

## Third Sunday of Easter

### St. Ann Catholic Church

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### *Your Stewardship of Treasure*

722 registered families

### **The Week ending, April 12, 2009**

Sunday Offering 125 envelopes 4,758.00

Children's Offering 7 envelopes 7.02

Sunday Offering loose cash 2,434.29

Total 7,199.31

Easter Sunday 3,965.01

YTD 415,938.78

Budget 378,461.57

+/- +3,7477.62

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

Change Jar: (4/12/09) 8.07

Seminary and Education Collection

2,024.62

**The Respect Life Committee** will be having a meeting **today**, 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).

***The Altar Flowers this weekend have been 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. Please remember all of our parishioners and all the employees at Atria-Merrywood in your prayers this week.

**Please make note** our Baptismal class has been changed to **May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am** in classrooms 1 and 2. There **will not** be a class on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The next class will be in August 2009.

April 26, 2009

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Dear Parishioners,

I'd like to extend a special word of thanks to all the members of our parish community who helped put on our Fiesta Latina this past Saturday! It was a wonderful evening of great food and dancing, and I was delighted by the wonderful turn-out we had. As you know, this event was a fund-raiser for the immigrant window that will be going in the new church, and our initial estimate is that this event raised ~\$7,000 for the window! Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event a success. I am very proud of your accomplishments! And thanks to all who supported this event!

I'd also like to remind you that this Wednesday, 29 April 2009, Bishop Jugis will be coming to St. Ann's for the Sacrament of Confirmation! Rather than our normal Wednesday night 6 p.m. Latin Mass, we will have Confirmation at 7 p.m. (in English, of course). We will still have Holy Hour from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. I encourage all of our confirmandi and their families to attend the Holy Hour as a great way to prepare for this important sacrament. Please pray for all of our young people who will be receiving Confirmation that the Holy Spirit may truly stir into flame the gifts they first received at Baptism so that they may be faithful witnesses of our beautiful Catholic faith out in the world.

In the joy of Easter,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Timothy Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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: 6,062.92 – as of 04/19/09). (does not include the Fiesta.)

**Fiesta Latina for the Immigrant Window:** Thanks to all who attended, volunteer, donated and/or prayed for this event. There was such a wonderful mosaic of peoples of all ethnicities! That is what St. Ann's parish is about! We raised about \$7,000 through our Fiesta Latina last weekend! We are more than half way of our goal of \$25,000 for the Immigrant Window. Please, if your heart is telling you to make a donation for the Immigrant Window, please do it now. God bless you!



Your gift to the DSA is used only for the educational, multicultural, vocational, housing, and social service ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity.

**Masses**

**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

**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 Latin 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

**Monday, May 4, 2009**

7:00am Mass Intentions of Kelly and Billy  
Schiffiano and family  
by the Grant family

**Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

7:00am Mass

**Wednesday, May 6, 2009**

5:00pm Holy Hour  
6:00pm Latin Mass +Phillip Termini  
by Sara Jackson

**Thursday, May 7, 2009**

7:00am Mass +Leslie E. Kurts  
by Tara and Richard Harris

**Friday, May 8, 2009**

8:30am Mass +Patricia Schaefer  
by Annette Whalley

**Saturday, May 9, 2009**

**11:00am First Communion**  
3:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family  
6:30pm Latin Mass +Rev. Paul Chaplins  
by Derek Gray

***Welcome Dustin Carter Drake  
Newly baptized into our parish family***

**World Rosary**, Monday, April 27th at 7:30pm.

Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for location. All are invited to attend.

**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

*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 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 Little Flowers  
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

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00am Bible Study  
9:10am CSS  
3:00pm Hmong  
6:30pm Youth Group  
6:30pm Men's Club  
7:00pm CSS

**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Dance Group  
6:00pm AA/NA  
7:00pm Women's Society

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Ceramics  
3:00pm C.L.

