

# 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 8, 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.



Visit us at:  
[www.stmarknc.org](http://www.stmarknc.org)  
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## PARISH STAFF

### *Pastor*

Msgr. Richard M. Bellow

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### *Deacons*

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### *AI-Anon*

Lisa 704-651-1065

## TODAY'S READINGS

### 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading** — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

**Gospel** — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church capella or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent.

### QUOTES FOR THE DAY

*The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.*

— Psalm 146:7

*Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.*

—Billy Sunday

# 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](http://www.stmarknc.org) and select Calendar. To submit bulletin announcements, email [bulletin@stmarknc.org](mailto:bulletin@stmarknc.org). For a list of deadlines, visit [www.stmarknc.org](http://www.stmarknc.org) and select Bulletins.

## Sunday, November 8

- ANGEL TREE GIFT TAGS AVAILABLE
- COCOA/CIDER SUNDAY AFTER ALL MASSES
- 1:30 p.m. Lifeteen Scrapbooking (Room 203)
- 2:00 p.m. BAPTISMS (Church)
- 3:00 p.m. BAPTISMS (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. LifeTeen Program. (Parish Hall & Kit)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (St. Mark School)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Room 200 and 201)

- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Spanish) (Room 204)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)

## Monday November 9

- 9:30 am Preschool (Preschl Rms and 200 & 203)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & SMCS)
- 7:00 p.m. Altar Server Training (Church)
- 7:30 p.m. Ancient Order of Hibernians (Room 200)
- 7:30 p.m. Hispanic Health Fair Comm Mtg (Parish Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Comm (Room 203)

## Thursday November 12

- 9:30 am Preschool Preschl Rms and 200 & 203)
- 10:00 am Women of Joy (Parish Hall, 202)
- 1:00 p.m. Church Through History class (Rooms 200, 201)
- 5:30 p.m. LifeTeen Core Mtg (LifeTeen Off. Rm 215)
- 6:00 p.m. SPRED (Room 200)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 203)
- 7:00 p.m. Women of Joy (Room 202)
- Hispanic Ministry Mtg (Room 204)

## Tuesday November 10

- 9:30 am Preschool Preschl Rms and 200 & 203)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl (Room 202)
- 10:00 am Why Catholic Group Mtg (Room 204)
- 3:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (Nursery, Parish Hall, SMCS)
- 6:00 p.m. RCIA for Children (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 6:00 p.m. Religious Education (PH, Nursery, SMCS)
- 7:00 p.m. Band (Church)
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Bereavement (Room 202)
- 7:30 p.m. REI Ed Mtg (Room 200)
- 7:30 p.m. Scouts (Parish Hall)

## Friday November 13

- 9:30 am Preschool (Preschl Rms and 200 & 203)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Rooms 200 - 204)
- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass (CHURCH)
- 9:30 p.m. Confirmation Reception (Worship Area)

## Saturday November 14

- ANGEL TREE GIFT TAGS AVAILABLE
- 9:00 am Hispanic Bible Study (Room 202)
- 9:45 am Altar Society (Room 204)
- 10:00 am Baptism Class (Room 200, 201)
- 10:00 am Baptism Class (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 10:00 am Hispanic Baptism Class (Room 203)
- 11:00 am Confirmation Mass (CHURCH)
- 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Reception (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 4:30 p.m. Toy, Coat, Blanket Drive (Parish Hall (Stumptown Rd. Side))

## Wednesday November 11

- 9:30 am Preschool (Preschl Rms and 200 & 203)
- 10:00 am After the Boxes (Rooms 200/201 & 202)
- 10:00 am After the Boxes... (Room 200/201/202)
- 10:00 am Why Catholic Group Mtg (Room 204)
- 11:15 am Elder Ministry Exercise (Parish Hall)
- 1:00 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 200, 201)
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir (Church)
- 4:30 p.m. Children's Choir (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice (times to be assigned) (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. Lifeteen Bible Study (Room 215)
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Rooms 200 & 201)

