

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 24, 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

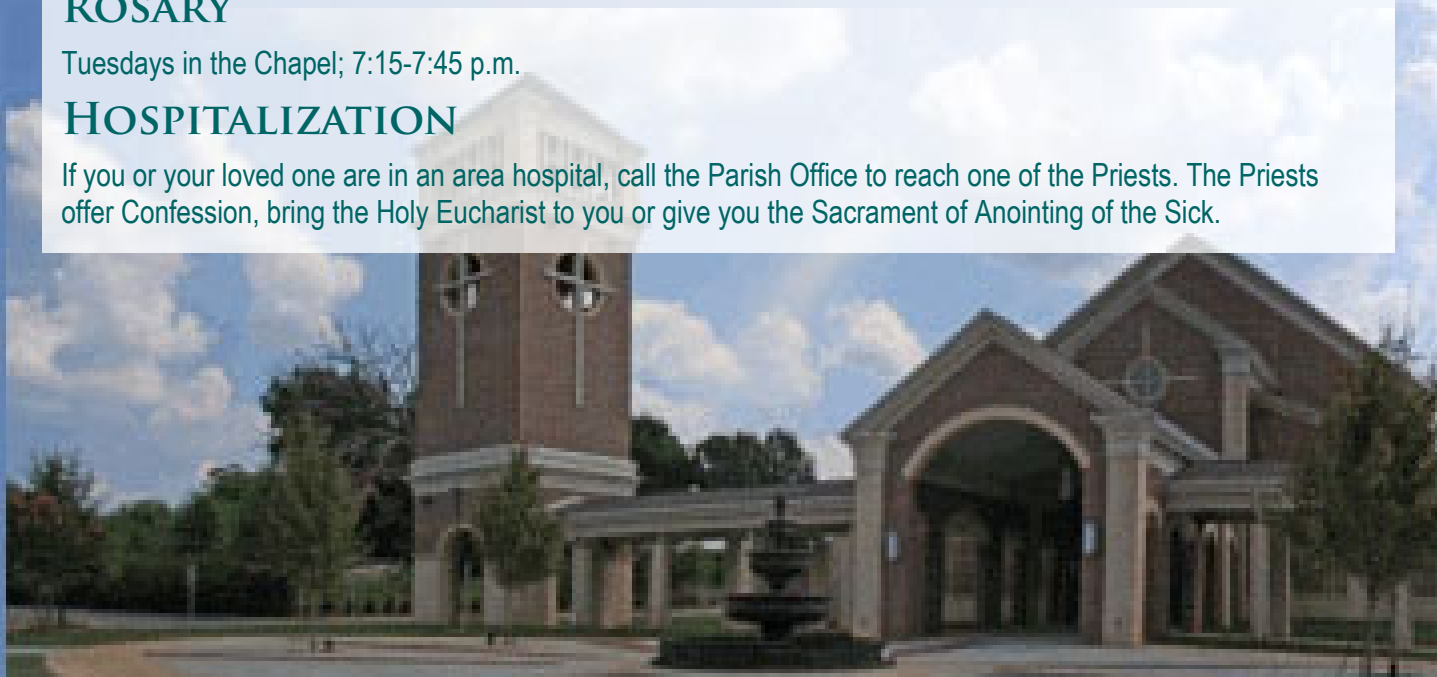
Begins Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. and continues overnight until 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Benediction follows at 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

A HOLY TIME

For those of us who live farther north, it is now the heart of winter. And for all of us, north and south, the holidays are over. We may sense the start of a long, hard stretch of blank time. These opening Sundays of "Ordinary Time" reflect this feeling of beginning. Today's reading from the book of Nehemiah tells with great drama how the people gathered to hear, as though for the first time, a solemn reading of God's word. As they listened, they fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep" (Nehemiah 8:9). Today's Gospel tells a similar dramatic tale. We are presented with the very beginning of Jesus' public life. The people gathered to listen, and Jesus proclaimed the fulfillment of the prophet's words. To his listeners—and to us—he announced "a year acceptable to the Lord" (Luke 4:19).

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QUOTES FOR THE DAY

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

— Luke 4:18a

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

—Anonymous

If you have anything to pardon, pardon quickly. Slow forgiveness is little better than no forgiveness.

—Sir Arthur Pinero

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)

POR QUÉ SER CATÓLICO?

