

Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Ann Catholic Church

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Your Stewardship of Treasure
725 registered families

The Week ending, April 26, 2009

Sunday Offering 142 envelopes 5,499.00

Children's Offering 2 envelopes 2.00

Sunday Offering loose cash 1,398.00

Total 6,899.01

YTD 429,593.37

Budget 396,923.11

+/- +32,670.26

Our fiscal year is from July 1st – June 30th.

Change Jar: (4/26/09) 28.77



Please be generous to the DSA by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to

the DSA is a way of serving our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

Please make note our Baptismal class has been changed to **May 31st at 9:00am** in classrooms 1 and 2. The next class will be in August 2009.

Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, May 17th is due by Tuesday, May 12th.

Sunday, May 24th is due by Tuesday, May 19th.

Sunday, May 31st is due by Tuesday, May 26th.

Please do not leave anything in your cars, the police have told us there seem to be a lot of car theft and car break-ins in this area.

May 10, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

It's that time of the year when we get very busy around here with our sacraments! This weekend we had 28 of our children make their first Holy Communion, and on 29 April we had 42 young people receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Jugis. A lot of time and effort went into both of these celebrations, but even more work went into preparing our students for these sacraments. Thus, I'd like to thank Jean Asinger and Elizabeth DeHority (who teach in our parish faith formation program), as well as Ellen Wentz (the second grade teacher at St. Ann's School) for their hard work in preparing our first communicants. I'd also like to thank our principal, Peggy Mazzola, for her support and efforts with our first communicants.

I also want to recognize our Confirmation Team members who do such a nice job each year of preparing our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Jugis always remarks about how well prepared and well behaved our students are. The Confirmation Team includes Maria Leahy, Julie Miranda, Janet Peeples, Joanne Shea, Bryan Walsh, and our teen helpers: Sarah Walsh, Bobby Kawecki, Lucia Leahy, Robin Peeples, and Christopher Borin.

Lastly, I want to thank staff members Robin Davis, Sr. Helene and Sr. Judy for their tireless efforts in forming our children in the practice of our beautiful Catholic faith. We are very blessed to have so many people here at St. Ann's who are dedicated to passing on our Catholic faith in its fullness and integrity, and I am very grateful to all of you for your efforts.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

Fr. Reid

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Timothy Reid – November 2009.

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual pilgrimage to Israel this November with Fr. Timothy Reid! This pilgrimage will take you to see all of the important places that our Lord knew during His life on earth. Trip highlights include: Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethlehem, and all that Jerusalem has to offer. The 11-day pilgrimage leaves from Charlotte on November 9th and returns November 19th. Trip cost is \$3199, which includes round-trip airfare from Charlotte, first class accommodations, breakfast & dinner daily, taxes and tips. Brochures can be found on the table in the hallway. For more information or to register, call George's International Tours at 800-566-7499. Don't miss this! Call today!

Please find the latest status of our Church Transformation below

Stained Glass Window: 14 windows have been memorialized so far. If you are interested, please contact Father Reid.

Building Update: As you all certainly noticed before you walked into Mass this weekend, the slabs have been poured, the foundation is complete and the structural steel has been set in place. With the roof trusses installed we are starting to see the outline of our new church! Installation of roof shingles over the next few weeks will provide a dry space so that the interior dry work can begin in earnest. We should begin drywall installation in late May. With the weather slowing us down a bit, we have some time to make up but once the roof goes on we will make up time quickly and are still working toward completion in late July. Our dedication is still scheduled for August 15th.

Building Update Capital Campaign Committee

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

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

Through the intercession of St. Ann we humbly place our plans for the building of a new church before our Lord: seeking unity within our diversity, the increase of faith within our fears, the blessing of wisdom in our deliberations, and the mind of God in our decisions.

Immigrant Window Update. In memory of all of our immigrants that dedicated their lives serving and working in this country. For those who have pledged, thank you for your financial contribution! If you have not participated yet, please consider your financial support to honor our immigrants, ancestors, friends, and/or love ones that have given their lives serving in this country, frequently working in the most life threatening of physically demanding jobs, helping to build this great country. Might the Lord open the gates of heaven for them! Mark your checks on the memo line “immigrant window” and send to the church office. Call Esteban Cardoso at 704-733-7532 for details. (Received: 14,220.21 – as of 05/3/09).

