

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.

W E E K L Y B U L L E T I N

January 17, 2010

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday-Friday 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. (bilingual), 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

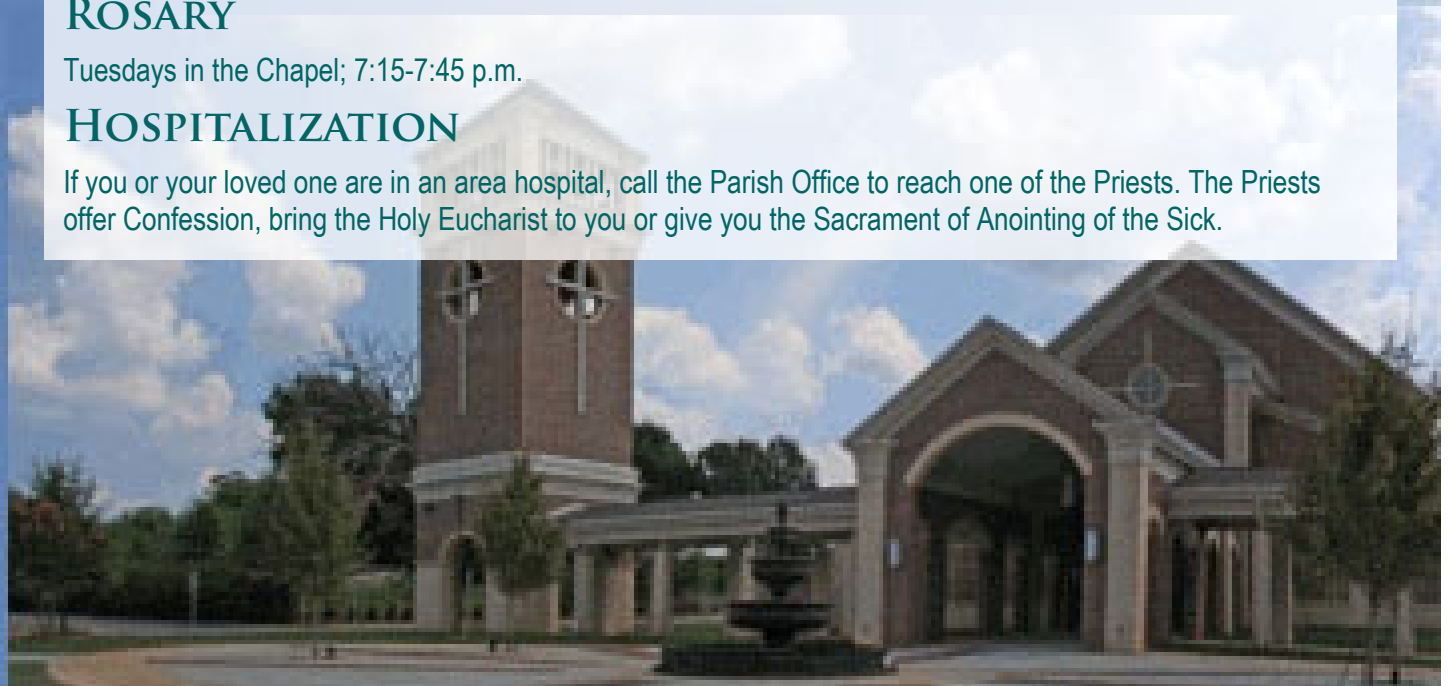
Begins Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. and continues overnight until 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Benediction follows at 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

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.



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TODAY'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — Celebrating at a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply by changing water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory. Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus. We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

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QUOTES FOR THE DAY

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.

— *Isaiah 62:2*

No one who understands the reality that God is can think that God does not exist.

— *St. Anselm of Canterbury*

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.
keeps us there.

— *Anonymous*

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)

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)

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).