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Holy Hour  
7:00pm Why Catholic  
7:30pm Boy Scouts

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm Bingo

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

11:00am May Procession Home School  
Reception to follow  
3:00pm C.L.  
6:00pm Dance Group  
6:30pm First Communion Rehearsal

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Carmelites  
9:00am AA/NA  
9:30am Ceramics  
**11:00am First Communion**  
2:00pm Blue Knights  
3:00pm Confessions  
6:00pm School Bingo  
6:30pm Latin Mass



**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!**

**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

June through August the St. Ann's Youth Group will sponsor open gym time and free movies every Sunday night throughout the summer months. Watch for more details.

### **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.

**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.

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

**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.



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 \$7.35 (4/19/09)

Don't forget the jar.

As you can see, it adds up! \$679.74 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.

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.

Your will is a plan for the distribution of the assets you have accumulated as a result of the god-given gifts you have received throughout your life. Thank you for considering a gift out our parish in your will.

**Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:**

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

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is due by Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is due by Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Fiesta Latina entertainment and Private Sector sponsors:**

1. DJ- Manaba
2. Contigo Perú Dance Company
3. Dalena's Handmade Jewelry
4. Payaso Pancholín (Clown)
5. Dance instructors Brigitte & Sebastian Wern and Deacon George Szalony
6. "Kerigma" orchestra
7. "Furia Tropical" orchestra
8. Compare Food
9. Los Paisas Restaurant
10. Café Fiesta
11. Restaurante Salsas
12. Taquería México
13. Odalys bakery
14. Harris Teeter
15. La Peruanita
16. Friendly Maintenance
17. Officer Lou Rango

**Thank you for your support and generosity for the success of our Fiesta Latino event! It was a huge success!**

**Come for a Night of Healing Prayer** after the Latin Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 13th. 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, May 18th) at 7:30pm in the chapel. [CHLT5NC@aol.com](mailto:CHLT5NC@aol.com).

**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.

*The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.* -St. Therese of Lisieux



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

Visit the website at

**[www.stannscatholicschool.com](http://www.stannscatholicschool.com)**

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

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

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.

**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 Richard 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.

**Forest Lawn East Cemetery** has a peaceful resting place for Catholic parishioners of the Charlotte and surrounding communities. Please call 704-846-1068 for details and check out [www.forestlawneast.com](http://www.forestlawneast.com).

**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).

**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).

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**Shining Stars Adult Day Respite** is a not-for-profit organization helping families dealing with memory loss. They provide relief for the caregiver and activities and friendship for the care receivers. Meeting times are: Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00am at St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am at Sardis Presbyterian Church. They provide support groups for caregivers dealing with a memory loss family member. They are free and open to the public. Meeting times are: The last Monday of each month at 10:00am at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Room E in the Ministry Center.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Bereavement Group now meets the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm at St. Gabriel Catholic Church Room, E in the Ministry Center. Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is in need of volunteers. They meet from 10:00am –3:00pm at St. Gabriel on Mondays and Wednesdays. Also Tuesdays and Thursdays at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Call Suzanne Bach at 704-376-4135.

**Young adults in their 20s and 30s** interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. Activities: Monday, April 27th from 7:00pm when Fr. DeClue continues his lecture series with the topic **Interpretation of Scripture** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. **Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. 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 **Christian Coffeehouse at St. Matthew Catholic**: all adults are invited to join us for energizing spiritual messages with live Christian contemporary music, snacks and drinks, all served in a candlelit atmosphere, **Sunday, May 24, 7:30-9:30pm in the Parish Center gym**. There is no charge, however, donations are accepted. To reserve a table for 6 or more, please call Kathy at 704-400-2213 by May 22nd.

**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.

**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. **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** at St. Barnabas Catholic church in Arden, NC with check-in at 9:30am Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Adrian Porras at 3:00pm. Contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220.

If you can no longer drive, but still need to get to doctor's appointments, grocery store, pharmacy, beauty salon, etc., then The Shepherd's Center of Charlotte's **Transportation Program** is designed just for you. Volunteer drivers will pick you up for your appointment, and bring you back home when you are finished. To schedule a driver, please give The Shepherd's Center at least three days notice. Call 704-365-1995. This is a FREE service, but a \$10 donation per trip is recommended to help offset the volunteer's gas mileage expense. The Shepherd's Center of Charlotte's **Companion Aide Program** is designed to help families who need in-home care for a loved one. **This is a referral service that matches CNA's or sitters with families in need.** Compensation for the CNA's or sitters is left up to the families and the companion aide. Call 704-365-1995.

