

## Palm Sunday

### St. Ann Catholic Church

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### *Your Stewardship of Treasure*

722 registered families

#### **The Week ending, March 22, 2009**

Sunday Offering 168 envelopes 5,881.00

Children's Offering envelope 4.00

Sunday Offering loose cash 1,106.45

Parishioner donation 3,000.00

Total 9,991.45

YTD 382,967.55

Budget 350,769.26

+/- +32,198.29

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

Change Jar: 22.27 (3/22/09)

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).

Children's Adoration 4:15pm Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. All are invited!

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



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.

April 5, 2009

Dear Parishioners,

In the 1930s a simple and uneducated Polish nun began having visions of our Lord, and He asked her to spread a message around the world. The message from our Lord was simple: that God's mercy is deeper and richer and greater than any of us can ever imagine – and that it is available to all mankind, most especially the worst of sinners. As many of you know, this simple and uneducated Polish nun was Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska. We refer to her now as *Saint Faustina*.

Our Lord first appeared to Sr. Faustina on February 22, 1931. Jesus was dressed in white and held His left hand to his chest and held up His right hand as if giving a blessing. From His chest flowed two rays: one of red; the other of a light shade. According to our Lord's own words to Sr. Faustina, the two rays denote blood and water – just as flowed from His side when He was pierced by the centurion's lance as he hung dead upon the cross. The pale ray stands for the water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. Christ said to Sr. Faustina: "These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who dwells in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of Him." Our Lord also asked Sr. Faustina to have an image painted of the vision she had of Him with these rays extending from His heart, with the words: "Jezu, ufam tobie" at the bottom: "Jesus, I trust in you." Thus the image of the Divine Mercy that many of us are familiar with came into existence.

The result of Sr. Faustina's labors on behalf of our Lord is a 600-page book called *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. It's a diary that records all of her mystical experiences with our Lord and His mother that repeats and clarifies in very easy and simple language the Gospel's story of God's love and mercy for us all. Truly, it's one of the Church's greatest spiritual treasures from the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and I encourage you to read it. Not only does it tell us of God's incredible and inexhaustible mercy, but it also tells us how to live a life of mercy – to be merciful to others – in response to God's love. In short, our Lord wants us to know that His love and mercy are greater than any sins we can ever commit. He wants us to know that He loves us no matter how great our sins may be. And He wants us to call upon Him in complete trust in order to receive His mercy, and to pass along His mercy to those around us.

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, which is always the Sunday immediately following Easter, it is customary for Catholics to pray the Divine Mercy Novena daily, beginning on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. Catholics who say the novena, receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, go to confession within a week of Divine Mercy Sunday, and who pray for the intentions of the pope (a *Creed* and an *Our Father* will suffice) are granted a plenary indulgence. Copies of this novena can be found on the table in the hallway. This is a very spiritually beneficial devotion that I hope many of you will participate in.

Prayerfully,



Fr. Reid

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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 this past week 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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*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: 4,038.00 – as of 03/22/09).

**Our 12th Annual St. Ann's Easter Outreach Dinner** is planned for Easter morning, Sunday, April 12th from 8:00am–12noon. This has been a well-supported St. Ann's project and very well received by those that we help. This year we will be servicing approximately 800 people through The Urban Ministries, The Hope Haven, The Charlotte Rescue Mission and others. We need everyone's support by donating boneless hams and homemade desserts. Drop off boneless hams at the Allen Center kitchen Palm Sunday 9:00am–1:00pm. Also Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week 9:00am–4:00pm. Drop the desserts and hams off in the Allen Center kitchen Saturday, April 11th from 8:00am–12noon. Easter morning we'll need volunteers to assemble the meals and 15 vans or large vehicles to deliver the meals. This is a great Easter morning activity for you individually or as a family. *Sign up sheets will be in the Church vestibule this weekend.*

**Bulletin deadlines are 12noon:** Sunday, April 19th will be due Tuesday, April 14th.

**Masses**

**Sunday, April 5, 2009**

**Palm Sunday**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Capital Needs and On Going  
Improvement Collection  
Food Collection  
8:00am Mass +Thomas Manera  
by Carol Lange  
10:30am Mass Intentions of Dorothy Storer  
by the Rothe Family  
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family  
3:00pm Hmong Mass

**Monday, April 6, 2009**

7:00am Mass +John Bourke  
by Larry and Angela Glass

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009**

7:00am Mass

**Wednesday, April 8, 2009**

5:00pm Holy Hour  
6:00pm Mass Intentions of G.J. Catalano  
By Sallie and Kim Catalano

**Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009**

7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper

**Good Friday, April 10, 2009**

12noon Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Passion of our Lord  
7:00pm Tenebrae

**Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009**

12noon Blessing of the food  
8:00pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009**

Seminary and Priests' continuing  
Education Collection  
8:00am Mass Intentions of Abbey and Rick Lejk  
51<sup>st</sup> 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

**Laws of Fast and Abstinence:** Abstinence: The church defines abstinence as days on which no meat may be eaten. These days are: all Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics 14 years or older are bound to abstain from meat on these days. Fasting: The Church defines fasting as having only one full meal and two smaller, meatless meals enough to maintain one's strength. Together the smaller meals should not equal the one full meal. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics over 18 but not yet 60 years old are bound to fast. (Those with health conditions in which fasting and abstinence would be considered harmful to their health are not obliged to fast or abstain.)

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).

**World Rosary**, Monday, April 6th at 7:30pm. Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for location. All are invited to attend.

**Thanks** to everyone who helped with the Attic and Bake Sale. We made \$1,300.00 dollars Thanks again!

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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

**The Allen Center Schedule**

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Palm Sunday  
Bring in Easter hams  
9:00am Bible Study  
9:10am CSS  
6:30pm Youth Group  
6:30pm Men's Club  
7:00pm CSS

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Bring in Easter hams  
6:00pm AA  
6:00pm Dance Group  
7:00pm R.C.I.A.  
7:00pm Women's Society

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Bring in Easter hams  
9:00am Ceramics  
10:00am CSS  
7:00pm Choir

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Bring in Easter hams  
4:15pm Children's Adoration  
5:00pm Holy Hour  
7:00pm True Beauty  
7:00pm Why Catholic  
7:30pm Boy Scouts

**Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Activity Center is closed

**Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Activity Center is closed  
Fast and Abstinence

**Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Hams and Desserts needed  
12noon Blessing of the food  
No confessions today

**Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> collection Seminary and Priests' continuing  
Education Collection  
Easter Dinners delivered

**Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Activity Center closed

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Ceramics  
10:00am CSS  
3:00pm C.L.

**Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**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!

**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](http://alumni.belmontabbeycollege.edu).



**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 5, 2009**

Crafts for Salvation Army Shelter-bring in Easter candy.

**Sunday, April 12, 2009**

No meeting

**Sunday, 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

### 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**, and 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**, and 4/12/09.

**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.

What a cat chat? A sample! Volume #3

“Amazing Angels and Super Saints”

Papa, Josh, Hannah and Moses are hosting an All Saint's Day Party! Join in the fun with their friends ...and Rocko the dog... and learn about our Guardian Angels, St. Francis, St. Joseph, and more! Find out why we ask the Saints to pray for us and why we give them honor. All this and more in this fantastic new volume!

Volume #4 “The Mass Comes Alive”

The central celebration of our Catholic faith is the Eucharist. When we go to Mass, we actually get to witness the miracle of bread and wine becoming Jesus' Body and Blood, just like at the last supper! It's time for the Great Annual Catholic Family Conference: listen in and have the Mass come alive! **Watch for these and more on our Lighthouse Media Stand! \$6.00! Great for Easter!**

**Improve your driving.** Atria Merrywood will be having a refresher driving course Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00am–2:30pm. There are several Lunch and Learn programs at Merrywood. Please call Erin or Rebecca for more information at 704-523-4949.



In the area of treasure, some Christians choose the biblical norm of giving 10 percent of their treasure. Some, because of circumstances, give more than that. Others might start at one, two, or three percent, and work upward.

**Stewardship Corner:** The jar \$22.27 (3/22/09) Don't forget the jar. As you can see, it adds up! \$589.81 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.

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.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:** We pray for and appreciate the members of the ground beautification committee who do so much to enhance our landscape. These volunteers are needed to plant flowers, trim trees, spread pine straw, etc. and prepare beds for planting. Anyone who enjoys gardening or working outdoors is welcome. Middle School Students should be accompanied by a parent. Please call, Scott and Carol Milton, 704-554-0553 if you are interested in this Ministry.

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

**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 Ensruide (brother of John Ensruide), and Jerry Eish.

**Please pray for our friends who are incarcerated:** Tony Abernathy, Kevin Wilbur, Kyle Aranjo, Aaron Estes, Kirk Silvia, and Aimee Porter.

**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](mailto:joannesh@carolina.rr.com).



**St. Ann's School News**

Visit the website at

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

Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> 3A field trip

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup> Easter Break

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

**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.*

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

**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

**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).

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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.