AMAMOS LOS UNOS A LOS OTROS

Porque nos amamos los unos a los otros y nos preocupamos por lo que nos sucede a cada uno, es que se ha formado la cadena de oración para que en nuestros problemas, enfermedades y alegrías, estemos juntos, como hermanos, orando por todo lo que nos pasa y sucede a nuestro alrededor. Envía tus necesidades y las de los que te rodean a todos.orando@yahoo.com para que más de 90 familias recen por ti y tus necesidades. Si quieres inscribirte en este grupo solo tienes que mandar un email a la misma dirección electrónica y serás un "eslabón" más de la cadena. Para más información, llamar a Mariela (704-564-9174).

VISITEMOS AL SANTÍSIMO

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!!!!

GRUPO DE RENOVACIÓN CATÓLICA CARISMÁTICA

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 Elizabeth (704-763-4245).

¿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 abras la puerta 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 (704-892-0254).

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).

PROMOTOR DE SALUD

Te interesaría ser promotor de salud en la Iglesia de San Marcos? Ayúdanos a promover la salud en nuestra comunidad con ayuda del Hospital Presbiteriano. Este es un trabajo voluntario que no te quitará mucho tiempo y te dará la oportunidad de servir a tu comunidad y aprender mucho de salud. Si te interesa, por favor comunícate con Cristina (704-728-2783; crisjus@hotmail.com).

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 17

- No Religious Education
- 2:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Room 202)
- 6:00 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)

Monday, January 18

- PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
- No Religious Education

Tuesday, January 19

- No Religious Education
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Parish Hall)
- 7 p.m. Band (Church)
- 7 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 203)

Wednesday, January 20

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms & Room 203)
- 10:00 a.m. After the Boxes... (Rooms 200, 201, 202)
- 11:15 a.m. Elder Ministry Exercise (Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. Cancer Support Group (Room 205)
- 7 p.m. Catholic Athletes for Christ (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Spanish) (Room 202)
- 7 p.m. Scouts (Room 202)
- 7 p.m. Spanish Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:15 p.m. Liturgy Commission (Room 204)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)

Thursday, January 21

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms & 200 & 203)
- 10:00 a.m. Women of Joy (Parish Hall, 202)
- 1:00 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 203)
- 5:30 p.m. LifeTeen Core Mtg (LifeTeen Office Room 215)
- 6:00 p.m. SPRED (Room 200)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. Women of Joy (Room 202)

Friday, January 22

- 8:30 a.m. Samaritan's Feet (Parish Hall)
- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms and Rooms 200 & 203)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Rooms 200-204, Parish Hall)

Saturday, January 23

- 6 a.m. Men's Fellowship Group (Parish Hall)
- 9 a.m. Catechist Training (Rooms 200-204)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Elder Ministry) (Parish Hall)
- 11 a.m. Samaritan's Feet (Parish Hall)

Sunday, January 24

- 8 a.m. SPRED (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 12:30 p.m. Cursillo/Ultreya (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. LifeTeen
- 6:00 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (SMCS)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Rooms 200 & 201)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 18

- 9 a.m. +John Mann

Tuesday, Jan. 19

- 9 a.m. +Rod Scattergood

Wednesday, Jan. 20

- 9 a.m. Karen Blackwell

Friday, Jan. 22

- 9 a.m. Joan Healy

Saturday, Jan. 23

- 9 a.m. +Robert Kreimeyer
- 5 p.m. +Penny Yates

Sunday, Jan. 24

- 7:30 am +Jim Lotito
- 9 a.m. +Geraldine Mahoney
- 11 a.m. Julie Kelly
- 12:30 p.m. +Hannah & Bill Theirfelder
- 5 p.m. Jason Stapleton

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

To submit bulletin announcements, email bulletin@stmarknc.org. For a list of deadlines, visit www.stmarknc.org and select Bulletins.

LET'S DO IT FOR MONSIGNOR!