Invitamos a toda la comunidad a participar de este programa que nos ayuda a conocer más sobre nuestra fe Católica. Formamos grupos pequeños, leemos la Biblia y el Catecismo de nuestra Iglesia. Ven e insíbete para participar de este excelente programa que comienza a mediados de febrero. Para más información llama a Zaida Torres (704-960-6928).

AMAOS 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).

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).

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 24

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

Monday, January 25

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms and Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Catechist Training (Room 204)
- 10 a.m. Women's Scripture Study (Room 202)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & SMCS)
- 7:30 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 203)

Tuesday, January 26

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms & Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Room 202)
- 3:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (Nursery, Parish Hall, SMCS)
- 6 p.m. RCIA for Children (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 6 p.m. Religious Education (PH, Nursery, SMCS)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Room 203)
- 7 p.m. Band (Church)
- 7 p.m. Financial Education Class (Room 202)
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary Group (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Scouts (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, January 27

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms & Room 203)
- 10 a.m. After the Boxes... (Rooms 200, 201, 202)

- 11:15 a.m. Elder Ministry Exercise (Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. Centering Prayer (Ed Comm) (Chapel)
- 7 p.m. Lifeteen Bible Study (Room 215)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (Spanish) (Room 202)
- 7 p.m. Spanish Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)

Thursday, January 28

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms & 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Women of Joy (Parish Hall, 202)
- 1 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 203)
- 5:30 p.m. LifeTeen Core Mtg (LifeTeen Office Room 215)
- 7 p.m. Choir (Church)
- 7 p.m. Finance Council (Room 204)
- 7 p.m. Women of Joy (Room 202)

Friday, January 29

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms and Rooms 200 & 203)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Rooms 200 - 204 & Parish Hall)

Saturday, January 30

- 10 a.m. Catechist Training (Room 200)
- 10 a.m. Tai Chi (Elder Ministry) (Parish Hall)

Sunday, January 31

- 8 a.m. SPRED (Room 200)
- 1:30 p.m. Welcome Event for New Parishioners (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 2:30 p.m. Rosary Makers' Ministry (Room 202)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (St. Mark Catholic School)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Room 200 and 201)

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

MASS AND SACRAMENTS

SPECIAL NEEDS NURSERY

Our nursery for developmentally delayed children is offered during the 9 a.m. Mass in room 120. If your child would benefit from this time with our special education staff, please call Connie Andrews at 704-489-6099 to register or come early to room 120 and speak with our teachers, fill out our registration form, and allow your child to become comfortable with the surroundings. We would like to know likes and dislikes, and any food allergies. This is a free service and the families involved love having their peace and quiet during Mass and knowing that their child is happy and well-supervised.

MID WEEK DISABILITY MASS

We will resume this mass in March when our pastor, Msgr. Richard, is back with us.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

MAY HE REST IN PEACE WITH OUR LORD...

Please pray for the soul of parishioner Louis Tavares, husband of parishioner, Maria Tavares. We pray that God's grace will comfort this family in their time of sorrow. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And may the perpetual light shine upon him.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Monsignor Richard Bellow, Lucy Blyskal, John Bowen, Charlie Condon, Tom Edwards, Jean Fox, Pietra Gambino, John Hopkins, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 25

9 a.m. +Giovanna Casale

Tuesday, January 26

9 a.m. +Ralph Schammel

Wednesday, January 27

9 a.m. The Schammel Family

Thursday, January 28

Friday, January 29

9 a.m. +Bill Strolheim

Saturday, January 30

9 a.m. Mass of Remembrance

5 p.m. +Penny Yates

Sunday, January 31

7:30 am Lisa Cox

9 a.m. +Teresa Ferranti

11 a.m. Julie Kelly

12:30 a.m. +Lois Doolittle

5 p.m. +James & Marilena Randazzo

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

Staff Sgt. Andrew Vranek, USAF

LTC Russ Standish, MNSTC-I Intel Training Team

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

USS Nassau

USMC-Force Recon Sgt. Samuel T. Myers, 24th Force

MEU

Fort Bragg, NC

MSgt. Patrick Heffernan

Minot, ND

Trevor Donahue, USAF Security Forces

Charleston, SC

FN Christopher Heim, Naval Weapons Station

Fort Sill, OK

Sgt. Steven Ollie, US Army

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



FAITH ROCKS & EDGE - LIFE TEEN

SUMMER CAMP FOR GRADES 6-8

For the fourth straight year, middle school students here at St. Mark will leave town for a week-long, unforgettable adventure! At COVECREST Camp, we learn about Jesus, worship together, bond as a group, face our fears on the rope courses, tube down a river, and get messy! It's a week where eyes are opened, lives are changed, and memories are made. Camp runs July 5-10. The cost is \$450. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot! To sign up for this amazing adventure and for more information, contact Katie Herzing (704-948-1306; katie.herzing@gmail.com).