Please pray for: (in our parish): 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, Esther Lapham, Richard P. Morency, Kate Mulkey, Helen Norton, Bill Prall, Jo Prall, Dolly Ballaro, Odette Ramsey, Alice Roth, Nellie Lopez, Catherine Silverthorne, Cecilia Gaffney, Louis Pagan, Mary Murphy, Geraldine Hossenlopp, Ana Troppoli, Bill Hall, Jeff Edmond, Mary Ann Conrad and Virginia Doman.

(and among our relatives and friends: Ernest Rains (Delrio family), Angela Moliere (friend of Deborah Robert), Jack Broxterman, Janet Foss (mother of Bonnie Wheeler), Shannon McNelis, Maryanne Dale, John J. Eichorn, and Phillip D. Scruggs (friends of Charles Williams), Ruth Faure (friend of Nancy Tota), Luke Wenzl (nephew of Pat and Jim Rebol), Deanna Case (mother of Brenda Eckmair), Patty Hunter, (daughter of Margaret Hunter and sister of Karen Ponischil), Pat Bryant (sister of Kathy Karr), William Grist (husband of Jane Grist), Jim Ensruide (brother of John Ensruide), and Jerry Eish.

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

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The Altar Flowers for this weekend were donated by Abbey and Rick Lejk for their mothers, Bertha Lejk and Theresa Csordas.

Masses

Sunday, May 10, 2009 Mother's Day

8:00am Mass +Bertha Lejk and Theresa Csordas
by the Lejk family
10:30am Mass Intentions of
Dorothy Storer and Dee Rothe
by the family
12:30pm Mass +the mothers of
Virginia and Jack Doman
by Virginia Doman

Monday, May 11, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Elizabeth Christman
by the Sullivan family

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass +Joseph Ferrall
by Annette Whaley

Thursday, May 14, 2009

7:00am Mass +Russell F. and Ethel M. Boice
by Catherine Boise

Friday, May 15, 2009

8:30am Mass Intentions of Elizabeth DeHority
by the Mathis family

Saturday, May 16, 2009

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass +Ann Mary Finnegan
by the Caracofe family

Sunday, May 17, 2009

8:00am Mass Intentions of the Foulke family
10:30am Mass +Ila Jean Glass
by Angela and Larry Glass
Baptism
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Monday, May 18, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Fr. Roux

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

7:00am Mass +Hazel Smith
by Derek Gray

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm English Mass +Bob Henton
by Kathleen Miner

Thursday, May 21, 2009

7:00am Mass +Dorothy Fey
by Virginia Doman
7:00pm Missa Cantata (Sung Mass)

Friday, May 22, 2009

8:30am Mass +Jo Rains
by the Alderman family

If you would like to **donate flowers on a special weekend**, please call the Church Office.

Memorial Bricks: This weekend the St. Ann's Women's Society will be selling memorial bricks after all the Masses to raise funds for our new church. These bricks will be engraved with your personal message and will be made a permanent part of the new church sign wall that will face the corner of Park Road and Hillside Drive. This new sign wall will be a long, beautifully curved, brick wall that will compliment our new church and will replace our current signage. The memorial bricks will be installed on the inside of this semi-circular wall that will enclose a small garden and sitting area. The cost of each memorial brick is \$100.

Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17th

In our pack of envelopes we have the Diocesan Combined Collection the weekend of May 16th and 17th this collection will be included in the first and only collection during our Masses, please put both envelopes in the collection. Thank you.

Check out the Lighthouse Media selection!

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

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, May 10th

Mother's Day
9:00am Bible Study/9:10am CSS
10:00am Faith Formation May Crowning
6:30pm Youth Group
6:30pm Men's Club
7:00pm CSS

Monday, May 11th

6:00pm AA/NA
6:00pm Dance Group
7:30pm World Rosary

Tuesday, May 12th

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

Wednesday, May 13th

5:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm Why Catholic
7:00pm Parish Council
7:30pm St. Vincent DePaul Society meeting
7:30pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, May 14th

7:00pm bingo

Friday, May 15th

3:00pm C.L.
6:00pm Dance Group

Saturday, May 16th

9:00am NA/AA
9:30am Ceramics
3:00pm Confession

Sunday, May 17th

Combined Mission Collection
9:00am Bible Study
9:10am CSS
6:30pm Youth Group
7:00pm CSS

Monday, May 18th

6:00pm Dance Group
6:00pm AA/NA

Tuesday, May 19th

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

Wednesday, May 20th

6:45pm Finance Council
7:00pm Why Catholic

Thursday, May 21st

6:00pm Mr. Brown
7:00pm Bingo

Friday, May 22nd

3:00pm C.L.
5:30pm Rehearsal
6:00pm Dance Group

Saturday, May 23rd

9:00am AA/NA
9:30am Ceramics
1:30pm Wedding

Sunday, May 24th

9:00am Bible Study
9:10am CSS
2:00pm Choir Lunch
7:00pm CSS



St. Ann's Women's Society. Mission: Catholic women providing a light to our parish and surrounding community by service, prayer and fellowship. *"lighting up the community one hand at a time."* All women of our parish community are welcome. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the Allen Center Library. For information email stannwomen@gmail.com or call Chris Brunhuber at 704-540-9252.

