

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

We the members of St. Mark Catholic Church, a Faith Community called as one by Christ to serve and witness in His name, seek to celebrate our faith through service and evangelization to each other, our families and our community.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

November 1, 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

ALL SAINTS DAY

First Reading — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

WE LONG TO SEE GOD'S FACE

"Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." This antiphon for today's responsorial psalm offers the focus for today's readings. As we on earth celebrate the triumph of all the saints—the ones officially canonized by the Church, and the countless others who have also reached heaven—we add nothing to their glory. But we give ourselves reason to hope. We, too, long to see the face of God and believe that we can one day be counted among those whose robes, as John tells us in the book of Revelation, are washed "white in the blood of the Lamb."

The passage from John's first letter offers further assurance: we are God's children who will one day see God. But today's Gospel pulls us past longing and reassurance into action. Jesus clearly tells us what we must do to be counted among the saints. We must be poor in spirit, hungry for holiness, merciful, single-hearted, and peacemakers! Then we, too, will see the face of God.

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QUOTES FOR THE DAY

The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.

—Oscar Wilde

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel.

—Mark Twain

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)

ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA

El Ministerio Hispano te invita al siguiente estudio de la Biblia el Sábado 14 de noviembre en el segundo piso del Centro Familiar. Te esperamos de 9 am a 1 pm. Si tienes preguntas, por favor llama a Belisario (704-491-4570).

COLECTA DE ABRIGOS Y COBIJAS PARA EL INVIERNO

Si desea donar abrigos usados que estén en buen estado (de cualquier talla) o cobijas y edredones así como juguetes, los estaremos recibiendo en el pasillo de la parroquia, en el área de usos múltiples el sábado 14 de noviembre de 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. y el domingo 15 antes y después de todas las Misas. Estas donaciones estarán disponibles para ser regaladas el lunes 16 y el martes 17 de noviembre de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. y de 4 a 8 p.m. Si usted desea colaborar o tiene preguntas, llame a Stephanie Panizza (704-895-6341) o a Ana Whipp (704-896-2595). Necesitamos adultos voluntarios que hablen español por favor.

CELEBRACIÓN DE LA PRESENTACIÓN DE LA BENDITA VIRGEN MARÍA

Ven con nosotros a participar de este Rosario el 16 de noviembre a las 7:30 pm. Te esperamos en la Capilla de nuestra parroquia. Para más información, llama a Andrea (704-948-4239).

GRUPO DE RENOVACION CATOLICA CARISMATICA

El Espíritu Santo es la fuerza y el poder que nos mueve a ser testimonio de Jesús. Déjate renovar por el poder del Espíritu Santo y tu vida no será la igual. Te llenarás de gozo, paz, bendiciones, y alegría; posible solo por medio de la gracia de Dios. Nos reunimos todos los sábados de 7:15 p.m. a 9 p.m. ¡Los esperamos! Para más informes llamar a Andrea (704-724-0602).

¿ME INVITAS A TU CASA?

Ya nuestra Santísima Madre ha visitado casi 150 familias en su peregrinaje y en cada hogar ha dejado un regalo de amor, paz, fe y esperanza. Ella está esperando que tú habrás las puertas de tu casa para llegar a ti y a tu familia. Solamente tienes que registrarte para que la Virgencita llegue a tu casa y te visite durante 7 días. Para más información, llamar a Karina (704-294-3144).

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).

AUTOBÚS DE SALUD

El Hospital Presbiteriano se acerca a la comunidad ofreciendo servicio gratuito para niños de hasta 17 años el segundo viernes de cada mes de 9 a.m. a 3 p.m. con un descanso de 12 a 1pm en la Casa Solomon (200 Main St. Huntersville). Vacunas gratuitas de 9 a 9:30. Exámenes de desarrollo, cuidado primario, pruebas de embarazo, educación preventiva, diagnóstico de enfermedades, asma-prevención y tratamiento y referencias a otros recursos de la comunidad. NO ES NECESARIO HACER CITA. Para más información, por favor llamar (704-384-3031).