TAKE YOUR PHOTO FOR THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The display is up and we're taking names! It has always been Fr. Richard's dream to have a St. Mark Parish Pictorial Directory. Before he had his surgery, he had arranged all of this to take place. Wouldn't it be GREAT to have everyone make their appointments NOW so he'll be really proud when he returns? Sign-ups are now taking place in the Family Center, right outside of the Parish Hall. You can go over there right after Mass or anytime during the week! You can also make your appointments at www.signup.olanmills.com OR by phone at 800-866-2263. The photo sessions begin in February. It is completely free of charge unless you choose to order more pictures at that time (no hard-sell, we promise!). The pictures will be ready in time for Mother's Day! All parish families who participate will receive an 8x10 color portrait AND a Parish Directory.

MASS AND SACRAMENTS

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to Monsignor's recovery following bypass surgery, there are several schedule changes. We appreciate your understanding, and please continue to pray for Monsignor's speedy recovery.

There will be no Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Smith (704-875-2334; ASmith2@carolina.rr.com).

Fr. Jones will be the only priest available for Confession on Saturdays. If you choose to come on Saturdays, please be patient. (It'll give you more time to examine your conscience!)

As you know, due to our shortage of priests, the 7 a.m. daily Mass has been cancelled until further notice. So how does that affect Eucharistic Adoration? Beginning January 8, Adoration on Fridays will begin AFTER the 9 a.m. Mass.

Thank you and God bless you for your patience and understanding as we continue to celebrate this holy season without Msgr. Bellow.

SPECIAL NEEDS NURSERY

Our nursery for developmentally delayed children is offered during the 9 a.m. Sunday mass in Room 120. If your child would benefit from this time with our Special Education staff, please register with a call to Connie Andrews (704-489-6099).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Monsignor Richard Bellow, Lucy Blyskal, John Bowen, Charlie Condon, Tom Edwards, Jean Fox, Pietra Gambino, Peter Liuzzo, Patricia McConnell, Robert Monto, George Pacella 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 THEY REST IN PEACE...

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Christian Joseph Klodzinski, nephew of parishioner Terri Bossert, and Theresa Brennan, mother of parishioner Marty Brennan. May the Lord's grace comfort their loved ones.

WELCOME...

Please welcome our newly baptized: Colby James Martinez, Liam Joseph McDonald, Sullivan John Cary Coleman, Ryan James Hyland, Louis Fae Toh, Jr., Gabriella Grace Pressley, Lia Bettina Puma, Samantha Marie Tristan, Taylor Kate Seifert.

Please welcome our new parishioners: Ian Backes, Michael & Heidi Cashell, Brian & Heather Provost, Michael & Deborah Light, Rebecca Collins Tiri Andexier & Clara Croce, Max & Aimee Hutchison, Roger & Zoe Kilmer, Craig & Margaret Mundy, Michael & Rebecca Mansfield, Louis & Maria Tavares, Brian & Toni Poplin, John & Margaret Lukachko, Scott & Melissa Swisher, Chris & Georgia Thompson, Lee & Michelle Pierce, Ryan & Erin Kerfien, William & Susan Perry, James & Jeanne Hallock

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE SERVICE

Pensacola NAS

Ens. William Vey III

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

AG2 (AW) Jenna Hehn, USN, SGOT, NAS

Fort Benning, GA

PFC Jacob Alexander

Fort Knox, KY

Lt. David Fabozzi

Annapolis, MD

Matthew Hartung at USNA

MCAS Cherry Point, NC

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

1st Lt. Nicole Huch, R.N. with the USAF

MARCH 4 LIFE TRIP
January 21-22, 2010

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FAITH ROCKS & EDGE - LIFE TEEN

Over the Christmas Holiday, our middle-school Faith Rocks and Edge students were challenged to seek out further the meaning of Advent and Christmas. Using the 2000 Blockbuster hit *Pay It Forward* students were given the task of "changing the world" by seeking out opportunities to help others. The rules were easy; first, the Act of Kindness had to be something that the person could not do for themselves and secondly, although it didn't have to be a BIG thing, it needed to seem Big to the person they were helping. We encouraged all of our students to reach out beyond just their family members (sorry mom and dad) – but to reach out to someone they didn't know. All of the students were asked to share their experiences when they came back from Christmas break. The following are just some of the great projects are kids are into....