A NIGHT OUT FOR MOMS AND DADS!

The Edge & Faith Rocks students are pleased to present you with "free" baby-sitting on **Friday, February**

12, 6:30-9:30 p.m. in rooms 200-204 (a donation will be taken). Our Middle School students are excited to present an evening of crafts, games, cookies, and a movie (Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium) for children **ages six months to 10 years**. We are only able to take **30 little ones** for this evening of fun, so reserve your spot today by contacting Katie (704-948-1306; katie.herzing@gmail.com).

X-TREME FAITH DAY 2010

Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th graders! Want to take a day away from your brothers & sisters and your parents? Want to live on the edge? Sign up for the diocesan-wide X-Treme Faith Day on **Saturday, March 27** in Hendersonville, NC. The cost of **\$35** includes transportation, lunch, speakers, music, and a gift. Contact Katie (704-948-1306; katie.herzing@gmail.com) by February 28 to sign up or for more information.

ST. MARK PRESCHOOL

ST. MARK PARISH PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: **February 1-14**

Open registration for eligible parish preschoolers will be held February 1-14. Current and alumni families may register January 15-31. 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 (turning 5 between June 1 & Dec. 31). All 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 non-refundable registration fee of \$75 must accompany the enrollment form. Register in person Feb. 1st or 2nd from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (noon) on the second floor of the family center or mail the registration form. Forms can be found on the preschool table in the family center hallway or downloaded from www.stmarknc.org, click preschool. To be included in the parish priority, all registration forms must be submitted to the director by Feb. 14. A lottery will be conducted if registration exceeds openings. After February 14, any remaining spots will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. You will be notified of your child's acceptance as soon as possible. Questions? Call the director (704-948-8015).

ST. MARK PRESCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

The St. Mark Preschool Advisory Board is looking for a new Board member. Any parishioner 18 years of age or older with a passion for children should consider this opportunity. The Advisory Board meets quarterly with the new member's term beginning in April. If you are interested in becoming an Advisory Board member, contact Tracie Scharlemann (tscharlemann@yahoo.com). Thank you for considering this important ministry at St. Mark.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

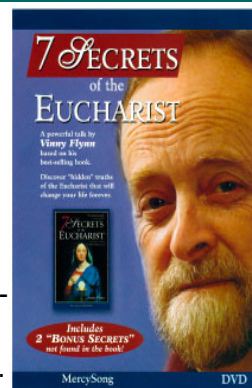
Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) is accepting applications for all grades (TK through 12th) for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in providing your child a Catholic School education – please go to our website at www.charlottediocese.org for an application packet. Deadline for the Early Admission process is January 31, 2010. The second admission round begins February 1st. Applications continue to be accepted until all seats are filled. For more information please call the MACS Admission Office (704.370.3273).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ADULT

All Religious Education Classes resume this week!

ST. MARK PARISH MISSION: Sunday, Feb 21 through Tuesday, Feb 23

The theme of this year's mission is "Responding to God...Person to Person," presented by **Vinny Flynn** (author of "Seven Secrets of the Eucharist"). Registration details are available at www.stmarknc.org. **Who is Vinny Flynn...** known to many as "the man who sings the Divine Mercy Chaplet on EWTN," this father of seven has been involved in a ministry of mercy for over thirty years, using his gifts of teaching, writing, counseling, music, and prayer to help people understand the teachings of the Church and open their hearts to the healing touch of God's love. Check out his website www.mercysong.com for more about Vinny and look out for more details about the upcoming mission.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONGRATULATIONS

Austin Ackerman	Ellie Cohen	Robert Gerardi	Christopher Lopez	Owen Petersen	Anthony Skelly
Jacob Adams	Matthew Coleman	Jordan Gervais	John Loubier	Connor Peterson	Colet Smith
Lauren Agnello	Thomas Condo	Evan Ghiloni	William Lug	Abigail Petry	Luis Solorazano
Katarina Aleksa	William Confoy	Matthew Gimbel	Kelly MacFalls	Colby Petterson	Matthew Soos
Eden Andrews	Bridget Connolly	Bethany Gonzalez	Vincent Marino	Nicholas Petterson	Colette Sparks
Seth Badour	Isabella Conrad	Preston Gordon	Sydney Markovics	Christian Picot	Lydia Sparks
Ryan Baer	Sean Cosgrove	Timothy Graham	Joseph Marsicano	Jessie Pienta	Joshua Stevens
Patrick Bagot	John Cowart	Alexandria Grant	Jack Martel	Sophia Pimentel	Leah Stevens
Kathryn Barnabei	Caitlin Cox	Juliana Grant	Brandon Martinez	Michael Potuzak	Sarah Stump
Noah Barozzino	Aidan Creter	Joey Guarino	Jocelyn Martins	Christopher Pressley	Emily Stutheit
Brooke Becker	Jacqueline Cruz	Jon-Paul Guerra	William Mastrone	Alivia Price	Michael Suarez
Ashley Beirne	Kevin Csehoski	Keegan Guyer	Paul Matanovic	Matthew Ramold	Anthony Sullivan
Matthew Belczyk	Meredith Cummings	Alexander Habel	Antonia Matera	Briana Ramos	Jacob Suminguit
Nicole Beltran	Pearson Cunningham	Laura Hack	Bobby Matsey	Adrianna Ream	Harrison Swift
Alonso Benavente	Brady Curran	McKenzie Hamilton	Andrew Mazariegos	Callahan Reed	Caleb Tate
Jordyn Bennett	Cora DeGrauw	Paige Hannam	Nicholas Mazur	Noah Reese	Ann Margaret Thompson
Joseph Benson	Bridget Delaney	Megan Harris	Molly McDonald	Katherine Reeves	Nicholas Todd
Skyler Bentley	Sabrina Dennehy	Courtney Hathcock	Ian McGoff	Taylor Reeves	Daniel Toledo
John Besh	Caroline Denny	Jason Hendrix	Daniel McGoldrick	Zachary Rhodes	Arianne Tong
Thomas Bethea	Kyle Derscheid	Chloe Hirzel	Arthur McMahon III	Kevin Ricciani	Sarah Trantham
Tatyana Biechler	Margaret Mary Desormeaux	Stephanie Hirzel	Maia Miller	Lindsay Rich	Zachary Tubbs
Owen Bielefeld	Abby Deutsch	Jessica Hoagland	Gabriella Minucci	Gina Riggio	Freddie Vasquez-Rios
Andrew Blattner	Maxwell Doherty	Mallory Holland	Alexandra Montgomery	Emily Rodriguez	Vladimir Venant
Nicholas Bleuzen	Anne Donahue	Madeleine Hollenbeck	Alexander Moorman	Alyssa Romaniello	Ella Vernie
Madison Bonnes	Molly Donahue	Abigail Holt	Katie Mostert	Kaitlyn Rubadeux	Makenzie Violette
Mackenzie Bookamer	Brennan Doody	Shay Huber	Jonah Mott	Anna Rubel	Thomas Virgilio
Justin Bosse	William Dorgan	Hannah Hurlley	Nicolas Moya	Francesca Ruggiero	Haley Vogel
Matthew Brady	Olivia Doyle	Ethan Ippolito	Kaelyn Mulwee	Nicholas Ruiz	Margaret Wagner
Margaret Brant	Maximillian Dudek	Damaris Jaimes	Austin Munn	Nicolas Ruiz	Marcin Walczak
Rachel Brodauf	Kirsten Dunning	Tehya James	Aidan Murphy	Merryn Ryan	Matthew Ware
Caroline Browne	Konrad Durschlag	Griffin Jones	Brendan Murphy	Thomas Rynne	Olivia Ware
Madeleine Calcagno	James Douglas Edminston	Paola Juarez	Daylon Murphy	Molly Rynne	Brandon Webster
Christopher Camatcho	Jane Frances Edminston	Kaitlyn Kazmer	Rebecca Myers	Sean Rynne	Jacob Welborne
Arthur Campos	Julian Espinoza	Karlie Kazmierczak	Lily Nelson	Justin Sabido	Alex Wells
Jose Canas	Ethan Essex	Michael Kedzierski	Liam Newell	Jack Saltrick	Baker Westmoreland
Bella Cankurtaran	Patrick Feeley	Adeline Kelley	John Newton	Jacqueline Salvador	Wyatt Whealdon
Joseph Cannon	Sophia Filiault	Patrick Kelly	Kacey Nicosia	Kyle Sandino	Elizabeth White
Jason Caperna	Sarah Finke	Justin Killi	Griffin Nowak	Kyle Schlegel	Luke White
Diego Cardenas	Aidan Finnin	Melanie Kneubuehl	Abbie O'Farrell	Ethan Schneider	Matthew White
Ian Casey	Joseph Fiorenza	Kaitlyn Kogler	Lauren O'Shaughnessey	Connor Schoenewolf	Kyle Whittaker
Nicholas Cassarino	Caroline Flyke	Daniel Koslick	Kirsten Ostrea	Carly Scholl	Kathryn Wilkowski
Sofia Castronovo	Isabelle Foley	Jennifer Kovacs	Ryleigh Otten	Riley Schrader	Alexander Williams
Rebecca Celis	Michael Fontenot	Stella Krajnik	Joshua Palillo	Michael Schroeder	Sarah Williams
Julia Cerosky	Megan Fox	Kyleigh Kushmock	Kyle Panizza	Victoria Schutte	Ryan Winters
Kaelyn Cerosky	Luigi Francovig	Peter Lang	Collin Paradis	Joshua Seguin	Paige Woodworth
Nathan Chambers	Rachel Frantz	Nathan Ledford	Landon Pate	Celine Sharpee	William Zandhuis
Jahira Chavez	Cole Frederick	Mason Lehmann	Melanie Pate	Teagan Shaughnessy	Tyler Zelando
Jovana Chavez	Jake Fuocco	Noah Liberacki	Maranda Patterson	Ayanna Sheffield	Michaela Ziegler
Elijah Christy	Lauren Gaffney	Kyle Lindekens	Andres Eduardo Pazos	Ryan Shubert	John Zuhosky
Nicholas Clark	Victor Garrido	Ashley Lockwood	Nicholas Pennella	Amy Simmel	
Nora Coffee	Nereida Garza	David Lockwood	Christopher Perez	Owen Sirois	