The St. Ann's Women's Society and the Circle of Hope are collecting food for the pantry of the Presbyterian Children's Hospital. They are in need of individually wrapped snacks for the children and their families such as chips, crackers and cookies.

St. Ann's Youth Group
(Middle and High Students)
6:30 – 8:00pm
Food, Fun, Games!
Don't miss out!

Today, May 10th
Adventures in the Dark

Sunday, May 17th
Family cookout

Sunday, May 24th
No meeting

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.

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

Faith Formation Schedule:

Sacrament Preparation classes: Grades K-8 meet each Sunday 9:00 – 10:20am St. Ann School.

Children's Liturgy meets during the 10:30am Mass and is for children ages 4-8. **last liturgy is May 10, 2009.**

Today, May 10th we will have our May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary with our Faith Formation classes. 10:00am in the lobby of the Allen Center.

Celebrate the Month of May and Mother's Day by helping out moms and babies in need. The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a collection of baby supplies and diapers for *Room At The Inn, a Catholic maternity home and aftercare program for pregnant women and their babies.* These women choose life for their children in the face of difficult circumstances, so be their angel!! We will be collecting diapers of all sizes, wipes, baby shampoo and lotion, washcloths, bibs, baby food and paper towels. Please leave your donation in the crib in the hallway. Contact Danielle Mathis at 704-541-0858.

Charlotte Catholic High School is doing a Book Drive for invisible children to help the children in Uganda. If you have any books in fairly good condition we would love it if you could donate them to this cause. There is a big box in the hall way for you to drop books in, thanks for your help!

World Rosary, Monday, May 11th at 7:30pm. Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for location. All are invited to attend.



How much time have you spent this week in prayer for others and for the work of the Church?

Stewardship Corner: The jar \$28.77 (4/26/09)
Don't forget the jar. As you can see, it adds up!
\$708.51 YTD.

BI-LO's certificates are available in the Church Office. They are good until May 31st and 1% of our purchases will go to St. Ann's.

There are new content articles posted on VIRTUS ON LINE. These are the required articles for the continuing education following the PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN Program.

If there are any families who are holding household items, that cannot hold them any longer and need a pick up for distribution, please call Sister Helene at the Church Office, 704-523-4641x233

Room At The Inn's 9th Annual Golf Tournament, Links Fore Life, will take place Wednesday, May 20th, at Pine Island Country Club. All players will receive lunch and beverages during the tournament, followed by dinner with a cash bar. Cost per player is \$135.00. Contact Elizabeth Lux: 704-525-4673 x13 or elizabethlux@rati.org.

Mark your calendars for **St. Ann's Vacation Bible School, "Crocodile Dock, Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light"**, June 22nd-26th from 9:00am to 12noon. Children age 4 thru 5th grade are invited to attend, and as always, we are looking for teen helpers (raising 6th graders and up) as well as young-hearted adults to help as volunteers. Contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com.

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.

Rosary in Spanish: 7:30pm Fridays May 16th, 23rd, 30th in the library on the second floor.

The Combined Mission Collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level. Please take the time to read the brochure sent to you by Msgr. West, give prayerful thought to your level of participation and respond with a generous contribution. The envelope for this collection can be found in your parish envelope packet.

Introductory Session for Creighton Model FertilityCare System There will be introductory sessions of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System at 7:30pm on Thursday, May 21st at St. Ann's Parish in Charlotte, NC and Thursday, June 18 at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Fort Mill, SC for anyone looking for a natural and drug free approach to monitoring fertility and/or natural family planning. Reservations are required. Private introductory sessions may also be scheduled by appointment. Call Trisha Brown, Diocese of Charleston FCPI, at 803-554-6569.