**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. Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Truth, Conscience and Freedom and Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> The Church and Politics.

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**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 Spiritual Exercises** are a weekend silent retreat with Miles Christi Religious Order. A Men's retreat will be held June 12-14, 2009 [infousa@mileschristi.org](mailto:infousa@mileschristi.org) or call 248-596-9677.

*An underlying lesson from all three readings this weekend is that the Risen Christ has wiped away our sins, not only for individuals, but throughout the world and its history. The terrible power of sin has now been reversed and our coming to perfection through the love of God is part of the Easter experience. As stewards of God's love we are called to participate in Christ's redemptive activity. The steward questions for us are many: How do we confront violence in our language and attitudes? How do we bring Christ to others?*

**Third Sunday of Easter:** The two major components of today's familiar Gospel hinge on this phrase: "And it happened that . . ." But what monumental moments of grace that seemingly insignificant phrase introduces! The first time it appears, the risen Christ joins the disciples on their journey. The second time, he joins them at table and breaks bread with them. Twice also there are "openings" in this passage. The first is the opening of the scriptures to the disciples, which will help them realize that through this "breaking open" of God's inspired word their hearts came to burn with the fire of faith. Second, the breaking of the bread causes their eyes to be opened, so that they recognize Christ with them. And so it happens, each and every Lord's Day, as it happened on this "first day of the week," that in the opening of the word

and the breaking of the bread, we come to know Christ with us.

**Finding God in Broken Things:** The two disciples were having trouble, as many of us still do today, finding the presence of God in broken things. The body of their Lord had been broken on a cross. They were confused at the broken seal on the tomb—not yet understanding what this meant—thinking perhaps that the grave had been desecrated. Their dreams of the reign of God that Jesus had preached were broken, too. Luke tells us they were "downcast." They were surely not expecting to find God's presence in this stranger on the road whom they did not recognize. But as they continued on their journey with him, his sharing of the scriptures inspired them to keep him as companion, and at their table he became the host. Then grace was present, known, seen, and believed in the broken bread. Their joy overcame their fear of traveling after nightfall (a dangerous undertaking in that time and place), and they sped to Jerusalem to share their good news. We, too, must journey with Jesus, allow him to open our eyes and set our hearts on fire. Then, overcoming all our fears in joyful faith, we must continue on as messengers of the gospel.

**The Oratory** offers Visions In Faith Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>-Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> by Dr. Robert Krieg from the Theology Department of the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Krieg returns to the Visions program as one of the best received teachers to provide an update in an important area of faith and doctrine. Call 803-327-2097.

**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.

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**Father's Day Dinner and Dance:** the Hispanic Ministry of the Vicariate of Charlotte is proud to invite you to its first annual fundraiser. This year we will be celebrating Father's Day with a Dinner and dance at the renowned Westin hotel in Charlotte. You will enjoy a wonderful meal, followed by dancing and a silent auction throughout the evening. Monies raised will be utilized for the needs of the Hispanic Ministry and to allocate funds for a retreat center in Charlotte. Call Jorge Gomiz at 704-458-4757 for more details.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a "rule" that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. On this past Easter Sunday, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called "Kentucky Dominicans," began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters have spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery: experiencing Christ's dying and rising in an inspiring way. —Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co

**"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).

**TODAY'S READINGS: First Reading** — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

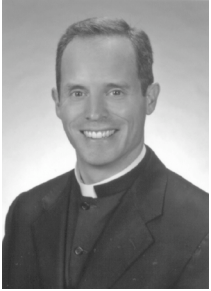
**Second Reading** — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

**Gospel** — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

**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.*

**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.

**Living Waters Retreat Center** in Maggie Valley is hosting a Nature Retreat Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> by Sister Fran Grady, SCL and Freeman Owle. Walk the trails, sit by a stream, pray with the creatures of the forest and hear the stories of the Cherokee culture and reflect, listen to the vision of the Divine. Call 828-926-3833.



