

## Third Sunday of Advent

### St. Ann Catholic Church

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*Your Stewardship of Treasure*  
*736 registered families*

### **The week ending November 29, 2009**

Total: 9,122.74

YTD: 226,586.65

Budget: 22,000.00

+/-: +6,586.65

Thanksgiving Donation)

Moore Place 916.00

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 4,911.55

Priest Retirement Assessed: 20,097.00

Received: 16,316.50

Due: 3,780.50

### **Flower Donations for the Dedication**

*In memory of Louise DeMallie (died 11/16/09).*

*Please pray for the repose of her soul.*

by the Lauer family

*In memory of families:*

*Hudson-O'Connor-Llewellyn*

by Kathleen O'Connor Hudson

*In memory of Msgr. Richard Allen*

by the Reardon and Horton family

*In memory of John Imlay*

by the Alderman family

*For the dedication of the new church*

by the Lejk family

***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, Sergeant Justin David Schoonover, US

Marines.

December 13, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday was a historic day for our parish. After many, many years of waiting, we finally dedicated our new church! For those of you who were unable to attend, the dedication Mass was simply beautiful, and the reception afterwards was a terrific event as well. I am so thankful to all of you who helped out that day. I am especially grateful to Carol Kuhn for her work in preparing the church for the dedication, and to all of those who helped Carol clean, prepare linens and flowers, and take care of all the little details that arise. I'm also grateful to Michael and Terese Rowe and to all of our musicians for the sublime music they provided. I also wish to thank our lectors, servers, ushers, those who dressed the altar, and all who participated in the Mass. A special thanks should also be given to Scott Bruno and Trinity Cleaning for their great work in preparing our church for the dedication.

We were very fortunate to have Bishop Curlin in attendance at the dedication, as well as several priests from the diocese, including three of our former pastors: Msgr. Anthony Kovacic, Fr. Conrad Hoover, and Fr. Frank O'Rourke. We also had three of our diocesan seminarians serving at the dedication Mass: Mr. Paul McNulty, Mr. Richard Worthington (who grew up in our parish), and Mr. Lucas Rossi (who served here at St. Ann's this past summer). Please remember them all in your prayers.

I am especially grateful to our Parish Council for their leadership and hard work in organizing the reception afterwards, especially Jeanne Goymerac (our chair), Ken Campbell (our vice chair), and Mike Middleton. They, along with our entire parish council and many other volunteers worked very hard to prepare our beautiful reception. I am grateful to all of you! I also want to thank Tom Mathis, Craig Lewis, and Todd Wilson for providing theological tours of the church during the reception. Lastly, I want to thank Will Borin, one of our altar servers, who prepared the gingerbread representation of our new church that was on display in the gym during the reception!

We have been very richly blessed by our Lord with this new church. As we prayerfully prepare ourselves for our Lord's coming at Christmas and His second coming at the end of time during this Advent Season, let us be sure to give thanks to our dear Lord for the great blessings He has bestowed upon our parish family. Truly, my friends, we have much to be thankful for!

Please also remember that our parish penance service will be held at 4 p.m. this Sunday (13 December)!

Gratefully,

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

Fr. Reid

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### *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.

(Received: 16,899.75 – as of 11/22/09).



We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge as Christians is to make good use of those gifts.

It is our pleasure to announce that a Mini-grant of \$500.00 has been awarded to Saint Ann Parish for continued support of humanitarian aid to those in need in Kampala, Uganda. We are most grateful to the CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: OPERATION RICE BOWL under the auspices of the CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE for this generous grant.

To complete the process, this grant must be matched by fundraising from Saint Ann's for the same cause. CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Community that alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in more than 100 countries without regard to race, religion, or nationality.

Thank you to the Parishioners who are now volunteering at Samaritan House. May it be a rewarding experience for you. Anyone else who is interested, please call Sister Helene at the Church Office. Presently Samaritan House is in need of paper goods, (all kinds), cleaning supplies, and pillow cases. You can either bring them to the Church Office or directly to Samaritan House, which is in front of the YWCA on Park Road.

