

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

October 4, 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God's love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ's love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

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QUOTES FOR THE DAY

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

— Mark 10:14

As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the soul.

—Anonymous

Almost everything said of God is unworthy, for the very reason that it is capable of being said.

—St. Gregory the Great

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13;
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

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)

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 deposítenlas 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).

VACUNAS

El Sábado 24 de Octubre de 10 am a 2 pm se realizará una Feria de Salud. Tendremos varios organismos con información de diferentes temas relacionados a la salud, incluyendo vacunas para la influenza (Flu Shots). El 3 y 4 de octubre frente del Centro Familiar (afuera de la iglesia), después de cada Misa (excepto la Misa Juvenil) estaremos tomando reservaciones para las vacunas las cuales serán administradas durante la Feria.

La vacuna no tendrá costo alguno si tienes Medicare Parte B o Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Si tienes otro tipo de seguro o tu seguro no cubre esta vacuna y te gustaría recibirla, por favor inscríbete, pues tenemos fondos para ayudar a las primeras 80 personas que se inscriban y paguen por adelantado. Esta vacuna va a ser ofrecida solo a las personas mayores de 18 años.

Si Ud. está interesado en ayudar el día de la Feria de la Salud también hay una mesa afuera con varias listas de las diferentes áreas en las que usted pudiera ayudar ese día.

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. Para más información, llama a Zaida (704-960-6928).

ADMINISTRACIÓN DE LOS DONES (STEWARDSHIP)

El Comité de Stewardship agradece a nuestros niños y adolescentes por compartir su tiempo, talento y tesoro. La estatua de nuestra Santa Madre servirá como recordatorio de su generosidad. Por favor, continúen compartiendo su tiempo, talento y tesoro, ya que Monseñor identificará la forma en la cual nuestros regalos pueden ayudar a otros. Recuerde, usted y sus padres son la iglesia.

Algún adulto interesado en ayudar en este Comité? El compromiso es una vez al mes por menos de dos horas. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a John (704-948-7311) o David (704-947-0180).

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, October 4 *World Communion Sunday*

- 2 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
- 2:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Room 202)
- 3 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
- 3 p.m. Confirmation Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (SMCS)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Room 200 and 201)

Monday, October 5

- 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)
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus (Rooms 200, 201, Kitchen)

Tuesday, October 6

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Why Catholic Group Meeting (Room 204)
- 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)
- 4:30 p.m. Altar Server Training (Church)
- 6 p.m. RCIA for Children (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 6 p.m. Religious Education (Parish Hall, Nursery, SMCS)
- 7 p.m. Band (Church)
- 7 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 202)
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Scouts (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, October 7

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Room 203)
- 10 a.m. After the Boxes... (Room 200/201 & 202)
- 10 a.m. Why Catholic Group Meeting (Room 204)
- 11:15 a.m. Elder Ministry Exercise (Parish Hall)
- 3 p.m. Children's Choir/Youth Band (Church)
- 6 p.m. Catholic Athletes for Christ (SMCS, Kitchen)
- 6 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 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. Hispanic Rosary (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)

Thursday, October 8

- 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. Choir (Church)
- 7 p.m. Women of Joy (Room 202)
- 7:30 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Meeting (Room 203)

Friday, October 9

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 7 p.m. Calling All Moms Group (Rooms 200/201)

Saturday, October 10

- 10 a.m. Baptism Class (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 10 a.m. Catechist Training CPR Sacraments (Room 204)
- 10 a.m. Day of Reflection for Ministries (Parish Hall)
- 10 a.m. Extraordinary Minister Training (Church)
- 10 a.m. Hispanic Baptism Class (Room 203)

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Adults (18 and older) who have not been Confirmed in the Catholic Church are invited to participate in our Adult Confirmation Program. Classes are Thursday, Oct. 15,22,29, and Nov. 5th in Room 200 in the Parish Center. Confirmation will be on Nov. 13, 2009. Contact Deacon Louie Pais 704-948-0231 to register

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**. Please contact Deacon Louie to register for the FOCCUS at 704-948-0231.

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.

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. 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 INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct. 5

7 a.m. Communion Service

9 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, Oct. 6

7 a.m. Communion Service

9 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, Oct. 7

7 a.m. Communion Service

9 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, Oct. 8

7 a.m. Communion Service

9 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, Oct. 9

7 a.m. Communion Service

9 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, Oct. 10

9 a.m. +Anne Bellow

5 p.m. +Ann Marie Kuebler

Sunday, Oct. 11

7:30 am +Scott Best

9 a.m. Charlie & Wade Clayton

9 a.m. Mary Lis (Children's Mass)

11 a.m. Charles Kern

12:30 p.m. St. Mark Parishoners

5 p.m. +Barbara Murphy

WELCOME NEW PARISHONERS...

