

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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*We will post all stewardships of treasure
next weekend.*

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.



As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the DSA as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity.

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 31st is due by Tuesday, May 26th.

Fr. Reid's homilies are on the website:

www.stannsparish.org

May 24, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

As many of you know, this past week we had our first *Missa Cantata* here at St. Ann's. For those of you who attended, you know it was a very beautiful and sacred event that I hope we can offer occasionally here at St. Ann's. It was also an event that required a great deal of planning and preparation. Therefore, I'd like to extend a special word of thanks to all who were involved in the Mass, most especially David Liberto, who served as our Master of Ceremonies and who trains all of our Latin Mass altar boys. I also want to thank our altar boys who have trained so diligently and who carry out their duties with such reverence. Lastly, I want to thank Terese and Michael Rowe, as well as our entire schola, who performed so magnificently and who created such a prayerful environment in which to pray.

If you have not yet attended a Latin Mass, I cordially invite you to do so. As you know, the Latin Mass is offered every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. and once a month on a Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. While it does take some time and discipline to get used to worshipping in this way, the effort required is certainly worth the many wonderful spiritual benefits.

I also want to remind you that this week our country celebrates Memorial Day. As Monday is a holiday, the office will be closed and daily Mass will be at 9 a.m., not 7 a.m. While Memorial Day is officially the day that we remember all of our military personnel who have died in the line of duty, let us not forget to pray for all of our troops who are currently serving our country. Let us remember especially those men and women from our parish who are currently serving in the armed forces. May God bless and protect them!

In Jesus Christ, True Savior of the World,

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

Fr. Reid

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: 15 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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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 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: 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, 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), and Jerry Eish.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Ensrude (brother of John Ensrude), who died earlier this month.

Masses

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 Crowning and Procession

Saturday, May 30, 2009

9:00am Respect Life Mass
3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass +John Elinsky
by Virginia Doman

Sunday, May 31, 2009

2nd Collection is for our St. Vincent de Paul Society
8:00am Mass +Mary and Edmund Graves
by the Graves family, Dave Graves' parents
10:30am Mass +Christopher Andrew Lever
By Derek and Darlene Gray
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Monday, June 1, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Marie Gildae
by Marcy Rothe

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

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

Thursday, June 4, 2009

7:00am Mass +Mason Gray
by Derek Gray

Friday, June 5, 2009

8:30am Mass Intentions of Fr. Reid
Ordination Anniversary

Saturday, June 6, 2009

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass Intentions of Pat Rebol
by Marcy Rothe
6:30pm Mass +Magdalena Bryant
by the family

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 29th 5:30-8:00pm. Please call 704-525-5508.

Sign-ups for Vacation Bible School will be after all Masses the weekend of May 30th-31st and June 6th-7th. 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 5th grade children are invited to participate. ***Thank you for your patience and understanding! "Crocodile Dock, Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light"***, June 22nd-26th from 9:00am to 12noon. We are looking for teen helpers (raising 6th 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.

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, May 24th

9:00am Bible Study

9:10am CSS

Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day

Church Office and Activity Center Closed

Tuesday, May 26th

9:00am Ceramics

6:00pm Dance Group

Wednesday, May 27th

3:00pm Little Flowers

3:00pm E.C. meeting

7:00pm Healing Service

7:00pm Why Catholic

7:30pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, May 28th

7:00pm Bingo

Friday, May 29th

6:00pm Dance Group

7:30pm Rosary in Spanish

Saturday, May 30th

9:00am AA/NA

9:30am Ceramics

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, May 31st

Pentecost Sunday

2nd collection St. Vincent de Paul

9:00am Bible Study

9:00am Baptismal Preparation Class

2:00pm Baptism

Monday, June 1st

6:00pm Dance Group

6:00pm AA/NA

7:00pm Women's Society meeting

7:30pm World Rosary

Tuesday, June 2nd

9:00am Ceramics

Wednesday, June 3rd

5:00pm Holy Hour

7:30pm Boy Scouts

The Altar Flowers this weekend have been donated by the Missihoun family.