**Masses**

**Sunday, December 13, 2009**

2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Religious Retirement  
8:00am Mass Intentions for  
Margaret and Richard Kennedy and family  
by the Grayson family  
10:30am Mass Intentions of Brenda Eckmair  
by Abi and Dale Purvis  
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

**Monday, December 14, 2009**

7:00am Mass Intentions of Elizabeth DeHority  
by Lisa Tobin

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009**

7:00am Mass +Sister Mary Agnes  
of the Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday, December 16, 2009**

5:00pm Holy Hour  
6:00pm Latin Mass Intentions of Veronica  
and Leonardo Cortes  
by Gina and Michael Reinhardt and family

**Thursday, December 17, 2009**

7:00am Mass Intentions of Ellen Muise  
by Stephen Muise

**Friday, December 18, 2009**

8:30am Mass Intentions of Veronica  
and Leonardo Cortes  
by Gina and Michael Reinhardt and family

**Saturday, December 19, 2009**

3:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass +Maria Barbara and  
Vincent Antonio Urrego  
by Mable Urrego

**Sunday, December 20, 2009**

8:00am Mass Intentions of our parish family  
10:30am Mass +Nicholas Baker  
by the family  
12:30pm Mass Intentions of  
Roy and Mandy Masser  
by Jack MacDonagh

**Monday, December 21, 2009**

7:00am Mass Intentions of Dorothy Storer  
by the Rothe family

**Tuesday, December 22, 2009**

7:00am Mass

**Wednesday, December 23, 2009**

5:00pm Holy Hour  
6:00pm Mass +Florence Doman  
by Virginia Doman

**Thursday, December 24, 2009**

**Christmas Eve**

Church office closed  
4:00pm Children's Pageant  
4:30pm Family Mass  
Intentions of Fr. Timothy S. Reid  
by Abi and Dale Purvis  
6:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family  
11:30pm Choral Music  
12:00midnight Mass Intentions of Danny Ferrone  
by Abi and Dale Purvis

**Friday, December 25, 2009**

**Christmas Day**

Church office closed  
9:00am Mass +Magdalene Dury  
by the family

**Saturday, December 26, 2009**

3:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass Fr. Hanson +Margaret Brickner  
by the Alderman family

**Sunday, December 27, 2009**

8:00am Mass +Eddie Gildae  
by Marie Gildae  
10:30am Mass  
Intentions of Brian Kubovcik  
by Abi and Dale Purvis  
12:30pm Intentions of our parish family

To book a room in the Allen Center call Charlie Nesto at 704-523-4641#227 on Tuesdays or Thursdays 9:00am to 12noon.

**The Allen Center Schedule**

**Sunday, December 13, 2009**

2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Religious Retirement  
Book Sale after all Masses  
9:00am Bible Study-library  
9:00am Fr. Reid's class-café  
1:00pm SAAA-gym  
2:00pm Girl Scouts-scout room  
3:30pm Brownies-scout room  
4:00pm Parish Penance Service-church  
5:00pm café in use  
6:00pm CCWG-church  
7:00pm CSS-cl 1 and 2

**Monday, December 14, 2009**

10:00am Cry Room in use-church  
4:15pm practice with David Liberto-church  
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2  
6:00pm dance group-gym  
7:00pm RCIA-café  
7:30pm World Rosary-church

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009**

9:00am Ceramics  
3:00pm SAAA-gym  
6:30pm dance-cl 1 and 2

**Wednesday, December 16, 2009**

5:00pm Holy Hour-church  
5:00pm SAAA-gym  
7:00pm Boy Scouts-scout room  
7:00pm library in use

**Thursday, December 17, 2009**

10:00am Cry Room in use-church  
3:00pm SAAA-gym  
7:00pm choir-church  
7:00pm Bingo-café

**Friday, December 18, 2009**

3:00pm SAAA-gym  
6:00pm dance-cl 1 and 2  
7:00pm Spanish rosary-church

**Saturday, December 19, 2009**

9:00am AA/NA cl 1 and 2  
9:00am Ceramics  
2:00pm Little Flowers-cl 1 and 2  
2:00pm library in use  
3:00pm SAAA-gym  
3:00pm Confessions

**Sunday, December 20, 2009**

9:00am Bible Study-library  
9:00am Fr. Reid's class-café  
10:00am Homeless Ministry-kitchen  
10:30am Baptism-church  
1:00pm SAAA-gym  
7:00pm CSS-cl 1 and 2

**Monday, December 21, 2009**

6:00pm dance groups-gym  
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2  
7:00pm RCIA-café  
7:30pm World Rosary-church

