

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

St. Ann Catholic Church

3635 Park Road Charlotte, NC 28209

Office Hours: - Horario de Oficina:

M-F /L-V: 9:00am-4:00pm

Phone –Tel 704-523-4641 Fax 704-527-8671

www.stannsparish.org

stanncharlotte@charlottediocese.org

Here to Serve You

Pastor:

Fr. Timothy S. Reid 704-523-4641 #222

Deacon:

Rev. Mr. George Szalony 704-541-3296

Faith Formation/SSJ Pastoral Associate:

Sr. Judy Monahan, SSJ 704-521-9589

Stewardship Coordinator:

Sr. Helene Nagle, SSJ 704-523-4641 #233

Bookkeeper:

Terry Alderman 704-523-4641 #224

Facilities/Scheduling:

Charlie Nesto 704-523-4641 #227

Maintenance:

Raymond Mosley 704-523-4641

Parish Secretary:

Marcy Rothe 704-523-4641 #221

Music and Choir/Musica Coro:

Terese Rowe 704-599-5725

Liturgical Ministries/Ministerios Liturgicos:

Carol Kuhn 704-527-5277

Hispanic Ministries/Ministerios Hispanos:

Robin Davis 704-523-4641 #232

Parish Council Members/la Parroquia

Fr. Timothy Reid 704-523-4641

Ken Campbell 704-499-3553

Jeanne Goymerac (chair) 704-544-8308

Virginia Heckmueller 704-544-0860

Dora Hoyos 704-605-3330

Annmarie Mancusi 704-552-0696

Danielle Mathis 704-541-0858

Mike Middleton 980-254-8411

Sr. Judy Monahan 704-521-9589

Sr. Helene Nagle 704-523-4641

Marcy Rothe 704-523-4641

Mary Stowe 704-525-8876

Ellen Wentz 704-342-3262

*Your Stewardship of Treasure
725 registered families*

The week ending August 2, 2009

Sunday Offering 121 envelopes	5,691.00
Children's Offering 3 envelopes	3.00
Sunday Offering loose cash	1,671.00
Parishioner Donation	3,000.00
Total	10,365.00

Capital Needs and On Going Improvement Collection	980.00
---	--------

Change Jar YTD: 955.35

Fr. Reid's homilies are on the website:

www.stannsparish.org

Attention!!! We have rosaries - **hand made rosaries made by the children from Africa** for donations. These rosaries are made of seeds that the children collect for the brothers. Stop by the church office and pick up a couple rosaries.

If you need to book a room in the **Allen Activity Center**, please call Charlie Nesto at 704-523-4641 x227 Tuesday and/or Thursday 9:00-11:00am.

The next Baptismal Preparation class will be September 13th at 9:00am. Please call the church office to sign up for this class.

Our R.C.I.A. class will begin on Monday, September 14th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in the Catholic faith or know someone who is interested please call the church office or come on Monday, September 14th and inquire about the class. All are invited.

Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, August 23rd is due Tuesday, August 18th.
Sunday, August 30th is due Tuesday, August 25th.

August 16, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

It has been our great joy this summer to host Seminarian Lucas Rossi. I hope by now you've had a chance to meet him. Lucas has been a great help around the parish, especially by assisting with our liturgies. I also know that those of you who were able to attend his Thursday night classes on prayer greatly benefitted from his teaching. As this summer comes to an end, it is time for Lucas to return to seminary, and so we will be bidding him farewell next weekend. Please keep Lucas in your prayers as he finishes his seminary studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH, this year.

Please keep in mind as well that school begins this week! The first day of classes for St. Ann's students is Wednesday, 19 August 2009. With the return of our students, our Friday morning Masses at 8:30 a.m. will be school Masses, but all are invited to attend. We look forward to another new school year with our principal, Mrs. Peggy Mazzola, and all of our school staff. Let us entrust our children to the loving patronage of St. Ann and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the patroness of Catholic schools.