Dear St Ann's Parishioners:

Thank you for supporting **Girl Scouts** this year.

We started the academic year with one active troop remaining at St Ann's. We will start the next school year with four troops. If anyone is interested in helping the scouts as a leader, to teach a special craft or skill, or has a girl interested in scouting please contact one of our leaders:

Daisy Troop 10 (K-1st grade) Brenda Eckmair at 4efamily@bellsouth.net

Brownie Troop 856 (2nd - 3rd grade) Barbara Morgan bmorgan8@carolina.rr.com

Junior Troop 557 (4th - 5th grade) Amelia Strobel bobglenn@sbcglobal.net

Senior Troop 216 (9th - 12th grade) Leslie Barrell leskieartist@yahoo.com

If you would like to start another troop at St Ann's to meet your child's needs, please contact Beth Murray, Hornet's Nest Girl Scout Council bmurray@hngirlscouts.org.

Until next August:

I don't know but I've been told

All Girl Scouts are good as gold.

I am one and this is true.

Scouting's great for me and you.

Thank you, Joanne Shea

The 2nd Collection next weekend is for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. The need for help is very strong at this time. Please be generous. Every little bit helps.

If you have a graduate, please call the church office with name and school.



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!

Sunday, May 24th - No meeting

The Youth Group will sponsor open gym time and free movies every Sunday night throughout the summer months. All middle and high school students are invited.

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.

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:

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.

By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Christ's paschal mystery was brought to its completion, the Holy Trinity was fully revealed, and the Church was made manifest to the world. Saint Thomas Aquinas says with the Holy Spirit within us "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (Saint Cyril of Alexandria). Let us be people of great courage and **celebrate** with the Church on the feast of **Pentecost**, May 30 & 31—**wear something red**, the liturgical color of the day.

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.

Check out the Lighthouse Media selection! Lots of good brochures and the CD selections are wonderful.



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of all those who have included us in their will with a bequest to continue the work of our parish.

CALLING ALL WOMEN: A survey will be coming out in next week's bulletin. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to the Church Office within the following week. It's important that the Women's Society know what kind of activities, Spiritual, Social, Service that you would be interested in participating in. We're sure that you need times out from your busy schedule and let's all get together for several events during the remainder of '09 and into '10.

CALLING ALL PARISHONERS, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS: Mark your calendars now for the FEAST OF SAINT ANN, JULY 26TH. We would like to celebrate with a Picnic and Tailgate Party after the 4:30pm Mass. There will be more information coming but we would like to see every "ZIP-CODE" within the Parish represented. This could be a great time before the new Church is dedicated and the Annual Carnival is held. So plan ahead!

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

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. Please stay alert!

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.

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. The cost is \$25.00 and begins Thursday, June 4th. Pre registration required. Other dates June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th and July 16th.

Rosary in Spanish: 7:30pm Fridays May 29th in the library on the second floor.

The next healing service is Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00pm here at St. Ann.

Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, June 15) at 7:30pm in the chapel. CHLT5NC@aol.com.

Dr. George Raad and the Metrolina Medical Research would like to invite you to participate as a volunteer in one of the Clinical Research Studies; High Cholesterol, Hypertension, Diabetes, Depression, Migraine headaches, Arthritis of the knee, Epilepsy, Crohn's Disease, and others. Call 704-527-6672 or 704-940-1842 (Spanish).
www.pmg-research.com/metrolina.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at
www.stannscatholicschool.com

Monday, May 25th No School

Thursday, May 28th Kindergarten for Dad

Friday, May 29th 8:30am All School Mass
and May Procession

Wednesday, June 3rd Field Day Rain Day

Thursday, June 4th 8:30am Graduation
4th and 5th Brunch

Friday, June 5th Last day of School
Dismissal 12:50pm

Wednesday, August 19th First Day of School

Presbyterian Hemby Children's Hospital wishes to thank St. Ann School for all the donations of drinks and snacks last week. It was a wonderful treat for our children. They look forward to the "treats from St. Ann's" Thank you once again!