**Tuesday, December 22, 2009**

9:00am Ceramics  
3:00pm SAAA-gym  
4:15pm Servers with David Liberto-church  
6:30pm dance-cl 1 and 2

**Wednesday, December 23, 2009**

5:00pm SAAA-gym  
7:00pm Boy Scouts-scout room  
7:00pm library in use

**Thursday, December 24, 2009**

Church Office Closed  
4:00pm Children's Pageant-church  
4:30pm Family Mass  
6:30pm chant Mass-church  
11:30pm Choral-church  
12midnight Mass-church

**December 25, 2009**

**Christmas Day**

Church Office Closed  
9:00am Mass  
7:00pm Spanish Rosary-church

**Join one or all three...** be a witness to human sanctity! March for Life 2010 Charlotte, Raleigh and Washington DC.

*Charlotte*-March for Life will be on January 15, 2010 will march at 12:00pm from the parking lot on the corners of W. Palmer and S. Church streets across from the Catholic Center. For more information go to [www.marchforlifecharlotte.org](http://www.marchforlifecharlotte.org)  
*Raleigh*-March for Life will be on January 16, 2010 will march at 1:00pm from the corner of Hargett and McDowell streets. For more information on prayer breakfast and march go to [www.ncrtl.org](http://www.ncrtl.org) or call 1-800-392-6275. *Washington DC*-March for Life will be on January 22, 2010. There will be an awesome overnight pilgrimage to Washington DC on a bus leaving from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Only \$40.00 per person. For more details call Marie Leclair 704-341-5961 or e-mail [marie.teacher@hotmail.com](mailto:marie.teacher@hotmail.com)

**March for Life Charlotte!!** January 15, 2010. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives. There were 10,444 babies killed in Mecklenburg County alone last year!! We will gather at the Catholic Diocese parking lot at the corner of W. Palmer and Church Street across from 1123 South Church Street at 11:00am. We will have signs available to carry and we will march from there at 12:00pm to Trade and Tryon to pray and continue on to the court house at 401 W. Trade Street where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There may be some parking available at the parking lot, but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. Please encourage others to come to this extremely important event. Any questions call Tina at 704-846-7361. [www.marchforlifecharlotte.org](http://www.marchforlifecharlotte.org).

For information on the Creighton Model **Fertility Care System** 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.

*Despite its hardships, its hidden mysteries, its suffering and its inevitable frailty, this moral life is a most beautiful thing, a marvel ever new and moving, an event worthy of being exalted in joy and glory.* – Pope Paul VI

**Healing after Abortion:** There is hope and healing after abortion. Men and women are invited to begin their healing journey at our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat, January 29-31, 2010. For further information, please call the Respect Life Office: 704-370-3229 or visit: [Rachelsvineyard.org](http://Rachelsvineyard.org). (Sponsored by Catholic Social Services, Diocese of Charlotte.)

**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. An online petition has been created by the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship and can be found at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/ncchooselife/>  
**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. 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.

**Family Rosary**...here at St. Ann. Please join us for a family potluck and Rosary on today, December 13th at 5:00pm. We will have a potluck dinner in the cafeteria and then proceed to the Church to say the Rosary. This is a beautiful way to enjoy the season of Advent with your family. Last names that begin with A-H, please bring a main dish, I-P, a side dish and Q-Z, a dessert. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Judy Townsend at 704-321-9695 or email at [jtownsend1993@msn.com](mailto:jtownsend1993@msn.com). This event is sponsored by the Charlotte Catholic Women's Group.



**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."* For questions please call or email Kimberlee Shukes at 704-643-2956 or [shukesk@bellsouth.net](mailto:shukesk@bellsouth.net).

**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.

**Young Adult Singles, Married Couples and Families** are invited to join St. Ann's Young Adult Group. This is a group for **adults in the 20s and 30s** looking to enrich their faith and social life. Activities will have spiritual, social and charitable aspects and are family-friendly! Thank you to those of you who joined us for Rosary and Game Night!  
**Upcoming Events: New Year's Eve Party,** December 31, 2009. More details coming soon! **Mass & Coffee Meet-up:** Start your Saturday off right! January 16, 2010 9:00am: **Mass at St. Gabriel** Parish followed by coffee at **Starbucks** (4450 Randolph Rd # 100). For more information visit us on Facebook: [Saint Ann's Young Adult Group](#) or contact Lauren Rugar 704-900-8903, [lauren.rugar@yahoo.com](mailto:lauren.rugar@yahoo.com)

**Babysitters Needed:** St. Ann's Young Adult Group is looking for teenage volunteers to babysit at some of their events. If you are a teen in need of service hours, please contact Lauren Rugar at [lauren.rugar@yahoo.com](mailto:lauren.rugar@yahoo.com) or 704-900-8903.

