

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

February 7, 2010

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday-Friday 7 and 9 a.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.

Weekend: Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (signed for the hearing impaired), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (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

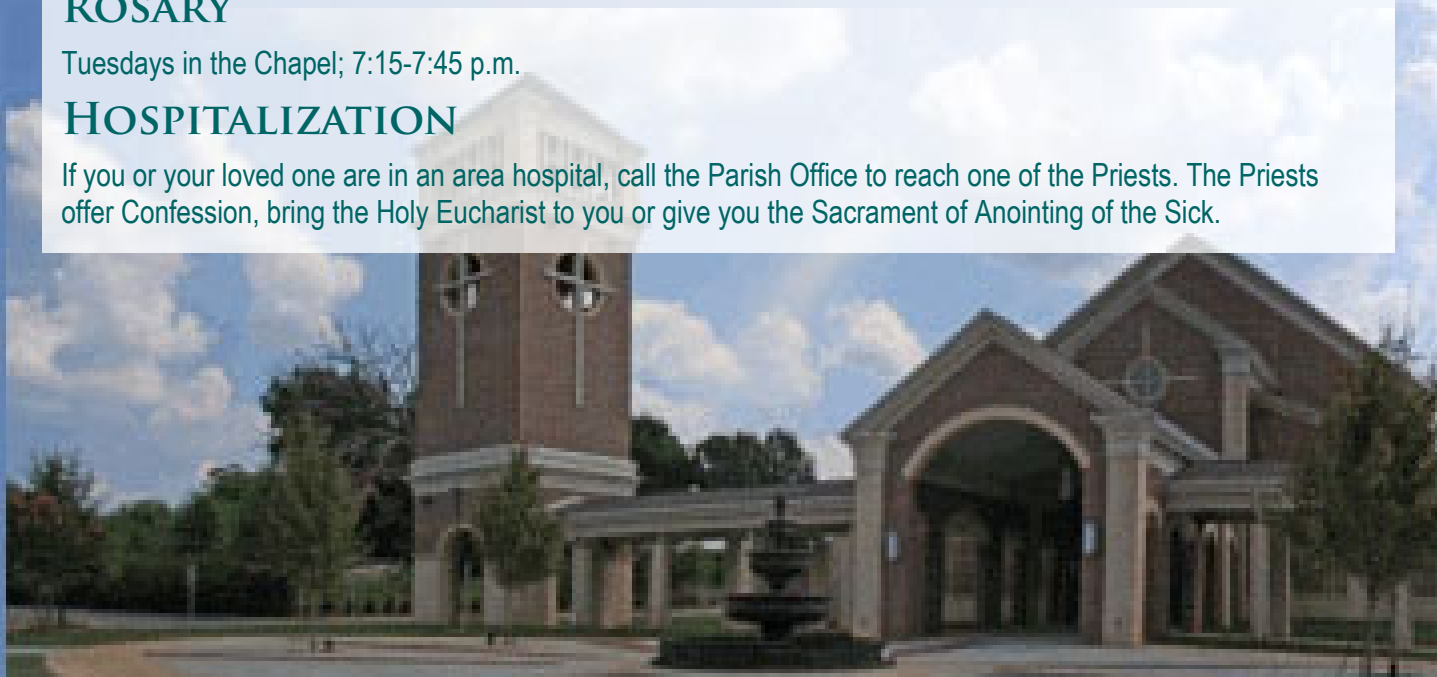
Begins Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. and continues overnight until 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Benediction follows at 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

GOD'S CALL

In today's scriptures we hear three instances of people receiving and responding to a call from God. These accounts follow the pattern of most scriptural call narratives: a divine presence appears and speaks; the person expresses fear or unworthiness, receives encouragement, and finally responds to God's call. Today's first reading shows an unworthy Isaiah responding to the Lord's call, "Here I am; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). In the second reading Paul tells us that, even though he had persecuted the church, he was called to be an apostle. In the Gospel, despite Simon Peter's protest that he is a sinner, Jesus calls James, John, and Simon to follow him. They leave everything they have and follow Jesus—that is, they become Jesus' disciples. These scriptures can challenge us to take stock of our lives. How do we experience Jesus' call to discipleship in our lives? How well and faithfully are we responding?

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QUOTES FOR THE DAY

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth.

— Psalm 138:1

God wishes to test you like gold in the furnace. The dross is consumed by the fire, but the pure gold remains and its value increases.

—St. Jerome Emiliani

We cannot go where God is not. And where God is, all is well.

—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)

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: 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).

VENTA DE TAMALES PARA REDUCIR LA DEUDA DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA

El Ministerio Hispano en colaboración con la comunidad de San Marcos, tendrá a la venta tamales el 27 y 28 de febrero después de cada Misa. La finalidad será ayudar a reducir la deuda que tenemos por la construcción de nuestra nueva parroquia. Esperamos su valiosa colaboración. Gracias.

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Te invitamos a participar de las Estaciones de la Cruz en español los siguientes días:

19 de febrero, 26 de febrero, 5 de marzo, 12 de marzo, 19

de marzo y el 26 de marzo. Te esperamos en nuestra Parroquia a las 8 p.m. Ven a participar con tu familia!

