:30am Ceramics  
3:00pm Confessions



**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](mailto: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, April 19, 2009**  
Hiking at Crowders Mountain TBA

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
An Interview with Jesus

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Adventures in the Dark

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Family cookout

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
No meeting

### **Faith Formation Schedule:**

Sacrament Preparation classes: Grades K-8 meet each Sunday 9:00 – 10:20am St. Ann School.

**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.**

**Confirmation practice** is April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. **Confirmation** will take place Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 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 **today, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you. Any questions please email Joanne Shea at [joannesh@carolina.rr.com](mailto: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](http://www.sportoften.com), / [www.queencitytiming.com](http://www.queencitytiming.com).



Every one of us is talented in some way. Stewardship encourages us to use any talent we have to benefit an individual, the Church or the community.

**Stewardship Corner:** The jar \$8.07  
(4/12/09)

Don't forget the jar. As you can see, it adds up! \$672.39 YTD.

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

"Protecting God's Children" will be offered Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Center, Classrooms. The program will be from 6:30-9:30pm. You can register on line: [Virtus.org](http://Virtus.org) or register on Tuesday. All volunteers for summer programs need this Workshop before you can serve. Background checks will be available at the same time.

Anyone with household items or usable furniture please hold on to it until early June as we will need many donations at that time. Questions call S. Helene at the Church Office 704-523-4641x233.



Please be generous to the DSA by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to the DSA is a way of serving our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

**Come for a Night of Healing Prayer** after the Latin Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto:CHLT5NC@aol.com).

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

**Community Shredding and Fund Raising Event at Charlotte Catholic High School.** Have your personal and confidential documents shredded and recycled Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-12noon sponsored by Charlotte Catholic High School and **PROSHRED**<sup>®</sup> Security. No need to remove binder covers, binder clips or staples because PROSHRED's industrial shredders will easily shred through them. All shredded documents will be recycled. Help protect yourself and your family from identity theft by having your personal and confidential information shredded safely destroyed and recycled! A Donation of \$10.00 per container is suggested. Proceeds will benefit the Charlotte Catholic High School Scholarship fund.

**There will be introductory sessions of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Ann's** 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.

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



### **St. Ann's School News**

Visit the website at  
[www.stannscatholicschool.com](http://www.stannscatholicschool.com)

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> School back in session!

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade Field Day

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

Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> grade Field trip

Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> Mid-term reports

#### **Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:**

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> is due by Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is due by Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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>.

**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:** 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), 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 Aranjo, Aaron Estes, Kirk Silvia, and Aimee Porter.

*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.*

**The next Baptismal Class** is May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Allen center.

**Dr. George Raad and The Metrolina Medical Research** are always looking for volunteers for medical research programs. Call 704-527-6672.

Come join our **Ceramic Group** Tuesdays 9:00am and Saturdays 9:30am.

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**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](http://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](mailto:lewisfamily555@bellsouth.net) to register or for information. Please consider making a scholarship donation of \$100 so that another family may be blessed too.

**The Shepherd's Center of Charlotte** is still offering one-day trips to seniors in the community. The next scheduled trip is Wednesday, April 22nd 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! Tax Assistance Program will take place with the help of AARP on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons at Myers Park Baptist Church. You will need an appointment for this service. Call for these programs and much more 704-365-1995.

**6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.)

**The 66<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Rosary Rally** will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. The homilist will be Fr. Brandon Jones. This rally will include the Holy Rosary, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Call Tina for details at 704-846-7361.

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

**Father DeClue's lectures** on "The Mind of the Pope: Benedict XVI on Major Topics." The lectures are held on Monday nights at 7:00pm in the Activity Center at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. All are welcome and registration is not required. Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Interpretation of Scripture.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church** presents Fr. Stan Fortuna the "Rappin' Reverend" in Concert on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. The doors open at 6:45pm. A free will offering will be taken. Fr. Fortuna has recorded several CDs and all profits from the sales support his work with the poor in New York and abroad. Call 704-549-1607. [www.francescopeproductions.com](http://www.francescopeproductions.com).

