

The First Sunday of Advent

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Your Stewardship of Treasure
743 registered families

The week ending November 15, 2009

Sunday Offering 155 envelopes	6,825.50
Sunday Children 2 envelopes	2.00
Sunday Offering loose cash	1,684.48
Total:	8,511.98

Priest Retirement Assessed:	20,097.00
Received:	14,716.00
Due:	5,381.00

All are invited to join us at 9:00am-10:00am in the café for our Adult Education. Come on over to the Allen Center after the 8:00am Mass. Different topics each week.

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, Sergeant Justin David Schoonover, US Marines.

Come to a **Night of Prayer** at 7:15pm. Our prayer night is directly after the Latin Mass. It will be held in the cry room. Wednesday, December 9th. Please contact Carolyn Franks for further information. 704-544-3153 or carolynfranks1@netzero.net.

Continue to collect. Men's socks, underwear and gloves (all new) for the Men's Shelter of Charlotte. Our Boys Scout Troop 162 is collecting and serving meals at the Statesville Avenue facility. Please bring your donation to the Allen Center lobby it the box mark for donations. Thank you!

Prelude chants: November

LUX AETERNA

May eternal light
shine upon them,
O Lord,
with your saints for ever,
For you are rich in mercy.

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord,
And let perpetual light
shine on them,
With all your saints for ever,
For you are rich in mercy.

*Heaven, the state of supreme
happiness
(CCC, 1023-1024)*

“Those who die in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they ‘see him as he is,’ face to face (1 Jn 3:2; cf. 1 Cor 13:12; Rev 22:4) ... This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.”

Cantate et Jubilate Deo – A Devotional and Liturgical Hymnal Published by: Scepter Publishers, Midwest Theological Forum, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division.

IN PARADISUM

May the angels lead you
into Paradise,
May the martyrs greet you
in your coming,
And lead you into the holy city,
Jerusalem.

May the choir of angels
welcome you,
And with Lazarus,
once so poor,
May you have eternal rest.

*In communion with god
(CCC, 1026-1027)*

“By his death and resurrection, Jesus Christ has ‘opened’ heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.”

“This mystery of the blessed communion of God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description. Scripture speaks of it in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father’s house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: ‘no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him’

(1 Cor 2:9).” Cantate et Jubilate Deo – A Devotional and Liturgical Hymnal Published by: Scepter Publishers, Midwest Theological Forum, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division.

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

Please keep in mind as you come in to the church we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back of the church by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Thank you.

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.

(Received: 16,899.70 – as of 11/8/09).

Please pray for: (in our parish): Don Millard, Bob Brewer, Maggie Bernard, Gladys Cavallone, Elizabeth DeHority, Scott Wheeler, and Catherine Silverthorne;

And among our relatives and friends:

Terri Benton (daughter of Pat and Bob Brewer), Jack Broxterman, John Haigh (brother of Jane Ertel).

Please pray for our friends who are incarcerated: Walter F. Sanders, Jr.



Our church dedication is Saturday, December 5th at 10:00am. All are invited to come to this beautiful ceremony. There will be a reception after the dedication in the Allen Center. Also at this time we are taking donations for flowers. You can donate money toward family intentions or in memory of loved ones. Please put donations and intentions or memorials in an envelope and mark it: **Flowers for our Dedication.**

Masses

Sunday, November 29, 2009

2nd collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Society
8:00am Mass +John Halmans
by Joyce Molenaar
10:30am Mass Intentions of our parish family
12:30pm Mass +Arthur Brickner
by the Alderman family

Monday, November 30, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Charlie Curtiss
by the Trumm family

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Ellen Baker
by the Ostendorf family

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass +Aunt Barbara
by Lauren and Tim Rupar

Thursday, December 3, 2009

7:00am Mass +Sandy Lyons
by Rosalyn Ryan

Friday, December 4, 2009

8:30am Mass +Dolores Lyons
by Rosalyn Ryan

Saturday, December 5, 2009

10:00am Our Church Dedication Mass
Reception following in the Allen Center
3:00pm Confessions-Father Hanson
4:30pm Mass-Father Hanson
+Katherine Marshall
by Virginia Doman
No Mass in the Extraordinary Form this weekend