Rachel brought joy to a neighbor who is unable to read by providing company and reading to her each day. She also visited another woman, Miss Robbie, and wrote out thank you cards for her.

Joey helped his 92 year old great-grandma continue a family baking tradition by helping with the cutting, peeling, and cleaning for desserts.

Danielle cooked meals for a family who are unable to cook for themselves.

Elissa donated time to serve food for homeless families and donated her Christmas money to Hope's Wish, a local charitable organization.

During the next month, we hope to share with you more of the great projects our kids are doing, seeking to make a difference in the world. I challenge each of you to take time in this New Year to help others, sharing the gifts and talents God has entrusted within you to spread the love of Christ to our community and world.

SAMARITAN'S FEET IS COMING TO ST. MARK'S!

On Saturday, January 23, join other parish 6th-12th graders and earn service hours while supporting a great cause! Go to www.samaritansfeet.org/ to learn more about this wonderful charity. Please email Tim Flynn or Katie Herzing (stmarklifeteen@gmail.com) to sign up for a shift: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or 1-4 p.m. More info in the Community Life section!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ADULT

ST. MARK CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

An exciting movement has spread through many parishes and diocese where men have been meeting twice a month to fellowship and share real life issues confronting Catholic men today. You are invited to take this opportunity as we begin a group at St. Mark. Meet new friends and join us as we work together to grow our faith. Start the New Year in a new way. Gathering in Room 200 in the Parish Center from 7:30am to 8:50am Saturday January 23rd. For further information call Sean McSweeney at (704)948-5543

FYI...there will be NO Religious Education Classes the week of January 17th due to the MLK Holiday. All classes resume the week of January 24th.

FYI...Mark you calendars! It is with great pleasure to announce Our St. Mark Parish Mission is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 21st – Tuesday, Feb 23rd. The theme of this year's mission is "Responding to God...Person to Person" presented by Vinny Flynn (author of 7 Secrets of the Eucharist). More details will be available in the near future!

Want to Learn More About your Catholic Faith...Our Religious Education Dept is presenting continuing education modules for interested Adults and Catechists who desire to further their understanding of our Catholic Faith. This continuing education program was developed by our Charlotte Diocese and offers participants and rudimentary understanding of the (4) areas of our Catholic Faith: Creed, Sacraments and Liturgy, Christian Living and Prayer.

The following is the schedule of modules being offered during January:

Monday, Jan 22nd 10-12 pm Response to Call (Phase II) Room 204

Saturday, Jan 30th 10-12 pm Response to Call (Phase II) Room 204

In addition to monthly modules available, our RE dept is sponsoring a full day of training. The following are the modules available for Saturday, January 23rd (upstairs in Family Life Center)

Saturday, Jan 23rd 10-12 pm Call to be Catechist (Phase I)

Saturday, Jan 23rd 10-12 pm Skills & Theory in the Classroom (Phase I)

Saturday, Jan 23rd 10-12 pm Prayer: Our Father (Phase II)

Saturday, Jan 23rd 1-3 pm Scripture (Phase I)

Saturday, Jan 23rd 1-3 pm Morality (Christian Living) (Phase I)

Saturday, Jan 23rd 1-3 pm Prayer: Part II (Phase II)

In addition we are offering modules in Spanish. They are:

Saturday, Jan 23rd 10-12 pm Sacraments (Phase I)

Saturday, Jan 23rd 1-3 pm Our Father (Phase II)

Registration forms for these modules are available at the education table (across from parish office). Cost is just \$7.00 per module (waived for St. Mark catechists only) Questions or interested in attending, please contact Donna Smith (dsmith18@bellsouth.net or call 704-948-1306)

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Send your child to Catholic school next year!

