

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

The Week ending, April 19, 2009

Sunday Offering 160 envelopes	5,910.01
Children's Offering 7 envelopes	8.00
Sunday Offering loose cash	837.57
Total	6,755.58

YTD 422,694.36

Budget 378,461.57

+/- +44,232.79

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

Change Jar: (4/19/09) 7.35



Just a reminder! If you have not yet made your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal please consider doing it this week. As good stewards, we are all called to share our gifts. Please be generous in your sharing.

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 10th is due by Tuesday, May 5th.
Sunday, May 17th is due by Tuesday, May 12th.

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 3, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

As you can see, we are making very good progress on the church renovation. At this point we are a few days behind the original schedule because of rain delays, but we are still on track to dedicate the new church on August 15th, which is the anniversary of the founding of St. Ann's. We are also still on budget! Please continue to pray for the on-going success of this project. Please also bear in mind that although the church will be functional and finished enough for dedication by late summer, there may still be a few odds and ends that need completing, especially in the chapel. As our budget is fairly tight, we are not able to do everything that we'd like to do right now. But as time passes and monies become available, I'm sure we'll be making some minor additions to continue improving our new church.

I also want to encourage you to buy memorial bricks for your family! The St. Ann's Women's Society will begin selling these bricks that will help form a curved wall enclosing a meditation area near the corner of Park Rd and Hillside Mother's Day weekend. The bricks are only \$100, and all of the proceeds will go to the building project. Bricks for the wall will be available through Memorial Day weekend.

Lastly, please pray for our children who will be making their first Communion this coming Saturday (May 9)! Pray especially that our Lord will give them a deep faith in the Eucharist and a deeper love for our Lord and His Church.

In the love of Jesus and Mary,

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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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: 14,116.01 – as of 04/26/09).

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.

Please pray for the soul of Marilyn Smith former parishioner, who died last week.

Masses

Sunday, May 3, 2009

Capital Needs and On Going
Improvements Collection
Food Collection
8:00am Mass +Bernard Lavery
by Ann Lavery and family
10:30am Mass +Tom O’Kane
by the Rothe family
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family
3:00pm Hmong Service

Monday, May 4, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Kelly and Billy
Schiffiano and family
by the Grant family

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

4:15pm Children’s Adoration
5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass +Phillip Termini
by Sara Jackson

Thursday, May 7, 2009

7:00am Mass +Leslie E. Kurts
by Tara and Richard Harris

Friday, May 8, 2009

8:30am Mass +Patricia Schaefer
by Annette Whalley

Saturday, May 9, 2009

11:00am First Communion
3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family
6:30pm Latin Mass +Rev. Paul Chaplins
by Derek Gray

*The Altar Flowers for May 9th and 10th were
donated by Abbey and Rick Lejk for their mothers,
Bertha Lejk and Theresa Csordas.*

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

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

Mark you calendars for our **Children’s Adoration**
on Wednesday, May 6th at 4:15pm. All children are
invited to attend.

Memorial Bricks: During the weekend of May
10th, 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.

***Welcome Emma Kathryn Mackie
Newly baptized into our parish family***

Mark your calendars for the **Women’s Society**
meeting, Monday, May 4th at 7:00pm in the Library
of the Allen Center. All women of the parish are
invited to attend.

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

Lighthouse Media has a lot of new CD's and new brochures.

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, May 3rd

9:00am Bible Study
9:10am CSS
3:00pm Hmong
6:30pm Youth Group
6:30pm Men's Club
7:00pm CSS

Monday, May 4th

6:00pm Dance Group
6:00pm AA/NA
7:00pm Women's Society

Tuesday, May 5th

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

Wednesday, May 6th

4:15pm Children's Adoration
5:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm Why Catholic
7:30pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, May 7th

7:00pm Bingo

Friday, May 8th

11:00am May Procession Home School
Reception to follow Cl. 1 and 2
3:00pm C.L.
6:00pm Dance Group
6:30pm First Communion Rehearsal
7:30pm Sung Rosary

Saturday, May 9th

8:00am Carmelites
9:00am AA/NA
9:30am Ceramics
11:00am First Communion
2:00pm Blue Knights
3:00pm Confessions
6:00pm School Bingo
6:30pm Latin Mass

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 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.



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 3rd
An Interview with Jesus

Sunday, May 10th
Adventures in the Dark

Sunday, May 17th
Family cookout

Sunday, May 24th
No meeting

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. **Each Sunday**, now through May 10, 2009.

Next weekend, Sunday, 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 for more info.