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Capital Campaign and Capital Needs Collections
8:00am Mass +Margaret Brickner
by the Alderman family
10:30am Mass +Blanche Wilson
by the Rothe family
12:30pm Mass-Fr. Hanson
Intentions of our parish family

Monday, December 7, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Elizabeth DeHority
by Lisa Tobin

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00am Mass
12:10pm Mass +Dorothy Bougault
by the Coulombe family
7:00pm Mass Intentions of Father Reid

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass +Dina Guethlein
by Larry Guethlein

Thursday, December 10, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Catherine Curtiss
by the Trumm family

Friday, December 11, 2009

8:30am Mass Intentions of Veronica and
Leonardo Cortes
by Michael and Gina Reinhardt and family

Saturday, December 12, 2009

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass Intentions of Victoria Borin
by Abi and Dale Purvis

Sunday, December 13, 2009

2nd collection for the Religious Retirement
8:00am Mass Intentions for
Margaret and Richard Kennedy and family
by the Grayson family
10:30am Mass Intentions of Brenda Eckmair
by Abi and Dale Purvis
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Monday, December 14, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Elizabeth DeHority
by Lisa Tobin

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be
Sunday, January 11th at 9:00am. Please call the
Church Office to sign up for this class.

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, November 29, 2009

9:00am Father Reid's class-café
9:00am Bible Study-library

Monday, November 30, 2009

6:00pm dance group-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:00pm Parish Council-Scout room
7:00pm RCIA-café
7:00pm Parish Council-scout room

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

3:00pm SAAA-gym
4:15pm Servers-David Liberto-church
7:00pm gym in use
7:30pm World Rosary-church

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

4:15pm Children Adoration-church
5:00pm SAAA-gym
5:00pm Holy Hour-church
7:00pm library in use
7:00pm Boy Scouts-scout room

Thursday, December 3, 2009

3:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm bingo-café
7:00pm choir-church

Friday, December 4, 2009

3:00pm SAAA-gym
6:30pm dance group-cl 1 and 2
7:00pm Spanish Rosary-church

Saturday, December 5, 2009

9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2
9:00am Ceramic
**10:00am Dedication-Church/
Msgr. Allen Center**
2:00pm library in use
2:00pm Blue Knights-cl 1 and 2
3:00pm Confessions-Fr. Hanson-church
4:00pm Hispanic Ministry-cl 1 and 2

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Capital Needs Collection
Snacks for the Cancer Kids at Presbyterian Hospital
9:00am Bible Study-library
9:00am Father Reid's class-café
10:00am Hispanic-cl 1 and 2
10:30am reception-café/gym
3:00pm Brownies-scout room
3:00pm Hmong-church
6:30pm Men's Club-café
7:00pm CSS-cl 1 and 2

Monday, December 7, 2009

6:00pm dance group-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:00pm RCIA-café
7:30pm World Rosary-church

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Immaculate Conception
9:00am ceramics
6:30pm reception-café/kitchen

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour-church
St. Ann Christmas Show-gym
7:00pm Boy Scouts-scout room
7:00pm library in use
7:15pm Night of Prayer-church
7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting-cl 1

Thursday, December 10, 2009

10:00am Cry Room in church-in use
3:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm Bingo
7:00pm Choir

Friday, December 11, 2009

3:00pm SAAA-gym
6:00pm Novena-church
6:30pm dance-cl 1 and 2
7:00pm Spanish Rosary

Bethlehem Wood Carving Group will be selling hand-carved religious olive wood artifacts from now until December 26th at Carolina Place.

For information on the Creighton Model **Fertility Care System** please call Trisha Brown, Diocese of Charleston FCPI, at 803-554-6569.

Join one or all three...be a witness to human sanctity! March for Life 2010 Charlotte, Raleigh and Washington DC.

Charlotte-March for Life will be on January 15, 2010 will march at 12:00pm from the parking lot on the corners of W. Palmer and S. Church streets across from the Catholic Center. For more information go to www.marchforlifecharlotte.org
Raleigh-March for Life will be on January 16, 2010 will march at 1:00pm from the corner of Hargett and McDowell streets. For more information on prayer breakfast and march go to www.ncrtl.org or call 1-800-392-6275. *Washington DC*-March for Life will be on January 22, 2010. There will be an awesome overnight pilgrimage to Washington DC on a bus leaving from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on January 21st. Only \$40.00 per person. For more details call Marie Leclair 704-341-5961 or e-mail marie.teacher@hotmail.com

Healing after Abortion: There is hope and healing after abortion. Men and women are invited to begin their healing journey at our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat, January 29th-31st, 2010. For further information, please call the Respect Life Office: 704-370-3229 or visit: Rachelsvineyard.org. (Sponsored by Catholic Social Services, Diocese of Charlotte.)