ELDER MINISTRY

More information about these trips is available at the Elder Ministry table in the Parish Hall or contact the Elder Ministry office at 704-947-4885 or ElderMinistry@bellsouth.net

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meets Tuesday, January 26th, 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).

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT EXERCISE

Join Sabrina Golden in the Parish Hall on Wednesday's from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. 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.

TAI CHI

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

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, February 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** We will be dining at Kabuto Japanese Steak House & Sushi Bar at 16516 Northcross Drive in Huntersville. Call Maryann at 704-947-0597 or Lorraine (daytime # 704-988-3007) **no later than 5 p.m. on February 1st** so that appropriate restaurant reservations can be made. Please make a reservation *only* if you are certain to be joining us for dinner.

THEATER TRIPS

JERSEY BOYS - Belk Theater, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Registration Deadline: January 28th

CHARLOTTE SQUAWKS - McGlohon Theatre, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. Registration Deadline: Jan. 28th

MY MOTHER'S ITALIAN, MY FATHER'S JEWISH & I'M IN THERAPY - Booth Playhouse, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Registration Deadline: February 16th

BOUNDARIES (BR. MICHAEL)

RETREAT at MONASTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Conyers, Georgia

Friday, April 30 – Sunday, May 2. SPACE IS LIMITED, so register a.s.a.p.

PARISH LIFE: GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH!

NEW PARISHIONERS' WELCOME EVENT

Sunday, January 31, 1:30-2:45 p.m., 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. Enjoy some light refreshments, relax and meet other newcomers. 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).

WHY CATHOLIC?

This weekend is SIGN UP WEEKEND for the Spring session of Why Catholic, "Christian Prayer: Deepening My Experience of God". After Mass, please find the Why Catholic table in front of the Monsignor Kerin Center. Remember, you do NOT need to have participated in the past to begin the program now! All past participants MUST re-register for this session. Questions? Please call Beth Packard 704-895-3812 or Shannon Holleran 704-896-2540.

