

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### St. Ann Catholic Church

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*Your Stewardship of Treasure*  
725 registered families

#### **The Week ending, May 3, 2009**

Sunday Offering	145 envelopes	5,498.00
Children's Offering	5 envelopes	4.25
Sunday Offering loose cash		1,237.61
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,739.86</b>

YTD	436,333.23
Budget	406,153.88
+/-	+30,179.35

Our fiscal year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Change Jar: (5/3/09) 35.55

Capital Needs and On Going Improvement  
Collection 1,394.00



Some day you, or someone you love, will receive help from a DSA funded ministry.

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

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

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> is due by Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> is due by Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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 17, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

So many of you have commented on how nice the Allen Center lobby is looking these days. We've recently had it repainted, added some new furniture, and put down a new rug - among other small improvements - in order to make it a more inviting space. We were only able to do this through the gracious hard work of our parishioner, Will Walsh, who coordinated these efforts. Therefore, I'd like to publically thank Will for his willingness to take on this project and bring it to fruition. I hope you'll all agree that our lobby has been vastly improved!

I also want to let you know about two special Masses we'll be having here at St. Ann's this month. First, on Thursday, 21 May 2009, at 7 p.m. we will be having our first *Missa Cantata* (which is a sung Latin high Mass) in order to honor our Lord's Ascension into Heaven. I think you'll find this to be both prayerful and beautiful, and I hope many of you will attend. Secondly, on Saturday, 23 May 2009, at 9 a.m. we will once again have our monthly Pro-Life Mass. Immediately after the Mass several of us will go to one of the local abortion mills to pray for an hour, while others will remain in the church for Eucharistic Adoration. Once we have returned from the abortion mill, we will have Benediction. Please come and pray with us for an end to abortion.

Lastly, I know the weather is growing warmer, but please dress modestly for Mass. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most sublime and solemn moment of the week for us Catholics, and how we dress for Mass should reflect our reverence for our Lord. Moreover, immodest dress can be both a cause of scandal and a distraction, so please take care to dress appropriately for Mass. Thank you for being considerate in this matter!

In Jesus Christ, true Savior of the World,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid".

Fr. Reid

***Our First Communicants 2009***

Colin Aheron	Anna Friedl	Joseph Minton	Caleb Shaw
Olivia Allen	David Grant	Victoria Navaroli	Benjamin Tornesello
Maria Bisbee	Madeleine Grayson	Gwendolyn Nguyen	Kristopher Welch
Juan Bravo	Alex Greer	Liam Park	Ana Whewell
Matthew Case	Madison Heeter	Anna Wei Peters	Frank Wiley
Rhea Desai	Jesse Hinshaw	Taylor Quinn	Jenna Zitel
Noah Farnsworth	Sarah Porter Kuhn	Dell Robert	
Claudia Foley	Jason Melber	Benjamin Shaw	

*Please keep all of our Communicants in your prayers.*

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**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 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Building Update Capital Campaign Committee**

Clay Presley, Capital Campaign, Chairman 704-907-7914 [claywork@aol.com](mailto:claywork@aol.com)

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Cheryl Sutton, Prayer Team 704-375-5482 [Rsutton4@carolina.rr.com](mailto: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.

Masses

**Sunday, May 17, 2009**

**The Combined Mission Collection will be taken up with our regular Collection.**

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

**Saturday, May 23, 2009**

3:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass +Billy Mescall

by the Murphy Family

**Sunday, May 24, 2009**

8:00am Mass Intentions of our parish family

10:30am Mass Intentions of Frieda Farkouh  
by the Rothe family

12:30pm Mass +Mrs. Joseph (Helen) Neiner  
by Jack McDonagh

**Monday, May 25, 2009**

**Memorial Day**

**9:00am Mass** +Ellen Cahill

by the Bryson family

**Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

7:00am Mass

**Wednesday, May 27, 2009**

5:00pm Holy Hour

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

7:00pm Healing Service

**Thursday, May 28, 2009**

7:00am Mass Intentions of the Liberto family  
by the Grant family

**Friday, May 29, 2009**

8:30am Mass Intentions of Fr. Roux

St. Ann School May Crowing and Procession

**Saturday, May 30, 2009**

9:00am Respect Life Mass

3:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass +John Elinsky

by Virginia Doman

**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.

The **Summit Place of SouthPark** Assisted Living and memory Care Community invite our senior members to a **Senior Prom!** Live entertainment, dancing, pictures and a four course dinner all FREE on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00pm. Please RSVP at 704-525-5508 by May 22. The RSVP date has been extended. Please check your calendars and come to the Senior Prom!

