

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

We, the members of St. Mark Catholic Church, seek to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ by creating a parish where each member is Eucharist-centered, understands and loves the Catholic faith and what makes it special,

WEEKLY BULLETIN

September 27, 2009

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday-Friday 7 and 9 a.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.

Weekend: Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (signed for the hearing impaired), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m (bi-lingual)., and 5 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Spanish: Cada Domingo a las 12:30 p.m. Para información sobre los Sacramentos, por favor llame Angeles Murphy (704-947-7870).

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Begins Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. and continues overnight until 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Benediction follows at 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

ROSARY

Tuesdays in the Chapel; 7:15-7:45 p.m.

HOSPITALIZATION

If you or your loved one are in an area hospital, call the Parish Office to reach one of the Priests. The Priests offer Confession, bring the Holy Eucharist to you or give you the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

The use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, and other Sacramental events is available to active parishioners. Contact the Parish Office for additional information.



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TODAY'S READINGS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — (Numbers 11:25-29)

Psalm — (Psalm 19) **Second Reading** — (James 5:1-6).

Gospel — (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time! He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones": the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God.—*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement)
begins at sunset

Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions;
St. Wenceslaus

Tuesday: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael

Wednesday: St. Jerome

Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Friday: The Guardian Angels; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday;
Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival)
begins at sunset

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

IGLESIA CATÓLICA SAN MARCOS

INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL: Rosalba Rojas (704-895-8866), Andrea Solórzano (704-948-4239)

SERVICIOS SOCIALES CATOLICOS

Programa Esperanza (704) 370-3226 ó 3235

Consejera CSS (704) 370-3242 (familiar)

NUEVO HORARIOS DE MISAS:

Sábado: 5 p.m.

Domingo: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. y 12:30 p.m.

(Bilingüe), 5 p.m. (Juvenil)

Misa Diaria: lunes a viernes: 7 a.m. y 9 a.m. sábados: 9 a.m.

SACRAMENTOS DE BAUTISMO Y MATRIMONIO

Clases para Bautismo: Avisar 2 meses antes.

Clases Pre-Matrimoniales: Avisar 6 meses antes.

Contacto: Sra. Angeles Murphy (704-947-7870)

VISITEMOS AL SANTISIMO

Nuestro Señor está expuesto todos los viernes en la Capilla, desde las 8 a.m. hasta el Sábado a las 8:45 a.m. finalizando con la Bendición. El Ministerio Hispano tiene asignada la adoración de 11 p.m. hasta la media noche. Los invitamos a todos para que formen parte de este grupo que asiste todos los viernes para adorar a nuestro Salvador. ¡Por favor acompáñanos!

GRUPO DE RENOVACION CATOLICA CARISMATICA

¿Sabías que hay un grupo de oración en nuestra parroquia? Todos los sábados de 7:15 p.m. a 9 p.m. nos reunimos para entregarle a Jesús todas nuestras preocupaciones, enfermedades y alegrías, y El nos llena de fortaleza y muchas bendiciones. Ven y únete a nosotros para alabar y glorificar el nombre poderoso de Jesucristo. Para más informes llamar a Andrea (704-724-0602).

PRESENTACIONES DE QUINCEAÑERAS

En nuestra Iglesia se están aceptando las presentaciones de quinceañeras, celebradas totalmente en español, para las hijas de los miembros de nuestra Iglesia que ya hayan recibido los sacramentos. Mayores informes, favor llamar a Elizabeth (704-763-4245).

LATAS DE RECICLAJE PARA LA SALUD

San Marcos está organizando una Feria de Salud el 24 de octubre. Para ayudar a este evento estamos recolectando latas de aluminio para reciclaje desde del 28 de septiembre hasta el 5 de octubre. Por favor traigan sus

latas de aluminio vacías y depositenlas en un recipiente que va a estar en el estacionamiento de la iglesia. Si tienen alguna pregunta, llamen a Cristina (704-728-2783) o a Caroly (704-947-3272).

