

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Your Stewardship of Treasure
725 registered families

The week ending July 5, 2009

Sunday Offering 118 envelopes 5,134.00

Children's Offering 43 envelopes 3.00

Sunday Offering loose cash 627.64

Total 5,764.64

Change Jar YTD: 828.09

Capital Needs and On Going Improvement

Collection 855.21

"Fr. HoLung & Friends" of Missionaries of the Poor will be performing a musical of ISAIAH in Charlotte at the Halton Theatre. Performances are August 1st at 2:00pm and 7:00pm and August 2nd at 3:00pm. All proceeds will benefit Holy Innocents Center for Pregnant women in Jamaica. Come and experience this award winning production. Adults \$30, Students/Seniors \$20. For more information and also to buy tickets call the Halton Theatre 704-330-6534 or the local MOP office 704-999-6354. Order tickets online at MOP website: www.missionariesofthepoor.org.

Attention!!! This weekend and next weekend we will be selling **hand made rosaries made by the children from Africa** for donations. These rosaries are made of seeds that the children collect for the brothers.

The class on Prayer continues... Lucas Rossi, our seminarian, is continuing the Prayer Class for three more Thursdays. Thursday, July 23rd at 7:00pm. Please come to the Scout Room with your Bible. All are invited to attend.

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

July 19, 2009

Called to be a Doctor...a Doctor of Souls

Greetings and blessings to my dear St. Ann's Parish Family! It had recently been suggested to me that I write a small, autobiographical segment for all of you. In so doing, I hope the following segment will help you to get to know me a little better and give you greater insight into the greatness of God in my life.

I was born in and am a native of Peoria, Illinois. I am the older of two boys. My brother, Aaron is a year and half younger than I. He is currently studying to be a physician and attends the Medical School of Sint Eustatius. My father, Lawrence, is an anesthesiologist and my mother, Marie, is a post-anesthesia care nurse. Sadly, they divorced when I was only five years old. I have two half brothers and a half sister from my dad's first marriage, a half brother from my mom's first marriage, and two half brothers and a half sister from my dad's current marriage. Despite wounds from divorce, God has not ceased to bless my family.

I come from a large family, and many of them are physicians. My grandfather, Lawrence Sr. was a doctor, and he and my grandma Lorayne had eleven children. Seven of the eleven became physicians and nine of the eleven children work together at the Hopedale Medical Complex, a hospital opened by my grandpa in 1955. My mother's family is smaller, but also gifted. Grandpa Pete Fletcher was a jeweler and watch technician and Grandma Nell Fletcher used to run the Wyoming, IL town library.

As a young child, I was always particularly drawn to the Rossi doctors. When I was a teenager, I began to work at Hopedale Hospital, which also allowed me to spend more time with my father. I had always wanted to be a physician, and working in the hospital was a great privilege and blessing. However, God had set me on a most interesting path that would take some drastic turns.

I grew up in the Catholic school system and really enjoyed it. Although, once I was ready for high school, I decided to attend the public school. I began to become disinterested in the Catholic Church. I stopped going to Mass and instead went to a local Presbyterian service with my dad, step-mom and their kids.

In February of 2001, Grandpa Rossi passed away. The loss to our family was great. Many looked up to him, including me. He was a faithful and devout Catholic and lived his faith as a doctor. I realized during the Funeral Mass that I needed to recommit myself to the Catholic faith. It was truly Jesus Christ and the gift of the Eucharist, which had always strengthened grandpa. Even in the final days of his life, though he struggled, he went to Daily Mass.

I returned to college and began going to the local Newman Center, a Catholic campus ministry center with its own chapel and priest. There I met many other fervent Catholic college students all seeking holiness. I began going to Mass every Sunday, serving daily Mass, and going to Adoration. In February of 2002, I was praying during evening Adoration and God spoke to my heart saying: *Be a priest!* This shocked me for several reasons. I wanted to be a doctor, I was dating a lovely young Catholic woman, we had had planned on marrying in the near future.

After several months of prayer and discernment, I soon realized in the spring of 2004, that God was seriously calling me to be a priest. I ended up telling my family, who were very supportive, and also Laura, my girlfriend. It was hard for her at first, but I had told her that I could not get married until I was sure whether or not God was calling me to be a priest. She was recently married in September of 2007.

I have been in seminary now for 5 years, and am approaching my final year of study. However, I am a new seminarian to the Diocese of Charlotte. I have recently transferred here from my home diocese in Peoria, a move inspired solely by God. My time as a seminarian has had its challenges, but I have never been happier! I have not had a single serious regret since I entered seminary. For it is my relationship with Our Lord Jesus, grounded in prayer, that has continued to sustain me in my vocation. I look forward with great joy to the day of my ordination and to offering my First Mass here at St. Ann's. I am eager to live the rest of my life as priest of Jesus Christ, serving His people, and bringing His love and mercy to heal a world wounded by sin.

The Lord has always been calling me to be doctor, but I know now that it is be a priest, who is a doctor...a doctor of souls.

Thank you all for your warm welcome and continued prayers. Know of mine for all of you.

In Christ,
Lucas C. Rossi

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

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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: 15,132.06 – as of 07/12/09).

Faith Formation Schedule:

Faith Formation: Sign-ups will take place on Sunday, September 13th at 9:00am. This is also the first day of class. Please come with your child and his or her baptismal certificate.

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

PLEASE!!!!!! First Communion pictures and banners and **Confirmation pictures** are in the Church Office for you to pick up!

Masses

7:00am Mass

Sunday, July 19, 2009

8:00am Mass Intentions of our parish family
10:30am Mass +William Holcombe
by Derek Gray
12:30pm Mass Intentions of the
Craig Gerold family
by Mary Pat Anthony

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

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

Monday, July 20, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of
Joseph and Stephen Grant
by Abi and Dale Purvis

Thursday, July 30, 2009

7:00am Mass +Rita Lentz
by Anne Lentz

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Mass Intentions of Jim Stablein
Birthday
by Mary Pat Anthony

Friday, July 31, 2009

8:30am Mass Intentions of Mary Ashley
by the Cortes family

Thursday, July 23, 2009

7:00am Mass +E. L. Buckley
by Jan Caldwell

Saturday, August 1, 2009

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass Intentions of Carole Dixon
by Abi and Dale Purvis
6:30pm Latin Mass In thanksgiving for Trista, Bea,
Marie, Diane, Larry, John and Fr. Reid

Friday, July 24, 2009

8:30am Mass

Saturday, July 25, 2009

3:00pm Mass Intentions of Katie, Jason and
Jack Freeman
by the Miner and Rothe families

Sunday, July 26, 2009

Feast of St. Ann and St. Joachim

8:00am Intentions of our parish family
10:30am Mass +Raymond Micklon
by Derek Gray
12:30pm Mass +Hernando and Soledad Bautista
by Grace Baslam

Monday, July 27, 2009

7:00am Mass +Nancy Kellerman
by Virginia Doman

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

We need you! Our children need you!
Sister Judy needs you. If you are interested
in helping with our Faith Formation classes
this fall, we need a 5th grade teacher for our
children. Please call Sister Judy at
704-521-9589 for more information.



Your DSA contributions will help
make the education of our seminarians possible.
We are blessed with the presence of these dedicated
and caring young men who will one-day serve the
people of our diocese as priests. Eventually they
will touch the lives of everyone in the diocese.

Fr. Reid's homilies are on the website:
www.stannsparish.org

The Library will be closed for renovations. We will keep you posted with the progress. For questions on needing a room for meetings please call Charlie at 704-523-4641 x227. He is in on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am -11:00am.

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, July 19th

Selling Missionary of the Poor tickets

Monday, July 20th

8:00am Basketball camp
6:00pm Dance Group
6:00pm AA

Tuesday, July 21st

8:00am Basketball camp
9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, July 22nd

8:00am Basketball camp
5:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm Healing Service

Thursday, July 23rd

8:00am Basketball camp
6:00pm Ms. Brown
7:00pm Prayer Class
7:00pm Bingo

Friday, July 24th

8:00am Basketball camp
5:00pm dance class

Saturday, July 25th

9:00am AA/NA
9:30am Ceramics
2:00pm Baptisms
2:00pm cl 1 and 2 in use
3:00pm Confession
Parish Tailgate party after the 4:30pm Mass
Come one - Come all!

Sunday, July 26th

Selling Missionary of the Poor tickets

Monday, July 27th

6:00pm Dance Group
6:00pm AA

Tuesday, July 28th

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, July 29th

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Hispanic meeting

Thursday, July 30th

7:00pm Bingo
7:00pm Prayer class

Friday, July 31st

5:00pm dance class

Saturday, August 1st

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

Sunday, August 2nd

2nd collection for Capital Needs and On Going Improvements
Food Collection
Snacks for the Cancer children at Presbyterian Hospital

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

LT Michael P. Bernard, Jr.,
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



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St. Ann Feast Day Celebration – All are welcome – A tailgate picnic

Mark you calendars now for the **tailgate party** of the year here at St. Ann Catholic Church! Saturday, July 25th after the 4:30pm Mass come celebrate the feast of St. Ann's our patron saint.

Pack your picnic, card tables, lawn chairs, bats and balls, badminton games. We will have live music and prizes. Feel free to decorate your car or have a theme for your family. Just come for a night out. From after Mass until dark. Meet new people from your own neighborhood. We hope to see lots of new faces, bring your friends and neighbors as well, all are invited!