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) is accepting applications for all grades (TK through grade 12) for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in providing your child a Catholic school education – please visit www.charlottediocese.org for an application packet. Deadline for the early admission process is January 31, 2010. The second admission round begins February 1. Applications continue to be accepted until all seats are filled. For more information please call the MACS Admission Office (704-370-3273)

ELDER MINISTRY

Call the elder ministry office at 704-947-4885 for further info about the following events:

BOUNDARIES (BR. MICHAEL)

RETREAT at MONASTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Conyers, Georgia Friday, April 30 – Sunday, May 2

This retreat will focus on “boundary issues.” Do you “invade” other people’s boundaries? Do you allow others to “cross” your boundaries? Boundaries are legitimate, healthy “fences” that we put between ourselves and others in order to maintain healthy relationships. The purposes of having boundaries are to protect and care for ourselves, and to respect others, thereby establishing healthy relationships. *SPACE IS LIMITED, so register ASAP.* A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is required to secure your private room. The Monks suggest a free-will love offering of \$60-\$100 per person per night (the \$30 will be applied to your first night’s stay). Transportation is available.

JERSEY BOYS Belk Theater, Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

This smash hit musical tells the story of how four, blue collar kids from New Jersey became a pop music sensation, creating a unique and wildly popular sound that propelled them all the way to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons is an amazing tale of perseverance and camaraderie, jealousy and loyalty, told against the musical backdrop of the band’s and Valli’s astounding catalog of hits. “Sherry” “Big Girls Don’t Cry” “Walk Like a Man” “Oh What a Night” and many, many more. Orch/GT \$83.25, Mezzanine \$68.25, Front Balcony \$53.25, Rear Balcony \$38.25 (plus required transportation fee of \$7 p/p.) *Registration Deadline: January 28th*

CHARLOTTE SQUAWKS McGlohon Theatre, Friday February 19 at 8:00 pm.

The creative team of Mike Collins and Brian Kahn collaborate with the area’s most talented singers, dancers and actors to parody pop-culture, politics, sports and our beloved Queen City. *Exceptionally hilarious!* Orchestra seats \$33.30, plus required transportation fee of \$7 p/p.

Registration Deadline: January 28th

MY MOTHER’S ITALIAN, MY FATHER’S JEWISH & I’M IN THERAPY

Booth Playhouse, Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Steve Solomon’s smash hit comedy is inspired by his hilarious family and all the people in his life whose sole purpose is to drive him into therapy...and they succeeded. This hit walks you through something we can all relate to – family drama. One part lasagna, one part kreplach and two parts Prozac, you don’t have to be Jewish or Italian to see this show. All you need is to know what it feels like to leave a family dinner with heartburn and a headache. Orchestra seats \$33.30, plus required transportation fee of \$7 p/p.

Registration Deadline: February 16th

LUNCH & LEARN: WHAT’S GETTING OLD?

Getting older “happens” and changes are expected. However, sometimes some of the things we attribute to aging --- *aren’t!* Mary A. Curran, FNP-BC, PhD will discuss the aging process: what to expect, what’s normal, and what’s not. **Join us on Monday, February 15th in the Parish Hall.** The presentation begins at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by lunch; cost of

PARISH LIFE: GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH!

WOMEN’S NEWCOMER GROUP - “MOVING ON AFTER MOVING IN”

Are you new to St. Mark? Or not “new”, but still feel “new”??? Come join us to laugh, cry and make new friends. This ministry group is based on Susan Miller’s book, “After the Boxes are Unpacked” and addresses the spiritual, emotional and practical needs associated with moving. The next session will start on Wednesday, January 13th, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in Room 200. We will meet on each Wednesday for 10 weeks thru March 24th. Please call Cathy (704-895-9879) or Lisa (704-875-3469) to register so we can look forward to meeting you.