The 4th annual **March For Life Charlotte** will be January 15, 2010. If you are interested in helping with this important event, please join us for a meeting on December 3rd, 2009 at 7:00pm at St. Patrick Cathedral in the Family Life Center. Any questions call Tina Witt at 704-846-7361 or e-mail mtwitt@windstream.net. Also you can check out www.marchforlifecharlotte.org for details on the march.

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother. –St. Therese of Lisieux

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

The Annual National Night of Prayer for Life, uniting The Feast of the Immaculate Conception with The Feast of St. Juan Diego will be held Tuesday, December 8th from 8:00pm-12midnight here at St. Ann. This is a pro-life prayer service consisting of exposition and adoration of The Blessed Sacrament along with a Holy Hour of Reparation from 11:00pm- 12midnight. Please come to watch and pray with Our Lord for any time during the evening. For more information, contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com

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

Petition to Help Pregnant Women Choose Life: Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Jugis need your help in convincing our state legislators to allow the Choose Life license plate to be made available in NC. An online petition has been created by the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship and can be found at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/ncchooselife/>
IMPORTANT: If you prefer not to receive further notifications from this petition website, please be sure to remove the green check from the box that appears above the "Sign Petition" box. Please consider signing the petition and let your friends know about the petition as well. Without your help, the Choose Life license plate will never be passed by our Legislature.



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."* For questions please call or email Kimberlee Shukes at 704-643-2956 or shukesk@bellsouth.net.

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.

Help Wanted: During these difficult economic times, some members of our parish family have lost their jobs. 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. We would like to set up a service of support. A list on which you could include your company, your hobby or your service. We hope to have an "Angie's List" of people and companies such as lawn service or planting flowers, plumbers of the parish and all the others occupations. Call the church office.

Our parish novena of Masses for the deceased parishioners and their loved ones: Tuesday, November 3rd, Wednesday, November 4th, Thursday, November 5th, Friday, November 6th, Saturday, November 7th 4:30pm Mass, Sunday, November 8th 12:30pm Mass, Sunday, November 22nd 12:30pm Mass, Monday, November 23rd, Friday, November 28th. Has been completed.

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

To book a room in the Allen Center call Charlie Nesto at 704-523-4641#227 on Tuesdays or Thursdays 9:00am to 12noon.

Atria Merrywood has several classes during the month please call 704-523-4949 for details.
www.atriamerrywood.com

Volunteers Needed to Help Clean Church: Calling all Marthas! We are in need of volunteers who are willing to help clean the church building on a regular basis. Now that we have such a beautiful new church, let's be sure to take good care of it. For more information please contact Carol Kuhn at 704-527-5277. Thank you!

Saint Ann Parish is starting a... YOUNG ADULT GROUP. All are welcome: single, married, families - please bring your kids along! St. Ann Young Adult Group is welcome to all adults in the 20s & 30s - especially married couples & families. Our activities will be kid-friendly and/or have babysitting provided! First Event: Join us December 4th at 6:00pm at St. Ann's Church to pray a **Rosary** then immediately following join us at Tim & Lauren Rupar's for **GAME NIGHT!** Bring a game & snack or drink to share! (We'll have a main dish provided for dinner.) To RSVP or for more information visit "Saint Ann's Young Adult Group" Facebook page or contact Lauren Rupar 704-900-8903 lauren.rupar@yahoo.com <http://www.facebook.com/lauren.rupar>

Saint Ann's Young Adult Group is looking for teenage volunteers to babysit at some of their events. If you are a teenager looking for volunteer hours, please contact Lauren Rupar at 704-900-8903, lauren.rupar@yahoo.com, facebook.com/lauren.rupar.

World Rosary, Monday, November 30th at 7:30pm in the church. Ann Layman at 704-525-3519.