## Sunday November 15

- ANGEL TREE GIFT TAGS AVAILABLE
- Coat Drive (1/3 of Parish Hall)
- COCOA/CIDER SUNDAY AFTER ALL MASSES
- 8:00 am SPRED (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 2:00 p.m. BAPTISMS (Church)
- 3:00 p.m. BAPTISMS (Church)
- 6:00 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)

# LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE - NOV. 14 & 15, 2009

Mass Time	5 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	5 p.m.
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Robert Russell Mary Bernardo Kaity Russell	Ellen Minaudo Tony Minaudo Maria Martucci	Zachary Martin Daniel Martin Luke Martin Justin Allard Jashua Allard	Sydney Krisa Declan Krisa Kevin Herman Jr.	Fabrizio Cam-poverde Luiggi Cam-poverde Alondra Ramirez	Christopher Hack Kim Abrams Kaitlyn Sisson
<b>Lectors</b>	Leigh Marr Kim Antolini	Ed Hartle Rich Davis	Michele Hartle Carol Dixon	Cathy Schneider Connie Fisher	Mary Jane Zimmerman Enrique Rojas	Kate Reilly Brenna Drury
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jean Fox Jerry Jacobus Jackie Petrillo Ray FitzGerald Dianne Salvatore Maria Russell Robert Riciani Alina Bohn Barry McCaa	Andy Sikso John Bottoms Howard Gray Sandra Retort Kathleen Haley Sara O'Brien Hunter Reid	Christine Sabo Alex Sabo Lisa Schmidt Brenda Pugh Paul Danie Lorie Dell Thomas Donahue Lisa Yelanich Shannon Holleran Beth Packard	Vicki Sherwood Audry Chrisiy Richard Worthington Judy De Boer Fran Slavik Linda Slavik Eric Kennedy Holly Kennedy Paul Anatrella Arelis Herman	Deacon Robert Angeles Murphy Silvio Ocampo	Anthony Baio Liz Bernardo Jackie Campo Richard Worthington Maddie Fink Katie Lewis Morgan Grendahl Ryan Loll Emily Heubel
<b>Ushers</b>						Emily Chitwood Andrew Kaveler Peter Liuzzo Kendall Smith
<b>Coordinator</b>	Marty Brennan	Jean Caudle	Ralph Wearsch	Danielle Smith	Enrique Rojas	Fran Hehn

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

### REST IN PEACE WITH OUR LORD

Please pray for the soul of Mary Stover, wife of parishioner James Stover and William Blinn father of parishioner, Faye Nye . We pray that God's grace will comfort these families in their time of sorrow.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Thomas Bohan, John Bowen, Lucy Blyskal, Anne Cleary, Brian Cohen, Charlie Condon, 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.*

### 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

# MASS AND SACRAMENTS

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 9

7 a.m. +Joseph Dwyer  
9 a.m. Elizabeth Anne Carter

Tuesday, Nov. 10

7 a.m. +Steve Vermillion  
9 a.m. +Ken Stepling

Wednesday, Nov. 11

7 a.m. +Frances O'Connell  
9 a.m. +Kenneth Huentelman

Thursday, Nov. 12

7 a.m. Patrick Koehl  
9 a.m. +Eugene Watkins

Friday, Nov. 13

7 a.m. Our Lady's pro-life intentions  
9 a.m. +Jim Lotito

Saturday, Nov. 14

9 a.m. +Ann Blackman  
5 p.m. +Helen Keeley

Sunday, Nov. 15

7:30 a.m. Mary Louise Koehl  
9 a.m. +Luke Michael Rafferty  
9 a.m. Tricia McCaa (Children's Mass)  
11 a.m. Lisa Grey  
12:30 p.m. +Jorge Granda  
5 p.m. +Herve Bluezen

## CONFIRMATION

Pray for our Confirmation Candidates & their Sponsors as they prepare to receive this important Sacrament next weekend! Come Holy Spirit, Come Now, Come as You Wish.