AFTER THE BOXES ARE UNPACKED ALUMNI AND NEW CLASS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 11a.m.-2p.m., Asbury Park Grove, 9300 Bob Beatty Road, Charlotte. cost \$10.00, Send check by Friday, January 22nd., to Gerry Phillips, 10016 Gladwick Ct., Huntersville, N.C. 28078.(704-895-2388) Grove on your left. Hope to see you there!

PARISH LIFE ...continued

ROSARY MAKERS' MINISTRY

If you would like to learn how to make beautiful corded rosaries for our servicemen and women, for Catholic Social Services, nursing homes in Huntersville, and missions here and abroad, please join us on Sunday, January 31, at 2:30 pm in room 204. Contact Susan Wild at susan_wild@msn.com or call 704-601-6938. Our monthly Rosary Makers meeting (no instruction needed) will begin at 3:15pm - 4:45pm (room 204). Please join us in fellowship and bring your completed rosaries and pick up additional supplies.

ST. MARK PLAYGROUP

January 18, 10:30 a.m. Huntersville Fire Station

Meet the firefighters, explore the fire trucks and then take a quick trip down the fire pole. Bring cookies or another sweet treat for the brave firefighters at the Huntersville Fire Station. Please RSVP to Kara Martinez (704-912-3221).

January 21, 7:00 p.m. Eastfield Grill

Treat yourself! Come and enjoy a night out after the holidays. Please RSVP to Dierdre Vesely at (704-875-3452) by 1/19.

ST. MARK PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2010

Registration will open for current preschool families and alumni preschool families January 15-31. Registration for eligible parish preschoolers of St. Mark Church will be held February 1-14. Registration will be accepted in person on Feb. 1 or 2 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on the second floor of the family center. Alternatively, enrollment forms can be mailed directly to the preschool. Forms are available on the preschool table in the church hallway or may be downloaded from www.stmarknc.org, click preschool. A non-refundable registration fee of \$75 must accompany the enrollment form. Programs offered: T/TH or M/W/F for 3's; M/W/F or T-F for 4's and M-F for older 4's/5's. Classes are from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Children must be the age of the class by August 31 and potty-trained by the start of school. A lottery will be conducted if registration numbers exceed available spaces. When all classes are full, a waiting list will be established. After February 14, any remaining spaces will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Questions? Call the director (704-948-8015).

HOW TO MAKE ENDS MEET

Having trouble making ends meet with reduced family income? Want to learn how to deal with debt and develop strategies to minimize debt? Just need some guidance when it comes to household budgets, planning for the future, and still being able to tithe? Starting on January 26, 2010, we will be hosting a 13-week program based on Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This program teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt and saving for your future. This educational program is open to all parishioners and will be hosted and facilitated by credible, licensed financial professionals from our parish. Send an email to financial.education@stmarknc.org to learn more.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY ON THE WEB!

The Saint Mark Catholic Church Altar Server Ministry now has its own presence on the St. Mark web site. Go to the St. Mark web site at <http://www.stmarknc.org>, choose Parish Commissions, choose Liturgy and scroll down and choose Resources for Altar Servers. We currently have posted altar server bulletins, the altar server guide and altar server diagrams. Photos and Training Videos shall follow. In addition, we'll soon be expanding into procedures for benediction, Stations of the Cross and use of incense. Every altar server, under the supervision of their parent or guardian, should bookmark, regularly visit and make use of this resource.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer support group will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Next meeting 1/20 held in the church office building in room 203 at 6-7:30. This is open to all, survivors, going through treatment, caregivers, anyone who would like to learn more about cancer. All are welcome to join us. Please call Joanne (704-598-6177 ext 101;joannesahagian01@yahoo.com)

NEW PARISHIONERS' WELCOME EVENT

Sunday, January 31, 1:30 – 2:45 pm, Room 200 in the Parish Center

New to the parish? Come and meet a number of church leaders on **Sunday, January 31** after the 12:30 pm Mass. Learn about St. Mark activities. In order to provide refreshments and handouts, please call or email Rosemary Keeley by **Monday, January 25** (rosemary_keeley@att.net or 704-399-0672).