As the DSA continues, I ask you to make a pledge of financial support to this important work. For those of you who have already made a pledge, I thank you for sharing your resources. Some day you or someone you know will be helped by a DSA funded ministry.

Catholic Social Services is committed to the growth of individuals and the strengthening of families. We invite you to take advantage of our counseling program whether it be for individual therapy, couples counseling, or family therapy. We accept most health insurance and offer a generous sliding scale. To find peace of mind, hope, support, please visit our website, www.cssnc.org or call 704-370-3262.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. **Activities: Adoration (5:00pm) and Latin Mass (6:00pm) Wednesday, December 2nd** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. See Facebook page for details! We will be having a **Vinny's DOC Christmas Party on Sunday, December 20th!** Details coming soon! For more information or to join please contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or check our group out on Facebook, Vinny's DOC. For more information or to join please contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or check our group out on Facebook, Vinny's DOC.

Dr. George Raad and the Metrolina Medical Research would like to invite you to volunteer in one of the Clinical Research Studies: Arthritis, urinary incontinence, over active bladder, Diabetes, Diabetic Neuropathy, High Blood Pressure, Osteoporosis, Menstrual Migraine and flu vaccine for ages 65 and older. Call 704-527-6672 www.pmg-research.com.

Overview of **The Catholic Company**

<http://www.catholiccompany.com> The Catholic Company, the leading Catholic store and mail-order catalog, provides essential Catholic books and gifts to customers worldwide. The Catholic Company is known for its selection of high quality Catholic products, quick delivery, and customer service. We have been in business since 1997, answering Pope John Paul II's call for all Catholics to join in a New Evangelization, and have been selling online since 2001. We are Catholic-owned and operated—from the company's owners, to product buyers, to our marketing staff, and our warehouse employees. The Catholic Company provides gifts guaranteed to make a difference.



Stewardship of our time and talent and treasure is not limited only to the Church. Many people give time and money to other groups in the community as well.

Samaritan House, 3424 Park Road (directly in front of the YWCA) which is a "Healing House for People Who Are Homeless" can use volunteers for a variety of services including visiting with residents, transportation to clinic appointments, Office and secretarial work, or picking up prescriptions at local drug stores etc.

Please call Sister Helene if you can assist so can place on St. Ann's Team.
704-523-4641-x233.



704-525-4938

St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at
www.stannscatholicschool.com

December 3rd mid-term reports are issued
Christmas Holiday is
December 21st-31st, 2009

January 4th classes resume
January 18th no school
January 19th no school
January 21st report cards
January 31st Catholic Schools week

Register for the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The weekend centers entirely on your relationship and is a positive, private experience between you and your spouse that revitalizes marriage. Sign up now for the Valentine's Day weekend February 12th-14th, 2010 being held in Charlotte, NC. www.wwme-nc.info. You may also contact Tom and Emilie Sandin for more information @ emilieandtom@yahoo.com or 336-274-4424.

2009-2010 IFBL Information: Registration for all players must be through www.sportability.com.

Season Dates:

3rd grade- December 5th, 12th 19th,
January 9th, 16th, 24th.

4th-8th grade- December 5th, 12th, 19th, January 9th,
16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th.

Playoffs February 8th -14th.

9th-12th grade-December 13th 20th, January 10th, 17th,
24th, 31st. February 7th, 14th,

Playoffs week of February 15th.

Forest Lawn East Cemetery is please to announce the opening of The Garden of St. Matthew section of the cemetery. Call 704-846-1068 for details.

Living Waters Catholic Reflections Center is offering retreats and special renewals for weekend and week long settings in Maggie Valley, NC. Please call 828-926-3833 for more details.
lwrc@bellsout.net

Iconography Retreat will take place Wednesday, February 3rd to Sunday, February 7th, 2010 at The Oratory in Rock Hill, SC. For four days you will pray, study and learn the traditional method of egg-tempera icon writing/painting. All materials are included in the tuition and the schedule is flexible. The enrollment is limited to twelve participants. Call The Oratory at 803-327-2097 for details.

Ignatian Advent Retreat: The Ignatian Spirituality Team at St. Peter Catholic Church in Charlotte will be offering a two-week Guided Ignatian Retreat during Advent. The retreat will open on Saturday, December 5th and close on Saturday, December 19th with sessions in Biss Hall from 8:30am to 12noon. The theme for the retreat will be "Annunciations." Parking is free in The Green parking garage next to the Church. If you wish to register for the two-week guided retreat, please contact Fr. Vince at 704-332-2901 to be paired with a guide. If you simply wish to attend one or both Saturday sessions, please email us at retreat4advent@gmail.com.