**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.)

St. Matthew Catholic Church will have a **Mass in Polish** today, Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 3:00pm. Confessions will be available at 2:00pm.

**St. Mathew Catholic Church is offering confessions** Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm. Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 12noon-2:00pm.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. Activities: Join us for lunch after the 11:30am Mass today. We will meet at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Come and enjoy Prayer, Reflection and Social (with food!) Monday, April 6th at 7:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Adoration (5:00pm) and Latin Mass (6:00pm) Wednesday, April 8th at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. Bowling at Strike City at the EpiCentre Friday, April 17th. 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.

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/youngadultlife](http://www.meetup.com/youngadultlife) or email [st.matthews.yal@gmail.com](mailto:st.matthews.yal@gmail.com).

*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.*



**Respect Life Lenten Service Project:** The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a collection of personal care items for Holy Angels, a very special ministry that cares for children and adults with varying degrees of mental and physical disabilities and are medically fragile. Please see the partial supply list below for the items needed. The residents have very specific needs and this list will rotate throughout Lent! A collection basket will be in hallway of the Allen Center during Lent for your donations. Please take this opportunity to make the most of our Lenten journey with charity and prayer for these very special Children of God, their families and their caregivers. Questions? Please contact Danielle Mathis at 704-541-0858 or at [tmathis3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tmathis3@carolina.rr.com).

Dial	4.25 oz
Dial Moisturizing w/Aloe	4.25 oz
Johnson Baby Bath	9.0 oz
Johnson Baby w/Aloe	9.0 oz
Dove	4.25 oz
Dove for Sensitive Skin	4.25 oz
Pure and Natural	4.5 oz
Tone Soap	4.25 oz
Neutrogena for Oily Skin	3.5 oz
Soap Dishes	(Plastic 2 Pieces)
Cetaphil	16 oz

**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>.

**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. For registration information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Elizabeth Lux: 704-525-4673 x13 or [elizabethlux@rati.org](mailto:elizabethlux@rati.org). A full field is expected again this year, so be sure to register by May 1<sup>st</sup>!

**The Solemn Vespers of Lent** will be held at 6:00pm every Sunday evening during Lent at the St. Patrick Cathedral. On Sundays, it is the Office most likely to bring the faithful together in church for the second time and thus becomingly completes the Divine Service for that day. Evening Vespers will include a reflection on the seven last words of Christ given by the following:

**Today, April 5th:** Sixth Word, "It is finished" & Seventh Word, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." Reflection by Bishop Peter J. Jugis.

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**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](http://www.OurLadyofManhattan.org) or Jan at 704-658-1179 or Barb at 704-662-8123.

Don't miss the **2009 Pure Fashion Show!** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in the Grand Ballroom at the Charlotte Convention Center in downtown Charlotte! Enjoy an Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show beginning at 3:00pm. You won't want to miss this unforgettable event hosted by Pure Fashion National Director, Brenda Sharman, with a guest appearance by Christian recording artist, Sarah Bauer. To order tickets and get all the details! Tickets are \$35 per person. Reserve your seats today at [www.purefashion.com](http://www.purefashion.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).

**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.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Fling** at St. Matthew Catholic Church on **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** beginning with 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.

**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](mailto:joanne.klein@realestateideas.net).

**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.

To Parents Given a Poor Prenatal Diagnosis Elizabeth Ministers say, "Be Not Afraid." **Elizabeth Ministers in the Catholic Diocese of Charlotte** are available to support parents carrying to term following the diagnosis of a fetal defect. The primary focus of this new outreach will be to connect parents with others who have previously continued a pregnancy following a poor prenatal diagnosis. Specialized resource materials and assistance are provided including referrals to other community services. Parents are served without regard for religious background. For information and support, contact Sandy Buck at 704-948-4587 or by email at [Elizabethministry@roadrunner.com](mailto:Elizabethministry@roadrunner.com).

**Buffalo's Southwest Café** in Ballantyne is offering 10% off Sunday meals if you bring in your St. Ann's bulletin. Jared Silver is a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church.

**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](mailto:infousa@mileschristi.org).



**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. <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office"

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

**La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha** (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$4,038.00) 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.

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](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:**

Clay Presley, Capital Campaign, Chairman  
704-907-7914 [claywork@aol.com](mailto:claywork@aol.com)  
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[Rsutton4@carolina.rr.com](mailto:Rsutton4@carolina.rr.com)

**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.