FERIA DE SALUD

Los Promotores de Salud de San Marcos están organizando una Feria de Salud para el Sábado 24 de octubre. Ellos necesitan voluntarios entusiastas para así lograr que este evento sea un éxito. Si estás en el campo de la salud, del ejercicio, del entretenimiento (músico, DJ, locutor, mago, payaso...), de la comida saludable, o la publicidad o si tienes alguna experiencia organizando o participando en una feria de salud y quieres ayudar a tu comunidad, esta es tu oportunidad. Favor llamar a Caroly (704-947-3272) o Cristina (704-728-2783) para más información.

POR QUE SER CATOLICO

Inscríbete en este programa para participar en un grupo en el que aprenderás y compartirás la riqueza de nuestra fe. Por dos horas a la semana durante seis semanas estaremos compartiendo temas como el amor a Dios, la familia y mucho más.

GRUPO DE RENOVACION CATOLICA CARISMATICA

Ven a participar con nosotros de los siguientes eventos para los cuales tenemos de invitados especiales al Diácono Guido Pozo y al Dr. Carlos Barilla del Centro Carismático de Nueva York: Viernes, Oct. 16 ~ 6 p.m. a 10:30 p.m. ~ Charla para parejas y matrimonios
Sábado, Oct. 17 ~ 9 a.m. a 5 p.m. ~ Retiro Espiritual y Conversión
La música la proveerá Wilfrido Ortiz, Músico Consagrado de Nueva York. Te esperamos!!! Para más información, llama a Elizabeth (704-763-4245).

NOVENA AL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS

La novena al Señor de los Milagros se realizará del 19 al 27 de octubre. Si estás interesado en realizarlo en tu casa, por favor comunícate con Andrea (704-948-4239).

PARISH CALENDAR

For more information on these and additional events, check the pages of this bulletin or visit www.stmarknc.org and select Calendar. To submit bulletin announcements, email bulletin@stmarknc.org. For a list of deadlines, visit www.stmarknc.org and select Bulletins.

Sunday, September 27

- 12:30 p.m. Cursillo/Ultreya (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 2 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
- 2:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Room 203)
- 3 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
- 3:15 p.m. Disability Ministry (Room 202)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (St. Mark Catholic School)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Room 200 and 201)

Monday, September 28

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Catechist Training (Room 204)
- 1:30 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 202)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen Core Mtg (LifeTeen Office Room 215)
- 6 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & SMCS)

Tuesday, September 29

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Parent Reconciliation Mtg (Parish Hall)
- 1 p.m. Women's Faith Sharing (Room 200)
- 3:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (Nursery, Parish Hall, SMCS)
- 6 p.m. Parent Reconciliation Mtg (Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. RCIA for Children (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Room 203)
- 7 p.m. Band (Church)
- 7 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Health Fair Mtg (Room 204)
- 7 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 202)
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Scouts (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, September 30

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Room 203)
- 10 a.m. After the Boxes... (Room 200)
- 11:15 a.m. Elder Ministry Exercise (Parish Hall)
- 3 p.m. Children's Choir/Youth Band (Church)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (Spanish) (Room 202)
- 7 p.m. Spanish Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)

Thursday, October 1

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Women of Joy (Parish Hall, 202)
- 6 p.m. SPRED (Parish Hall)
- 7 p.m. AOH Meeting (Ladies) (Room 203)
- 7 p.m. Choir (Church)
- 7 p.m. Women of Joy (Room 202)
- 7:30 p.m. Hispanic Why Catholic Training (Room 200)

Friday, October 2

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 1 p.m. Home School Group (Room 200, 201 & 202)
- 6 p.m. Faith Rocks Crazy Olympics (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6 p.m. Rehearsal (Marcoccia/Ramirez) (Church)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Rooms 200 & 204)

Saturday, October 3

- 9 a.m. Hispanic Bible Study (Room 202)
- 10 a.m. Catechist Training (Room 200)
- 10 a.m. Pet Blessing (Outside of church)
- 10 a.m. Savannah Diocese group touring Church
- 10 a.m. Tai Chi (Elder Ministry) (Parish Hall)
- 2 p.m. Wedding (Marcoccia/Ramirez) (Church)

MASS AND SACRAMENTS

SPECIAL NEEDS NURSERY

Our nursery for developmentally-delayed children ages 2-7 has resumed during the 9 a.m. Mass in Room 120. If your child would benefit from this time with our special education staff, please call and register with Connie Andrews (704-489-6099).