Blue Knights Open House: Blue Knights is a virtues-based program for young boys 5 to 9 years old. We invite boys and their parents to an Open meeting on Saturday, May 9th at St. Ann's Activity Center at 2:00pm. The boys will participate in the meeting and the parents will have the opportunity to ask questions about the program. The meeting's goal is to find families who would like to participate in a program in the next academic year. Please contact John Grant at 704-527-2100 (grantfamily@carolina.rr.com) if you would like to attend.



Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others.

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.

Anyone with household items or usable furniture please hold on to it until early June as we will need many donations at that time. Questions call S. 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.

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!

There will be introductory sessions of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System on Thursday, May 21st at St. Ann's 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. For more information and to make a reservation, please 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.

Tuesday, May 5th at the Catholic Conference Center the day begins at 9:00am Check-In (coffee and snacks). Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Edward Sheridan at 2:30pm. **Wednesday, May 20th** 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 or Sherill Beason at 704-370-3228 at the Catholic Social Services.

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.*

Call The Oratory in Rock Hill, SC for retreats and classes throughout the spring and summer. 1-803-327-2097.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at

www.stannscatholicschool.com

May 3rd-May 8th Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday, May 6th 5th grade goes to Grandfather Mountain

Thursday, May 7th Progress Reports
Kindergarten Muffins for Mom

Friday, May 8th All School Mass
5th grade to visit HTCMS

School numbers to link up with are:
Harris Teeter-1931
Target-12616
Office Depot-70060614

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 Miles Christi Religious Order. A Men's retreat will be held June 12-14, 2009 infousa@mileschristi.org or call 248-596-9677.

World Rosary, Monday, May 4th at 7:30pm. Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for location. All are invited to attend.

Holy Trinity Mini-Football Camp is Saturday, May 9, 2009 8:00am-1:00pm (registration: 8:00am-8:45am camp 9:00am-12noon cookout Noon-1:00pm) ****Rain or shine**** Football field at Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School. The cost is \$35 if pre-registered by May 1, \$40 if registering the day of the event (includes t-shirt, camp and lunch on the field). The football coaching staff at Holy Trinity Middle School invites you to an instructional mini-camp for current 5th, 6th, and 7th graders interested in playing football next fall. There will be a cookout on the field for all players at the end of camp. Contact Jon Klish (704-527-7822 ext153 or jdklish@htcms.net) with any questions.

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. Call Suzanne Bach at 704-376-4135.

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:** Come and enjoy **Prayer, Reflection and Social (with food!)** on Monday, **May 4th** at 7:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. **Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) **Wednesday, May 6th** 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 please contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or look us up on Facebook at 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.)

If you can no longer drive, but still need to get to doctor's appointments, grocery store, pharmacy, beauty salon, etc., then The Shepherd's Center of Charlotte's **Transportation Program** is designed just for you. Volunteer drivers will pick you up for your appointment, and bring you back home when you are finished. 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 to help offset the volunteer's gas mileage expense.

Diocesan requirements for reporting ministry-related sexual abuse of a minor.

1. Any individual having actual knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect an incident of ministry-related sexual abuse is to immediately report the incident to the Chancery.
2. The Chancery will then report the incident to the proper civil authorities. The individual reporting the incident to the Chancery will be notified of the particulars regarding the Chancery's filing of the incident with the civil authorities.
3. This reporting requirement is not intended to supersede the right of an individual to make a report to civil authority, but is to ensure proper, complete and timely reporting. Should an individual choose to make a report to civil authority, a report is still to be made to the Chancery.

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See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.—1 John 3:1

Help Stamp Out Hunger by participating in the National Association of Letter Carrier's Food Drive on Saturday, May 9th. Place a bog of canned goods or non-perishable food items at your mailbox that morning. Your letter carrier will pick up the food you have donated that day. The food will be donated to Loaves and Fishes and Second Harvest Food Bank.

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 ncrtl73@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.

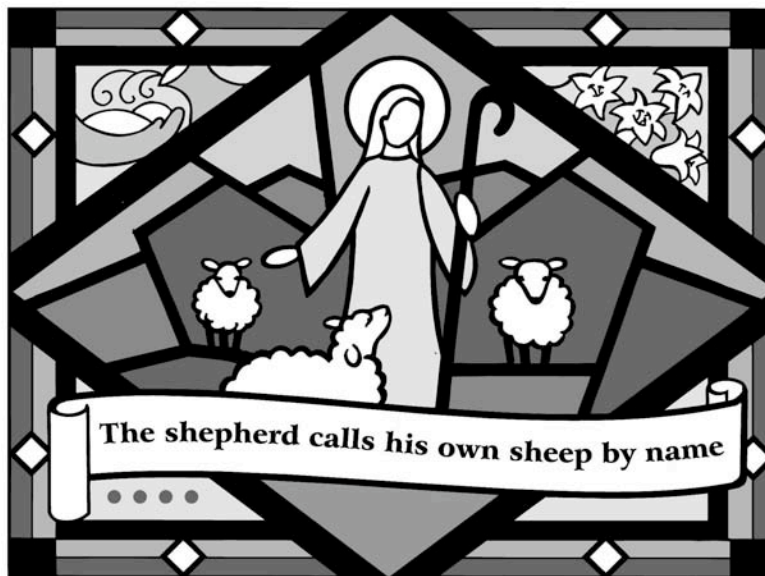
Catholic Social Services Charlotte Regional Office needs volunteers to help in the food pantry. Opportunities are immediately available to volunteers with sorting, stocking and helping staff in assessing client needs. Please email Geri King at gking@charlottediocese.org for more information and to arrange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