In the love of Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The letters are somewhat stylized and cursive.

Fr. Reid



On behalf of those who benefit from the DSA, thank you for your generosity. Remember the words of Jesus, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."

Please find the latest status of our Church Transformation below

Stained Glass Window: *We have only 3 windows left!* If you are interested, please contact Father Reid.

Building Update: The visible progress on the outside has slowed but we are moving along quickly on the interior. On the exterior, the walls are being prepped for the application of Stucco. The white stucco wrap was covered by the black stucco wrap which was then covered by the wire mesh on which the stucco will be applied to. On the interior, dry wall is going up quickly and the nave and sanctuary are rapidly coming into view. The mechanical systems are almost complete which will allow the air conditioning to be run. This is important as the air conditioning is necessary to dry the building out completely so the millwork (wood details like molding and columns) can go in without risk of warping or bowing. We are still shooting to have the Church done by the end of August. Dedication by the Bishop will take place when the Altar is installed which is still to be determined but will certainly be in the early fall.

If you would like to see the interior during the week when the building is unlocked, simply check in with John Kovacs in the construction trailer to make sure it's safe for you and grab a hard hat.

Building Update Capital Campaign Committee

Clay Presley, Capital Campaign, Chairman 704-907-7914 claywork@aol.com

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

Cheryl Sutton, Prayer Team 704-375-5482 Rsutton4@carolina.rr.com

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 love 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: 15,132.06 – as of 08/02/09).

Please pray for: (in our parish): James Gerard, 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, 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, Virginia Doman and Harrietta Merrill. **(and among our relatives and friends:** Cordelia Dixon (mother of Steve Dixon), 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), 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), Jerry Eish, Roy Wheeler (father of Scott Wheeler) and Joanna Lyons (niece of Joanna Smith). **Please pray for our friends who are incarcerated:** Tony Abernathy, Kevin Wilbur, Kyle Aranjó, Aaron Estes, Kirk Silvia, Aimee Porter and Walter F. Sanders, Jr.

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

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

Masses:

Sunday, August 16, 2009

Catch-Up Sunday all in One Collection
8:00am Mass +Cesna Tarrence
by Derek Gray
10:30am Mass +Dominic Nguyen
by the Nguyen family
12:30pm Bilingual Mass +Armando Aravjo
by Derek Gray

Monday, August 17, 2009

7:00am Mass +Blanche Wilson
by the Rothe family

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass +John William Gray III
by Jane Pickhardt

Thursday, August 20, 2009

7:00am Mass +Ellie Minkin
by Derek Gray

Friday, August 21, 2009

8:30am School Mass
Intentions for the spiritual well being of Virginia
Doman's grandchildren
by Virginia Doman

Saturday, August 22, 2009

9:00am Pro-Life Mass
3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass +Bryan Whalley
by Annette Whalley

Sunday, August 23, 2009

8:00am Mass +Steve Paine
by the Harris Family
10:30am Mass Intentions of our parish family
12:30pm Mass Intentions of
Ben and Hilda Pimentel (Anniversary)

Monday, August 24, 2009

7:00am Mass +Russell Gray
by Derek Gray

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass
For St. Ann's Benefactors and their loved ones

Thursday, August 27, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Machaela Gerold
Birthday Intentions
by Mary Pat Anthony

Friday, August 28, 2009

8:30am School Mass Intentions of Pat Taft
by Jane Pickhardt

Saturday, August 29, 2009

11:00am Baptism
3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass Intentions of Kathleen Miner
by Abi and Dale Purvis

Sunday, August 20, 2009

2nd collection is for Our Home Missions
8:00am Mass +Clyde Shinn
by Derek Gray
10:30am Mass +Kathleen Garlock
by Derek Gray
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

World Rosary, Monday, August 17th at 7:30pm.
Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for
location. All are invited to attend.