**Fr. Reid's homilies** are on the website: [www.stanncharlotte.org](http://www.stanncharlotte.org)

### Area Penance Service

**St. Ann, today, December 13th, 4:00pm**

St. Mark, Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

St. John Neumann, Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

St. Thomas Aquinas, Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm

St. Matthew has penance on the Saturdays of Advent 4:00-5:00pm and Wednesdays 6:30-7:15pm.

St. Patrick Cathedral will offer confessions at their Parish Mission, December 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and prior to daily Masses.

**World Rosary,** Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the church. Ann Layman at 704-525-3519.

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

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> is due Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> is due Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> is due Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Baptismal Class** is Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Allen Center. Please call the church office to sign-up.

### **Volunteers Needed to Help Clean Church:**

Calling all Marthas! We are in need of volunteers who are willing to help clean the church building on a regular basis. Now that we have such a beautiful new church, let's be sure to take good care of it. For more information please contact Carol Kuhn at 704-527-5277. Thank you!



They're here! New Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs have arrived and are in the kiosk. Stop by the wooden stand after Mass and select CDs from our newest shipment. Donation of just \$3.00 or more per CD is appreciated.

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**Please pray for: (in our parish):** Carl Edwards, Don Millard, Bob Brewer, Maggie Bernard, Gladys Cavallone, Elizabeth DeHority, Scott Wheeler and Catherine Silverthorne;

**And among our relatives and friends:** Terri Benton (daughter of Pat and Bob Brewer), Jack Broxterman, Katie Balman (daughter of Cecilia and Ashley Balman).

**Please pray** for our friends who are incarcerated: Walter F. Sanders, Jr.

*Please keep in mind as you come in to the church we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back of the church by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Thank you.*

**Help Wanted:** During these difficult economic times, some members of our parish family have lost their jobs. 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. We would like to set up a service of support. A list on which you could include your company, your hobby or your service. We hope to have an "Angie's List" of people and companies such as lawn service or planting flowers, plumbers of the parish and all the others occupations. Call the church office.

**Continue to collect.** Men's socks, underwear and gloves (all new) for the Men's Shelter of Charlotte. Our Boys Scout Troop 162 is collecting and serving meals at the Statesville Avenue facility. Please bring your donation to the Allen Center lobby in the box mark for donations. Thank you

**Dr. George Raad and the Metrolina Medical Research** would like to invite you to volunteer in one of the Clinical Research Studies: Arthritis, urinary incontinence, over active bladder, Diabetes, Diabetic Neuropathy, High Blood Pressure, Osteoporosis, Menstrual Migraine and flu vaccine for ages 65 and older. Call 704-527-6672  
[www.pmg-research.com](http://www.pmg-research.com)

**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.*

**Young adults in their 20s and 30s** interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. **Activities:** Come and enjoy **Prayer, Reflection and Social (with food!) Monday, December 14** at 7:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Center. **Adoration (5:00pm)** and **Latin Mass (6:00pm) Wednesday, December 16** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. We will be having a Vinny's **DOC Pre-Christmas (Advent) Party on Sunday, December 20th!** Check facebook for event details or contact Steven at [bremersm@gmail.com](mailto:bremersm@gmail.com). For more information or to join please contact Christina Hinton at [christina.hinton@gmail.com](mailto:christina.hinton@gmail.com) or check our group out on Facebook, Vinny's DOC.

**Holy Week Retreat 2010** at Living Waters Reflection Center in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. 828-926-3833.

Celebrate these holiest of days by walking with Jesus as He moves in silence and darkness from the "Hosanna" of Palm Sunday through the solemnities of the triduum and the "Alleluia" of Easter morning. Join the Augustinian Friars and the parish community of Saint Margaret for all liturgies. Come Sunday, Monday or Tuesday for a time of quiet and prayer, or join us in time to celebrate the sacred triduum. The cost is \$55.00.

All are invited to join us at 9:00am-10:00am in the café for our **Adult Education** a different topic each week.