23rd Annual Spring Fling sponsored by the Elder Ministry of the Catholic Social Services.
Wednesday, May 20th at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Arden, NC with check-in at 9:30am Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Adrian Porrás at 3:00pm. Contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at

www.stannscatholicschool.com

Monday, May 11th Kindergarten
MRT testing

Tuesday, May 12th 3A field trip to the
Recycling Center 10:00am

Thursday, May 14th
Band Concert 10:00am
1st Grade to Wing Haven 8:45am

Friday, May 15th
Mass 8:30am 5th Grade
Biz Town 4th Grade

Come for a Night of Healing Prayer after the Latin Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 27th. Please contact Carolyn Franks at 704-544-3153.

Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, May 18th) at 7:30pm in the chapel. CHLT5NC@aol.com.

Father DeClue's lectures on "The Mind of the Pope: Benedict XVI on Major Topics." The lectures are held on Monday nights at 7:00pm in the Activity Center at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Monday, May 11th Truth, Conscience and Freedom and Monday, May 25th The Church and Politics.

The Spiritual Exercises are a weekend silent retreat with time for personal medication in silence. The spiritual conferences are preached by priests of Miles Christi Religious Order according to the method and the principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Apart from the conferences and time for prayer, each day there will also be Holy Mass, Holy Rosary, and opportunity for confessions. A Men's retreat will be held June 12-14, 2009. infousa@mileschristi.org or call 248-596-9677.

His Excellency, Bishop Peter J. Jugis, will celebrate a **Mass for U.S. military personnel** on Sunday, July 5, 2009 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Charlotte. The Mass and rosary (to be recited at 2:30pm) will be offered for all military personnel who have died and for those who are now serving. All military personnel are invited and encouraged to come in uniform. Photos of those who have died or who are now serving in the military will be displayed in the Cathedral. To include your loved one, please mail a color photocopy or black/white photocopy of them with their name and military rank on the back of the photo to Mrs. Nancy Weber, Office of the Bishop, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203 to be received no later than July 1, 2009. (Photocopies of pictures will not be returned.)

Catholic Social Services Charlotte Regional Office needs volunteers to help in the food pantry. Opportunities are immediately available to volunteers with sorting, stocking and helping staff in assessing client needs. Please email Geri King at glking@charlottediocese.org for more information and to arrange an interview prior to training.

*A baby,
sick or healthy,
should not be thought of
as an inconvenience,
but as a miracle.*

Volleyball Camps at Charlotte Catholic High School: 5th through 7th graders camp is July 13th-July 16th. 8th through 9th graders camp is July 13th-July 17th at a different site. The camps are run by Tim Leary Coach at CCHS and Bettie Berry Coach at MPHS. Call 704-301-7572 for details.

Cougar Soccer Camp for boys and girls rising 3rd-8th graders. June 8th-12th 8:00am-12noon at the CCHS Stadium. The cost is \$125.00. Send to: Soccer Camp c/o Kelley Archer, 2616 Inverness Road, Charlotte, NC 28209.

Living Waters Retreat Center in Maggie Valley is hosting a Nature Retreat Monday, July 13th through Sunday, July 19th by Sister Fran Grady, SCL and Freeman Owle. Walk the trails, sit by a stream, pray with the creatures of the forest and hear the stories of the Cherokee culture and reflect, listen to the vision of the Divine. Call 828-926-3833.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. **Activities:** Join us on Monday, May 11th from 7:00-9:00pm when Fr. DeClue continues his lecture series with the topic: Truth, Conscience, and Freedom. Adoration (5:00pm) and Latin Mass (6:00pm) Wednesday, May 13th at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. 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.

The **Christian Coffeehouse at St. Matthew Catholic:** all adults are invited to join us for energizing spiritual messages with live Christian contemporary music, snacks and drinks, all served in a candlelit atmosphere, **Sunday, May 24th, 7:30-9:30pm in the Parish Center gym.** To reserve a table for 6 or more, please call Kathy at 704-400-2213 by May 22nd.

Come join our **Ceramic Group** Tuesdays 9:00am and Saturdays 9:30am.

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** 7:00pm on June 4th check and learn more about it at www.ymcacharlotte.org.

June Chavis Scholarship Concert: You are cordially invited to The Perpetual Hope Gospel Choir's 13th annual June Chavis Scholarship on May 17th at 3:00pm at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in the sanctuary. The scholarship is open to all OLC graduating high school seniors this year. The scholarship award consists of \$250 per semester for 4 years at an accredited 4-year college for the first place finisher or the choice of a laptop computer. The runner up will be eligible for the prize not chosen by the first place winner. We are seeking donations to support our youth's endeavor. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, remember no donation is too great or too small. We look forward seeing you at the concert. For further information, please contact Shirley Fowler, President of the Perpetual Hope Gospel Choir at 704-375-4339.