VISITEMOS AL SANTISIMO

Todos están invitados a visitar a Nuestro Señor todos los viernes en la Capilla, desde las 8 a.m. hasta el Sábado a las 8:45 a.m. El te espera para bendecirte, fortalecerte, consolarte, levantarte, dirigirte, acompañarte, liberarte, llenarte de paz y alegría, de forma que dirás como San Pedro en el Monte Tabor: "¡Señor, qué bien se está aquí!" El Ministerio Hispano tiene asignada su hora especial a las 11 p.m. Acompáñanos!!!!

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, November 1

All Saints Day; Daylight-Saving Time Ends

- 8 a.m. Knights of Columbus Operation Lamb (Outside Parish Hall)
- 2 p.m. BAPTISMS (Church)
- 2 p.m. Christmas Bazaar Craft Prep (Kitchen)
- 2:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Room 202)
- 3 p.m. BAPTISMS (Church)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)

7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)

Monday, November 2

No Religious Education

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 6:30 p.m. Music Ministry (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. Catholic Athletes for Christ (Parish Hall & Kitchen)

Thursday, November 5

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Women of Joy (Parish Hall & Room 202)
- 1 p.m. Church through History (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Core Meeting (Room 215)
- 7 p.m. Adult Confirmation (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7 p.m. AOH Meeting-Ladies (Room 204)
- 7 p.m. Choir (Church)
- 7 p.m. Living your Strengths (Room 203)
- 7 p.m. Presentation Mystery of the Shroud of Turin (Parish Hall)
- 7 p.m. Women of Joy (Room 202)

Tuesday, November 3

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Catechist Training (Room 204)
- 10 a.m. SMS to practice for Mass (Church)
- 10 a.m. Why Catholic Group Meeting (Room 202)
- 3:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (Nursery, Parish Hall, SMCS)
- 4:30 p.m. Altar Server Training (Church)
- 6 p.m. Faith Rocks Church Tours (Church)
- 6 p.m. RCIA for Children (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 6 p.m. Religious Ed (Nursery, Parish Hall, SMCS)
- 7 p.m. Band (Church)
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Bereavement (Room 202)
- 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Room 200)
- 7:30 p.m. Scouts (Parish Hall)

Friday, November 6

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 12:15 p.m. Mass for homeschoolers (Church)
- 1:30 p.m. Home School Group (Rooms 200-202)
- 6 p.m. Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Parish Hall)
- 7 p.m. Calling all Moms Group (Rooms 200 & 201)

Wednesday, November 4

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. After the Boxes (Rooms 200, 201, 202)
- 10 a.m. SMS touring Church (Church)
- 10 a.m. Why Catholic Group Meeting (Room 204)
- 11:15 a.m. Elder Ministry Exercise (Parish Hall)
- 7 p.m. Catholic Athletes for Christ (Brooklyn South)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7 p.m. RCIA—Spanish (Room 204)
- 7 p.m. RE Sexting Program (Parish Hall)
- 7 p.m. Spanish Choir Practice (Church)

Saturday, November 7

- 10 a.m. Catechist Training (Room 200)
- 10 a.m. Tai Chi Elder Ministry (Parish Hall)
- 2 p.m. Ojeta-King wedding (Church)

Sunday, November 8

- 1:30 p.m. LifeTeen Scrapbooking (Room 203)
- 2 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
- 3 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
- 6 p.m. Life Teen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (SMCS)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Rooms 200 & 201)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
- Tuesday: Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time; St. Martin de Porres; Election Day
- Wednesday: St. Charles Borromeo
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Liturgical Minister Schedule - November 7-8, 2009