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS

We are pleased to announce that we are going to have Spanish classes for beginners, here in St. Mark. Classes will be on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and will start Jan. 30. Ricardo Patiño, a native Spanish parishioner, is going to be our Spanish teacher. Anyone interested should call Ricardo (704-763-7577) to register.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Pack and Troop 97 at St Mark are participating in Scouting For Food to support the Second Harvest Food Bank. Scouts will be passing out bags to parishioners as they leave Mass on the weekend of January 30. They will collect bags containing food as folks enter Mass on the weekend of February 6 and 13. Please, be generous.

SCOUT SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 14, Troop and Pack 97 will celebrate 100 years of scouting with a Scout Sunday celebration at the 11 a.m. Mass. Scouts in uniform will be involved in ushering, lecturing and serving. Those earning religious medals will be honored as well. Afterwards, the Crossover of Webelos 2 to Boy Scouting and the annual Blue and Gold banquet will be celebrated in the Parish Hall.

ST. MARK COUPLES DINING IN

Join the Dining In group and meet new parish friends. Enjoy four small dinner groups of 8 to 10 people each year. Everyone hosts one small dinner by providing the entrée and assigning guests to bring other dishes. Small dinner groups can be very simple - a buffet and gathering in the living room area or gathering around the table for a fun

meal. Hosts are volunteers with guests assigned a casserole, appetizer or dessert. Guests are also responsible for their own alcoholic beverage. No babysitting is provided. Our first Dining in will be in February. If interested, please contact Clyde or Jan Swedenberg (704-664-9175; Swedenberg@hotmail.com).

ST. MARK PLAYGROUP

January 25, 10:30 a.m. Joe Gibbs Race Shop

Check out how race cars are built and see trophies too. This tour is free of charge. We will provide coloring sheets for the kids to take home and color. RSVP to Joann Somerville (704-896-9455).

February 1, 10:30 a.m. Fuel Pizza/Davidson

If your child likes to help in the kitchen, this is the perfect place. We get to build our own pizzas! The price is \$7 per pizza. We need a minimum of 10 children. Please RSVP by 1/28 to Joann Somerville (704-896-9455).

February 8, 10 a.m. Valentines Party at St. Mark's Family Center

Bring your little sweethearts and a simple snack, finger food or drink to share. We'll do a craft and share valentines with our friends. Please bring 15 valentines to pass out to your friends. (no peanut products please). For more information contact Pemi Dominic (704-453-1298).

February 8, 9 a.m. St Mark Children's Playgroup Mass

Come and join us as a ministry to celebrate The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Mass begins at 9 a.m and afterwards we will head over to the family center for our Valentines Day party. God Bless! Contact Kara Martinez (704-912-3221) with any questions.

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.

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 Elizabeth Polo 704-315-9012 or epolo@bellsouth.net.



The **Levine & Dickson Hospice House (LDHH)** is continuing the mission of Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region to relieve suffering and improve the quality and dignity of life through compassionate hospice care for those at the end of life, palliative care for those with advanced illness, and to provide community education. **LDHH** is the first free-standing hospice facility in Mecklenburg County. This 16-bed facility is situated on 12 acres off of Exit 23 in "The Park Huntersville".

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.) For additional volunteer opportunities at the Levine & Dickson Hospice House, please contact Misty Molloy at MolloyM@hpccr.org or 704-335-3553.

STEWARDSHIP

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9

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. All parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Debbie Hains at 704-453-5016 or debbie@tvdave.com.

NEXT STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, February 8th at 7:30 PM.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We encourage the children of St. Mark's to use their envelopes each week to share their time, talent and treasure. If you would like your child to participate, please see an usher or the St. Mark welcome representative after Mass. Here are some ways our children have thanked God recently with their gifts of time: Walked the dog, Shoveled snow with Dad, Helped Grandma with Thanksgiving, Got ready for bed by myself, Helped make pancakes.

BAKE SALE FOR DEBT REDUCTION

We made \$776 on the January bake sale. A big thanks to all. Our next bake sale will be February 6 and 7 and then we will not have a March or April sale since it will be Lent and Easter. Let's make this February one a huge success. We need more bakers. We will be in the kitchen by noon on the 6th but if you come before that you can leave your items in room 116. Thanks so much for all the support. Questions: Marlene (704-439-2050).