COMMUNITY LIFE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY 2010

Our two annual community outreach days have organized more than 500 parishioners to serve over 35 local organizations. We have mucked barns, eaten with nursing home residents, built homes, given blood, and more. Plans are underway for 2010 and we need your input, enthusiasm and time! If you have been a project leader, a volunteer or are simply interested in coordinating or chairing this outreach program we would love to hear from you. We need at least five chair people to make community outreach day a yearly event for St. Mark Church and the local community. Please contact Beth (704-995-3055; community.life@stmarknc.org) for further information.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION NEEDS YOU

If you have a passion for serving the needy and are good at communication, coordination and leadership, we need you on our team! Looking for someone to assist or chair the Community Life Commission as soon as you're ready to join! Please contact Beth (704-995-3055; community.life@stmarknc.org) for further information.

SAMARITAN'S FEET IS COMING TO ST. MARK'S!

On Saturday, January 23, join other parish 6th-12th graders and earn service hours while supporting a great cause! Over 300 million children in the world go without shoes. Samaritan's Feet has a goal of donating 10 million shoes in 10 years and delivering them to those in need. Kmart has just blessed this organization with the donation of 1 million shoes and we have agreed to help tie and sort them to be shipped around the world - we need lots of hands! It's easy and you'll get lunch too! It costs \$5 to warehouse and ship each pair of shoes so just a \$5 donation towards shipping is requested. Go to www.samaritansfeet.org/ to learn more about this wonderful charity. Please email Tim Flynn or Katie Herzing (stmarklifeteen@gmail.com) to sign up for a shift: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or 1-4 p.m. Contact Beth (704-995-3055; community.life@stmarknc.org) with any questions.

HOSPICE HOUSE MEALS

St. Mark has volunteered to be the LDHH Meal Sponsor for the months of February and March. This program provides dinners for patients and their families on each Tues & Thurs of the sponsored month and lunch on each Saturday, giving patients an opportunity to spend this priceless time with their loved ones. Volunteers are needed to provide and set up the meals. **This is a great Lenten project for individuals, families, or friends!** For more information or to volunteer a meal, please contact Mary Fink at mary@navarac.com or 704-905-6686. (No clean-up is required.)

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

SIGN-UP WEEKEND FOR LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

January 30 and 31 after Saturday and Sunday Masses in the parish center.

Select one of the following series that meets your schedule:

Tues., March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2010	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.	Last session 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)
Wed., March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2010	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.	Last session 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
Thurs., April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.	Last session 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)
Tues., April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2010	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.	Last session 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
Wed., May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.	Last session 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)
Thurs., May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2010	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.	Last session 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

There is no charge for the series other than the \$18 cost of the book that provides survey access and series' material. For questions, contact rosemary_keeley@att.net or call 704-399-0672.

STEWARDSHIP

It is important to measure our generosity not by what we give, but by what we have left. Save the Date...May 1, 2010 for the Regional Stewardship Conference hosted by the Diocese of Savannah. Registration material will be available in early 2010. For more information, contact Debbie Hains at (704-453-5016; debbie@tvdave.com).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Youth Free Throw Challenge

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. This competition will be held between 2PM – 4PM on Sunday January 17, 2010 at the St. Mark Catholic School gym. Please bring proof of age. Parental consent will also be required when signing up at the door – Please arrive early. For further information email - event-info@kofcncstmark.org

Next Business Meeting

Our next meeting is being held on February 1, 2010 at 7:30pm in Room 200. All Knights, please attend. All Catholic gentlemen welcome as guests.