Mass Time	5 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	5 p.m.
Altar Servers	Eli Stutzman Clare Stutzman Johnny Benson	Stephen Hack Brian Hack Chris Hack	Harry Ohlhaut Simon Ohlhaut AJ Ohlhaut Alexandra Stanley Brian Stanley	Sam Sisson Matthew White Emily Mayernick	Laura Espitia Edwin Luna Jasmine Perez	Anthony Baio Daniel Pressley Laura Espita
Lectors	Jack Ryan Isabelle Fairley	Dick Christian Jean Caudle	Tom Martin Traci Scharlemann	Jennifer Ziegler Doug Rubel	Mary Stapleton Lisbeth De La Garza	Jack Schulte Kendall Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry Milstead Ann O'Shea William Othling Joe Scallan Marie Josee Le-Fevre Jimmy Carter Bob Burner Jeanne Burner Christie Spinks	Aurelia Brown Gloria Varela Kay Koll Karen Lipiski Tom O'Loughlin David Hynes Richard Sullivan	Tim Boone Randy Balot Richard Worthington Angela Harris Mary Sumeracki Kathryn Sumeracki Will O'Brien Kathleen O'Brien Margie Vermillion Faye Nye	Lisa Craven Helen Draheim Michelle Krisa Jennice Mulwee Pat Piedmonte Ron McAfee Sr. Michelle Fisher Tricia Sisson Leanne Vaccaro Kathy Cattoni	Deacon Robert Andrea Solorzano Aida Irizarry	Katie Lewis Ryan Loll Richard Worthington Megan O'Donnell Bobby O'Brien Kristen Wearsch Jackie Campo Devyn Zeigler Katelin Sawicki
Ushers						Kim Abrams Anthony Rivera Soiban Whipp Anna Chitwood
Coordinator	Marty Brennan	Jean Caudle	Ralph Wearsch	Danielle Smith	Enrique Rojas	Fran Hehn

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Thomas Bohan, John Bowen, Lucy Blyskal, Anne Cleary, Brian Cohen, Lori DuBois, Jennie Green, Suzanne Hoffman, John Hopkins, Irene Kuebler, Edith Mason, Chase Meacham, Dean Metz, Joseph Spitaliere, Jr., Darcy Thomas, Steve Vermillion III, Mary Jo Williams 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. Please notify the Parish Office when someone is hospitalized.*

MAY HE REST IN PEACE WITH OUR LORD

Please pray for the soul of Bill Strohle, father of parishioner Marion White. We pray that God's grace will comfort these families in their time of sorrow.

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 nothing but Your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen. St. John Vianney, patron of priests, pray for us.

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

Fort Knox, KY

Lt. David Fabozzi

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. Samuel T. Myers

Fort Bragg, NC

MSgt. Patrick Heffernan

Minot, ND

Trevor Donahue, USAF Security Forces

Fort Sill, OK

Sgt. Steven Ollie, US Army

UPDATE ON OUR FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN

For years you have supported the dream of a new St. Mark Catholic Church with your prayers, pledges, and contributions. With your generosity this dream became a reality. For this you have my most sincere gratitude and will forever be in my prayers.

With the reality of a new Church also comes the reality of a mortgage payment that we have already begun to pay. In a couple of months I will be providing the plans and details of a debt reduction campaign to allow us to pay our monthly mortgage payment. That campaign will start in 2010.

In the interim we must rely on the completion of the payments on the pledges you made along with the proceeds of those generous parishioners who are continuing payments beyond their pledge.

I am making a special appeal to those parishioners with an outstanding pledge. I ask that you honor your pledge and complete the payments on your pledge consistent with the schedule you established. While your pledge was a critical component in the success of our building efforts, at this point payments on your pledge becomes even more important!

To those parishioners who are making contributions beyond your pledge, please accept my warmest appreciation. To the degree that you can, your continued contributions will be of great assistance.

Again, thank you for your support and prayers.

MSGR RICHARD M. BELLOW

MASS AND SACRAMENTS

ARE YOU ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED?

FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication Understanding and Study) is an inventory created to deal with current issues and needs in marriage preparation. FOCCUS is one of several requirements for marriage preparation here at St. Mark Church. It will be administered on November 19. Contact Deacon Louie to register for FOCCUS at 704-948-0231.

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).

DISABILITY MID-WEEK MASS

Our monthly Special Needs Mass will be Wednesday, November 18, 10:30 a.m. in the church.

We will be hosting parishoners from area nursing homes and our parishoners who have difficulty with crowds or the length of the weekend Masses. If you have a neighbor, friend or family member who would like to attend Mass, please bring them to this special Mass for them.