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

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

**The Allen Center Schedule**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

4:15pm Latin Server Training  
6:00pm Dance Group  
6:00pm AA/NA  
7:30pm World Rosary

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

3:00pm C.L.  
5:30pm Rehearsal  
6:00pm Dance Group  
7:30pm Rosary in Spanish

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Bible Study  
9:10am CSS

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Memorial Day  
Church Office and Activity Center Closed

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Ceramics  
3:00pm C.L.  
6:00pm Dance Group

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

3:00pm Little Flowers  
7:00pm Healing Service  
7:00pm Why Catholic  
7:30pm Boy Scouts

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm Bingo

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Dance Group  
7:30pm Rosary in Spanish

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am AA/Na  
9:30am Ceramics  
3:00pm Confessions

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Pentecost Sunday**

2<sup>nd</sup> collection St. Vincent de Paul  
9:00am Bible Study  
9:00am Baptismal Preparation Class  
9:10am CSS  
2:00pm Baptism

***Altar Flowers donated next weekend by  
the Missihoun family.***

**World Rosary, Monday, May 18th at 7:30pm.**  
Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for  
location. All are invited to attend.



**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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Family cookout

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
No meeting

Our monthly **Respect Life Mass** will be celebrated next Saturday, May 23rd at 9:00am. Immediately after Mass there will be Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. You may either stay in prayer or go pray the Rosary with Father Reid at a local abortion facility. The morning will conclude with Benediction upon Father's return. Please contact Danielle Mathis at [tmathis3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tmathis3@carolina.rr.com) for more information.

### Faith Formation Schedule:

Faith Formation: Sign-ups will take place on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sign-ups** for Vacation Bible School will be after all Masses the weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. In addition, forms are available on the table in the hallway. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, we will **not** be offering a preschool program this year. Rising Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children are invited to participate. **Thank you for your patience and understanding! "Crocodile Dock, Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light"**, June 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12noon. We are looking for teen helpers (raising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and up) as well as young-hearted adults to help as volunteers. Please contact Danielle Mathis 704-541-0858 for questions or more information.

**Celebrate the Month of May** 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.

Come join our **Ceramic Group** Tuesdays 9:00am and Saturdays 9:30am. Always room for one more! Any questions call Bob at 704-523-1182.



Planned giving includes stewardship of time and talent as well as stewardship of treasure. This includes planning for the future of our parish as well as families and loved ones.

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

St. Ann Women's Society: We appreciate and pray for members of St. Ann's Women's Society. Each week in this Bulletin you see their Mission Statement, Meeting time and Association with the Circle of Hope on a service and charity project for Presbyterian Children's Hospital. With 700+ women in the Parish, the Women's Society would love to sponsor Spiritual, Community Oriented and Social Activities for all of you. However, we need to have your help and know your ideas. A survey will be coming out with the bulletin in a very short time and we ask that you fill it out and return it so we can plan for the fall. Watch for this in the next few weeks.

**Room At The Inn's** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, Links Fore Life, will take place Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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. Elizabeth Lux: 704-525-4673 x13 or [elizabethlux@rati.org](mailto:elizabethlux@rati.org).

**Rosary in Spanish:** 7:30pm Fridays May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> in the library on the second floor.

*Check out the Lighthouse Media selection!* Lots of good brochures and the CD's.

**The Combined Mission Collection** will be taken at all Masses this 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. Please put the envelope in the first and only collection.

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

**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](mailto:glking@charlottediocese.org).

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

**Introductory Session for Creighton Model FertilityCare System** There will be introductory sessions of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System at 7:30pm on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Call Trisha Brown, Diocese of Charleston FCPI, at 803-554-6569.



**St. Ann's School News**

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

Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> All School Mass

Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> TK-5 Field Day

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> No School

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten for Dad

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30am All School Mass  
and May Procession

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Day Rain Day

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Graduation  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Brunch

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Last day of School  
Dismissal 12:50pm

**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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> The Church and Politics.