Neil & Cristina Kenney, Bek Mitchell-Kidd, Jerry & Lorraine Orest, Joe & Laura Bellitto, Ginny Willis, Kyle & Nubia Voris, Olivier & Katie Bertkin, Paul & Cathy Henry, Dorothy Karasiewicz, Cy & Morgan Williams, Daniel & Amy Reiss, Carrie Smith, David & Jennifer Teifer, Tony & Trish Kulis, James & Genny Malloy, Mike & Shelby Coleman, Rebecca Radhuber, Jamie & Maria Cruz, Susan Perry & Gene Graham, Javier & Maria Martinez, Manuel & Esther Martinez

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 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.

MEN’S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Are you tired, weary or fatigued? Come be refreshed by Jesus Himself in Eucharistic Adoration followed by men’s fellowship and breakfast. When: Saturday Mornings 5-6 am Where: St. Mark Chapel in Parish Center. Fellowship follows immediately afterwards with discussion and breakfast. Contact Scott Bruno with any questions 704-902-9073

CHURCH HISTORY.... THE REFORMATION THRU TODAY

Using The Church through History by Harcourt Religion Publishers, Deacon Louie will continue his series on Church History. Taking the participant from the Reformation of the 16th century through today. Classes are scheduled for: Thursday, Oct 29th 1-3 pm Room 200/201; Thursday, Nov 5 1-3 pm Room 200/201; Thursday, Nov 12th 1-3 pm Room 200/201; Thursday, Nov 19th 1-3 pm Room 200/201. Registration for this series is required with a fee of \$24.00 to cover the expenses including the book for new participants to the study. To register contact Linda Gray (704-575-6979; msslgray@gmail.com) by Tuesday, October 20th.

ANNUAL ST. MARK FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars, the Annual St. Mark Fall Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. This is the 7th year that our Faith Rocks 6th & 7th grade program have hosted this family event. Games, Crafts, Music, Best Concessions on this side of 77 and our silent auction are just some of the show stoppers for the evening. Tickets can be bought at the door, with the cost for an average family of 4 \$20.00. Keep your eyes out for more details as we get closer!

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.

RESPECT LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 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!

ELDER MINISTRY

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.

Maxim will file claims with the following Insurances (**You must show your insurance card**):

Medicare Part-B (Covers Flu and Pneumonia with No Co-Pay)

Aetna (Covers Flu with No Co-pay)

Partners Medicare Choice (Covers Flu with No Co-pay)

Humana Gold (Covers Flu and Pneumonia with No Co-Pay)

BCBSNC (Covers Flu with No Co-Pay) - Maxim Healthcare Services **cannot** accept out of state policies; must be BCBSNC only)

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 Colleen at 704-439-4660 the week of October 5th**

ELDER MINISTRY (*continued*)

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, October 6th at 6:30 p.m.** We will be dining at Longhorn Steakhouse at 16641 Statesville Road in Huntersville. Call Maryann at 704-947-0597 or Lorraine (daytime # 704-988-3007) no later than 5 p.m. on October 5th so that appropriate restaurant reservations can be made. Please make a reservation only if you are certain to be joining us for dinner.

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT EXERCISE with Sabrina Golden meets on Wednesday (every week this month), from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Class begins with prayer, ends with a devotion and you'll exercise to Christian music. Sabrina will lead you in a warm-up, strength training (with light weights, bands and tubes) and stretching; this is a total body exercise class.

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.

TAI CHI

There will be NO Tai Chi class this Saturday, October 10th. Our next classes will meet on Oct. 17, 24 and 31 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Rooms 200/201.

WORKING HANDS MINISTRY

THE NETWORKING EVENT

**Tuesday October 6 2009, 7:00PM At the Huntersville Professional Building,
11330 Vanstory Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078 (Media Room)**

(Office Park behind the Presbyterian Hospital, Right Turn Just Past Joe Gibbs Racing)

Guest speaker: Gary Green from Sockwell Partners – a National Executive Recruiting Firm based in Charlotte, NC. 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

A dedicated team of volunteers is able to offer you support, guidance, and tools to assist you in your job search.

Register with the Working Hands Ministry at www.stmarknc.org (if you have not already done so). Email working-hands@stmarknc.org with a copy of your résumé and your three available dates and times.

PARISH LIFE: GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH!

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

RCIA is a process through which the Church welcomes new members. These newcomers may be unbaptized or those who have been baptized in another tradition or baptized Catholics who have not completed the other Sacraments of Initiation. Final registration is Wednesday, October 16. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Deacon Louie Pais at 704-948-0231.

ST. MARK PLAYGROUP **October 12, 2009 10:30am Bailey Road Park**

This is a great park. The kids can run around and play on the silo or swing on the swings. There are also paved trails so bring the bikes and/or trikes. Contact Joann Somerville at 704-896-9455 for more information. See Directions section.

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NEW PARISHIONERS' WELCOME EVENT

Sun., October 25, 1:30 – 2:45 pm

New to the parish? Come and meet your pastor and other church leaders. Learn about St. Mark activities. Enjoy some light refreshments, relax and meet other newcomers. In order to provide refreshments and handouts, please call or email Rosemary Keeley (rosemary_keeley@att.net or 704-399-0672)

ST. MARK SECOND ANNUAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

Each week, we use the book *Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart*, by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, 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.