We will have helpers in the circular drive and parking lot to assist them to the church and back to their vehicles. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Any questions, call Connie Andrews (704-489-6099).

MONTHLY MASS TO HONOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

On the last Saturday of the month, the 9 a.m. Mass is offered for anyone who lost a loved one the previous month. Please join us Saturday, November 28, in this special Eucharistic celebration honoring in prayer our departed loved ones.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ADULT

ADULT EDUCATION

Continuing Education for Interested Adults and Catechist – opportunity for any adults, especially those working with our children and youth in the classroom for learning more about specific topics within the Four Pillars of our Catholic Faith. (contact dsmith18@bellsouth.net if planning on attending) Scripture, Monday Nov 3rd 10-12 pm Room 204, Scripture, Saturday Nov 7th 10-12 pm Room 200.

PARENT ENRICHMENT (HIGHLY ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO ATTEND)

Wednesday, Nov 4th 7-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Sexting it is REAL and here in our Community!

While it may be shocking, the practice of “sexting” sending nude pictures via text message – it is not unusual, especially for adolescents and teens around the country. **All parents** of students (**5th grade and up**) should take time to find out more about this current sensation in the teen culture. Detective John Randazzo of the Criminal Division of the Huntersville Police Dept will provide insights about one of the fastest growing problems in our society and most importantly what you as parents can do.

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ...we will not have Religious Education classes Sunday, Nov 1st and Monday, Nov 2nd due to the CMS fall break, **HOWEVER** we do have classes Tuesday, Nov 3rd. Enjoy!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL...it is that time again folks. Each year our Religious Education Program sponsors our **Annual Christmas Pageant**. The night is **Friday, Dec 18th 7-8:30 pm** and the evening includes music, skits, pageantry and fellowship. The theme of the evening is “Give Jesus a Dwelling Place”. This year we hope to incorporate not only our small ones (k-2nd grade) in our pageant, but also our 3-8th grade students and high school students into the entertainment for the evening. If your child k-2nd grade is interested in participating in our Christmas pageant and can make the rehearsals (Nov 17, Dec 1, 8th and 15th 4-5:30 pm) please contact Veronica Brillhante (babybrillo@bellsouth.net or 704-421-4678. Rehearsal time is still be ironed out for our older students (3rd grade and up, however if your child (3-8th grade or teen) is interested in participating please contact Donna Smith (dsmith18@bellsouth.net or 704-948-1306)

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION is quickly approaching for our 187 candidates that have been preparing. Families of these students have a wonderful opportunity to have a keepsake DVD made of the Mass plus snapshots from before and after. The cost is just \$25.00 for the DVD and comes in a nice leather case. It's a wonderful way to share the event with distant relatives. Forms are available at the education table. Contact Petra Becker with questions: 704-948-9964.

ELDER MINISTRY

DINNER CLUB (LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AGE 55+)

This is a wonderful way to meet fellow parishioners while enjoying a meal out. Our next get-together will be **Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** We will be dining at Acropolis Café & Grill in Cornelius (20659 Catawba Ave). Call Maryann at 704-947-0597 or Lorraine (daytime # 704-988-3007) **no later than 5 p.m. on November 2nd** so that appropriate restaurant reservations can be made. Please make a reservation *only* if you are certain to be joining us for dinner.

TAI CHI

Join us this Saturday, Nov. 7th from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. 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 the Fox & Hound Pub and Grille in Birkdale (8711 Lindholm Drive) on Friday, Nov. 13th at 12 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 restaurant reservations can be made.

LUNCH & LEARN:

WHAT to do and WHEN to do it

You want to become a team player in managing your health, but how do you know what or when you need...a health screening, routine office visits, lab work, immunizations, etc.? Mary A. Curran, FNP-BC, PhD will address these questions and speak a little bit about medications as well. **Join us on Monday, Nov. 16th in the Parish Hall.** The presentation begins at 11 a.m. and will be followed by lunch; cost of lunch is \$3. Call 704-947-4885 BY Nov. 11th for information and to register.

ELDER MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Please visit the Elder Ministry table in the Parish Hall (across from the elevator) for additional information about our programs. Monthly calendars are available for you to take home as well as health wellness information and a resource and referral directory for seniors and caregivers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY



TONIGHT!!! Hey 8th Graders (Edge & St. Mark School):

Join us at North Cross Lanes for a Bowling Social! TONIGHT, November 1st (after Mass until 8:30) for 2 Games, Shoes, Pizza, & Soda! Cost is \$15 – permission slips are available there.

YOUTH MINISTRY



MUSIC MINISTRY

Laura Maclean, Director of Music Ministry
(704) 948-0231 Lmacmusic@aol.com

Children's Choir: November

Practice Nov 11 and 18 3:00-3:45 or 4:30-5:15
We will sing at the 11:00 am Mass on Nov 22.

STEWARDSHIP

As we practice stewardship, we find that we grow spiritually and that our faith is deepened.

Come join us at our next Stewardship Committee meeting – Monday, Nov. 9th at 7:30 PM, Room 203.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We encourage the children of St. Mark's to use their envelopes each week to share their time, talent and treasure. **Treasure gifts from the children's envelopes last month: \$200.77**

PARISH LIFE: GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH!

ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your help with manning the tables November 7, 8 14 and 15th. If you can give a few minutes before and after one of the Masses please contact Phyllis Kiebler at 7 04-391-2741 or by e-mailing pkcharlotte@bellsouth.net. There will be sign up forms on the table in the hall outside the Family Center. If you are available I can also e-mail the schedule for you to fill in the dates and time.

This year we are setting up the Christmas trees on November 6 in the **FAMILY CENTER** You may choose an Angel or two after all Masses on November 7th, 8, 14th, and 15th. Gifts may be returned November 28th, 29 and December 5th and 6th. **The last date for return is Monday December 7th** due to the fact that we must deliver all the presents to the various schools and organizations by Friday the 11th.

Please do not wrap your present by rather return them in a gift bag with your ANGEL attached to the outside. This is most important and saves us a lot of time with trying to determine where your gift belongs. This process has worked really well the past two years. We truly appreciate your help with this. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me, Phyllis Kiebler at 704-906-4529.

BAKE SALE

Another successful bake sale took place Oct. 3 and 4. We made it through the 11:00 Mass this time and realized \$873. Thanks to all you who bake, price, buy and help out when we look in distress selling. Our next bake sale will be Nov. 7 and 8. As you know it is always the first full weekend of every month. I'm already planning what I will bake. Marlene - 704-439-2050

ST. MARK CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Last chance for sponsors

If you run a business, then please consider using some of your marketing dollars to advertise your business through the Christmas Bazaar website or Goody Bags. How many other opportunities allow you to reach out to your customers and help the church at the same time? Prices start at just \$25. But time is running out; contact Kate Mullen (704-777-1650; Christmas.Bazaar@StMarkNC.org). And don't forget, put Nov. 21st 8-3 on your calendar and make plans to attend the Bazaar. **Come see what you've been missing.**
www.StMarkChristmasBazaar.org



ST MARK'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

New meetings start November 18! We have a new time and place: 6-7:30 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month, across from the church at St Marks Rectory (15415 Ranson Rd., Huntersville). This group is open to all survivors, caregivers, and anyone currently going through treatment or who would like more information. Pizza will be served so plan for dinner and fellowship. Please RSVP to Joanne Turek (704-904-6980 or 704-947-0564)

THE MYSTERY OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN: THE CASE FOR AUTHENTICITY

Thursday, November 5th, 2009 7:00 p.m.

No cloth in history has been so studied as the **Holy Shroud of Turin**. Nor has any cloth so caught the fascination and reverence of the world. And still, this Linen remains a mystery. Is it the ancient burial cloth of Jesus providing in its fabric the story of His death and Resurrection? What do modern blood and DNA studies reveal? Are there images of flowers and pollens on the cloth that trace its history? What do modern forensic Pathologists have to say about the wounds? These questions as well as new scientific and historical studies on the **Sudarium Christi (Face Cloth in the Tomb)** and **Veil of Veronica** are discussed in this intriguing lecture supporting authenticity presented with many colorful slides.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

Something For Everyone!