**Volleyball Camps** at Charlotte Catholic High School: 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders camp is July 13<sup>th</sup>-July 16<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> graders camp is July 13<sup>th</sup>-July 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Fiesta Latina** A tribute to the immigrants in our country's history. 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! **It was a huge success!** **Thank you** to all who attended and to all who worked so hard to make this a wonderful parish event!

## Second Sunday of Easter

### A GRAND EXPERIENCE

Ever since I was a child I have marveled at photos of the Grand Canyon in geography and travel books. The sheer size of this natural wonder, with its many strata of brilliant colors, always made me want to see this great place in person. A few years ago, while vacationing in Arizona, a day trip to the Grand Canyon became part of the itinerary. I will never forget that very early morning as we drove into the area. My heart was racing as we turned each corner, wondering if the glimpse around the next corner would reveal the wonder I had so long dreamed to see. As with most visitors to the Grand Canyon, my hopes were more than fulfilled. The images of the canyon, seen in real life, are branded on my memory and imagination forever. No matter how many times I describe my experience to people who have never visited this awesome place, I know that my words will never substitute for their actually seeing it for themselves.

### THE GRANDEST MIRACLE OF THEM ALL

Today we hear the story of "doubting Thomas," who announces that he will not believe that Jesus has risen until he sees it all for himself. Over the years, on this particular Sunday, we have probably heard that we are very much like Thomas, not truly believing until we see things for ourselves. Each week when we gather around the altar, we are given a chance to see and taste the very presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Do our hearts race as we turn the corner of the liturgy when we prepare to pray the Eucharistic Prayer? We are called to come to church each and every week to expect a miracle. And that miracle far surpasses any natural wonder we will ever see. For here we are given a glimpse, not of a grand canyon or any other natural wonder, but of the very kingdom of God. Let any doubts melt away and be replaced by hopeful anticipation of encountering the Lord each and every week.

*Today's Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31*  
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Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. Activities: **Prayer, Reflection and Social (with food!)** Monday, **April 20th** at 7:00pm at Vincent DePaul Church in the first room on the left in the faith formation building. **Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) Wednesday, **April 22nd** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. On Saturday, **April 25th** join us for 9:00am **Mass at St. Ann's Church** followed by **prayer at Preferred Women's Health Center, an abortion clinic** here in Charlotte. We will meet in parking lot outside of the church. For more information please contact Christina Hinton at [christina.hinton@gmail.com](mailto:christina.hinton@gmail.com) or look us up on Facebook at Vinney's DOC.

**The Oratory** is offering two separate week-long Sessions at Kings Mountain State Park for girls and boys under 12 years old and entering grades 2-6 in August of 2009. Live, pray, play and study together in order to deepen their Catholic faith. Session 1 is July 12-18, 2009 and Session 2 is July 19-25, 2009. The cost is \$125.00. For further information call 803-327-2097.

**Kamp Gabe 4 Kids** a summer camp ages 3 \_ to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Hours are 10:00am-3:00pm. A camp where children are allowed to be children. Call 704-846-6558 or [campgabe05@yahoo.com](mailto:campgabe05@yahoo.com).

**“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](mailto:retreat4women@gmail.com).

**Holy Trinity Mini-Football Camp** is Saturday, May 9, 2009 8:00am-1:00pm (registration: 8:00am-8:45am camp 9:00am-12noon cookout Noon-1:00pm) **\*\*Rain or shine\*\*\*** Football field at Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School. The cost is \$35 if pre-registered by May 1, \$40 if registering the day of the event (includes t-shirt, camp and lunch on the field) . The football coaching staff at Holy Trinity Middle School invites you to an instructional mini-camp for current 5th, 6th, and 7th graders interested in playing football next fall. There will be a cookout on the field for all players at the end of camp. Contact Jon Klish (704-527-7822 ext153 or [jdklish@htcms.net](mailto:jdklish@htcms.net)) with any questions.