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS DURING THIS SPECIAL YEAR:

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and, through her intercession, strengthen them for their Ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, *"Do whatever He tells you."* (Jn 2:5) May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the Cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love, seeking Your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen. St. John Vianney, patron of priests, pray for us.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Brian Cohen, Lori DuBois, Jennie Green, Suzanne Hoffman, Irene Kuebler, Chase Meacham, Dean Metz, Jane Rosso, Joseph Spitaliere, Jr., Steve Vermillion, III and all our parishioners who reside at area nursing and assisted living homes who are unable to attend Mass.

Names will be listed for one month unless otherwise requested. Due to HIPPA Regulations, hospitals can no longer notify the Church when you or a loved one are admitted. Priests and Deacons are willing to visit, so please notify the Parish Office when someone is hospitalized.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Timothy Paul McAuliffe, V, Jonas Joseph Patrignani, Lukas Miller Patrignani, William Candela Beam and Zachary Michael Bitel, Regan Ella Butler, Kayla Leigh Schaefer, Ty Alexander Reynolds, Elise Victoria Tabb, Nicholas Alexander Gonzaga, Javier Olvera-Anaya, Maria-Stephanie Orozco, Yadira Rodriguez-Martinez

OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE SERVICE

USS Chosin

Lt. Carter Stapleton

USS Essex

1st Lt. Nicholas Villarruel

Afghanistan

Spc. Frank Christopher Dunning

Chad Kiekhaefer

Iraq

Sgt. Christopher Holden, PFC Albert Hadley, Infantry/Scout; PFC Tyler Best, PFC NCARNG Derek Koontz; 1LT Kevin C. Kachilo; 1LT Daniel "DJ" McCormick, NCARNG-Iraq; Staff Sgt. Andrew Vranek, USAF

Germany

Maj. Scott Michael Breece USAF

Camp Pendleton, CA

Lance Cpl. Thomas R. Guidetti

North Island, CA

Petty Officer 3rd Class Chris Balot, USN, NAS

Fort Benning, GA

PFC Jacob Alexander

Annapolis, MD

Matthew Hartung at USNA

Biloxi, MS

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jenna Hehn, Kessler, AFB

Fort Leonard Wood, MS

USMC PFC Edward Keller, III

Camp LeJeune, NC

USMC-Force Recon Sgt. Sam T. Myers

Fort Bragg, NC

MSgt. Patrick Heffernan

Minot, ND

Trevor Donahue, USAF Security Forces

Fort Sill, OK

Sgt. Steven Ollie, US Army

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Sept. 28

7 a.m. +Helen Theno

9 a.m. +Rita Slania

Tuesday, Sept. 29

7 a.m. Andrew Goduti

9 a.m. Virginia White

Wednesday, Sept. 30

7 a.m. Our Lady of Grace

9 a.m. +Mark Chapman

Thursday, Oct. 1

7 a.m. +Jerome McClusick

9 a.m. +Gregory Curka

Friday, Oct. 2

7 a.m. Mary Louise Koehl

9 a.m. +Charlene Lander

Saturday, Oct. 3

9 a.m. Msgr. Richard Bellow

5 p.m. +Dale Whittington

Sunday, Oct. 4

7:30 am +Ruth Nunley

9 a.m. +Helen Theno

11 a.m. Julie Leiker

12:30 a.m. St. Mark Parishioners

5 p.m. The Petrilli Family

Welcome new parishioners:

Richard & Diane Merchant, Matt & Janine Yordy, Dale & Kristine Holt, Miguel & Jennifer Perez, Brian & Kelly Schmidt JJ & Gabriella Alberdi, Steve & Jessica Mennie, Margarito & Maria Ramirez, Kenneth & Annette Altman, Nikki Mele, William & Patricia Hirzel, Andrea St. Clair, Natalie Prysiazniuk, Rosemary Pastwick, Richard & Mary Ann Snovak, Jason & Erica Atkins, Christine Albanese, Alex & Catherine Arce, Greg & Crissy Humble, Bill & Elena Nikstenas, Neil & Valentina Schram, Adrienne Friedrichs, Angelica Jaimes, Ethan & Kim Graham, James & Diane Comstock Adam & Cathy Christianson, Christophe & Stacy Remy, James & Valorie Sheehan, Brian & Chrystal Cavanagh, Andrea James, Stephen & Marzia Williams

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION CATECHISTS AND INTERESTED ADULTS

Using the Diocesan Continuing Education Modules, St. Mark is offering continuing education for both catechists (those serving in our classrooms) as well as those interested in furthering their understanding of our Catholic Faith. Detail about these classes can be found on our web-site www.stmarknc.org or at the Education bulletin board. To register, email dsmith18@bellsouth.net.