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, August 16th

Catch Up Sunday Collection
Masses

Monday, August 17th

6:00pm dance group-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:30pm World Rosary-off site

Tuesday, August 18th

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, August 19th

First day of School
5:00pm Holy Hour

Thursday, August 20th

7:00pm Bingo-gym

Friday, August 21st

5:00pm dance group-cl 1 and 2

Saturday, August 22nd

9:00am Pro-Life Mass
9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2
9:30am Ceramics
2:00pm-cl 1 and 2-in use
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, August 23rd

Masses

Monday, August 24th

6:00pm dance group-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:30pm World Rosary-off site

Tuesday, August 25th

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, August 26th

5:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm Night of Prayer
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, August 27th

7:00pm Bingo-gum

Friday, August 28th

5:00-8:00pm dance group-cl 1 and 2

Saturday, August 29th

9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2
9:30am Ceramics
11:00am Baptism
2:00pm-cl 1 and 2-in use
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, August 30th

2nd collection is for our home Mission Collection
Masses
6:30pm Men's Club

Monday, August 31st

6:00pm dance group-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:30pm World Rosary-off site

Mark your calendars now for a pilgrimage in March 2010! Fr. Reid will be going to Saint Bernard Abbey Retreat and Conference Center with a tour on Tuesday, March 2nd through Thursday, March 4th. More details to follow.

The Library will be closed for renovations. We will keep you posted with the progress.

Come for a Night of Prayer on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00pm. For more information please contact Carolyn Franks at 704-544-3153 or carolynfranks@netzero.net.

Come join our **Ceramic Group** Tuesdays 9:00am and Saturdays 9:30am. Call Bob at 704-523-1182. All are invited to this group!

Join Merrywood Atria an event about planning for the future, you could be **eligible to receive tax benefits**. Lots of tax information. Tuesday, August 18th at 6:00pm call 704-523-4949 or email erin.warchol@atriaseniorliving.com.

Do you know someone devoted to standing up for the sanctity of human life? Honor their courage by nominating him or her for Room At The Inn's (www.rati.org) Msgr. William Wellein Pro-Life Award which will be given at this year's Fifteenth Annual Fundraising Banquet. "Fifteen Years of Life-Giving Hope," to be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009. For nomination Form or additional information, please contact Elizabeth Lux, Public Relations and Event Coordinator at 704-525-4673x13 or by email at elizabethlux@rati.org before September 1, 2009. For information to make reservations or to host a table of eight please contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com or 704-541-0858.

Petition to Help Pregnant Women Choose Life: Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Jugis need your help in convincing our state legislators to allow the Choose Life license plate to be made available in NC. Helping is as simple as a few clicks on your internet. An online petition has been created by the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship and can be found at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/ncchooselife/>. No contribution is necessary and petition names will not be used for any other purpose. IMPORTANT: If you prefer not to receive further notifications from this petition website, please be sure to remove the green check from the box that appears above the "Sign Petition" box. If you do not wish to make a contribution to the petition website, simply leave the website after you click the "Sign Petition" box. Please consider signing the petition and let your friends know about the petition as well. Without your help, the Choose Life license plate will never be passed by our Legislature.

There will be a **Respect Life Meeting** following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, August 23rd in Classroom 1 & 2. All are welcomed.

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

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

Want to know more about Pro-life issues from abortion to understanding stem cell science all in the context of our Catholic Faith? Then please help yourself to a **FREE** copy of *Celebrate Life* magazine. You can find them on the table in the hallway outside of Church. Read it then pass it on to a friend!

Rachel's Vineyard retreat, for healing after abortion. For both men and women. Our next week-end retreat is September 18th-20th. Call the Catholic Social Services Respect Life Office, 704-370-3229, rachelsvineyard.org.

Our next **Pro-Life Mass** will be Saturday, August 22nd at 9:00am. Immediately after Mass there will be Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. You may either stay in prayer or go pray the Rosary with Father Reid at a local abortion facility. The morning will conclude with Benediction upon Father's return. Please contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com for more information.

