

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 31, 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

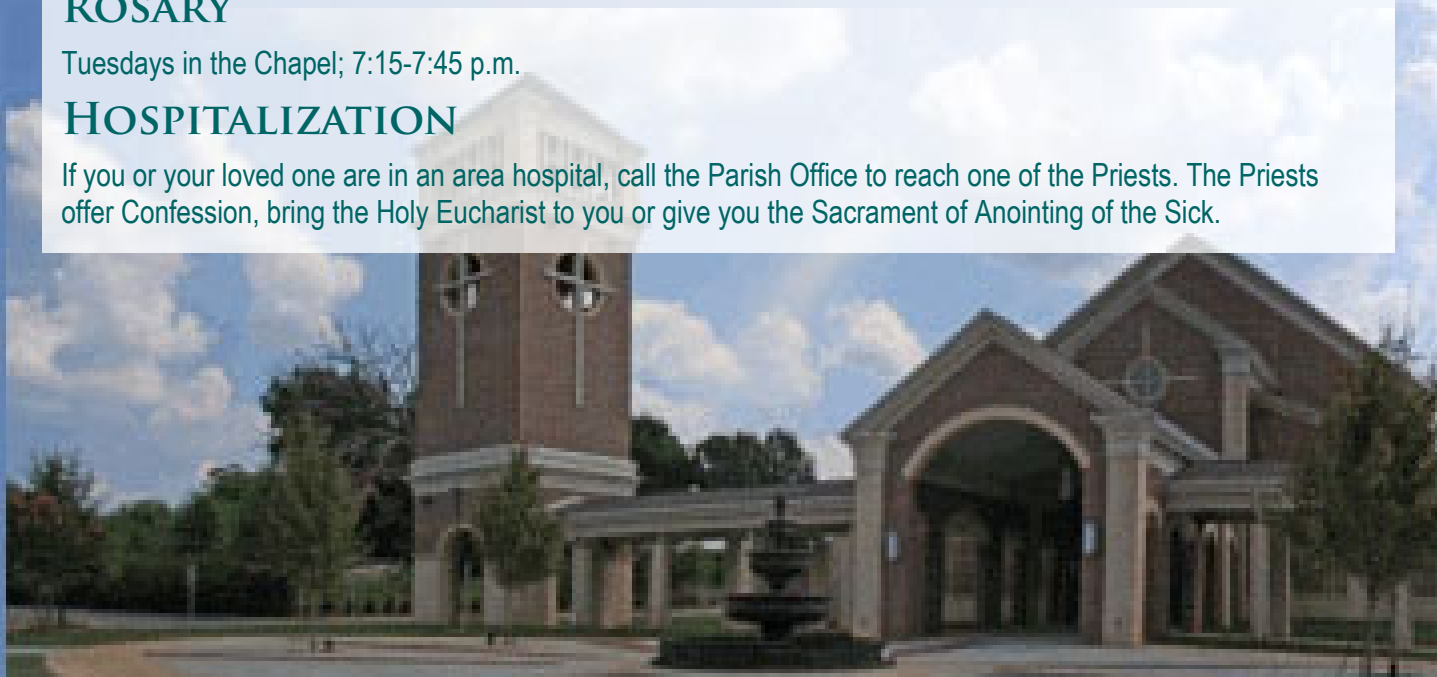
Begins Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. and continues overnight until 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Benediction follows at 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

STRENGTH AGAINST OPPOSITION

In appointing Jeremiah to stand up to the people and announce the truth, God at the same time promised him the strength to do the job. "They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you" (Jeremiah 1:19). Jesus also faced opposition, right from the start. In his home town of Nazareth the people couldn't accept the idea that someone from among their own could be God's messenger. "[F]illed with fury," they expelled Jesus from town and would have hurled him over the edge of the hill. "But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away" (Luke 4:28, 30). Although the true prophet has strength from God, Saint Paul says there's something even more important than suffering death for the sake of God's word. "[I]f I hand my body over so that I may boast, but have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
[22-32]

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11
[3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

QUOTES FOR THE DAY

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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)

AYUDA GRATUITA CON LA PREPARACIÓN DE IMPUESTOS Y FORMULARIO W7

Tendrá lugar en el Salón 204 de 10 am a 1 pm los siguientes Sábados:

Febrero: 6, 13, 20, 27; Marzo: 6, 13, 20, 27 y Abril 10

Necesita traer lo siguiente: Copia del Impuesto del año pasado y dos documentos de identificación, uno de esos debe de tener su fotografía.