Phase II

Monday, Sept 28th 10-12 pm Catechist: A Faithful Disciple
Saturday, Oct 3rd 10-12 pm Catechist: A Faithful Disciple

Phase I

Monday, Oct 5th 10-12 pm Sacraments
Saturday, Oct 10th 10-12 pm Sacraments

“SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND”...

Our Adult Education Committee is proud to announce that the **Fall 2009 Adult and Family Education Handbook** is available at the Adult Education table and also at the Stewardship Cart. This informative handbook provides a summary of the educational, parent enrichment and spiritual opportunities with the parish for adult, teens and children to grow in their understanding and love of their Catholic Faith.

KEEPING YOUR KIDS CATHOLIC...

Based on the book Keeping Your Kids Catholic, this informative interactive presentation and discussion will provide parents insights and practical ideas on how they can keep Christ centered within their home. This is a (2) week program offered on:

Tuesday Oct 14th 4:15 – 5:30 pm

Tuesday Oct 21st 4:15 – 5:30 pm

(All Sessions in the Parish Hall)

Contact Donna Smith (dsmith18@bellsouth.net) to register or get further info.

ELDER MINISTRY

TAI CHI

Ryan Revak, a parishioner and certified Tai Chi instructor with 20 yrs of experience, offers a Tai Chi class on Saturdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Family Life Center. We meet in the Parish Hall or in Rooms 200/201. Recommended by the Arthritis Foundation, Tai Chi exercises can be performed by older adults with much benefit to one's physical, mental and emotional health. These exercises help to improve high blood pressure, balance, muscle tone, circulation, flexibility and longevity.

THE LUNCH BUNCH!

Join fellow parishioners at Max & Erma's in Huntersville (8700 Sam Furr Road) on Friday, October 9th at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and fellowship. Whether you are trying to meet new friends or just wanting to relax with current friends, come and enjoy this opportunity to visit with your fellow parishioners. **Please call Helen at 704-896-7215 A.S.A.P.** so that appropriate restaurant reservations can be made.

FLU & PNEUMONIA VACCINATION CLINICS

Maxim Healthcare Services will be at St. Mark in Rooms 200/201 on Thursday, October 15th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and again on Thursday, October 22nd from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Out of Pocket Participants: \$30 per Flu vaccination - \$45 per Pneumonia vaccination. **To schedule your appointment**, call Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please do not call after hours or on the weekends "just to leave a message." **Contact Aly at 704-439-2908 the week of Sept. 28th.** Contact Colleen at 704-439- 4660 the week of October 5th

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools welcomes interested parents and students to attend the Admission Open Houses for the 2010-2011 School Year. Please call the MACS Admissions Office at 704.370.3273 or go to www.charlottediocese.org for additional information. Early Admissions begins January 4, 2010. No RSVP is required to attend the Open Houses!

Elementary Schools hold Open House at each individual campus at the following times:

Sunday, Oct. 18th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm & Tuesday, Oct. 20th from 9:00 am - noon

- Saint Matthews Catholic School TK - 5 11525 Elm Lane

- Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School PK – 5 4225 Shamrock Drive
- Saint Ann Catholic School TK – 5 600 Hillside Avenue
- Saint Gabriel Catholic School K – 5 3028 Providence Road
- Saint Patrick Catholic School K – 5 1125 Buchanan Street
- Saint Mark Catholic School K – 8 14750 Stumptown Road, Huntersville

Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School - Sunday, Nov. 1st from 1-3 pm - 3100 Park Road Tuesday, Nov. 3rd from 9 am–11 am

Charlotte Catholic High School - Sunday, Nov. 1st - Program begins at 3 PM - 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

CURIOUS ABOUT MINISTRIES AT ST. MARK?

If you would like to know what volunteer ministries are available, go to our Parish website (www.stmarknc.org). Find Living Your Strengths on the home page and you will see our Parish ministries.