**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](http://www.pmg-research.com/metrolina).

**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](mailto: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.)

**Kamp Gabe 4 Kids**, Summer Camp for ages 3 \_ to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Hour are 10:00am to 3:00pm. A camp where children are allowed to be children through science, drama, arts and crafts, games and sports. Call 704-846-6558 or email [campgabe05@yahoo.com](mailto:campgabe05@yahoo.com) and also check out the [website: kampgabe.com](http://website:kampgabe.com).

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**Cougar Soccer Camp** for boys and girls rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Volleyball Camps** at Charlotte Catholic High School: 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders camp is July 13<sup>th</sup>-July 16<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> graders camp is July 13<sup>th</sup>-July 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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, **May 18** at 7:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church. **Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) Wednesday, **May 20** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. Join us for dinner at **Sir Edmund Halley's** in the Park Road Shopping Center at 6:00pm on Thursday, **May 21st**. On Saturday, **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** join us for 9:00am **Mass at St. Ann** Church followed by prayer at **Preferred Women's Health Center**, an abortion clinic here in Charlotte. We will meet in parking lot outside of the church. For more information or to join please contact Christina Hinton at [christina.hinton@gmail.com](mailto:christina.hinton@gmail.com) or check our group out on Facebook, Vinney's DOC.

The **Christian Coffeeshouse 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.

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

**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 4<sup>th</sup> check and learn more about it at [www.ymcacharlotte.org](http://www.ymcacharlotte.org). The cost is \$25.00 and begins Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Pre registration required.

**Living Waters Retreat Center** in Maggie Valley is hosting a Nature Retreat Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**June Chavis Scholarship Concert:** You are cordially invited to The Perpetual Hope Gospel Choir's 13<sup>th</sup> annual June Chavis Scholarship on **today** 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. Call 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. Call 704-365-1995.

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**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!

**Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2009.** It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit. — *John 15:16*

**Treasures from our Tradition:** In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome, and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

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**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!

**Catholic College students** going to Liberty University war welcome to St. Thomas More Parish in Lynchburg, VA. A parish home away from home while at school call 434-237-5911 or check [www.stmva.com](http://www.stmva.com)

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

**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). [www.stoptheabortionagenda.com](http://www.stoptheabortionagenda.com) for details and to register on line. 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](mailto: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](mailto:delucajmj@bellsouth.net). *If you have a graduate, please call the church office with name and school.*

**God Bless our Troops**



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### REMEMBERING GRANDMOTHER

When I was a child, I loved spending time with my grandmother, a large woman with a big welcoming lap. Her house had such unique aromas—a mixture of my grandfather’s sweet-smelling cherry tobacco and the food that was always under preparation in the kitchen. When we were very little, she would sit us in her lap, take a deck of cards, and begin to bend the deck back and forth. Before our very eyes the deck was transformed into a swirl of cards. Whenever I find myself missing my grandmother, I take out a deck of cards and bend them back and forth until the swirl of cards once again magically appears. As I bend the cards back and forth, I can imagine her generous lap beneath me. When I close my eyes and inhale, I can almost smell the cherry-scented pipe tobacco mixed with the aroma of her wonderful food.

### THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Today the Lord Jesus promises his fearful disciples, “I will come to you” (John 14:18). The Church’s sacraments are visible signs of the Lord Jesus continuing to “come to us” through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each time we share in Christ’s body and blood, he is made present through the Spirit. In a way, the Church’s sacramental life is like my experience of taking out a deck of cards and bending them back and forth in order to bring the memory of my grandmother to life. We take ordinary elements, like bread, wine, water, words, and oil, and when we accompany these elements with sacred gestures and words, we experience the very presence of Jesus Christ. As we look forward to Pentecost, let us grow in our awareness and love for the sacraments that bring us into contact with the Lord Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Today’s Readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Psalm 66:1–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21*  
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## Sexto Domingo de Pascua

### RECORDANDO A MI ABUELA

Cuando era niño me encantaba pasar tiempo con mi abuela, una mujer corpulenta, con un regazo amplio y acogedor. Los aromas de su casa eran únicos –una mezcla del dulce olor a tabaco de cereza de mi abuelo y de la comida que siempre se estaba preparando en la cocina. Cuando éramos muy pequeños, ella nos sentaba en su regazo, tomaba un mazo de cartas y doblaba el mazo hacia adelante y hacia atrás. Ante nuestros ojos el mazo se transformaba en un remolino de cartas. Siempre que extraño a mi abuela, saco un mazo de cartas y las doblo hacia adelante y hacia atrás hasta que el remolino de cartas aparece mágicamente otra vez. Mientras doblo las cartas hacia adelante y hacia atrás, imagino que estoy sentado en su generoso regazo. Cuando cierro los ojos e inhalo, casi puedo oler el tabaco con sabor a cereza de la pipa mezclado con el aroma de su maravillosa comida.