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).

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 insíbete 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. Acompañanos!!!!

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 31

- 8:00 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)
- 6:00 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (St. Mark School)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Room 200 and 201)

Monday, February 1

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10:00 a.m. Catechist Training (Room 204)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & SMCS)
- 7:30 p.m. K of C (Rooms 200, 201 & Kitchen)
- 7:30 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Room 203)
- 7:30 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Hispanic) (Rm 202)

Tuesday, February 2

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10:00 a.m. Parent 1st Communion Mtg (Church)
- 12:00 p.m. Parish Directory Set-up (Parish Hall)
- 2:00 p.m. Parish Directory PhotoS (Parish Hall)
- 3:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (Nursery, Parish Hall, SMCS)
- 6:00 p.m. Parent 1st Communion Mtg (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. RCIA for Children (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 6:00 p.m. Religious Education (PH, Nursery, SMCS)
- 7:00 p.m. Band (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. Financial Education Class (Room 202)
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary Group (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Mtg (Room 200)
- 9:30 p.m. Parish Directory s Clean-up (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, February 3

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10:00 a.m. After the Boxes... (Rooms 200, 201, 202)
- 11:15 a.m. Elder Ministry Exercise (Parish Hall)
- 12:00 p.m. Parish Directory Set-up (Parish Hall)
- 2:00 p.m. Parish Directory Photos (Parish Hall)
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir (Church)
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Band (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Ed Comm) (Chapel)

- 7:00 p.m. Catholic Athletes for Christ (Kitchen)
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Spanish) (Room 202)
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)
- 9:30 p.m. Parish Directory Clean-up (Parish Hall)

Thursday, February 4

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10:00 a.m. Women of Joy (Parish Hall, 202)
- 12:00 p.m. Parish Directory Set-up (Parish Hall)
- 2:00 p.m. Parish Directory Photos (Parish Hall)
- 5:30 p.m. LifeTeen Core Mtg (LifeTeen Off. Rm 215)
- 7:00 p.m. AOH Meeting (Ladies) (Room 203)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. Women of Joy (Room 202)
- 9:30 p.m. Parish Directory Clean-up (Parish Hall)

Friday, February 5

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)
- 12:00 p.m. Parish Directory Set-up (Parish Hall)
- 1:00 p.m. Home School Group (Rooms 200 - 202)
- 2:00 p.m. Parish Directory Photos (Parish Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Rooms 200 - 204)
- 9:30 p.m. Parish Directory Clean-up (Parish Hall)

Saturday, February 6

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Group (Rms 200 & 201)
- 9:00 a.m. Hispanic Tax Preparation (Room 204)
- 9:30 a.m. Parish Directory Photos (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Catechist Training (Room 204)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Elder Ministry) (Rooms 200/201)
- 4:15 p.m. AOH Recruiting (Parish Hall Narthax)

Sunday, February 7

- No Religious Education
- 8:00 a.m. AOH Recruiting (Parish Hall Narthax)
- 8:00 a.m. SPRED (Room 200)
- 2:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Room 202)
- 6:00 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

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, Kevin Poindexter Alexandra Schaney 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, Feb. 1

9 a.m. +Giovanna Casale

Tuesday, Feb. 2

9 a.m. +Ralph Schammel

Wednesday, Feb. 3

9 a.m. The Schammel Family

Friday, Feb. 5

9 a.m. +Bill Strolheim

Saturday, Feb. 6

9 a.m. Mass of Remembrance

5 p.m. +Penny Yates

Sunday, Feb. 7

7:30 am +Maureen Dennis

9 a.m. +Christian Mallangeau

11 a.m. +Thomas McGowan

12:30 a.m. +Catherine Garelik

5 p.m. +Stanley P. Andrews



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

SUMMER CAMP FOR 6TH-8TH CAMPERS

For the 4th straight year middle school students here at St. Mark will leave town for a week-long, unforgettable adventure! COVECREST Camp is a week filled with fun, spiritual experiences, and new friends! 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 begins on July 5th and runs until July 10th. 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 by phone (704)948-1306 or email: katie.herzing@gmail.com. Spaces are limited, so ACT NOW!