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, February 7

No Religious Education

8 a.m. AOH Recruiting (Parish Hall Narthex)

8 a.m. SPRED (Room 200)

2:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Room 202)

6 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)

Monday, February 8

9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)

10 a.m. Children's Playgroup (Parish Hall)

1 p.m. Young at Heart (Room 200)

4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)

6 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & SMCS)

7:30 p.m. Ancient Order of Hiberians (Room 200)

7:30 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Hispanic) (Rm 202)

7:30 p.m. Stewardship Comm (Room 203)

7:30 p.m. Working Hands Ministry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, February 9

7 a.m. Working Hands Ministry (Parish Hall)

9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)

10 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Room 202)

12 p.m. Parish Directory Set-up (Parish Hall)

2 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 p.m. RCIA for Children (Rooms 200 & 201)

6 p.m. Religious Education (PH, Nursery, SMCS)

7 p.m. Band (Church)

7 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 10

9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)

10 a.m. After the Boxes... (Rooms 200, 201, 202)

11:15 a.m. Elder Ministry Exercise (Parish Hall)

12 p.m. Parish Directory Set-up (Parish Hall)

2 p.m. Parish Directory Photos (Parish Hall)

7 p.m. LifeTeen Bible Study (Room 215)

7 p.m. RCIA (Rooms 200 & 201)

7 p.m. RCIA (Spanish) (Room 202)

7:15 p.m. Liturgy Comm (Room 202)

7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)

9:30 p.m. Parish Directory Clean-up (Parish Hall)

Thursday, February 11

9 a.m. DVD Welcome Packet Filming
(Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)

10 a.m. Women of Joy (Parish Hall, 202)

12 p.m. Parish Directory Set-up (Parish Hall)

2 p.m. Parish Directory Photos (Parish Hall)

5:30 p.m. LifeTeen Core Mtg (LifeTeen Off. Rm 215)

7 p.m. AOH Meeting (Ladies) (Room 203)

7 p.m. Choir (Church)

7 p.m. Women of Joy (Room 202)

7:15 p.m. DVD Welcome Packet Filming (Room 204)

7:30 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Mtg (Room 200)

9:30 p.m. Parish Directory Clean-up (Parish Hall)

Friday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Preschool (Rooms 200 & 203)

12 p.m. Parish Directory Set-up (Parish Hall)

2 p.m. Parish Directory Photos (Parish Hall)

6:30 p.m. Faith Rocks/EDGE Babysitting Service
(Rooms 200-204 & Nursery)

9:30 p.m. Parish Directory Clean-up (Parish Hall)

Saturday, February 13

9 a.m. Hispanic Tax Preparation (Room 204)

9:30 a.m. Parish Directory Photos (Parish Hall)

9:45 a.m. Mass Setup Training (Church)

10 a.m. Baptism Class (Rooms 200, 201)

10 a.m. Hispanic Baptism Class (Room 203)

Sunday, February 14

8 a.m. SPRED (Room 200)

10 a.m. Boy Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet
(Parish Hall and Kitchen)

1:30 p.m. LifeTeen Scrapbooking (Room 203)

3 p.m. Baptisms-Hispanic (Church)

6 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)

6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (SMCS)

6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Rooms 200, 201)

MASS AND SACRAMENTS

There will be a second collection next week for the Debt Reduction Campaign. Please be as generous as possible!

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, Jane Russo, Alexandra Schaney, Robin Warner 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 soul of Joanna Sara Salmen, daughter of parishioner Sue Salmen, and Mildred Anderson, mother of parishioner Bill Anderson. May God' grace bring peace to their families in their time of need.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb. 1

7 a.m.

9 a.m. +Giovanna Casale

Tuesday, Feb. 2

7 a.m.

9 a.m. +Ralph Schammel

Wednesday, Feb. 3

7 a.m.

9 a.m. The Schammel Family

Thursday, Feb. 4

7 a.m.

9 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 5

7 a.m.

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 p.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 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ADULT

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

Responding to God... Person to Person

Sunday, Feb 21st – Tuesday, Feb 23rd

Mark your calendars, our Lenten Mission is just two weeks away. This (3) day event promises to provide each of you (high school teens and up) with the spiritual enlightenment and energy for your 40 day Lenten journey and life. See below for details:

Sunday, Feb 21st 7-8:30 pm (*Saying Yes to the Father*)

Monday, Feb 22nd 9:30 – 10:30 am **(this morning session is available for those who are unable to attend at night; it will include insights from all three nights for the participants)*

Monday, Feb 22nd 7-8:00 pm (*Meeting Jesus the Healer*)

Tuesday, Feb 23rd 7-8:00 pm (*Becoming Transparent to God*)

Babysitting is available with a reservation only (night only) contact Colleen Siadak 704-577-3408/questions contact Donna Smith 704-948-1306/dsmith18@bellsouth.net

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ADULTS...

During the month of Feb the following continuing education modules are being offered. This is available for all catechists and interested adults in further developing their understanding of our Catholic Faith.

Phase II

Monday, Feb 22nd 10-12 pm

Community of Disciples – Reality vs. Dream

Monday, Feb 27th 10-12 pm

Community of Disciples – Reality vs. Dream

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

"YOUNG AT HEART"

A social group for female parishioners age 62+ meets *this* Monday, Feb 8th at 1 p.m. in Rm 200. These fine ladies play a lively game of Tripoley (a fun and easy to learn card game). Please call Betty Scattergood at 704-875-9442 for more information.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday Every Month, 10-11:30 a.m., Rm 202...Next Meeting: Tues, Feb 9th

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

THE LUNCH BUNCH!

Join fellow parishioners at House of Taipei (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.,

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Thank you to all the music ministers for a beautiful Christmas season! I was very proud of our first Christmas in the new Church!

Children's Choir: practice February 24 3-3:45 or 4:30-5:15. We will sing at the 11:00 am Mass on February 28. New children welcome! (2nd-8th grade)

Adult Choir: New members always welcome! We are working on music for Holy Week, Pentecost, and the priestly Ordination that will be here at St. Mark in June! We practice Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm!

Feb. 10th to register.

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

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. 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE SAMARITAN'S FEET EVENTS AT ST. MARK!!

We would like to thank all of you who graciously gave of your time, talent and treasure! To the middle school children of St. