

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Your Stewardship of Treasure
725 registered families

The week ending July 12, 2009

Sunday Offering 144 envelopes	4,884.75
Children's Offering 5 envelopes	5.00
Sunday Offering loose cash	804.50
Sub-Total	5,694.25
Auto Draft (7/7)	8,961.00
Total	14,655.25

Change Jar YTD: 860.04

"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 on Thursdays. Thursday, July 30th 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 26, 2009

My dear friends,

As always, I would like to begin by thanking this parish, both collectively and individually for your generosity. This is an amazing parish! When the Building Financial Committee presented the numbers on what was needed to build the Church, you came through with significant amounts of money for pledges without the first brick being touched or put in place. Now that is faith!

However, my friends, with the close of the fiscal year in June, the parish has recognized a deficit of \$50,000+ with the ordinary income from the weekly Offertory Collections and the income lost from parish rentals, cancellations of previously scheduled social events, and the fees paid to the parish by the Macs Catholic School System for usage of the Msgr. Allen Center.

In order to serve you as accustomed with staff and altar supplies etc., it is necessary that we strive this year to raise our Offertory income by at least 10%. Giving more may seem unfeasible for many of you especially during these economic times. This is where we are invited to an understanding that "Stewardship" means trust. For example: Just a box of the little four hour candles cost the parish over \$40.00 and we use several a month.

You are probably thinking, "What about all the people in the parish who give nothing at all?" The question is not "What about them?" It is "What about me?" "What about us?" We turn within ourselves and ask, "Is my giving enough?" Am I truly giving God from my first fruits or am I giving God what is left over after all of my needs are met?

May I ask that you study the chart of "Offering" enclosed here and see what you can do to additionally thank the Lord for all He has done for you.

God bless you. Be assured of our prayers.

Sister Helene G. Nagle, SSJ. Stewardship Co-coordinator

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, and Virginia Doman. **(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 repose of the soul of Catherine (Kitty) McEnery parishioner, who died on July 20, 2009.

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 07/26/09).

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

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, July 26, 2009

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

Monday, July 27, 2009

7:00am Mass +Nancy Kellerman
by Virginia Doman

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

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

Thursday, July 30, 2009

7:00am Mass +Rita Lentz
by Anne Lentz

Friday, July 31, 2009

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

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,
Diane, Maria, John, Larry and Fr. Reid
by the Rothe family

Sunday, August 2, 2009

2nd collection for our Capital Needs and On Going
Improvements Collection
Food Collection/Snacks for the Cancer children
Mass 8:00am Mass +Mary Alice Lentz
by Anne Lentz
10:30am Mass Intentions of
Leonardo Cabral Silva
by the Cortes family
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Monday, August 3, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Sarah Beckert
by the Beckert family

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass Intentions of Dave Storer
by Abi and Dale Purvis

Thursday, August 6, 2009

7:00am Mass +Tad Randol
by Connie Wylie

Altar Flowers last weekend were donated by the
Dixon family in celebration for Jack Anderson
Freeman's baptism.



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.

***Welcome into our parish family
Jack Anderson Freeman***

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, July 26th

Missionaries of the Poor Concert tickets and
Rosaries on sale after all Masses

Monday, July 27th

6:00pm Dance Group-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2

Tuesday, July 28th

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, July 29th

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Hispanic meeting cl 1 and 2

Thursday, July 30th

7:00pm bingo - gym
7:00pm Prayer class-scout room

Friday, July 31st

5:00pm dance group-cl 1 and 2

Saturday, August 1st

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

Sunday, August 2nd

Masses

Monday, August 3rd

6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
6:00pm Dance Group-gym
7:00pm Women's Society-scout room

Tuesday, August 4th

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, August 5th

5:00pm Holy Hour

Thursday, August 6th

7:00pm Bingo - gym
7:00pm Prayer Class – scout room

Friday, August 7th

5:00pm dance group-cl 1 and 2

Saturday, August 8th

8:00am Carmelites
9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2
9:30am Ceramics
1:00pm Baptism
2:00pm-cl 1 and 2 in use
3:00pm Confession

Sunday, August 9th

Masses

Monday, August 10th

6:00pm Dance Group - gym
6:00pm AA – cl 1 and 2

Tuesday, August 11th

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, August 12th

5:00pm Holy Hour
7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
Meeting-cl 1 and 2

Thursday, August 13th

7:00pm Bingo-gym

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

World Rosary, Monday, July 27th at 7:30pm.
Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for
location. All are invited to attend.

Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, August 2nd is due Tuesday, July 28th.
Sunday, August 9th is due Tuesday, August 4th.
Sunday, August 16th is due Tuesday, August 11th.
Sunday, August 23rd is due Tuesday, August 18th.

*For information about donating Altar flowers
please call the Church Office.*

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!

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 1,500 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.

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.

Come for a **Night of Prayer** on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00pm. For more information call Carolyn Franks at 704-554-3153 or email carolynfranks1@netzero.net

Diocese of Charlotte Discernment Day 2009 is Wednesday, August 5, 2009 from 10:00am until 5:00pm at St. Michael Catholic Church, Gastonia, NC. All high school and college age men of the Diocese are cordially invited to join Bishop Peter Jugis and his priests and seminarians for a day of recreation and medication focused on the vocation to the priesthood. Reserve your place by calling 704-370-3327.

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.*

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 2:00pm to 3:00pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Charlotte (1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, 28203) **on Friday, July 31, 2009.** 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 (incl. speaker bio), go to: www.cssnc.org.

A nation which kills its own children is a nation without a future. -Pope John Paul II



“Give and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.”
(Luke 6:38)



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.

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.

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 - August 9th! These make great gifts (Birthdays, teachers,.... stocking stuffers!) THEY NEVER EXPIRE and are good at 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 August 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!

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.

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.



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 October 31, 2009

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

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!

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).

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.

If you're thinking ahead to the Fall season, the Shepherd's Center of Charlotte - September 17th it's a trip to the Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa for lunch, then onto the Thomas Wolfe Memorial where the historic boarding house has been a memorial to Wolfe since 1949. 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 for "Christmas in New York". Please call 704-365-1995 or e-mail plampel@shepherdscharlotte.org.

The Shepherd's Center of Charlotte is looking for a few good men and women. Would you like to volunteer to drive seniors to their medical appointments? Please 704-365-1995.

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. Visit our website www.purefashion.com

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.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at
www.stannscatholicsschool.com

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

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

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

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.

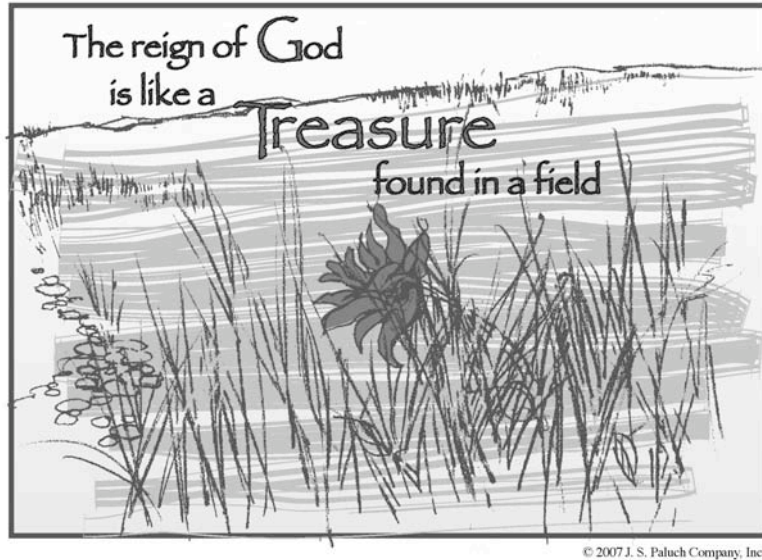
Coaches Needed: Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School is currently looking for volunteer coaches for 2009 Fall season to coach Football or Cross Country. Applicants must be eligible to volunteer under Diocese policy including clear a background check and attend a Protecting God's Children 2-hour workshop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

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.

The Three Cloths of Christ: The Emerging Treasures of Christianity will be presented on Wednesday, July 29th at 7:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Call 704-554-7088. No registration is necessary.

Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is a not-for-profit organization helping families dealing with memory loss. They provide support groups for caregivers dealing with a memory loss family member. Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is in need of volunteers. Call Suzanne Bach at 704-376-4135.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. **Activities:** Come and enjoy **Prayer, Reflection and Social** (with food!) **Monday, July 27th** at 7:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. **Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) **Wednesday, July 29th** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. Lucas Rossi, the resident seminarian at St. Ann's, will be hosting a four week **lecture series on Prayer**. Join us **Thursday, July 30th** at 7:00pm for the third lecture in the Scout Room at St. Ann's (up the stairs and to the right). **"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 3:00pm** followed by dinner Uptown. ALL proceeds will benefit Holy Innocents Center in Jamaica. Please RSVP to ashleigh.lawrence@yahoo.com 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, Vinny's DOC.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES AND PEARLS

The Gospel of Matthew continues with parables that hint at what the reign of God might be like. The first parable doesn't tell us what the man was doing digging in a field that was not his, but it doesn't matter. He stumbles upon a great treasure, and recognizing its value, gives up everything he has for it. The same is true of the pearl merchant. Pearls were very rare and expensive up until the twentieth century. They are found in oysters, deep in salt or fresh water, and divers, then without any air tanks, had to dive for them and collect many thousands of oysters to find good pearls. Enough beautiful, matched pearls for a necklace were a rare and expensive find. A single rare, large pearl was a king's ransom!

DIVING AND DRAGNETS

The image of the dragnet is a good one for our unconscious mind. Hidden there is everything we experience, good and bad, that influences us in our lives. Hidden there also is the Holy Spirit, at work sorting the good from the bad, the treasure from the dross, and freeing us to begin to know our deepest desires for God. Great saints like John of the Cross and Teresa of Ávila, both doctors of the Church, wrote about our deepest selves being the dwelling place of God. While our active minds prance around all kinds of ideas and distractions, our deepest selves dwell in wordless contemplation of God. To have this revealed to us is a great gift, a priceless treasure. Because the Holy Spirit is at work in us, purifying and drawing us closer, it does not mean we do nothing. We are given free will to seek God and to pay attention to these inner workings, as God strips away whatever impedes us. This is not always comfortable. When we willingly allow God to work in us, being attentive to what the Spirit is doing, we will find God. The treasure and the pearl are real. One was found by accident, the other by much searching. It doesn't matter which we use. If we are attentive, we will find God, for God waits to be found!

Today's Readings: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

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Décimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

TESOROS Y PERLAS

El Evangelio según san Mateo continúa con parábolas que insinúan cómo puede ser el reino de Dios. La primera parábola no nos dice qué hacía el hombre cavando en un campo que no era suyo, pero no importa. Encuentra un gran tesoro y, al reconocer su valor, deja todo lo que tiene por él. Lo mismo sucede con el comerciante de perlas. Las perlas eran poco comunes y muy valiosas aún hasta el siglo veinte. Se hallan en ostras, en las profundidades de aguas saladas o dulces y los buzos, en ese entonces sin tanques de oxígeno, tenían que sumergirse para obtenerlas y juntar miles de ostras para encontrar buenas perlas. Encontrar perlas bellas y suficientes para un collar era un hallazgo poco común y costoso. ¡Con una sola perla grande y rara se podía pagar el rescate de un rey!

BUCEO Y REDES BARREDERAS

La imagen de la red barredera es buena para representar nuestro inconsciente. Ahí, en lo oculto, se halla todo lo que vivimos, bueno y malo, que nos influencia en nuestra vida. Oculto también ahí se halla el Espíritu Santo, diferenciando lo bueno de lo malo, el tesoro de la escoria y liberándonos para que comencemos a conocer nuestro profundo anhelo de Dios. Grandes santos, como Juan de la Cruz y Teresa de Ávila, ambos doctores de la Iglesia, escribieron que nuestro ser más profundo es el lugar en donde habita Dios. Mientras nuestra mente activa se pasea por todo tipo de ideas y distracciones, nuestro ser más profundo se detiene en la contemplación muda de Dios. Que esto se nos haya revelado es un gran don, un tesoro invaluable. El hecho que el Espíritu Santo obre en nosotros, purificándonos y acercándonos, no significa que nosotros no hagamos nada. Tenemos libre albedrío para buscar a Dios y para prestar atención a este movimiento interno, ya que Dios nos quita los obstáculos del camino. Esto no siempre es cómodo. Cuando le permitamos a Dios obrar en nosotros y estemos atentos a lo que hace el Espíritu, encontraremos a Dios. El tesoro y la perla son reales. Uno se encontró accidentalmente, la otra luego de una intensa búsqueda. De una manera u otra, si estamos atentos, encontraremos a Dios, porque ¡Dios espera que lo encontremos!

Lecturas de hoy: 1 Reyes 3:5, 7-12; Salmo 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Romanos 8:28-30; Mateo 13:44-52 [44-46]

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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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