Candidates: Rehearsal for ALL candidates is November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm in the Church. Contact Katie for more information: [katie.herzing@gmail.com](mailto:katie.herzing@gmail.com).

## 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 parishioners from area nursing homes and our parishioners 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ADULT

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL

Each year our Religious Education Program sponsors our Annual Christmas Pageant. The night is Friday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 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-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) in our pageant, but also our 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and high school students into the entertainment for the evening.

If your child k-2<sup>nd</sup> grade is interested in participating in our Christmas pageant and can make the rehearsals (Nov 17, Dec 1, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, however if your child (3-8<sup>th</sup> grade or teen) is interested in participating please contact Donna Smith (dsmith18@bellsouth.net or 704-948-1306)

### CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ...

187 candidates have been preparing to receive this Sacrament. 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.

### MYSTERIES OF THE MASS REVEALED

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>      6:30 – 7:00 pm Church Tour      7:00 – 8:30 pm Teaching Mass

All are invited to join Msgr Richard Bellow as he walks each of us through the symphony of rituals and symbols of the Mass, unveiling both mysteries and meaning that guide our transformation as people of Christ. Our evening begins with a guided tour of the Church from 6:30 – 7:00 pm, with the celebration of the Teaching Mass at 7 pm.

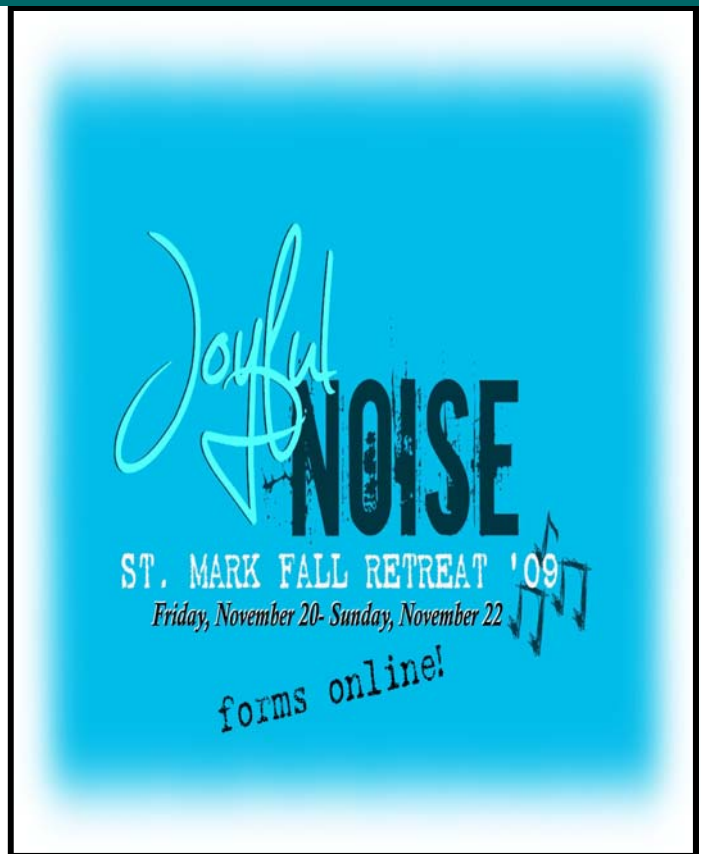
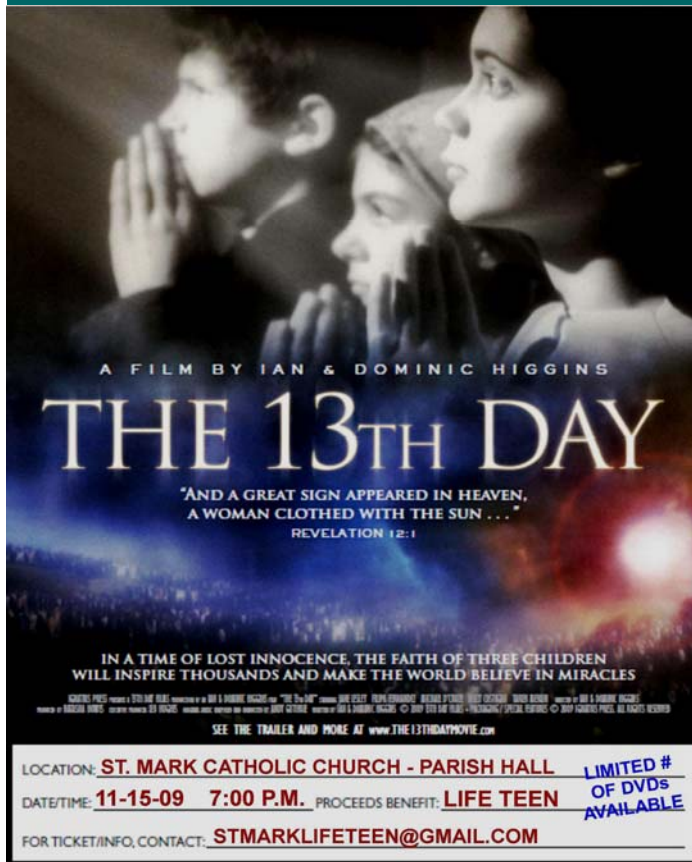
This evening is appropriate for teens and adults and all parishioners are encouraged to participate and invite a friend. Childcare by reservation only (please call by 12/1). Contact Colleen Siadak 704-577-3408/cmsiadak@gmail.com for childcare reservations or further information.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