If you are unsure about where you can make a contribution, join one of our Living Your Strength series.

You will discover your talents and get assistance in matching what you do best to volunteer opportunities.

Register Now for Living Your Strengths (4 part series):
Thursdays: Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12 (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)
NINE OPENINGS

Purchase book at least 1 week in advance (\$18) & complete on-line survey. Registration, book & questions: Contact Rosemary Keeley (704-399-0672 or rosemary_keeley@att.net. (next series: Jan. 2010)

RESPECT LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

SEPT. 23RD THRU NOV. 1ST

This fall the Charlotte community will be uniting with over 200 other cities from 45 states for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history – the nationwide 40 Days for Life campaign. The 40 Days for Life campaign involves:

Prayer and Fasting: inviting people of faith throughout the Charlotte area to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

Peaceful Vigil: standing for life through a 40 day public witness outside the local abortion facility –

Preferred Women's Health Center 3220 Latrobe Drive
Vigil hours 7am – 7pm daily during the 40 days – come whenever you can and as often as you can!

During this past Spring campaign in Charlotte 41 babies lives were saved from the horror of abortion. As a community of faith, we will serve the Lord by ending abortion in our midst.

LIFE CHAIN RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCT 4TH 2–3 PM

Life Chain is a nationwide, peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. Stand with your family, friends and fellow St. Mark parishioners as we form a "prayer chain" in front of St. Mark's on the sidewalk facing Stumptown Road. Our prayers will be silent /our signs will speak to those who see us – Signs proclaim: Abortion Kills Children/Adoption the Loving Option/ Jesus Forgives and Heals/EI Aborto Mata Ninos/Life-the First Inalienable Right/ Pray to End Abortion/Abortion Hurts Women. Please gather at the Life Chain location at 1:45 PM. Rain or shine!

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LIFE TEEN High School youth ministry

Sunday, September 27: Life Night - 'Give It Away Now!' Bring your canned goods and non-perishable food items, as well as clothing to give away, and drop it off in the parish hall! Thanks for helping us help those in need!
Friday, October 2: Teen Eucharistic Adoration, 3-3:45 p.m. in the chapel!

Sunday, October 4: Life Night - 'No Matter How Small'
Wednesday, October 7: Catholic Athletes! 7-8:30 p.m. in the gym!
Friday, October 9: Teen Eucharistic Adoration, 3-3:45 p.m. in the chapel!
Sunday, October 11: Life Night - 'On Loan'

MINISTER SCHEDULE OCTOBER 3 & 4

Mass Time	5 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	5 p.m.
Altar Servers	Cory Delaney Robert Russell Katie Russell	Ben Dukes Tony Minaudo Ellen Minaudo	Skylar Ritchie Sarah Novitt Matthew Novitt Branson Ritchie Jeremy Harris	Sydney Krisa DeClan Krisa Kevin Herman Jr.	Fabrizio Campoverde Brian O'Campo Luiggi Campoverde	Zack Martin Kim Abrams Nick Loekman
Lectors	Jack Ryan Rosemary Keeley	Jean Caudle Chris Catapano	Matt Ryan Traci Scharlemann	Connie Fisher Tom Nguyen	Monica Von Uthemann Carlos Ramirez	Kate Reilly Liz Bernardo
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry Milstead Ginene Winchester Joe Scallan William Othling Jeannine Smetana Jimmy Carter Marty Brennan Marie Josee LeFevre Carol Volkmar Ann O'Shea Ray FitzGerald Barbara Polzella Barry McCaa	Mary Lou McDonald Gerry Phillips Anne Dixon Jennifer Rizzo Eilleen Gallagher Gloria Varela Kathleen Haley Karen Lipiski Kay Koll Sara O'Brien Richard Sullivan	Tim Boone Amy Marin Margie Vermillion Valerie Murphy Will O'Brien Kathleen O'Brien Mary Sumeracki Kathryn Sumeracki Randy Balot Faye Nye Joe Vandura Kathy Vandura Philip Macari Alicia Bowman Mathew Ferrante Shannon Holleran	Jennice Mulwee Judy De Boer Lisa Craven Michelle Fisher Leanne Vaccaro Michelle Krisa Helen Draheim Fran Slavik Claudette Kaveler Danielle Smith Pat Piedmonte Kathy Cattoni Linda Slavik Katie Herzing Ben Liuzzo Ron McAfee Sr.	Deacon Robert Rosalba Rojas Patricia Solorzano Paul Anatrella Silvio Ocampo Mariela Buscaglia Miriam Hernandez	Maddie Fink Megan O'Donnell Jackie Campo Bobby O'Brien Morgan Grendahl Tom Cordini Devyn Zeigler Ryan Loll Katie Lewis
Ushers						Emily Pressley Siobahn Whipp Lori Shapiro Andrew Kaveler Anna Chitwood
Coordinator	Ed Keller	Richard Sullivan	Randy Balot	Ron McAfee Sr	Enrique Rojas	Dick Christian