The 66th Semi-Annual Rosary Rally will be held on **today**, May 3, 2009 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. The homilist will be Fr. Brandon Jones. This rally will include the Holy Rosary, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction.

Treasures from our Tradition:

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Paques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name: the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain, the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule. —Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Saved by the one who was rejected: Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him. In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock? © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

THAT'S NOT ME

I will never forget my very first day of school. In those days, class sizes in Catholic grammar schools were quite large; my first grade class had fifty-two students. Our teacher made large name tags for each of us to wear that first day. Unfortunately, my name tag read "Edward Gallagher." This is not my name. When I saw this, I tried to protest, "Sister, that's not my . . ." She immediately responded, "Now, Edward, there will be no talking back to Sister." I tried again, "But Sister . . ." Her hands more than full with fifty-two of us, there apparently just wasn't time for this conversation. So, I went through my first day of school named someone I was not. I will never forget my mother's face as she stood on the front porch ready to welcome her first-born son home from his first day of school. She took one look at "Edward Gallagher," frowned, and immediately went to the phone to straighten things out with the school.

CALLED BY NAME

This early life experience taught me much about the value and importance of my name. In today's Gospel we hear the Lord Jesus tell his followers that sheep learn to recognize the voice of the shepherd. They will not follow a stranger's voice. In the Rite of Baptism, the very first question put to the parents is, "What name do you give your child?" And just before the words "I baptize you . . ." the priest or deacon calls the one to be baptized by name. In a sense, we learn to hear our name called by God from the moment of our rebirth in the waters of baptism. This is the root of all vocational calls, whether to marriage, holy orders, or the consecrated life. On a day when we remember that Jesus is our caring shepherd, let us listen once again to the Lord calling us each by name into loving service.

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-6; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

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Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

ÉSE NO SOY YO

Nunca olvidaré mi primer día de clases. En aquellos días las escuelas primarias católicas tenían un gran número de alumnos. En mi clase de primer grado había cincuenta y dos estudiantes. La maestra hizo una etiqueta con cada uno de nuestros nombres y nos la entregó para que nos la pusiéramos ese primer día de clase. Lamentablemente, mi etiqueta decía “Edward Gallagher”. Ése no es mi nombre. Cuando noté eso, intenté protestar: “Hermana, ése no es mi . . .”. Ella respondió inmediatamente: “Edward, no se le debe contestar a una hermana”. Intenté nuevamente, “Pero hermana . . .”. Ella tenía las manos llenas con cincuenta y dos de nosotros, y aparentemente no había tiempo para esta conversación. Así es que pasé mi primer día de clases con un nombre que no era el mío. Nunca olvidaré el rostro de mi madre parada en la puerta de la casa ansiosa por recibir a su primogénito luego de su primer día de clases. Miró la etiqueta que leía “Edward Gallagher”, frunció el ceño, e inmediatamente llamó a la escuela para aclarar el asunto.

LLAMADOS POR NUESTRO NOMBRE

Esta temprana vivencia me enseñó mucho sobre el valor y la importancia de mi nombre. En el evangelio de hoy escuchamos a Jesús decirle a sus discípulos que las ovejas aprenden a reconocer la voz del pastor. No siguen la voz de un extraño. En el rito del bautismo, la primera pregunta que se les hace a los padres es: “¿Qué nombre le dan a su hijo?” Y justo antes de decir las palabras “Yo te bautizo . . .” el sacerdote o diácono llama al que está por ser bautizado por su nombre. En cierto modo, aprendemos a escuchar nuestro nombre pronunciado por Dios desde el momento de nuestro renacimiento en las aguas bautismales. Ésta es la raíz de toda llamada vocacional, ya sea el matrimonio, el orden sagrado o la vida consagrada. En este día que recordamos que Jesús es nuestro bondadoso pastor, escuchemos una vez más al Señor, que nos llama a cada uno por nuestro nombre para ser fieles servidores.

Lecturas de hoy: Hechos 2:14a, 36-41; Salmo 23:1-6; 1 Pedro 2:20b-25; Juan 10:1-10

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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).

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