Bring your own food and drinks: **it's a tailgate party!** Enjoy this summer evening here at St. Ann's. More details to follow.

Think hard! Need ideas!?! Get out your Panther's stuff – or your old Hornet's stuff! You can decorate with flair!

Join us on Saturday, July 25th after the 4:30pm Mass!

Please pray for: (in our parish):

James Gerard, Bob Skurla, 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 Catherine (Kitty) McEnery. **(and among our relatives and friends:** 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 pray for the soul of G.J. Catalano father of Kim Catalano who died last week.



Stewardship engenders a spirituality that deepens our relationship with Jesus. Stewardship involves intentional, planned and proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.

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.

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!

Catholic Book Store! Located inside the Ace Hardware Store in the Cheshire Place Shopping Center at 3716 WT Harris Blvd. Call Allen Bond – store manager at 704-562-5001.

Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, July 26th is due Tuesday, July 21st.
Sunday, August 2nd is due Tuesday, July 28th

Come join our **Ceramic Group** Tuesdays 9:00am and Saturdays 9:30am. Call Bob at 704-523-1182.

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.)

Career Search Series at the Dowd YMCA
www.ymcacharlotte.org.

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)



704-525-4938

St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at

www.stannscatholicschool.com

Wednesday, August 19th
First Day of School



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



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, Scout Room. For information email 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.

Mark your calendar for Room At The Inn's (www.rati.org) Fifteenth Annual Fundraising Banquet, "Fifteen Years of Life-Giving Hope," to be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at the Charlotte Convention Center. The guest speaker will be David Bereit, founder of "40 Days for Life." More than 200,000 people have joined his pro-life campaign, saving over 1,5000 babies from abortion, including 150 babies in the greater Charlotte area. For more information, to make reservations, or to host a table of eight please contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com or 704-541-0858.

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!

Come for a Night of Healing Prayer after the Latin Mass on Wednesday, July 22nd. Contact Carolyn Franks at 704-544-3153.

AUTOBELL CARWASH FUNDRAISER! Help to raise money for St Ann's immigrant window in the new church! Tickets are 13.95 for a full service (in and out) wash St Ann keeps 50% of proceeds!!! NEARLY \$7 per ticket!!! Sale is Now - Aug 9th! These make great gifts (Birthdays, teachers,.... stocking stuffers!) THEY NEVER EXPIRE and are good in ANY Autobell **Help by: 1) purchasing tickets!** You can purchase using CASH, Checks to St Ann or Credit Cards (MC VISA AMEX DISCOVER) or by: 2) **SELLING tickets for the cause!** (Kids!! Selling tickets in your neighborhood and to your friends and family will earn you service hours but the sale ends Aug 9th so hurry!!) **Contact Robin Davis 704 806 2434 or Esteban Cardoso 704-733-7532 or Terry Alderman 704-523-4641** to participate in this parish fundraising initiative!

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

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.

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.

World Rosary, Monday, July 20th at 7:30pm. Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for location. All are invited to attend.

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. CHLT5NC@aol.com.

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 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.

St. Peregrine Healing Prayer Service, Thursday, July 23, 2009 7:30pm in the sanctuary at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Please join us for this solemn prayer service and blessing with a relic of St. Peregrine.

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, **July 22nd** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. **"Fr. Ho Lung & Friends"** of Missionaries of the Poor in Monroe, NC will be performing ISAIAH at the Halton Theater on the CPCC central campus. We will be attending the **Sunday, August 2nd** show at 3pm followed by dinner Uptown. Tickets are \$30 (\$20 for Students/Seniors) and ALL proceeds benefit Holy Innocents Center in Jamaica. We will be purchasing tickets together so please RSVP to ashleigh.lawrence@yahoo.com by Saturday, July 18th if you are interested. For more information or to join please contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or check our group out on Facebook, Vinney's DOC.

There is hope and healing after abortion. Both men and women are invited to attend a **Rachel's Vineyard retreat**, for healing after abortion. Our next week-end retreat is September 18th-20th. Call the Catholic Social Services Respect Life Office, 704-370-3229 or visit rachelvineyard.org.

Belmont Abbey College is now offering 20 scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Knights of Columbus for new students beginning in the fall of 2009. Based on academic qualifications, residential students will be eligible for up to \$19,000 per year. Please contact Dr. Lucas Lamadrid at LucasLamadrid@bac.edu, or call him at 704-461-5068. Review of applications will begin immediately for fall 2009 admission.

Christ is



our Peace

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. Thomas Aquinas of Charlotte is seeking a Director of Religious Education for the Faith Formation grade school program. Must have a Degree in Religious Education or related area and have experience in parish work. Please send your resume and references: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Atten: Personnel, 1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213.

Belmont Abbey College is opening a new Charlotte campus for its Adult Degree Program at Charlotte Catholic High School, with classes beginning this coming Fall – and over 100 people have already signed up to be part of the inaugural class.

Catholic Social Services will conduct information meetings for prospective adoptive parents for the international program with Russia and the domestic adoption program to be held at the following locations: Parish of St. Eugene, Asheville, July 16th at 7:00pm; St. Mary, Mother of God, Sylva, July 22nd at 7:00pm; St. Charles Borromeo, Morganton, July 29th at 7:00pm. Contact Carol Meyerriecks or Michele Sheppard at 888-990-4199.

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.

You are invited...to **“The Work of Catholic Relief Services in the Holy Land”** presented by Mr. Cullen Larson, Program Officer for Advocacy and Peacebuilding, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), taking place from 2:00-3:00pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Charlotte (1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, 28203). This presentation is sponsored by the Office of Justice and Peace of Catholic Social Services. Please RSVP: 704-370-3225 or justicepeace@charlottediocese.org. Attendees are kindly asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the CSS Food Pantry. For more information go to: www.cssnc.org. Visitor parking is available in the satellite parking lot at the corner of S. Church and W. Palmer Streets.

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.

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.

If you embrace all things in life as coming from the hands of God, and even embrace death to fulfill his holy will, assuredly you will die a saint.

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

**El Reino de Dios es como
un sembrador que plantó buena semilla.**



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Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

EL REINO DE DIOS SE PARECE A . . .

Jesús hoy habla en varias parábolas sobre el reino de Dios, e incluye imágenes de varios grupos de personas, para hacer que la imagen sea clara para todos los que escuchan. El reino de Dios se parece a un hombre que siembra buena semilla. El reino de Dios se parece a una persona que siembra una semilla de mostaza. El reino de Dios se parece a una mujer que agrega levadura a la harina. Todas estas imágenes tan humanas nos hacen comprender que el reino de Dios ya está entre nosotros, obrando en cosas pequeñas para lograr misteriosos y grandes resultados.

Se le permite al bien y al mal que crezcan juntos hasta el final, para que el bien no se destruya con el mal. Aquí se halla una lección para nosotros. No es que no debamos enfrentar al mal cuando lo veamos, sino que en nuestro afán de hacer perfecto al mundo por medios humanos, debemos tener cuidado de no destruir la obra que Dios está realizando. No somos nosotros sino Dios quien ha de juzgar lo que debe conservarse y lo que debe destruirse; y aunque pensemos que conocemos la diferencia, debemos ser prudentes y no alterar la bondad que Dios ha sembrado cuidadosamente en otros. La violencia nunca puede ser un medio para la justicia.

PEQUEÑO PERO PODEROSO

De la misma manera, el reino de Dios es algo muy pequeño, casi imperceptible hasta que comenzamos a ver los resultados. La diminuta semilla de mostaza, la cual puede ser sembrada por cualquier persona (incluso por un niño), crece para convertirse en un enorme arbusto, sorprendente para todos. Una pequeñísima cantidad de levadura, cuando se agrega a la harina, se hace invisible hasta que comienza a fermentar toda la masa, duplicando o triplicando su volumen, y convirtiéndose en pan mediante el calor del horno.

No juzguemos lo que vemos, confiemos en que la obra de Dios en el mundo es sutil y silenciosa, y los resultados se conocen sólo en el capítulo final. Con humildad procuremos contemplar al Espíritu obrando en las actividades cotidianas de la vida. *Lecturas de hoy: Sabiduría 12:13, 16–19; Salmo 86:5–6, 9–10, 15–16; Romanos 8:26–27; Mateo 13:24–43 [24–30]* Copyright © 2007, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

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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

El evangelista Mateo (14:21) recuenta que cuando Jesús multiplicó los panes, dio de comer a “unos cinco mil hombres, sin contar las mujeres y los niños”. Este pequeño detalle lo tiene sólo él. Mateo escribió su Evangelio para los cristianos de origen judío, por lo cual contiene muchos detalles que solamente reconocen aquellas personas de origen judío. Por ejemplo, el detalle acerca del número y la clasificación de personas que comieron del pan multiplicado. En aquella época, la religión judía sólo permitía la participación del varón. Las mujeres y los niños no contaban para el culto, ni en la toma de decisiones en la casa. Por lo tanto, al subrayar la presencia de las mujeres y los niños, Mateo indica que en la Iglesia o comunidad cristiana, las mujeres y los niños participan activamente. También ellos comen y reciben de la bondad de Jesús. Esto engrandece la maravilla del milagro, porque el número de personas que comieron se multiplica. Pero más importante aún, subraya la apertura de la comunidad nueva, instaurada por Jesús, la Iglesia, donde ni mujeres ni niños deben ser relegados.

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