The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Cabarrus County announced today that Dr. Alveda King will be the guest speaker at the Sixth Annual Fundraising Banquet. Ms. King is the niece of the late civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For tickets to this event contact Sarah Sheperis at 704-467-4645 or email sarah@concordpregnancy.com. Individual ticket prices are \$35 and table sponsor (seats 8) \$250. Deadline is August 19th, 2009.

All human beings, from their mother's womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with his own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already sees in them the adults of tomorrow whose days are numbered and whose vocation is even now written in the "book of Life". - John Paul II Evangelium Vitae 61



"Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind."
(Hebrews 13:16)



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. For information email stannwomen@gmail.com. For September meeting the Women's Society will host a brunch on Sunday, September 13th after the 10:30am Mass. Watch for more details.

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.

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration – If you were married during 1959 or 1984, you and your family are invited to the annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Charlotte on Sunday, October 25th. Mass begins at 3:00pm and will be followed by a reception. To receive an invitation, you must call our church office to register.

Faith Formation Registration Sunday, September 13th 8:45am

NEW "fast track" registration! You may download and print registration forms in advance! Find this form on St Ann website (go to Ministries, then to Faith Formation). Fill out one per student and bring them with you on the 13th. Copy of baptism certificate and applicable fees must accompany each registration form.

Faith Formation fee schedule below.
*Sacramental Fees are applicable to each student regardless of whether they attend public school or Catholic school. For those who are unable to pay fees, or need special payment plan, please contact Sister Judy 704-521-9589 after September 7th. If you are able to sponsor a student who's family is unable to pay, please contact Sister Judy.

Fees for students of Faith Formation:
\$50 one student
\$90 two students
\$130 three or more students
Sacramental Fees (For First Communion and Confirmation students)
Additional \$40 per student

**We look forward to seeing you on
September 13th!**

Children's Liturgy for children ages 4-8 **will meet again in the fall.** Watch the bulletin for details.

O'Donoghue Classmates plan a Reunion: Graduating classes 1950-1954 are invited to a Reunion on September 11th, 12th and 13th, 2009. For details contact: Mary Ann Frantz at 704-523-1466.

Saturday, October 31st



A Carnival Is Coming . . .

Wanted: Organizational Volunteers

Stage the greatest show for kids – kids of all ages – that St. Ann’s has ever known. Come, get to know your parishioners in a marvelously fun way. Consider bringing your talents and working alongside an experienced marketer, decorator, scheduler, cook, caterer, carpenter, etc. and become a co-chair. Learn the ropes and help enhance systems already in development over the last 13 years.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the ARTS & CRAFTS booth, please contact: Jo Crisp at 704-962-3105. If you have any knick knack or whimsical items that you don't need...please consider donating!

Contact: Ted Peters (704) 523-9233

****A Carnival Is Coming To St. Ann’s on Saturday, October 31, 2009**

St. Ann's Youth Group
(Middle and High Students)
6:00 – 8:00pm

Calling all parents and chaperons! Our Youth Group needs you to help this summer on Sundays and for next year to help with our Youth Group. Call the church office if you want to help with our youth. Our Youth need you!

Holy Spirits Ladies Guild Christmas Craft Fair is Saturday, December 5th. Spaces available for \$15.00 and is open to all crafters in the area. Call Sherry Anulies at 704-820-2895 or pinkms@carolina.rr.com.

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.)

Attention parishioners! We would like to set up a service of support. Service of Support list you could put your company, your hobby or your service. We hope to have an "Angie List" of people and companies such as lawn service or planting flowers, plumbers of the parish and painters and those who pour cement. We would like to have a list of photographers and companies that do house cleaning. Not only would this help our parishioners with their companies it would help our parishioners who need jobs in certain areas. Call the church office if you would like to be the first on our "Service of Support list. (SOS list).