## YOUTH MINISTRY



## STEWARDSHIP

### SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

We seek Jesus as our model for each of these habits. This week we look at "Prayerful." Christ always set aside time to pray. As Christian stewards, we are called to devote a percentage of our time to God in prayer. Next week: "Grateful"

Please join us at our next Stewardship Committee meeting – Monday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, Room 203.

### CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP



We encourage the children of St. Mark's to use their envelopes each week to share their time, talent and treasure.

## 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.

Having Trouble with Your Job Search Strategy, Get a "Game Plan"

## WORKING HANDS MINISTRY ...*continued*

Conducting a job search can be a daunting task. Where do I look? What actions do I take? How do I stay motivated? If this sounds like you, you are in luck. The Working Hands Career Ministry has created an efficient process called My Game Plan, to help you structure your job search and stay on track. You will leave with clear direction on how to conduct a job search and a renewed commitment to the task. Our My Game Plan Workbook, (a \$25 value, FREE to all participants) will be your guide.

**MY GAME PLAN: JOB SEARCH STRATEGY** – Monday November 9, 2009, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Huntersville Professional Building, 11330 Vanstory Drive, Huntersville, North Carolina 28078. To register send an e-mail to: [working-hands@stmarknc.org](mailto:working-hands@stmarknc.org) to express your interest or go to [www.stmarknc.org/workinghands](http://www.stmarknc.org/workinghands) to register.

### 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](http://www.stmarknc.org) (if you did NOT fill out the recent Parish survey regarding this Ministry).

## ELDER MINISTRY

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

*Meets this Tuesday (Nov. 10), 10-11:30 a.m., Room 202*

Members pray together as they knit prayer shawls for people suffering through a time of transition, crisis or need; plus infant caps and blankets for the premature babies at area hospital neonatal units. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we can teach you! To join this group or receive a shawl, infant cap or blanket, contact Carole Lavinio (704-992-5659).

### THE LUNCH BUNCH!

Join fellow parishioners at the Fox & Hound Pub and Grille in Birkdale (8711 Lindholm Drive) on Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 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 appropriate 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. 16<sup>th</sup> 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. 11<sup>th</sup> for information and to register.