PARISH LIFE: GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH!

Laura Maclean, Director of Music Ministry (703) 948-0231 ext 103 Lmacmusic@aol.com

ST. MARK CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Students 2nd-8th grades

Practice Oct 14 3-3:45 OR 4:30-5:15 and Practice Oct 21 3-3:45 OR 4:30-5:15

Sing at the 9 am Mass October 25. Please call or e-mail if you are interested!

ST MARK ADULT CHOIR

Please consider joining us as we prepare for Ordinary Time, Advent and Christmas! Singing in our beautiful new church is a wonderful experience. We practice in the church on Thursday evenings at 7 pm and sing at the 9am Mass most Sundays except when the children's choir sings at 9 am—we move to 11 am.

LITTLE FLOWERS

Little Flowers Girls' Club is an opportunity for young girls to learn more about the virtues and the lives of the saints. We are interested in starting a group in our parish for 4-5 year old girls and another group for 6-8 year old girls. We plan to meet as mothers/daughters twice a month on Sunday afternoons. Our first meeting is September 27, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 203.

Please contact Kara Martinez (704-912-3221) for more information. Hope to see you there!

JOIN BOYS CUB SCOUTING (GRADES 1-5)

Hello St. Mark families! It's still not too late to join! Den Meetings are just starting. For more information or questions, please contact Cubmaster Michael Perrott (704-916-9036; michael.perrott@cubscoutpack97.org) or visit cubscoutpack97.org.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR UPDATE

Have you marked your calendar yet? November 21st will be here soon and we've got some great additions to this year's event including a special shopping area for children where our elves will help them choose and wrap presents for the whole family.

As you know this effort is only possible with everyone's help. We need you to start brining in those **gently used handbags** to support our Helping Handbag booth. Please don't wait until the last minute; there's a lot of work involved in getting them cleaned up and ready for the sale. This year we are also going to try to have a costume jewelry table, so if you have any items you no longer wear, consider donating them as well.

There are many ways that you can be a part of this effort. We are in need of sponsors, vendors, donations and volunteers. A complete listing can be found on the website. www.StMarkChristmasBazaar.com

We are quickly running out of vendor booths, so register now (forms can be downloaded on the website).

Contact Pam at 704-895-6732 or Christmas.Bazaar@StMarkNC.org with any questions.

ST. MARK SECOND ANNUAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, October 13-January 5, 7:30-9 p.m., Room 202, Msgr. Kerin Family Center

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4. Often it helps to share emotions and feelings with others who are going through similar experiences and to gain encouragement and spiritual strength. Sponsored by the St. Mark Bereavement Ministry, this group will be an incredible start to finding your way towards the path of healing. It is based on the book *Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart*, by Dr. Alan Wolfelt. Each week, we use the book and the companion journal provided by the St. Mark Bereavement Ministry. In order to allow for maximum benefit to our members, the group must be limited to no more than 15 people. Spots will be given out on a first-come-first-serve basis. RSVP to Debbie Swift (704-992-6226; swiftboysmom@hotmail.com) no later than October 6.

COMMUNITY LIFE: GET INVOLVED!