Habitat Critical Home Repair (HCHR) began in 2007 as a division of **Habitat for Humanity**. It is for person who can't afford to make the necessary repairs on their houses themselves. If you are interested in helping please call 704-716-5639 or Homerepair@habitatcharlotte.org.

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools Admissions welcomes all interested parents and students. Please check out www.charlottediocese.org or call 704-370-3273. Early admissions begins on January 4, 2010.

The Charlotte Catholic Women's Group is an inter-parish organization with its mission to foster in women a greater desire to know, love and serve Jesus Christ and His Church. CCWG is having a Christmas Coffee on Monday, December 7th, at 10:00am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Father Timothy Reid, Pastor of St. Ann's, will be the speaker. Please join us for refreshments, fellowship, and a beautiful, spiritual beginning to the holidays. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Franks at 704-544-3153 or carolynfranks1@netzero.net.

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.

Critical Need: The Refugee Resettlement Office of Catholic Social Services is in critical need of bunk beds, especially since they are anticipating the arrival of several large families. Bunk beds make it possible to house these families by making the best use of often small bedrooms. If you have bunk beds to donate, pickup is available. Contact: Mary Jane Bruton at 704-370-3283 or mjbruton@charlottediocese.org.

Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, December 6th is due

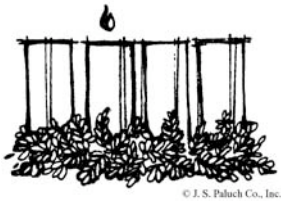
Tuesday, December 1st.

Sunday, December 13th is due

Tuesday December 8th.

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation. The Catholic bishops of the United States strongly support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death. However, all current bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bishops have asked for our swift action and the commitment of our prayers for this critical effort. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

Come “prepare the way of the Lord” in your mind and heart with our very special Advent Morning of Reflection, beginning at 9:00am on **December 5th in the Haid Theatre at Belmont Abbey**. Our reflection leaders will be Abbot Placid Solari, O.S.B., and Father Dwight Longenecker. Abbot Placid acts as the spiritual father of the monks of Belmont Abbey, and instructs the youngest monks in *The Rule of Saint Benedict*. He is also the Chancellor of Belmont Abbey College and is much in demand as a mission and retreat leader. Father Longenecker is a married former Anglican priest who converted to the Catholic faith in 1995 and was ordained a Catholic priest in 2006. He is the author of ten books, including *Listen My Son*, a daily Benedictine devotional book which applies *The Rule of Saint Benedict* to the task of modern parenting. He is also a very popular retreat leader. So attendees are in for quite a spiritual treat. Admission is free to the public. However, donations to help us defray the cost of the event won't go unappreciated. Our seating capacity is limited so please register online by December 1st. Please call Joan Bradley at 704-461-6009 or email her at JoanBradley@bac.edu. Come give yourself a much-deserved early Christmas gift.



First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2009 I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.— *Jeremiah 33:15*

Active Waiting: As this new liturgical year unfolds, today's readings are most appropriate, for they root us in what it means to live authentically as Christians. The Gospel, with its frightening predictions of the end times, invites the hearer to "be vigilant at all times" (Luke 21:36). This kind of vigilance is not at all passive for the Christian. Instead, it is a kind of active waiting. And what should we be doing while we are waiting for the coming of the Lord? The second reading gives us the answer: "abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). Today is all about promises made and fulfilled. May this Advent season root us all firmly in a stance of active waiting for the Lord, who brings justice and peace.

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The Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the Oplatek or **Christmas Wafer** at your Christmas Eve Wigilia, Villia, Kucios, "Feliz Navidad" or dinner can be rekindled. Traditionally, breaking and sharing the Christmas wafer with family and friends is accompanied with best wishes and expressions of forgiveness, helping us to bring joy and happiness to our hearts and homes. Orders for the wafers will be taken till December 21st. Cost will be .50¢ per wafer. Please call Helen Collins at 704-365-1161 or e-mail order request to: helencollins@carolina.rr.com. Proceeds will go to Catholic Social Services to help a needy family this holiday season.