If you can no longer drive, then The Shepherd's Center of Charlotte's **Transportation Program** is designed just for you. To schedule a driver, please give The Shepherd's Center at least three days notice. Call 704-365-1995. This is a FREE service, but a \$10 donation per trip is recommended.

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Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

— 1 John 3:18

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: In Ireland and the United Kingdom, Mother's Day is over. "Mothering Sunday" was on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Long ago, people were freed from work to travel on this day to the parish where they were baptized, their "Mother Church." Often, people were reunited with their mothers on this day. Employers would release their workers and servants for this visit. The American celebration, while based on this custom, really has to do with an anti-war movement of mothers in Civil War times. They crusaded for better sanitary conditions for their sons. When President Wilson instituted the first Mother's Day in 1912, it was a day to fly the flag in honor of mothers whose children had died in battle. Knowing the tradition is a good balance to our celebration today: we can enfold in prayer the mothers who have suffered the loss of their children in war.

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

LIVING BRANCHES: The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23). Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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CHRISTIANITY: Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

—Anonymous

HOLIEST FLOWER: Mary is the lily in God's garden.

—St. Bridget of Sweden

PRIDE: What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

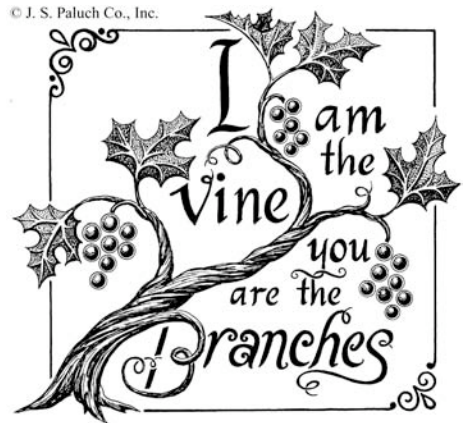
—St. John Climacus

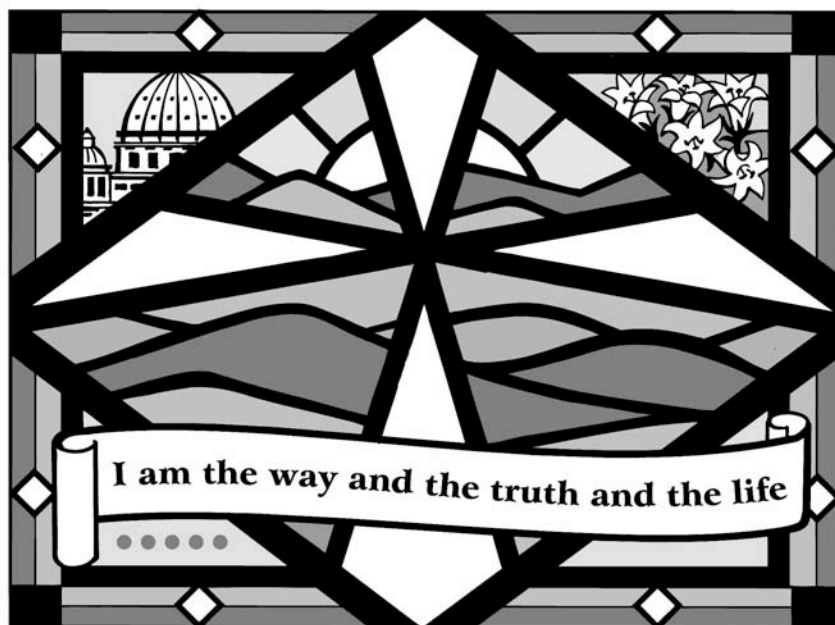
Join Father Frank Pavone, with Priests for Life, and others who share your enthusiasm for advancing the Culture of Life. Plan to attend the National Right to Life, "NRLC 2009," Convention being held June 18-20, 2009, in Charlotte at the Blake Hotel (formerly the Adams Mark), 555 S. McDowell Street. Visit: www.stoptheabortionagenda.com for details and to register on line. Hotel rooms will be released on May 8th; early registration discounts will end on May 31st. Volunteers can get their registration paid for by helping at the convention. Contact North Carolina Right to Life, a co- host of the convention, at 800-392-6275 nrcrl73@aol.com.