LAKE NORMAN HUNTERSVILLE ROTARY CLUB

11th Annual Wine Spectacular on Saturday October 17th, 2009 at 7pm featuring fabulous raffles, silent and live auction as well as dinner and wine sampling. With our country's economic crisis this year the need to serve others is greater than ever and as such we have chosen to lend our support to the following beneficiaries: The Lake Norman Free Clinic (health care services to the local uninsured and the under-insured). The Hope House (offers transitional housing and support for single mothers and their children). The Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen (helps to fight hunger in Huntersville, Cornelius and Davidson). The USO of North Carolina at Charlotte Douglas airport (enhances the quality of life for our U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families worldwide). The Special Olympics of North Carolina (sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type activities for both children and adults). Please mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE for October 17th, 2009. Tickets are \$75.00 and can be purchased online at www.lakenormanrotary.com or in person from a Northstone club member. For more information on the event or if you are interested in becoming an advertising sponsor or auction item donor please call 704-765-1196 or visit our website. Contact Beth Zuhosky Beth@stmarknc.org for details

COAT, TOY AND BLANKET DRIVE

Looking to commit some time to serving the needy community of North Mecklenburg? We are seeking a few people to help organize the annual Coat, Toy and Blanket Drive at St. Mark. Each year we gather donated items from parishioners and then invite the needy of our community to shop for free in the Family Center. The commitment to lead requires minimal prep work to organize the drive on November 15-18. Please consider leading a group of volunteers to serve our local friends and neighbors. Contact Beth Zuhosky (704-995-3055; beth@stmarknc.org) if you are interested.

THE WALK NOW FOR AUTISM

October 10, Lowes Speedway in Concord

One out of every 94 boys is diagnosed with autism. Causes and a cure remain unknown. If you would like to support research, help us reach our goal, or walk with our team, visit walknowforautism.org/Carolinas, select More Teams, and type in Autism Research Racers. You can also contact a St. Mark parishioner who is the parent of twin boys with autism, Susan Wild (704-601-6938; susan_wild@msn.com). Donations are tax deductible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ROSARY MAKERS

September 27 and October 25, 3:15-4:45 p.m., Room 204

Join us in fellowship and learn how to make a beautiful corded rosary, or bring your completed rosaries and pick up new materials. Any questions, contact Susan Wild at susan_wild@msn.com or 704-601-6938.

RECYCLING CANS 4 HEALTH

St. Mark is having a Health Fair on Saturday, October 24. In order to help with the fair, we will host a Recycling Can Drive from Friday, September 25 through Monday, October 5. Please bring your empty aluminum beverage cans and place them in the container out in the parking lot. If you have any questions, please call Caroly Cashman (704-947-3272).

ROOM AT THE INN FUNDRAISING BANQUET "FIFTEEN YEARS OF LIFE-GIVING HOPE"

Thursday, October 22, Charlotte Convention Center(www.rati.org) This pro-life Catholic maternity and after-care program features guest speaker David Bereit, founder of "40 Days for Life." More than 200,000 people have joined his pro-life campaign, saving over 1,500 babies from abortion, including 150 babies in the greater Charlotte area. For information, reservations, or to host a table of eight, please contact either of our Parish Event Coordinators: Courtney Ostendarp (704-987-3695) or Beth Packard (704-895-3812).

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY

To our children and teenagers, thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure. The statue of our Blessed Mother in the new church will serve as a loving reminder of your generosity. Please continue to share your time, talent and treasure, as Monsignor will be identifying additional ways in which our gifts can help others. Remember, you and your parents are the church.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent and treasure we have received.

Stewardship Committee needs YOU! New parishioners are flocking to St. Mark and our new sanctuary, and we want to encourage them, as well as current members, to personally develop as disciples of stewardship. Please join us at our monthly committee meetings – 2nd Monday of every month, 7:30 PM, Room 203 at the church. Questions? Call David or Debbie Hains at 704-947-0180, or e-mail stewardship@stmarknc.org.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

You are invited to an introduction to Natural Family Planning at one pm, following the noon Mass, at St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville, on October 4th. This class is free and is sponsored by the Catholic Social Services Natural Family Planning Program. Engaged couples will receive verification of attendance to fulfill diocesan pre-Cana requirements. If you are unable to attend, you can request a free NFP home study course CD by calling (704)-370-3230 or emailing cssnfp@charlottediocese.org.

MORE FLU SHOTS

The Hispanic Ministry at St Mark is organizing a Health Fair for Sat Oct 24th from 10 am to 2 pm. This Health Fair is open to the public. There will be a great variety of organizations providing information on different health-related topics. Among the different things being offered at the fair is a Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic.