A NIGHT OUT FOR MOMS AND DADS!

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

12th, from 6:30-9:30 pm in rooms 200-204 (a donation will be taken). Parents rarely get a “free night out” to enjoy for themselves. 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 6 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 at katie.herzing@gmail.com or (704) 948-1306, x117.

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 27th** in Hendersonville, NC. Cost is **\$35** includes transportation, lunch, speakers, music, and a gift. Contact Katie (katie.herzing@gmail.com or 704-948-1306) by February 28th 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

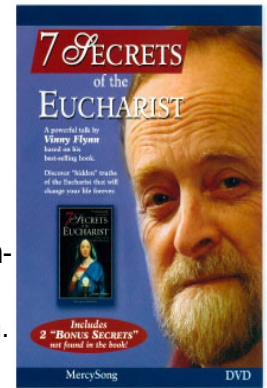
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

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

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.



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

DINNER CLUB (Ladies and Gentlemen age 55+) Meet fellow parishioners while enjoying a meal out. Our next get-together will be Tues., Feb. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. We'll dine at Kabuto Japanese Steak House & Sushi Bar at 16516 Northcross Dr. Call Maryann at 704-947-0597 or Lorraine (daytime # 704-988-3007) no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 1st so that restaurant reservations can be made.

THE LUNCH BUNCH!

Join fellow parishioners at House of Taipei in Huntersville (16500 Northcross Drive) on Friday, Feb. 12th at 12 p.m. for lunch and fellowship. Whether you are trying to meet new friends or just wanting to relax with current friends, come and enjoy this opportunity to visit with your fellow parishioners. Please call Helen at 704-896-7215 A.S.A.P. so that appropriate restaurant reservations can be made.

LUNCH & LEARN: WHAT'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 Mon., Feb. 15th in the Parish Hall. The presentation begins at 11 a.m. and will be followed by lunch; cost of lunch is \$3. Call 704-947-4885 BY Wed., Feb. 10th to register.

THE SHUFFLERS

Meet new friends! A group of men and women (55+) meet Fridays to play Canasta, Pinochle, Poker, Rummikub, Chicken Foot Dominoes, and more! No money necessary, just come for fun and an opportunity to socialize with your peers. Join us *this Friday*, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at The Glens

Lodge at Birkdale Commons. Call Lois Chlebicki (704-948-9919) for further information.

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 a.s.a.p.* 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. 704-947-4885 or ElderMinistry@bellsouth.net

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. 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: Feb. 16th.* Contact 704-947-4885 or ElderMinistry@bellsouth.net

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.

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@hpcr.org or 704-335-3553.

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. Contact Beth (704.995.3055, community.life@stmarknc.org) for more information.

STEWARDSHIP

As Catholics, we are not to focus only on ourselves but are called by our Baptism to reach out and share our time, talent and treasure with our brothers and sisters.

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.



LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

SIGN-UP WEEKEND FOR LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.



LENTEN FISH FRY AT ST. MARK

Friday, February 26, 2010 4:30 pm until 7:30pm

Cost: Adults: \$10.00 plate meatless pasta meal: \$3 (eat-in or take-out)

Includes: Flounder and Shrimp, Hushpuppies, Slaw and French Fries.

Help us have enough food and avoid

waste by sending an email to the following address with the number of plates you wish to order. When you arrive at the Fish Fry, simply give your name and pay the cashier. Send order to raymarr@bellsouth.net with subject "Fish Fry order".