INTRODUCTION TO LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

Tues., Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. or Fri., Nov. 20 at 1 p.m.

Join us for a short introduction to Living Your Strengths and see what it's all about! For registration and questions, contact Rosemary Keeley (704-399-0672; rosemary_keeley@att.net).

THE LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS SERIES

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 2010 (1:30-3 p.m.) and Jan. 28 (1-3 p.m.)

OR Jan. 11, 19, 25, 2010 (7-8:30 p.m.) and Feb. 1 (7-9 p.m.)

This series of four meetings will help you answer important questions: What are my God-given talents? Can I recognize the God-given talents of others? Can I apply this knowledge in my parish, personal and professional life? The process begins with an online questionnaire which is the result of the Gallup Organization research with over 2 million people. The questionnaire, which takes only 30 minutes and results in a list of your top five strengths, is completed prior to the series. Register for a four-week exploration of your strengths and ways God wants you to use them in your life. For the book/survey or for the series registration, contact ministry coordinator Rosemary Keeley (704-399-0672; rosemary_keeley@att.net).

NAVIGATING YOUR STRENGTHS

Wed., Nov. 11 (1-2 p.m.) or Mon., Nov. 16 (7-8:15 p.m.)

If you have gone through the Living Your Strengths Series, you are most welcome to attend one of these meetings on "Building Relationships" to learn more about your strengths. The meeting inspires through sharing, informing and building community. To register, bring or obtain a strengths badge and contact ministry coordinator Rosemary Keeley (704-399-0672; rosemary_keeley@att.net).

COMMUNITY LIFE: GET INVOLVED!

ST. MARK ANNUAL COAT/BLANKET/TOY DRIVE

This drive serves people in need in our area on Nov. 15, 16, and 17. Begin setting aside gently-used coats for children, youth, men and women; blankets and comforters; as well as gently-used toys for all ages. We will be accepting donations in the Parish Hall on Saturday, Nov. 14, 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Nov. 15 before and after all masses. The drive will be open on Monday, Nov 16 and Tuesday, Nov 17, 10-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. To volunteer or to ask questions, contact Stephanie Panizza (704-895-6341) or Ann Whipp (704-896-2595). We are in need of Spanish-speaking adults who can help during the drive.

NEEDY SERVICES

Would you like to provide a meal to a family in need for Thanksgiving? The needy services committee is currently collecting names of parishioners interested in providing a meal, canned goods or grocery cards for the families less fortunate this holiday season. We will be coordinating most of the deliveries this year to protect the privacy of the families in need – mainly gift cards and canned goods. We plan to deliver several cooked meals to Levine Dickson Hospice on Thanksgiving Day, as well as, unprepared meals delivered prior to Thanksgiving. If you would like to adopt one of these families, please contact Shannon Boyle Sukits at 704-895-5928 before November 16.

ROSARY MAKERS MINISTRY

If you would like to learn how to make corded rosaries for our servicemen and women, for children and their families residing at the Ronald McDonald House, and missions here and abroad, please join us on **Nov. 29th at 2:30 pm**. Contact Susan Wild (704-601-6938; susan_wild@msn.com). Our monthly Rosary Makers meeting will be begin at 3:15pm - 4:45pm (room 204). Please join us in fellowship and bring your completed rosaries and pick up additional supplies.

COMMUNITY LIFE...continued

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Fall recruiting drive at the Parish Center after all the Masses on the weekend Oct. 31st/Nov. 1st. The KofC is the largest Catholic family fraternal organization dedicated to religious, charitable, social, fraternal and patriotic service. Come meet members of the Knights and learn more about our activities and programs. If you have any questions please contact Membership Director, Ray FitzGerald, PGK (704 992-1702;rfitzg@aol.com) or Grand Knight, Sergio Miranda (704 395-9802;smiranda@carolina.rr.com).