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.

World Rosary, Monday, May 25th at 7:30pm. Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for location. All are invited to attend.

God Bless our Troops.

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!

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.)

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. Join us on **Monday, May 25th** from 7:00-9:00pm when Fr. DeClue continues his lecture series with the topic: *The Church and Politics* at St. Vincent de Paul Church. **Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) Wednesday, **May 27th** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. Contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or check our group out on Facebook, Vinney's DOC.

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 25th The Church and Politics.

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. A \$10.00 donation is appreciated. There are many other programs offered at the Shepherd's Center, please call and ask for a brochure for 2009 and 2010 events. All are invited.

June 7th is the 14th Annual Cancer Survivor's Day at Presbyterian Buddy Kemp Caring House.

Cancer survivors of all ages are invited to bring their families and friends to a "Living Well After Cancer – A Celebration of Life" at 2:00pm. Call 704-384-2273.

Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is a not-for-profit organization helping families dealing with memory loss. They provide relief for the caregiver and activities and friendship for the care receivers.

Meeting times are: Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00am at St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am at Sardis Presbyterian Church. They provide support groups for caregivers dealing with a memory loss family member. They are free and open to the public. Meeting times are: The last Monday of each month at 10:00am at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Room E in the Ministry Center.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Bereavement Group now meets the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm at St. Gabriel Catholic Church Room, E in the Ministry Center. Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is in need of volunteers. They meet from 10:00am –3:00pm at St. Gabriel on Mondays and Wednesdays. Also Tuesdays and Thursdays at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Call Suzanne Bach at 704-376-4135.

Summer Bible Institute at the Oratory: The 27th summer Institute will begin Sunday, July 19th through Friday, July 24th. The evening presentation is the Old Testament presented by Joan Cook, C.S. The morning presentation is the New Testament presented by Dan Harrington, S.J. For further information call The Oratory at 8-3-327-2097.

Introductory Session for Creighton Model FertilityCare System There will be introductory sessions of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System at 7:30pm on 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.

Kamp Gabe 4 Kids, Summer Camp for ages 3 _ to rising 6th graders. Hours 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 and also check out the [website: kampgabe.com](http://www.kampgabe.com).

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.

Paint your Prayer Retreat at the Living Waters Center in Maggie Valley: July 26th through July 31st. Using the techniques of watercolor painting, this retreat will provide opportunities to pray and rejoice in the Divine Gift of our creative and artistic energy. Giving expression to creativity facilitates the union with our Creator. Sr. Fran Grady, SCL of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, a visual artist, is a retreat and spiritual director on staff. Call 828-926-3833.

The Spiritual Exercises are a weekend silent retreat with time for personal meditation in silence. The spiritual conferences 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.

All pro-lifers and their families are invited to attend the “NRLC 2009- Stop the Abortion Agenda” being held at the Blake Hotel in downtown Charlotte June 18-20, 2009. This is the premier pro-life event of the year where nationally known speakers, Kate Adamson, Wesley J. Smith, Michael Clancy, and Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk (Pah-hol-check) among others will be featured speakers. Topics presented at the 72 workshops and 5 General Sessions will include abortion, rationing of health care, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and stem cell research among others. To register for the adult or teen convention, to find out about workshops, speakers, and childcare, or for other information, visit www.stoptheabortionagenda.com/convention or call 800-392-6275.

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.