Did you know that during 2009, the St Mark Knights Council conducted ...

- Over 3,500 hours of service in 2009 to the church, youth and community
- 500 bereavement hours in our parish

Welcome to our newest members

Bill Kauffman - John Shingledecker - Adam Smith

Interested in joining? Want more information? Want to suggest an event? Send us an email at KofC12654@gmail.com or visit our website - <http://www.kofcncstmark.org/>

RESPECT LIFE

MARCH FOR LIFE – D.C.

The Washington D.C. March for Life will be on Friday, January 22. Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will be hosting an overnight pilgrimage to the D.C. March - bus leaving Charlotte on Thursday, January 21. Only \$40 per person. Everyone welcome! For more details call Marie Leclair at 704.341.5961 or email at marie.teacher@hotmail.com

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

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

PRO-LIFE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Room At The Inn is a Catholic maternity and after care program that provides long term housing, professional counseling, spiritual support and material assistance to single moms in need. Currently there are two rewarding positions available:

Part Time Bilingual Counselor (Must be a licensed counselor and fluent in English/Spanish) and **Full Time Program Support Specialist** (Entry level position, must be fluent in English/Spanish.) For information, contact Debbie Capen (704-525-4673, Ext. 14; debbiecapen@rati.org).

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

CCHS GALA

Mark your calendars, get a snazzy outfit and get your bidding game on. We are excited to announce that on March 6th, Charlotte Catholic High School's annual Gala, "A Time to Shine," will be held at the Ballantyne Hotel. The Gala is our premier fundraising event and is hosted by the CCHS Foundation. For more information, please contact the CCHS Development Office at 704-543-9118 or jbjohnson@charlottecatholic.com.

SECOND JOURNEY: IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR PEOPLE 40 AND OVER

St. Peter's Catholic Church will offer an Ignatian retreat for people 40 and over on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 8:30am to Noon in Biss Hall. The theme for the retreat is "New Life". The event is free and open to the public; parking is free in The Green Parking Garage next to the Church. To register, call 704-332-2901.

DIRECT GIVE

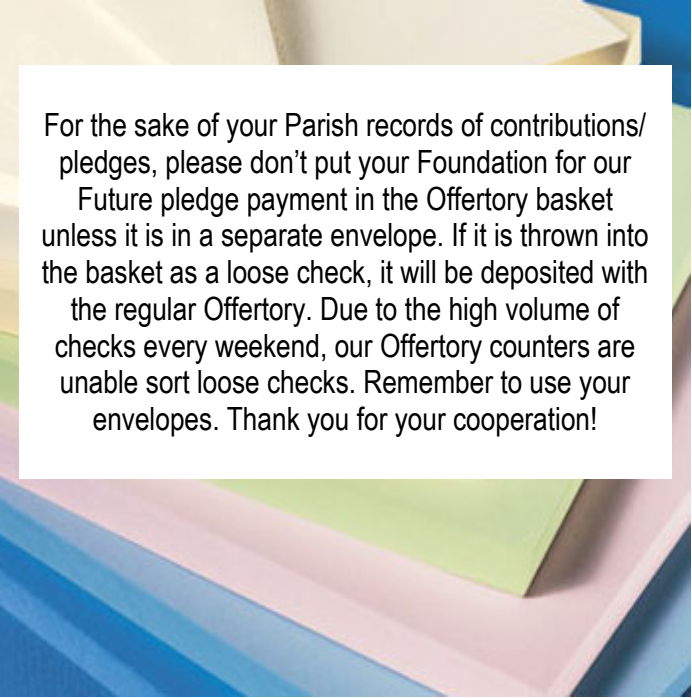
EVERYBODY WINS WITH DIRECTGIVE

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 to sort loose checks. Remember to use your envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation!

PARISH REGISTRATION CHANGES

Please remember to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible! You may drop this form in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Please circle 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? _____

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