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

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

Christmas Holiday is  
December 21<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

January 4<sup>th</sup> classes resume  
January 18<sup>th</sup> no school  
January 19<sup>th</sup> no school  
January 21<sup>st</sup> report cards  
January 31<sup>st</sup> Catholic Schools week

**Pro-Life Career Opportunities in Charlotte**  
Room At The Inn is a Catholic maternity and after care program that provides long term housing, professional counseling, spiritual support and material assistance to single moms in need. Currently there are two rewarding positions available: **Part Time Bilingual Counselor** (Must be a licensed counselor and fluent in English/Spanish) and **Full Time Program Support Specialist** (Entry level position, must be fluent in English/Spanish.) For information or to submit a resume, contact Debbie Capen: 704-525-4673 x14 ([debbiecapien@rati.org](mailto:debbiecapien@rati.org)).



Just a reminder! If you have not yet made your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal please consider doing it this week. As good stewards, we are all called to share our gifts. Please be generous in your sharing.

The Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the Oplatek or **Christmas Wafer** at your Christmas Eve Wigilia, Villia, Kucios, "Feliz Navidad" or dinner can be rekindled. Traditionally, breaking and sharing the Christmas wafer with family and friends is accompanied with best wishes and expressions of forgiveness, helping us to bring joy and happiness to our hearts and homes. Orders for the wafers will be taken till December 21st. Cost will be .50¢ per wafer. Please call Helen Collins at 704-365-1161 or e-mail order request to: [helencollins@carolina.rr.com](mailto:helencollins@carolina.rr.com). Proceeds will go to Catholic Social Services to help a needy family this holiday season.

### **2009-2010 IFBL Information:**

[www.sportability.com](http://www.sportability.com). Season Dates:  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade- December 19<sup>th</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>.  
4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade- December 19<sup>th</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Playoffs February 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>.  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade-December 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>. February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, Playoffs week of February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Register for the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The weekend centers entirely on your relationship and is a positive, private experience between you and your spouse that revitalizes marriage. Sign up now for the Valentine's Day weekend February 12th-14th, 2010 being held in Charlotte, NC. [www.wwme-nc.info](http://www.wwme-nc.info). You may also contact Tom and Emilie Sandin for more information @ [emilieandtom@yahoo.com](mailto:emilieandtom@yahoo.com) or 336-274-4424.

**Habitat Critical Home Repair (HCHR)** began in 2007 as a division of **Habitat for Humanity**. It is for person who can't afford to make the necessary repairs on their houses themselves. If you are interested in helping please call 704-716-5639 or [Homerepair@habitcharlotte.org](mailto:Homerepair@habitcharlotte.org).

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



Created by Will Borin

If you have any pictures from the dedication  
and the reception of the dedication  
please send them to the church office on disk if possible. Thank you.

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**Congress** is preparing to debate health care reform legislation. The Catholic bishops of the United States strongly support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death. However, all current bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bishops have asked for our swift action and the commitment of our prayers for this critical effort. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

**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.

**Critical Need:** The Refugee Resettlement Office of Catholic Social Services is in critical need of bunk beds, especially since they are anticipating the arrival of several large families. Bunk beds make it possible to house these families by making the best use of often small bedrooms. If you have bunk beds to donate, pickup is available. Contact: Mary Jane Bruton at 704-370-3283 or [mjbruton@charlottediocese.org](mailto:mjbruton@charlottediocese.org).

**Shepherd's Center of Charlotte** has just the computer class for you. Our computer classes are designed especially for the older adult. Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet/E-Mail, Digital Imaging Management & Editing and E-Bay classes meet for three hours, three days a week. Cost is only \$25! Please call 704-365-1995.

“Tin Yeu Hoan Ca-Mu Hong” which can be translated to “Joyful Sinigning-Joyful Season” will be Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-10:00pm the address is 4929 Sandy Porter Road. Call 704-504-0907 for details. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to all the performances.

**Attention Polish speaking parishioners:** St. Matthew Catholic Church will have a Polish Mass on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 3:00pm. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available beforehand starting 2:00pm. Please call Elizabeth Spytkowski at 704-948-1678.

**Charismatic Prayer Group** of St. Matthew’s invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, December 21st) at 7:30pm in the chapel. Questions to [CHLT5NC@aol.com](mailto:CHLT5NC@aol.com)

**Please join the Summit Place** of Southpark Assisted Living and Memory Care Community for the Festival of Trees. Call 704-525-5508 for details.