Queridos Parroquianos,

Me gustaría agradecer especialmente a todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad parroquial que ayudaron a realizar nuestra Fiesta Latina, el pasado Sábado! Fue una noche maravillosa, con comida exquisita y baile divertido, y estaba muy complacido con los resultados que tuvimos. Como Uds. saben, este fue un evento para recoger dinero para el Vitral del Inmigrante que irá en la nueva iglesia, y nuestro estimado preliminar es que recogimos \$7.000 aproximadamente! Gracias todos los que trabajaron arduamente para hacer de este evento un éxito. Estoy

muy orgulloso de lo logrado! Y gracias a todos los que apoyaron este evento.

También quiero recordarles que este Miércoles 29 de Abril el Obispo Jugis viene a Santa Ana para officiar el Sacramento de la Confirmación! En vez de nuestra misa en Latín de los miércoles a las 6:00pm. tendremos Confirmación a las 7:00pm (en Inglés por supuesto). Tendremos, sin modificación, la Hora Santa de 5:00pm a 6:00pm. Recomiendo a todo aquel que se va a confirmar y a su familia, a asistir a la Hora Santa, como una gran manera de prepararse para este importante sacramento. Por favor ore por todos nuestros jóvenes que van a recibir la Confirmación para que el Espíritu Santo pueda avivar los dones que recibieron por primera vez en el Bautismo, de esta manera serán testigos fieles de nuestra bella fe Católica en el mundo.

En el gozo de Pascua,

Fr. Reid.

## Tercer Domingo de Pascua

### AQUEL MISMO DÍA . . .

Los dos componentes principales del evangelio tan familiar de hoy giran sobre esta frase: “Aquel mismo día . . .”. ¡Pero a qué momentos tan monumentales de gracia esta frase aparentemente insignificante sirve de umbral! El primer momento es cuando Cristo resucitado se une a los discípulos mientras van de camino. La segunda ocasión es cuando él se sienta a la mesa con ellos y parte el pan. También se dan dos “aperturas” en este pasaje del evangelio. La primera sucede cuando Jesús les “abre” o explica las Escrituras y el corazón de ellos arde con la llama de la fe. La segunda es cuando “se les abrieron los ojos” al reconocer a Jesús al partir el pan. Y así sucede, cada día del Señor, como sucedió “aquel mismo día” que al abrir la Palabra y en la fracción del pan reconocemos a Cristo entre nosotros.

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

**La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha** (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$6,062.92) 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 físico, 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** — Pedro da testimonio a la gente de que Jesús ha sido glorificado y deberán reformar sus vidas (Hechos 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Salmo** — En ti, Señor, confío. Aleluya (Salmo 4).

**Segunda lectura** — Jesucristo intercede ante el Padre por nuestros pecados (1 Juan 2:1-5a).

**Evangelio** — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía a predicar la penitencia para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 24:35-48).

**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.

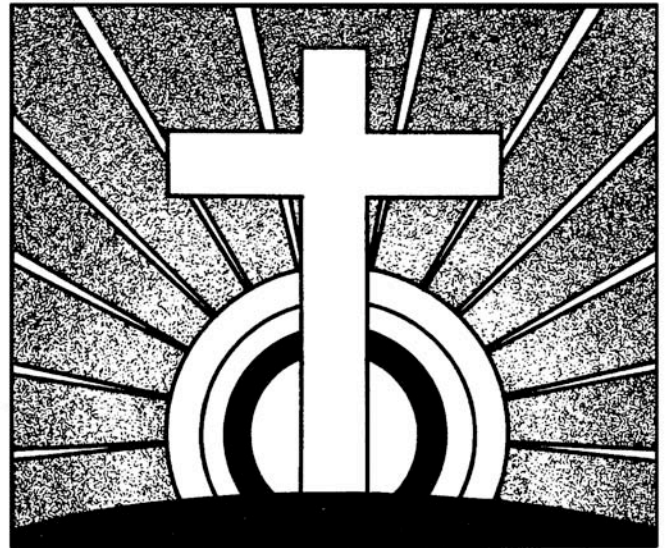
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## Vivan como testigos del Señor Resucitado

**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.