WORKING HANDS MINISTRY

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.

THE NETWORKING EVENT

Tuesday February 2, 7 p.m. at the Huntersville Professional Building, 11330 Vanstory Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078 (Office Park behind the Presbyterian Hospital, Right Turn Just Past Joe Gibbs Racing). This is a great opportunity to share your interests with people in similar situation who want to help others while they are helping themselves. We will be sharing best practices, learning from each other, and sharing ways to get in front of the right people for the right opportunities that meet your goals, objectives and aspirations. Please bring business cards and resumes, and please bring a friend or neighbor who may benefit from others in St Mark's Parish. **NOTE:** We have invited a special guest speaker so please reserve the date now. Also, please email workinghands@stmarknc.org to let us know if you will attend so we can be sure to have ample materials.

ST. MARK SMALL BUSINESS GROUP MEETING

Parish Hall, February 9, 7-8:30 a.m. The Working Hands Ministry welcomes all St. Mark's business owners and entrepreneurs to start off your New Year right as we kickoff a great new program to support our parish business community. This meeting will be a great opportunity to meet and connect with fellow parish business people, share experiences and work to help each others' businesses grow. We are planning several educational programs over the next few months are looking for input from the local business community on how we can help you in the New Year. Don't miss this great networking opportunity! For more information please contact Matt Burkinshaw at mburkinshaw@carolina.rr.com or (704) 399-8708.

GET A CAREER COACH

Get up to five sessions with a committed Career Coach. This valuable service is provided thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers. Those choosing career coaching, should be willing to make a commitment to the overall transition process if they want to derive the most benefit. Register with the Working Hands Ministry at www.stmarknc.org (if you have not already done so). Then e-mail workinghands@stmarknc.org with a copy of your résumé and your three available dates and times.

ONLINE HELP

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

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

Career Fundamentals: Helpful documents for those beginning a career transition

Career Connections: Opportunities to connect with other likeminded people

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

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

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

Recommended Reading: Various books, etc. chosen to help people focus on next steps

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

ST. PEREGRINE HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, January 28, 7:30 pm in the sanctuary of St. Matthew Catholic Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway, 704-543-7677. For all those suffering from cancer and other serious diseases, please join us for this solemn prayer service and blessing with a relic of St. Peregrine.

COME TO ULTREYA

This Sunday, January 24 at 12:30 pm in the St. Mark Parish Hall. All Cursillistas and their families are invited to join us for a tasty potluck lunch, prayer time, friendship groups, and an inspirational witness talk. If you have questions, please call Thomas and Heather Martin at 704-766-2579.

DIRECT GIVE

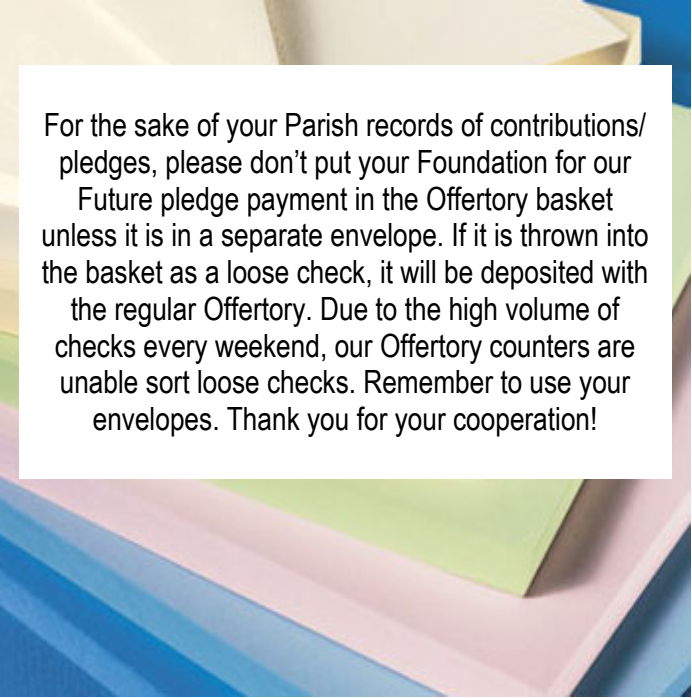
EVERYBODY WINS WITH DIRECTGIVE

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

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Envelope # _____

Effective Date: _____

Family Name: _____

New Email: _____

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