### "YOUNG AT HEART"

A social group for female parishioners age 62+ meets Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month) at 1:00 p.m. in Room 200. These fine ladies play a lively game of Tripoley (a fun and easy to learn card game).

### "YOUNG AT HEART" CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Join us on Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. We'll dine at Hickory Tavern on Sam Furr Rd. Reservations are required. Please call Betty Scattergood at 704-875-9442 BY Nov. 24.

### ELDER MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Looking for information and can't find it in the bulletin? 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.

## PARISH LIFE: GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH!

### ST. MARK CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - PURSES, PEOPLE, AND PRIZES OH MY

The Bazaar is on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> -- only two weeks away -- have you brought in your gently used handbags yet? Every year this has been our top moneymaker thanks to the hard work the Sandy Retort and Brenda Fay. Where else are you can snag a Gucci purse for \$30? Or a casual bag for only a \$1? But we need your help; please bring in your purses today.

As with any project, many hands make light work. We need helpers to participate in 2 hour shifts. All volunteers can register for a special prize basket just for them. Contact Pam at 704-895-6732 if you can help.

Speaking of prizes, we're still accepting donations for door/raffle prizes. Contact Beverly Camut at 704-987-9690 or [Christmas.Bazaar@StMarkNC.org](mailto:Christmas.Bazaar@StMarkNC.org) for details.

Visit our website today to see what goodies we have planned for this year's event. [www.StMarkChristmasBazaar.org](http://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)

### CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Brighten the day for a Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region patient and their family. During this giving season, our patients and their families often do not have the energy or resources to prepare a celebration. We need your help in supporting one or more of our patients by providing a Christmas meal. Participation by individuals, families, or groups is greatly appreciated! Please contact Mary Fink at 704-892-5107; [mary@navarac.com](mailto:mary@navarac.com) for more information or to sign up! Thank you for your generosity!



### PLAYGROUP -THANKSGIVING DAY PARTY & FOOD DRIVE AT BIRKDALE CLUBHOUSE

November 16, 2009 10:30am

It's all about sharing! Please bring canned/boxed food to donate to a local food bank. We're going to combine snacks to create a community trail mix to symbolize sharing ( no peanut products please). Also, bring a covered dish or a snack to share for a Thanksgiving Day lunch. Please bring 12 copies of the recipe for everyone to share. We will need 10 families to commit to the date to cover the cost of the clubhouse. There will be a \$2 fee per family for the cost of the clubhouse with a minimum of 10 families. If more than 10 families commit to participating it will reduce the fee. Contact Kara Martinez for more information at 704-912-3221.

## 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](mailto: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

## LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS ...continued

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.

### 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. 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 Children's' 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 made payable to the LAMB Foundation of NC. For information, contact Joe Scallan(704-947-8175; jfscallan@roadrunner.com).

### ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your help with manning the tables November 7, 8 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 8, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. Gifts may be returned November 28<sup>th</sup>, 29 and December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The last date for return is Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> due to the fact that we must deliver all the presents to the various schools and organizations by Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

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. 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.

# FINANCIAL MATTERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

## CENSUS

4,140 currently registered families

### OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>\$ AMT</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>\$ AMT</u>	<u>Variance</u> <u>to Budget</u>
<i>CURRENT MONTH</i>			
GENERAL OFFERTORY	\$ 101,724		
DIRECT GIVE PROGRAM	<u>\$ 25,037</u>		
<b>TOTAL SEPTEMBER 2009</b>	<u>\$ 126,761</u>	<u>\$ 117,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,761</u>
<i>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE, (JUL '09 - SEPT '09)</i>			
	<u>\$ 387,172</u>	<u>\$ 383,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,172</u>

**If you are on vacation or for one reason or another find yourself visiting another church, please keep your Parish in mind and mail your contributions or contact us about the DIRECT GIVE program.**

## 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!

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

New Member to Family? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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