**Atria Merrywood** Call 704-523-4949 for details. [www.atriamerrywood.com](http://www.atriamerrywood.com)

As part of the Park Road Ministry please keep in your prayers the **Moore Place** an Urban Ministry Center model to end chronic homelessness in Charlotte. To help contact Kathy Izard director of Homeless to Homes, Urban Ministry Center email her at [kizard@urbanministrycenter.org](mailto:kizard@urbanministrycenter.org) or visit [www.mooreplacecharlotte.com](http://www.mooreplacecharlotte.com).

**Forest Lawn East Cemetery** in Matthews, NC has now opened at Catholic Section for Catholics in our area. Call 704-846-1068 for more details.

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**Backgrounder: Retirement Fund for Religious:** In 1988, Catholic bishops in the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic nuns, brothers, and priests in religious orders. The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), formerly the Tri-Conference Retirement Office, was established to coordinate the annual collection and to distribute the proceeds of this collection to religious institutes in need.

Traditionally, women and men religious worked for small stipends that furnished only the basics of daily living. There were no retirement plans or pensions, and care for elderly members was provided largely by younger members. Over the last few decades, however, elderly religious have begun to outnumber younger religious, and the income of those engaged in compensated ministry can no longer keep pace with the growing cost of elder care. Moreover, the number of wage earners is projected to decrease sharply over the next 10 years, resulting in significantly less income available to support senior religious.

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which is taken up each December in most U.S. Catholic parishes, provides vital support to religious institutes in meeting current and future retirement needs. Since 1989, the National Religious Retirement Office has distributed over \$557 million to religious institutes across the nation, including more than \$493 million to help underwrite the direct care of elderly religious. Almost \$64 million has supported efforts by religious institutes to stabilize retirement savings and to develop comprehensive retirement strategies.

Religious are careful stewards of the funds received through the RFR and strive to maintain a low cost of care. For example, the October 2008 Metlife Market Survey of Nursing Home and Assisted Living Costs reported that the national average rate for a semi-private nursing home room was \$69,715. By comparison, the cost of skilled care for a religious in 2008 was just over \$55,000. In addition to sponsoring the annual appeal, the National Religious Retirement Office offers assessment tools, educational programming, services, and resources that enable religious institutes to evaluate and prepare for long-term needs. For more information, visit [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org). **Contact:** Beth Kennedy 919-414-4007 [bethkennedy@retiredreligious.org](mailto:bethkennedy@retiredreligious.org).

**Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos:** En 1988, los obispos católicos en los Estados Unidos pusieron en marcha el Fondo de Jubilación de Religiosos (RFR) para abordar la significativa falta de fondos para el retiro de monjas católicas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas. La Oficina Nacional de Jubilación de Religiosos (NRRO) llamada anteriormente la Oficina de la Tri-Conferencia de jubilación, se estableció para coordinar la recaudación anual de fondos y la distribución de los ingresos procedentes de esta colección a los institutos religiosos que lo necesitan.

Tradicionalmente, las mujeres y los hombres religiosos trabajaban por pequeñas subvenciones que proporcionaban solamente lo básico para vivir día a día. No había planes de jubilación o de pensiones, y la atención de los miembros de edad avanzada era proporcionada en gran parte por los miembros más jóvenes. Sin embargo, durante las últimas décadas, los religiosos ancianos han empezado a superar el número de religiosos jóvenes, y los sueldos de las personas involucradas en el ministerio de compensación ya no puede mantenerse a la par con el costo creciente del cuidado de ancianos. Además, se prevé que el número de asalariados va a disminuir considerablemente durante los próximos 10 años, resultando en una significativa baja en los ingresos disponibles para la asistencia de religiosos ancianos.

La petición anual para el Fondo de Jubilación de Religiosos, que se recoge cada mes de diciembre en la mayoría de las parroquias católicas EE.UU., ofrece un apoyo vital a los institutos religiosos para satisfacer las necesidades de jubilación ahora y en el futuro. Desde 1989, la Oficina Nacional de Jubilación de Religiosos ha distribuido más de \$ 557 millones a los institutos religiosos en todo el país, incluyendo más de \$ 493 millones para ayudar a financiar la atención directa de los religiosos ancianos. Casi \$ 64 millones han servido para apoyar los esfuerzos de los institutos religiosos para estabilizar los ahorros de jubilación y desarrollar estrategias completas de jubilación.