OPERATION LAMB COLLECTION *November 14,15*

Parish Knights will be conducting a Tootsie Roll campaign after all Masses on the weekend of November 14 and 15 for Operation LAMB, "Least Among My Brethren". These funds support St. Mark Council's charitable outreach that helps children with physical and intellectual disabilities in our local community. Last year we collected over \$4700 to supplement special needs programs including Holy Angels Inc, Matthew Morgan School, Autism Services of Mecklenburg County, Down Syndrome Association of Charlotte, Alexander Youth Network, Exceptional Childrens' Assistance Center of Davidson, Special Olympics of Mecklenburg County., and the EC Programs in North Mecklenburg and Hopewell high schools. The Tootsie Rolls are our free gift to you; please be as generous as possible. Corporate donations and checks should be made payable to the LAMB Foundation of NC. For information, contact Joe Scallan(704-947-8175; jfscallan@roadrunner.com).

WORKING HANDS MINISTRY

Mission: The mission of the Working Hands Ministry is to help parishioners integrate their faith and spiritual formation with their work. One component of the Working Hands Ministry is to assist those who are unemployed, under-employed, and returning to the workforce, transition to new employment.

SUPPORTING YOUR SPOUSE

Moral Support For the One You Love During and After the Job Search

Is your spouse or another loved one out of work, maybe for the first time in his or her life? Have they been unemployed or underemployed for a longer time than ever before? Do you want to learn some practical ways to help your loved one stay focused and positive, mind the budget, enlist the children, and keep your sanity during this time? If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions, please email the Working Hands Ministry (workinghands@stmarknc.org) with the subject line: Moral Support and tell us your need. Based on the needs of the parish we will respond with a support group, guided email discussions, and more. We need and welcome your input into this important part of our ministry.

THE NETWORKING EVENT - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2009, 7:00PM AT THE HUNTERSVILLE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING, 11330 VANSTORY DRIVE, HUNTERSVILLE, NC 28078
(Office Park behind the Presbyterian Hospital, Right Turn Just Past Joe Gibbs Racing)

This is a great opportunity to share your interests with people in similar situation who want to help others while they are helping themselves. We will be sharing best practices, learning from each other, and sharing ways to get in front of the right people for the right opportunities that meet your goals, objectives and aspirations. Please bring business cards and resumes, and please bring a friend or neighbor who may benefit from others in St Mark's Parish.

GET A CAREER COACH

Get up to five sessions with a committed Career Coach. Thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers. Register with the Working Hands Ministry at www.stmarknc.org (if you did NOT fill out the recent Parish survey regarding this Ministry). Then e-mail workinghands@stmarknc.org with a copy of your résumé and your three available dates and times.

PRAY FOR US

Our prayer ministry is in full swing. Please join us in praying for those supported by and supporting the ministry. If you are interested in being a Prayer Partner of the Working Hands Ministry, please register at www.stmarknc.org.

WORKING HANDS *(continued)*

ONLINE HELP

The Working Hands Ministry website contains many helpful documents under the following headings:

Career Assessment: Self assessments to identify your natural work etc. preferences

Career Fundamentals: Helpful documents for those beginning a career transition

Career Connections: Opportunities to connect with other likeminded people

Thoughts For Newcomers: Things to consider when beginning a career transition

Prayers For Employment: An assortment of prayers to help bring our Faith into our work

Support Services: Local agencies that can provide services for those in transition

DIRECT GIVE

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!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

ADA JENKINS NEEDS

The shelves at Ada Jenkins are in need of feminine items, pasta and pasta sauces, and men's deodorant. Please bring all items to the Family Center on November 7 and 8. Thank you for your generosity!

HELP LYDIA'S LOFT!

New and gently used bath towels and blankets are in desperate need at Lydia's Loft. Laura Rose, a Sophomore at Charlotte Catholic is asking if you have any donations, she will gladly pick them up at your convenience. Please call: 704 896 1717.

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

Envelope # _____

Effective Date: _____

Family Name: _____

New Email: _____

New Address: _____

New Home Phone # _____

New Member to Family? _____

Comments: _____