**Room At The Inn's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**, Links Fore Life, will take place Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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. Contact Elizabeth Lux: 704-525-4673 x13 or [elizabethlux@rati.org](mailto:elizabethlux@rati.org).

**Christopher West** presents a thought-provoking intro to John Paul II's Theology of the Body, April 24-25 at Belmont Abbey College. It will deeply enrich your understanding of human sexuality and the spiritual power it contains. Call 704-461-6869. [alumni.belmontabbeycollege.edu/ChristopherWest](http://alumni.belmontabbeycollege.edu/ChristopherWest).

**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. [infousa@mileschristi.org](mailto:infousa@mileschristi.org) or call 248-596-9677.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Fling** at St. Matthew Catholic Church on **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am Check-In (coffee and snacks). Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. John McSweeney at 3:00pm. **Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** 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.



**Fiesta Latina** Un tributo a los inmigrantes en la historia de nuestro país. Gracias por toda su ayuda. ¡Fue un éxito inmenso!

## Segundo Domingo de Pascua

### UNA GRAN EXPERIENCIA

Desde niño siempre me han fascinado las fotos del Gran Cañón en los libros de geografía y de viajes. El solo tamaño de esta maravilla natural y sus múltiples estratos de colores brillantes, siempre hicieron que quisiera visitar este magnífico lugar. Hace algunos años, mientras estaba de vacaciones en Arizona, una excursión de un día al Gran Cañón se convirtió en parte del itinerario. Nunca olvidaré esa mañana temprano en que condujimos hasta el lugar. Mi corazón se aceleraba en cada curva, curioso por saber si en la próxima podría vislumbrar la maravilla que durante tanto tiempo había soñado conocer. Como sucede con la mayoría de los turistas que visitan el Gran Cañón, mis expectativas fueron ampliamente satisfechas. Las imágenes del cañón en vivo quedarán por siempre grabadas en mi memoria y en mi imaginación. No importa cuántas veces describa mi experiencia a la gente que nunca ha visitado este asombroso lugar, sé que mis palabras nunca podrán sustituir la experiencia de ver ese lugar con sus propios ojos.

### EL MILAGRO MÁS GRANDE DE TODOS

Hoy oiremos la historia de santo Tomás, quien dijo que no creería que Jesús había resucitado hasta no verlo con sus propios ojos. A lo largo de los años, en este domingo en particular, probablemente hayamos oído que somos muy parecidos a Tomás, ya que no creemos en algo hasta que realmente no lo vemos con nuestros propios ojos. Cada semana cuando nos congregamos alrededor del altar, tenemos la oportunidad de ver y saborear la presencia de Cristo en la eucaristía. ¿Se acelera nuestro corazón en ese momento de la liturgia cuando nos disponemos a rezar la Plegaria Eucarística? Todas las semanas se nos invita a la iglesia para esperar un milagro. Y el milagro supera inmensamente cualquier maravilla natural que podamos ver alguna vez, ya que aquí tenemos la oportunidad de vislumbrar, no un gran cañón ni cualquier otra maravilla natural, sino el mismísimo reino de Dios. Que cualquier duda se disipe y sea reemplazada por una espera optimista de encontrarnos con el Señor todas y cada una de las semanas.

*Lecturas de hoy: Hechos 2:42-47; Salmo 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pedro 1:3-9; Juan 20:19-31*

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**Servicio Bilingüe:** Domingos a las 12:30pm.

### **La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones**

**Recibidas Hasta La Fecha** (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$6,042.92) Nuestra meta es de : **\$25000**: \$25.000). En memoria de los inmigrantes, que han dedicado sus vidas sirviendo y trabajando en este pais. 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.

### **LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — La comunidad de los creyentes compartía todo con el mismo amor (Hechos 4:32-35).

**Salmo** — La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya (Salmo 118 [117]).

**Segunda lectura** — Si alguien cree que Jesús es el Enviado, ése ha nacido de Dios (1 Juan 5:1-6).

**Evangelio** — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

**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](mailto: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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**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.