Religiosos son cuidadosos administradores de los fondos recibidos a través de la RFR y se esfuerzan por mantener un bajo costo de atención. Por ejemplo, en octubre del 2008 la encuesta de Mercado realizada por Metlife sobre el costo de asilo de ancianos y hogares de Vida asistida informó que la tasa promedio nacional de un cuarto semi-privado, de asilo para ancianos fue \$ 69,715. En comparación, el costo del cuidado especializado para los religiosos en 2008 fue de poco más de \$ 55.000. Además de patrocinar este llamamiento anual, la Comisión Nacional de Jubilación de Religiosos ofrece herramientas de evaluación, programas educativos, servicios y recursos que permiten a los institutos religiosos evaluar y prepararse para las necesidades a largo plazo. Para obtener más información, visite [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org). También puede contactar: Beth Kennedy 919-414-4007 [bethkennedy@retiredreligious.org](mailto:bethkennedy@retiredreligious.org).

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Servicio Bilingue: Domingoes a las 12:30pm

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

**Recibidas Hasta La Fecha** (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$16,899.75) Nuestra meta es de : **\$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.

### **Preguntas/Inquietudes acerca de nuestros planes de construcción:**

Todd Wilson, Capital Campaign, Chairman

704-361-2366 [todd.wilson@cbi-nc.com](mailto:todd.wilson@cbi-nc.com)

Tom Mathis, Building Committee Chairman

704-541-0858 [tmathis3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tmathis3@carolina.rr.com)

Cheryl Sutton, Prayer Team 704-375-5482

[Rsutton4@carolina.rr.com](mailto:Rsutton4@carolina.rr.com)

**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). Comunidad Hispana! Celebraremos el Carnaval de Santa Ana el 31 Octubre. La tradicion es que la comunidad hispana patrocina una zona donde vendimos comida hispana para ayudar recojer fondos. Necesitamos que cada persona participe! Pongase en contacto con Robin Davis 704-806-2434 o con Hilda Pimentel 704-606-7970 para participar en una labor!!

Buscando Ayuda: Durante este tiempos economicos dificiles, unos parroquianos nuestros han perdido sus empleos. Si Ustd o alguien que Ustd cConoce esta buscando empleados, favor de considerar darle la oportunidad a los miembros desempleados de nuestra familia parroquial. En St ana estamos iniciando un servicio de apoyo. En este servicio se puede comunicar su necesidad, sea empleado o sea emplearse. Queremos mantener una lista de negocios, habilidades, servicios que tienen nuestros parroquianos. Si quiere estar en la lista... Comunicarse con la oficina de la iglesia o con Robin Davis [meandmygirlies@windstream.net](mailto:meandmygirlies@windstream.net)

### **ORACIÓN PARA EL ADVIENTO**

Que el Dios de paz nos haga totalmente santos.

Que conserve nuestro espíritu sin mancha,  
cuerpo y alma,

hasta la llegada de nuestro Señor, Jesucristo.

El que nos invita es siempre fiel —Dios nuestro Padre.

Vivamos en esperanza gozosa

de la revelación de la gloria

de nuestro Dios y Salvador, Jesucristo.

Que sea glorificado por siempre.

Ven Señor Jesús. Que tu gracia esté en todos nosotros.

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**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.

Por favor, considere sinceramente la posibilidad de tomar parte en nuestra misa bilingüe. Se necesitan muchos voluntarios para celebrar la misa adecuadamente. Estamos buscando a aquellos que están interesados en leer la palabra, recibir a los asistentes, y también estamos necesitando de jóvenes para servir en el altar. Por favor, deje su nombre y su información de contacto en la oficina de la iglesia si están interesados en ser voluntario en uno de estos ministerios.

Parroquiano de Santa Ana, el Doctor Raad, invita a las personas hispanas que necesitan servicios medicos. Llamar a Park Road Medical Clinic 704 523 2565 con Angela Gamarra (habla Espanol). Tambien el Doctor Raad tiene el placer de invitar a voluntarios en uno de los estudios clinicos de investigacion: gerd(acid reflux), diabetes, alta presion, osteoporosis, arthritis, problemas de vejiga. Tambien se ofrece vacuna para FLU (65 anos o mas) Llamar a 704-527-6672.

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