CSS Elder Ministry Days of Reflection for seniors Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at St. James, Hamlet. 11:00am-3:00pm. The cost is \$14.00. Presenter is Sister Ann Marie Wilson. Topic: "Jesus...Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" Call Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-6299.



They're here! New Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs have arrived and are in the kiosk. Stop by the wooden stand after Mass and select CDs from our newest shipment. Donation of just \$3.00 or more per CD is appreciated.

St. Matthew Catholic Church 4th Annual Santa's Craft Shop Saturday, December 5th 8:00am-4:00pm. Over 95 vendors with unique, handcrafted items. Professional Photos with Santa, shopping area for kids, raffles, theme baskets, food court and a \$100 drawing. Free parking and admission.

Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, December 21st) at 7:30pm in the chapel. Questions to CHLT5NC@aol.com

For all those suffering from cancer and other serious diseases, St. Matthew Catholic Church for a solemn prayer service and blessing with a relic of St. Peregrine. Please note that the Prayer Service will be the second Thursday of the month, December (10th).

Attention Polish speaking parishioners: St. Matthew Catholic Church will have a Polish Mass on Sunday, December 20th, 2009 at 3:00pm. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available beforehand starting 2:00pm. Please call Elizabeth Spytkowski at 704-948-1678.

Testimony of Gifts... Offering of Gifts...

My name is Jose Sanchez and I would like to introduce to you my family: my wife Kattya, my daughters Lourdes and Carroll and the baby of the house, Nicolas. We are Peruvian and have lived in Charlotte for 6 years. We are a close family, blessed by our Lord, with many friends but nearly no extended family.

One of the many blessings we have received from our Lord, there is our son Nicolas. Nicolas is 4 years old and was born with Downs Syndrome. He was born with many medical problems but thanks to surgeries and therapy, he continues to improve. When Nicolas was born it was difficult in the beginning, but I remained faithful. As a dentist in Peru and a Rotarian, I had worked with children with special needs.

Since God touched our house with the blessing of Nicolas, he has changed us. I am more sensitive. My faith is strengthened. I worry less as I readily trust God with my life and with the lives of my children. We, as a family, work together in our home.

As a way of thanking the community of Saint Ann and our Lord, Jesus Christ, we have decided as a family to become involved in the fundraising efforts for the immigrant window that adorns our new sanctuary. My family business is professional photography. We will collaborate with the fund raising efforts by offering our services for family or individual portraits at a fraction of what portraits usually cost, donating **100% of the proceeds to Saint Ann**. Put on something special, or just jeans and a tee shirt, and we will do the rest! Fantastic photography ... really. Photo sessions will be right here in St Ann Activity Center. How long has it been since your family was photographed together?? So affordable, even in the current economy and perfect timing for Christmas gifts! Let's work together for this great cause! To make your appointment: www.Sanchezmemories.com. **Click on contact us, then click on Calendar, page down to Schedule Your Photos Shoot and reserve your space!** Dates are **December 5th, and 6th**.

Testimonio de Regalos... Oferta de Regalos...

Mi nombre es Jose Felix Sanchez, y quiero presentarles a mi familia: Kattya, mi esposa, Lourdes mi hija mayor, de 13 años, Carroll mi segunda hija, de 11 años y el bebe de la casa –Nicolas- de 4 años de edad, somos de Peru y estamos viviendo en Charlotte por casi 6 años. Somos una familia unida, muy bendecida por el Señor con muchos amigos y casi ningun familiar –

Dentro de las muchas bendiciones que hemos recibido fue Nicolas -mi hijo de 4 años- el es un niño con Síndrome de Down, y que nació con algunos problemas que gracias a algunas cirugías y terapias las ha ido superando Cuando nació Nicolas, fue difícil al comienzo, pero confíe en Dios, por que como Dentista tenía experiencia trabajando con estos niños, fui miembro de Rotary Club en Peru y me involucre en apoyar instituciones que trabajaban con esta clase de niños especiales también.

Hasta que Dios tocó mi hogar y nos dio esta bendición, Nicolas nos cambió mucho, me hizo mucho más sensible, más creyente del Señor, me dio más fe, ya no me preocupó tanto por el futuro de mis hijos, le dejé esa carga a Jesús, “juntos trabajamos en casa”.