The Shepherd's Center: September 17th, it's a trip to the Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa for lunch, then onto the Thomas Wolfe Memorial. Next it's the Folk Art Center and the Asheville Farmers Market before heading back to Charlotte. On October 9th, it's a trip to the Shelton Vineyards & Mt. Airy for the 43rd Autumn Leaves Festival and it's celebrating the holidays on November 12th with a trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater details to follow.

Coaches Needed: Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School is currently looking for volunteer coaches for 2009 Fall season to coach Football or Cross Country. Applicants must be eligible to volunteer under Diocese policy including clear a background check and attend a Protecting God's Children 2-hour workshop prior to coaching. Contact Kevin Parks at kparks@htcms.net or 704-527-7822x128.

Have dinner with Archbishop Charles Chaput: Announcing the Envoy of the Year Gala on October 8, 2009 in Charlotte, honoring Archbishop Chaput for his courageous leadership. Hosted by the Envoy Institute of Belmont Abbey College and emceed by Patrick Madrid. Hear stirring tributes from Father John Corapi, Carl Anderson (Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus), George Weigel, and Joseph Bottum, editor of *First Things* magazine. Visit www.envoyinstitute.net for more details and to reserve your seat.

Dr. George Raad and the Metrolina Medical Research would like to invite you to participate as a volunteer in one of the Clinical Research Studies; High Cholesterol, Hypertension, Diabetes, Depression, Migraine headaches, Arthritis of the knee, Epilepsy, Crohn's Disease, and others. Call 704-527-6672 or 704-940-1842 (Spanish). www.pmg-research.com/metrolina.

The Oratory Prayer every 3rd Sunday of the month from 4:00-5:00pm in the Oratory Church, join in an hour of sharing scriptures and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at
www.stannscatholicschool.com

**Wednesday, August 19th
First Day of School**

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.

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

Save the date for our annual **Children's Consignment Sale Saturday, October 10, 2009** from 8:00am until 1:00pm St. Gabriel Catholic Church. We sell gently used baby and children's clothing, toys, furniture, accessories and maternity items. Consignors will receive 60% of their sales. Unsold items may be picked up or donated to local charities, which are all tax-deductible. All proceeds go to help families in our community. The sale is held in the St Gabriel Catholic Church Ministry Center on 3016 Providence Rd, Charlotte.

Attention All Cursillistas! The Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Charlotte is hosting a diocesan-wide Grand Ultreya at Steel Creek Park /Campgrounds in Morganton, NC on Saturday, September 19, 2009. The Grand Ultreya begins at 11:30am, with Mass at noon. Lunch follows (please bring covered dish and a 2-liter drink; Cursillo will provide hamburgers/hotdogs). Other events include guitar music, group reunion, spiritual talks, and hiking/nature trails for children. The event ends at 3:30pm. From I-40 west bound, exit 105 at Morganton, go right; continue through town-upon leaving town you will be on NC 181. Keep on NC 181 to Steel Creek. From I-40 east bound, exit 100 west of Morganton, go left and continue to NC 181, then turn left and go to Steel Creek. Steel Creek is about 13 to 15 miles from I-40 by either exit.

Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, August 17th) at 7:30pm in the chapel. Please email CHLT5NC@aol.com.

If you aren't praying for your child, who is? **Moms in Touch** is an international organization of moms who pray for their children and their children's schools. Our children need our prayers desperately in today's society and these prayer groups meet regularly to pray for these special intentions. If your children are in Catholic schools, public schools, private schools, Christian schools, home schooled, college, etc., Marie Foster (704-366-3332 or TGAMFOSTER@aol.com) to get the name of a MIT leader for your child's school.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. **Activities: Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) Wednesday, **August 19th** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. Who doesn't love a **FREE outdoor movie!** Join us for BOLT at the Pineville Lake Park in Pineville, NC on Friday, **August 21**. We'll plan to meet up at the park around 7:30pm (e-mail us if you plan to attend so we can coordinate). Movie starts at "dusk" (whenever that is exactly) so bring a Frisbee, football or anything else to have fun with! Don't forget blankets &/or chairs plus some food and drinks to share! For more information or to join please contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or check our group out on Facebook, Vinny's DOC.