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 24, 2009
If God so loved us, we also must love one another.
— 1 John 4:11

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Bede the Venerable;
St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi;
Memorial Day
- Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
- Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury
- Thursday: Orthodox Ascension; Shavuot
- Saturday: Vigil of Pentecost

Commissioned to live in the World: In today’s scriptures we hear two different stories about commissioning. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter leads the assembly in prayer that the Lord will choose and commission the person to replace Judas among the Twelve. In the Gospel Jesus prays that his chosen disciples might be consecrated, or made holy. Jesus does not ask his Father to keep the disciples separate from the world, but instead sends them out into the world. While we might think that holy people are set apart from the world, we cannot hear today’s scriptures without realizing that God’s holy, chosen people are commissioned to live in the midst of the world where they can reveal the love of God that makes the entire world holy.
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Treasures from our Tradition: In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

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The Ship of the Church: The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.—St. Boniface



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

THE PRAYING DISCIPLES

Prayer is at the heart of the Christian life, yet too often we allow the days to slip by without ever turning to God in prayer. On the day of his ascension, the Lord Jesus issued his final, and perhaps strongest, mandate to the disciples. They were to go out into the world, baptizing people and telling of the commands of the Lord. Rather than jumping right to the task, the disciples gathered with others in prayer. They had learned from the words and deeds of the Master that in order to do God's work, they had to nurture their relationship with God through prayer. We have heard Gospel accounts of Jesus retreating into a faraway place in order to spend time in prayer. The night before he died, knowing all to which he was about to be subjected, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray with his disciples. Now his disciples, in the days leading up to Pentecost, follow the way of the Master by spending time in prayer.

OUR CALL TO PRAYER

Perhaps God is calling us to take a serious look at our own prayer lives today. A friend of mine who recently stopped smoking told me that it was because of prayer that he was able to become free of his nicotine addiction. He said that when he really needed help he simply started talking to God, out loud. While driving to work, he would ask God for help. He said that drivers stopped in traffic next to him would give him strange looks, but that didn't matter. He needed God's help and his approach was quite simple. In order to do the work of helping to build God's kingdom here on earth, we must turn to God in prayer for strength. Let us be inspired by the disciples, Mary the Mother of God, as well as the other women and men who gathered in the upper room, awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Today's Readings: Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a

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Séptimo Domingo de Pascua

LOS DISCÍPULOS QUE REZAN

La oración es parte central de la vida cristiana, sin embargo, muchas veces dejamos que pasen los días sin siquiera acudir a Dios en una oración. En el primer día de su Ascensión, el Señor Jesús dio su última, y quizás su más importante instrucción, a los discípulos. Debían recorrer el mundo, bautizando a las personas y transmitiendo los mandamientos del Señor. En vez de poner manos a la obra inmediatamente, los discípulos se reunieron con otros para rezar. Por medio de las palabras y acciones del Maestro habían aprendido que para poder llevar a cabo la obra de Dios, debían nutrir su relación con Dios mediante la oración. Hemos escuchado pasajes del evangelio que relatan cómo Jesús se retiró a un lugar remoto para dedicarse a la oración. La noche antes de morir, sabiendo todo lo que iba a sufrir, Jesús fue al huerto de Getsemaní para rezar con sus discípulos. Ahora sus discípulos, en los días previos a Pentecostés, siguen el ejemplo del Maestro y pasan tiempo en oración.

EL LLAMADO A LA ORACIÓN

Tal vez Dios nos está llamando hoy para que examinemos seriamente nuestra vida de oración. Un amigo mío, que dejó de fumar hace poco, me dijo que pudo liberarse de su adicción a la nicotina gracias a la oración. Dijo que cuando realmente necesitaba ayuda, simplemente hablaba con Dios en voz alta. Mientras manejaba hacia el trabajo le pedía ayuda a Dios. Dijo que muchos de los conductores cerca de él, que debían parar por el tráfico, lo miraban de forma extraña pero eso no le importaba. Él necesitaba la ayuda de Dios y su método era sencillo. Para ayudar a construir el reino de Dios aquí en la tierra debemos acudir a Dios con la oración para que nos dé fuerzas. Que nos inspiren los discípulos, María, la Madre de Dios y los otros hombres y mujeres que se reunieron en el aposento alto para esperar la venida del Espíritu Santo.

Lecturas de hoy: Hechos 1:12-14; Salmo 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pedro 4:13-16; Juan 17:1-11a
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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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