Las atenciones que hemos recibido de amigos en este tiempo difícil para nosotros (cuando las operaciones de Nicolas) han sido tantas que nunca voy a alcanzar a dar las gracias por tantas bendiciones, hasta que pensando como apoyar a nuestra comunidad de “Santa Ana” en la construcción de nuestro nuevo templo y enterarnos que la comunidad inmigrante ha asumido el compromiso de apoyar con “La Ventana del Inmigrante” y ya que mi familia y yo estamos involucrados en la Fotografía Profesional, es que queremos colaborar en este gran proyecto **donando el 100% del dinero** que se colecte tomando retratos familiares artísticos retocados a nuestra comunidad y amigos. Pensando que el Proyecto “La ventana del Inmigrante” es una manera de agradecer al pueblo Americano es que te pedimos que saques de tu closet tus mejores prendas que lucas fabuloso! Ponte algo muy especial que te guste, algo fuera de lo ordinario, o jeans y polera (T-shirt), y nosotros haremos el resto, fotos realmente fantásticas. Inscríbete ahora en sanchezmemories.com haz click en **CONTACT US**, luego en **CALENDAR** y **SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTO SHOOT** para reserve tu espacio. Las fechas son 5,6 Dec.

Trabajemos juntos por una buena causa, “La Ventana del Inmigrante”

Servicio Bilingue: Domingos a las 12:30pm

La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones

Recibidas Hasta La Fecha (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$16,899.70) Nuestra meta es de : **\$25,000**). En memoria de los inmigrantes, que han dedicado sus vidas sirviendo y trabajando en este pais. 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.

Preguntas/Inquietudes acerca de nuestros planes de construcción:

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Si tiene algo que quiere anunciar en Español por el boletín, favor de mandarlo a Robin Davis por correo electrónico meandmygirlies@windstream.net. Comunidad Hispana! Celebraremos el Carnaval de Santa Ana el 31 Octubre. La tradicion es que la comunidad hispana patrocina una zona donde vendimos comida hispana para ayudar recojer fondos. Necesitamos que cada persona participe! Pongase en contacto con Robin Davis 704-806-2434 o con Hilda Pimentel 704-606-7970 para participar en una labor!!

Buscando Ayuda: Durante este tiempos economicos dificiles, unos parroquianos nuestros han perdido sus empleos. Si Ustd o alguien que Ustd cConoce esta buscando empleados, favor de considerar darle la oportunidad a los miembros desempleados de nuestra familia parroquial. En St ana estamos iniciando un servicio de apoyo. En este servicio se puede comunicar su necesidad, sea empleado o sea emplearse. Queremos mantener una lista de negocios, habilidades, servicios que tienen nuestros parroquianos. Si quiere estar en la lista... Comunicarse con la oficina de la iglesia o con Robin Davis meandmygirlies@windstream.net

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Martes: Is 11:1-10; Lc 10:21-24

Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Domingo: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 125); Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

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.

Puedes practicar leer, pronunciar, y entender ingles por leer la Biblia! Reunanse con la Hermana Helene. Ella va a dirigir un grupo cada miercoles a las 6:30pm en el centro de actividades. Empezando 7 Oct. Para inscribirse llame a la oficina de la iglesia o a Robin Davis 704-806-2434.

Por favor, considere sinceramente la posibilidad de tomar parte en nuestra misa bilingüe. Se necesitan muchos voluntarios para celebrar la misa adecuadamente. Estamos buscando a aquellos que están interesados en leer la palabra, recibir a los asistentes, y también estamos necesitando de jóvenes para servir en el altar. Por favor, deje su nombre y su información de contacto en la oficina de la iglesia si están interesados en ser voluntario en uno de estos ministerios.

Parroquiano de Santa Ana, el Doctor Raad, invita a las personas hispanas que necesitan servicios medicos. Llamar a Park Road Medical Clinic 704 523 2565 con Angela Gamarra (habla Espanol). Tambien el Doctor Raad tiene el placer de invitar a voluntarios en uno de los estudios clinicos de investigacion: gerd(acid reflux), diabetes, alta presion, osteoporosis, arthritis, problemas de vejiga. Tambien se ofrece vacuna para FLU (65 anos o mas) Llamar a 704-527-6672.

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