Do you have the *charism* of the family of St. Dominic? A new Chapter of the Dominican Laity is being formed. The Inquiry meeting: Sunday, September 13th, 2009 at 2:00pm, St. Matthew's Church, New Life Center, 1st floor Room 132. For information phone: Mary Snow at 704-847-4405. On the web: www.charlottelaydominicans.org. Email: info@CharlotteLayDominicans.org.

Pure Fashion is a faith based program for girls ages 14 to 18 or 8th - 12th grades to help young ladies feel confident about who they are and how they present themselves to the world, always remembering their dignity as Children of God. The seven month program (meetings are typically once a month on Sunday afternoon) will culminate with a fashion show April 18, 2010 at The Charlotte Convention Center. Deadline for your application is August 23, 2009. Cost per model is \$225. Scholarships available. www.purefashion.com.

St. Peregrine Healing Prayer Service Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. St. Matthew Catholic Church. 704-543-7677. Please join us for this solemn prayer service and blessing with a relic of St. Peregrine.

Forest Lawn East Cemetery is pleased to announce the opening of the Garden of St. Matthew, a peaceful resting place for Catholic parishioners of the Charlotte and surrounding communities. Also the Garden of the Sacred Heart has upright memorial spaces and flat bronze memorial spaces for sale. Call 704-846-1068 or check out the web site at www.forstlawneast.com.

Volunteers Needed: The Aging Research Project in the Psychology Department of Davidson College, under the direction of Dr. Kristi Multhaup, is seeking adults who are at least 60 years old to participate in studies on a variety of topics related to the aging process. These projects are enjoyable, not invasive and usually take about an hour to complete. People who are interested in participating will have their name added to a list. When a new project is starting, Dr. Multhaup's assistant will call people on the list can explain the nature and length of the task. Interested people can schedule a convenient meeting time, while others may decline and still keep their name on the list. The projects will take place in Hamilton House on the Davidson college campus. Participants are sent directions and a map. Call to have your name on the volunteer list; 704-894-2843 leave your name, phone number and date of birth.

Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is a not-forprofit 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. 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. 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. Call Suzanne Bach at 704-376-4135.



Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

EL AMOR DE DIOS POR TODO EL MUNDO

Al volver de su cautiverio en Babilonia, los israelitas encontraron a otros desterrados viviendo en Israel. De modo que no era raro que los extranjeros fueran a orar al templo. En la lectura de Isaías se exhorta al pueblo judío a recibir al extranjero y a apoyar su culto a Dios, pues claramente el autor de Isaías entendía que todos serían redimidos. El pueblo judío tenía un profundo sentido de lo bueno y lo malo, y de cómo ser justos. Esto no quiere decir que ellos tuvieran que abrazar la religión de otros sino aceptar a los demás, y reconocer que ellos y todo el mundo tenía derecho a la salvación.

La epístola de Pablo a los romanos es igualmente evangelizadora. Él dice que su ministerio y el amor de Dios se extienden a todos los pueblos, no sólo a los israelitas. Frustrado a veces por el rechazo de los judíos que no querían escuchar, Pablo se dirige a los paganos. Todo el mundo, explica Pablo, ha pecado contra Dios. Sólo por nuestra desobediencia puede Dios mostrar su amor y su misericordia a *todos* los pueblos. Dios nos ama y, sin excepción, todo ser humano puede reclamar el don de la salvación.