Then provide your name (first and last) and the number of fish and/or pasta plates you wish to order. Also, please leave a phone # in case we need to confirm your order. If you don't have email access, please leave a message at 704-904-3839. All Proceeds go to St. Mark Foundation for Future Building Fund

WORKING HANDS MINISTRY

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

THE NETWORKING EVENT - Tuesday February 2, 2010 @ 7:00PM At the Huntersville Professional Building, 11330 Vanstory Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078 (Office Park behind the Presbyterian Hospital, Right Turn Just Past Joe Gibbs Racing)

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

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, 2010 7:00-8:30 AM

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

LEARN TO SPEAK SPANISH

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 10:00 am to noon and will start 1/30/10. Ricardo Patiño, a native Spanish parishioner, is going to be our Spanish teacher. Anyone interested please call Ricardo to register at 704-763-7577.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES - CONTINUED

FLIGHT 1549 SURVIVOR,

Frederick Berretta recount his life-changing journey in a talk entitled "Flight of Faith: My Miracle on the Hudson," on Friday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Haid Theatre at Belmont Abbey College. Mr. Berretta will be signing copies of his new book at a wine and cheese reception after the talk. Reservations are FREE but required. Space is limited so book your seat TODAY: <http://alumni.belmontabbeycollege.edu/MiracleOnTheHudson>

DIOCESAN SENIOR APARTMENTS

The Diocese of Charlotte is announcing the availability of its first affordable senior apartment development in Mooresville, NC. This new 40-unit complex is named Curlin Commons in honor of our retired Bishop. The 1 and 2 bedroom apartments will be available to those who are at least 55 years old and capable of independent living and who meet the low income and other qualifications for acceptance. Those who are interested are asked to contact the Excel Property Management company at (919) 878 0522 so that information can be obtained to put them on a list to receive application and qualification packets. The apartments are anticipated to be ready for occupancy by March, 1, 2010.

NEW SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH...

Meet fellow Catholics "walking in your shoes" raising special needs children.

Get the kids settled or in bed and join us for an informal support group for parents. Share success stories, frustrations, new strategies and more. This group is to continue the great support network begun by our SPRED Program.

1st Meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., St. Matthew Catholic Church, New Life Center Room #202, Planning to meet monthly Jan., Feb., March, April, May, Aug., Sept., Oct. & Nov.) Contact: Peggy Wright gpwright@carolina.rr.com or (704)904-9399.

THE FOURTH CUP

Well-known Catholic theologian Dr. Scott Hahn explains Christ's Paschal Sacrifice on the cross as the fulfillment of the traditional fourth cup used in the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal. He draws a symbolic parallel to the Last Supper and Christ's death on Calvary. Through his

scholarly insights and important biblical connections, Mass will come alive for you as never before!

ALSO AVAILABLE The Eucharist: Our Very Life ~ Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald AND The Spirit of Sacrifice in the Family ~ Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R. CD's are located in the Family Center lobby and are just \$3.00 each.

A TIME TO SHINE

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.

Please join us for a fun-filled evening of killer auctions, raffles with great prizes, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and music. But, that's not all! Come have fun, mingle with friends, bid against friends, buy raffle tickets, and dance the night away! We promise that this is not an event to be missed. Tickets are on sale now.

The winner of the Grand Spree Raffle trip will also be drawn that evening. Raffle tickets can be purchased at designated Masses on February 28 or by contacting us. Tickets are just \$5 each or \$25 for 6 tickets. The winner will create a personalized trip of their dreams!

If you want to donate an item to the auction, we'd be more than happy to accept it! We are looking for restaurant & spa certificates, vacation homes, frequent flyer miles, golf outings, baskets & ribbon, sports memorabilia, jewelry and anything unique for our auction.

For more information, please contact the CCHS Development Office at 704-543-9118 or jbjohnson@charlottecatholic.com.



BAKE SALE FOR DEBT REDUCTION

Just a reminder that the next bake sale will be February 6 and 7. We will not have another one until after Easter so let's make this a huge success!

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!

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 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? _____

Comments: _____