Catholic Cruises to Central America/Southern Caribbean to see the Panama Canal, Costa Rica and Belize with F. Philip Scarcella, Ph. D, JCD January 15-23, 2010 or Cruise with Father Michael Kottar, Father Christopher Davis and Father Herbert Burke on January 8-16, 2010 to St. Lucia, St. Kitts and St. Maarten. Prices begin at \$1,296.00. Call Terri DeLuca at 704-888-6050/delucajmj@bellsouth.net.

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LOST IN ROME

A few years ago, while on a pilgrimage to Rome, I found myself boarding a bus that I thought was headed in the direction of my hotel. As the bus continued along its route I began to wonder if we were going in the right direction. The hotel was close to St. Peter's basilica, so as long as I could glimpse the dome of St. Peter's I figured I was all right. High on one of Rome's famous hills, the bus came to a stop and the driver announced that this was the end of the line. I disembarked and could very clearly see the dome of St. Peter's. It seemed like I could just reach out and touch it. Unfortunately, I had no way of knowing how to get there. It looked close enough, but with Rome's winding streets, it was probably miles away.

THE WAY

During our spiritual journey we can become frustrated by what we perceive as a lack of progress toward an intimate union with our God. Because we have tasted the goodness of God in the past, we know what that taste is like, yet it so often remains elusive. It's like glimpsing the dome of St. Peter's but having no idea how to return there. Today we are reminded once again that there really is only one way to achieve intimate union with God. Jesus reminds us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. If we are frustrated with our lack of progress on our faith journey, then coming to Mass this week has been the best remedy, for here we listen to the Lord's very words and become intimately connected with him in the Eucharist. After a lot of effort, I was able to get a taxi back to my hotel in Rome. Our journey to God requires effort on our part as well. This is why we make the commitment to gather each week with fellow pilgrims, traveling the journey of discipleship that we hope will one day lead to one of the many dwelling places prepared for us in God's house.

Today's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

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PERDIDO EN ROMA

Hace algunos años, mientras iba de peregrinaje a Roma, subí a un autobús que creí que se dirigía hacia mi hotel. Mientras el autobús seguía su recorrido, comencé a preguntarme si estábamos yendo en la dirección correcta. El hotel estaba cerca de la basílica de San Pedro, así es que pensé que siempre y cuando pudiese vislumbrar la cúpula de la basílica estaría en el camino correcto. En lo alto de una de las famosas montañas de Roma, el autobús se detuvo y el conductor anunció que ese era el fin del recorrido. Bajé y pude ver claramente la cúpula de la basílica. Parecía estar tan cerca que podía tocarla. Lamentablemente, no tenía forma de saber cómo llegar allí. Parecía estar muy cerca, pero las calles de Roma son muy sinuosas y probablemente me encontraba a kilómetros de distancia.

EL CAMINO

A lo largo de nuestro camino espiritual podemos frustrarnos con lo que nos parece falta de progreso hacia una unión íntima con Dios. Conocemos ya la bondad de Dios por haberla probado antes, sin embargo muchas veces nos resulta inalcanzable. Es como vislumbrar la cúpula de la basílica de San Pedro, pero sin tener idea de cómo volver allí. Hoy se nos recuerda una vez más que hay en realidad un solo camino para lograr una unión íntima con Dios. Jesús nos recuerda que él es el camino, la verdad y la vida. Si nos frustramos por la falta de progreso en nuestro camino de fe, haber venido a Misa esta semana ha sido el mejor remedio, porque aquí escuchamos la palabra del Señor y nos unimos íntimamente a él en la eucaristía.

Luego de mucho esfuerzo, pude conseguir un taxi que me llevara de vuelta a mi hotel en Roma. Nuestro camino hacia Dios también exige esfuerzo de nuestra parte. Es por eso que nos comprometemos a reunirnos cada semana con otros compañeros peregrinos, para juntos hacer el camino del discipulado, que esperamos nos lleve algún día a una de las muchas moradas preparadas para nosotros en la casa de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Hechos 6:1-7; Salmo 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pedro 2:4-9; Juan 14:1-12

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Pedro da testimonio a la gente de que Jesús ha sido glorificado y deberán reformar sus vidas (Hechos 3:13-15, 17-19).

Salmo — En ti, Señor, confío. Aleluya (Salmo 4).

Segunda lectura — Jesucristo intercede ante el Padre por nuestros pecados (1 Juan 2:1-5a).

Evangelio — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía a predicar la penitencia para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 24:35-48).

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.

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