SALVACIÓN PARA TODOS

Más severa que las otras lecturas, el evangelio también asegura que la salvación es para todos los pueblos. La admirable e intensa fe de la cananea es lo que cautiva nuestra atención en el evangelio. Los discípulos la consideraban un estorbo que debía removerse de la presencia de Jesús. Jesús considera que su misión en ese momento es particularmente para los israelitas. Pero la mujer sabía que Jesús podía curar a su hija y que la curación de Dios es, sin duda, para todos. La mujer estaba tan segura del amor de Jesús y de Dios que reconoció que algo mejor que migajas llegaría algún día a aquéllos ajenos a la fe judía. Cada uno de nosotros, en nuestra propia vocación está retado a multiplicar y a suplementar las migas generosamente, haciendo una cena nutritiva para mostrarle a todo el mundo el gran amor de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Isaías 56:1, 6-7; Salmo 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Romanos 11:13-15, 29-32; Mateo 15:21-28
Copyright © 2007, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Servicio Bilingüe: Domingos a las 12:30pm.

La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$15,132.06) Nuestra meta es de. : **\$25000**): \$25.000). En memoria de los inmigrantes, que han dedicado sus vidas sirviendo y trabajando en este país. Para quienes han participado, gracias por su contribucion financiera. Si no ha participado todavia, por favor considere el hacer una contribucion economica para honrar nuestros inmigrantes, ancestros, amigos y/o seres queridos que han muerto sirviendo en este país, frecuentemente trabajando en los trabajos mas peligrosos y/o de mayor esfuerzo físico, contribuyendo para la construccion de este país 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.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Según la creencia de los aztecas, toltecas y otros indígenas, los niños y las niñas nacen sin rostro y corazón. Corresponde a la familia formar en ellos y ellas el rostro (la personalidad), y el corazón (ánimo/motivación) durante los primeros siete años de su vida.

Rostro y corazón son una combinación para hablar de un tercer aspecto. En este caso rostro y corazón indican la persona bien formada. Los judíos de la época de Jesús también usaban ciertas palabras para indicar otras realidades. Cuerpo y sangre, por ejemplo, indican a la persona en su totalidad. El cuerpo muestra el carácter de la persona, mientras que la sangre indica su ánimo o motivación.

Cuando Jesús nos invita a comer su cuerpo y beber su sangre nos está invitando a tomar su rostro y corazón. Nuestra personalidad debe ser como la suya y nuestra motivación también. De esta manera entramos en íntima comunión con él, a quien comulgamos. En nuestro interior vamos aprendiendo a pensar y amar como él, mientras que exteriormente vamos aprendiendo a comportarnos como él.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

COME POR UN DÍA

Trabaja como si tuvieras que vivir siempre, y come como si tuvieras que morirte mañana.

—Proverbio áraba

ESTA FIESTA EUCARÍSTICA

Ciertos aspectos de la naturaleza humana nunca cambian, ni siquiera en el transcurso de varios siglos. Cuando celebramos una fiesta, comemos; cuando celebramos un acontecimiento importante, damos un banquete. En la primera lectura de hoy, la Sabiduría está preparando un banquete, un símbolo de la celebración de la alianza que Israel tiene con Dios. La conmemoración central de su alianza salvadora del Éxodo es la comida de la pascua judía. Por lo tanto es natural, y no casual, que la celebración cristiana de la nueva alianza sellada por la sangre de Cristo en la cruz sea una comida, nuestra Eucaristía, la cual primero fue ofrecida por Jesús durante la conmemoración de la pascua judía. Algunas veces nos resulta fácil olvidar el rico origen religioso y humano de nuestro banquete eucarístico de pan y vino que son el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús. Hoy, y en los próximos domingos que escuchemos el discurso sobre el “Pan de Vida” por boca de Juan, recordemos la generosa alianza que Dios forja con nosotros y llenémonos de alegría con este maravilloso banquete al que somos invitados.

© Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Preguntas/Inquietudes acerca de nuestros planes de construcción:

Clay Presley, Capital Campaign, Chairman
704-907-7914 claywork@aol.com

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

Cheryl Sutton, Prayer Team 704-375-5482
Rsutton4@carolina.rr.com

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.