If you have Medicare Part B or Blue Cross Blue Shield you can receive the flu shot at no cost to you. If you do not have health insurance or your health insurance doesn't cover the cost of the Seasonal Flu Shot and would like to receive the shot at a reduced cost, please sign up. We have limited funds to help pay part of the cost for the first 80 people that sign up. The Seasonal Flu Shot is being offered only for those 18 years and older.

HAVE DINNER WITH ARCHBISHOP CHARLES CHAPUT

Announcing the Envoy of the Year Gala on October 8 in Charlotte, honoring Archbishop Chaput for his courageous leadership. Hosted by the Envoy Institute of Belmont Abbey College and emceed by Patrick Madrid. Hear stirring tributes from Father John Corapi, Carl Anderson (Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus), George Weigel, and Joseph Bottum, editor of First Things magazine. Visit www.envoyinstitute.net for more details and to reserve your seat.

CMG CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Saturday, October 10; 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; St. Gabriel Church Ministry Center

Get ready to shop, consign & volunteer with us this fall! We sell gently used children's clothing, toys, furniture, accessories and maternity items. Visit www.stgabrielchurch.org and click on CMG Consignment sale for details. To register as a consignor, visit myconsignmentmanager.com or email cmgconsignment@yahoo.com.

DAMIEN PLAY AT BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE

October 10, 8 p.m.

Come be inspired by "Damien," a play based on the life of Damien of Molokai, "Apostle of the Lepers," who will be officially canonized a saint this October 11. Just one performance at 8 p.m. on October 10, at the Haid Theatre on the campus of Belmont Abbey College to honor this great servant of Christ. Call (704) 461-6787 to reserve your seat.

CATHOLICISM AND EVOLUTION

The departments of Biology and Theology of Belmont Abbey College are hosting a presentation - *Catholicism and Evolution* - by Abbey graduate, Father Michael J. Kavanaugh, on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Haid Theatre. Fr. Kavanaugh's presentation will focus on how the Catholic Church understands the Creation Accounts of Genesis and on the current debate regarding Evolution. For more information, contact Dr. David Williams at dr.fluellen@gmail.com or (704) 461-7373. The presentation is free and open to the public.

OPPORTUNITIES ...Continued

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 9 and returns November 19. Trip cost is \$3199, which includes round-trip airfare from Charlotte, first class accommodations, breakfast & dinner daily, taxes and tips. For a brochure please contact St. Ann Catholic Church at 704-523-4641, ext. 221. For more information or to register, call George's International Tours at 800-566-7499. After September 5, registrations require payment in full.

NOTRE DAME CLUB OF CHARLOTTE 11TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND CHARITY GOLF OUTING!

Date/Time: Thursday, October 8th, 1 p.m. shotgun start
Location: Olde Sycamore Golf Club
Format: Foursome scramble
Price: \$125/player (Corporate Sponsorships available)
Benefits: Club Scholarship Fund (for ND students from Charlotte area, Holy Angels and Room at the Inn)
Contact for more details: Brian Wilson at (412) 389-2188 or bwilson317@yahoo.com

DIRECTGIVE

EVERYBODY WINS WITH DIRECTGIVE
DirectGive provides a convenient way for parishioners to make their weekly Offertory via automatic bank draft. It saves you the time of writing a weekly check; it saves our Church the time of processing weekly contributions.

This is an easy way to budget your regular contribution. If you are on vacation or find yourself visiting another church, please keep St. Mark's in mind and mail your contributions or contact us about the DirectGive program.

Pick up a DirectGive enrollment form in the Parish Office or at the Welcome Table today! Forms are also available on the Finance Council page on our website. (Drafts are withdrawn only *once per month*.) Thank you for your commitment to St. Mark Catholic Church!

PARISH ENVELOPES

For the sake of your Parish records of contributions/pledges, please don't put your Foundation for our Future pledge payment in the Offertory basket unless it is in a separate envelope. If it is thrown into the basket as a loose check, it will be deposited with the regular Offertory. Due to the high volume of checks every weekend, our Offertory counters are unable sort loose checks. Remember to use your envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please remember to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible! Drop this form in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Please mark one:

- Address Change
- Other Change
- Delete from Parish Roll

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Effective Date: _____

Family Name: _____

New Email: _____

New Address: _____

New Home Phone # _____

New Member to Family? _____

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