### LA PRESENCIA DE CRISTO

Hoy el Señor Jesús promete a sus temerosos discípulos: “Volveré a ustedes” (Juan 14:18). Los sacramentos de la Iglesia son signos visibles de que el Señor Jesús sigue “viniendo a nosotros” por el poder del Espíritu Santo. Cada vez que compartimos el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo, él se hace presente por el Espíritu. En cierta manera, la vida sacramental de la Iglesia es como cuando tomo un mazo de cartas y las doblo hacia adelante y hacia atrás para recordar más vívidamente a mi abuela. Tomamos elementos cotidianos como pan, vino, agua, palabras y aceite, y los acompañamos con gestos y palabras sagradas para experimentar la presencia de Jesucristo. Mientras esperamos la venida de Pentecostés, estemos más conscientes de los sacramentos y crezcamos en nuestro amor hacia ellos pues nos ponen en contacto con el Señor Jesús, por el poder del Espíritu Santo.

*Lecturas de hoy: Hechos 8:5–8, 14–17; Salmo 66:1–7, 16, 20; 1 Pedro 3:15–18; Juan 14:15–21*

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**Servicio Bilingüe:** Domingos a las 12:30pm.

**La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha** (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$14,220.21) 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 pais, frecuentemente trabajando en los trabajos mas peligrosos y/o de mayor esfuerzo fisico, contribuyendo para la construccion de este pais grandioso. !Que Dios los tenga en su seno! Por favor, entregue su donacion u ofrecimiento en la oficina de la iglesia. Para mayor informacion, puede comunicarse con Esteban Cardoso 704-733-7532.

### ÁMENSE UNOS A OTROS

En el Evangelio para el Sexto Domingo de Pascua nos encontramos con un desafio extraordinario. Jesús nos dice: “ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado” (Juan 15:12). La carta del apóstol san Juan retoma este mandamiento. Por supuesto, debemos amar a nuestros familiares, nuestros colegas, las personas que nos agradan. Pero la Sagrada Escritura aclara que también debemos amar a los que ignoramos, a los que evitamos deliberadamente e incluso a los que nos sentimos tentados de despreciar.

En la selección de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este domingo, Pedro nos muestra hasta dónde llega el amor de Dios y hasta dónde debe llegar nuestra respuesta de amor. Pedro comprende que Dios ya “no hace distinciones” y no comparte su amor divino exclusivamente con los judíos. Cristo ha revelado que el amor de Dios llega a todas las personas y lo mismo debe hacer el nuestro.

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**Rosario en Español:** 7:30pm los viernes 16, 23, 29 de Mayo, en la biblioteca del segundo piso.

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Mediante las prédicas de Pedro, el Espíritu Santo viene a los gentiles (Hechos 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Salmo** — El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad. Aleluya (Salmo 98 (97)).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios es amor y Dios nos ama (1 Juan 4:7-10) o 1 Juan 4:11-16.

**Evangelio** — Jesús da este mandamiento a sus discípulos: ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado (Juan 15:9-17) o Juan 17:11b-19.

**Su iglesia** y la comunidad, ofrece muchas oportunidades para usar su tiempo y talento al servicio de Dios. Si tiene interes en servir en la misa como monaguillo, ministro de la Eucaristía, lector, etc. favor de llamar a Robin Davis 704-806-2434.

**Si tiene** algo que quiere anunciar en Español por el boletín, favor de mandarlo a Robin Davis por correo electrónico [meandmygirlies@windstream.net](mailto:meandmygirlies@windstream.net).

**El Grupo de Jóvenes** de la parroquia de Santa Ana es un grupo activo de jóvenes quienes ayudan con actividades de la parroquia y programas locales de caridad. Macy y Gloria 704-752-8659.

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