CUB SCOUT POPCORN FUNDRAISER THIS WEEKEND

Cub Scout Pack 97 popcorn is available outside church after all masses this weekend. This is the only fund-raiser for Pack 97 all year. Help out the scouts and enjoy a healthy snack. Military donation is available. Choose from popcorn tins and microwavable servings. Don't miss the chocolate popcorn! Peanut free products available.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE CAMPAIGN

The ninth annual St. Mark Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree campaign is underway for 2009, at 2008 prices! These trees, wreaths and garlands are growing now at Duckworth's Nursery in Banner Elk, NC Spruce Pine, NC. Order from any St. Mark Knight from now through November 16. Your order will be fresh cut, delivered on December 5, and be available for pickup at the church on December 6. To pre-order one of these beautiful trees, wreaths or other accessories, look for a flyer in the Church or Family Center, or call Mike Mullen, campaign coordinator, at 704-644-9349.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Collection for the Holy Land, the Collection for the Works of the Holy Father, the Catholic University of America Collection, and the Catholic Communications Campaign are now combined into one second collection. That collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of October 18th. Next week you should receive a letter from our Chancellor, Msgr. Mauricio West and an informative brochure. Envelopes for this collection are in your parish envelope packet. Please take the time to read through the brochure and become more familiar with the good work done by each of these organizations

ATTENTION ALL MOMS OF THE PARISH!

Expectant mothers, mothers of babies, toddlers, school aged, tweens, teens and grown children. The C.A.M. Group (Calling All Mothers) is a new organization at St. Mark of Catholic Mothers committed to family, motherhood and service to our community. We will be meeting monthly for support, friendship and the affirmation of our role as Catholic Mothers. Mothers of children of all ages are encouraged to attend! Our next meeting is October 9, 7-9 p.m. Info: Marilee Haynes (704-992-6368; marileehaynes@hotmail.com). See you there!



COMMUNITY LIFE: GET INVOLVED!

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.

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).

ANGEL TREE

Wow, it's hard to believe another summer has come and gone and that there are only 87 days till Christmas. Of course that means plans have already begun for this year's ANGEL TREE project. Due to your overwhelming generosity, 1600 gifts were given to children and adults at 9 different organizations and schools last year. Our St. Mark family truly made it a very Merry Christmas for many people. Anticipating an increase in the number of requests we feel a need for additional help this year. All of the 14 amazing ANGELS from last years committee have returned! We are looking for 1 LEADER ANGEL who would like to be involved from now until Dec. 8th. We are also looking for some people who are willing to help type up the request labels. Of course many, many more volunteers will be needed in November and December and there will be sign up sheets closer to those dates. There is an amazing amount of behind the scene work involved and hopefully you will consider sharing your time and talents. This is such a rewarding experience. Additional information will follow in the October bulletins. If you would like to join our team now, please contact me, Phyllis Kiebler (704-906-4529; pkcharlotte@bellsouth.net).

DISABILITY MASS

Our monthly Special Needs Mass will be on Tuesday, October 13th in the church at 10:30 AM. We will be hosting parishioners from the local nursing homes and our parishioners who have difficulty with crowds or the length of our 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 circle outside the church to assist them into and out of the church and refreshments will be served afterwards. Any questions, call Connie Andrews 704-489-6046.

STEWARDSHIP

"Wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be." (Luke 12:34)

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: \$302.00

Parents and children are invited to visit our Stewardship Cart to get a boxed set of children's envelopes. Stewardship questions? Contact David or Debbie Hains at 704-947-180 or debbie@tvdave.com.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

ST. JAMES BBQ

St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Concord will be holding their 55th Annual **BBQ** on Wednesday, October 7th from 10am-7pm at 139 Manor Ave. (off of Hwy 601, Warren C. Coleman Blvd.– 3 miles north of the Hwy 49 interchange in SW Concord). Customers can dine in the parish hall or pick up orders from take out. Buy 1 dinner or 3 sandwiches for \$8.00. Call 704-720-0600 to have your orders ready for pick up or delivery. (Delivery 10 order minimum; 10 mile radius max).

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Please join us on Friday, October 9, 2009 at St. Vincent de Paul, 6828 Old Reid Rd, for a presentation on Our Lady of Fatima and Holy Mary and Islam. Our speakers will be Father Christopher Roux, Pastor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Charlotte, NC, and Mike Sullivan, President of Catholics United for the Faith, of Steubenville, Ohio. Light refreshments will be served after the talks. Please bring a friend, and join in fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ while learning some fascinating facts about our Blessed Mother. Sponsored by Our Lady of Victory CUF Chapter. Questions: Contact Elizabeth Keating (704-341-9292; ewkeating4@aol.com)

CMG CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

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

Leave the kids at home, grab your cash and get ready to carry away a ton of fantastic bargains! We sell gently used children's clothing, toys, furniture, accessories and maternity items. Doors open promptly at 8:00 am. Half price sale starts at 12:30 pm. For more details visit www.stgabrielchurch.org and select CMG Consignment Sale.

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

Envelope # _____

Effective Date: _____

Family Name: _____

New Email: _____

New Address: _____

New Home Phone # _____

New Member to Family? _____

Comments: _____
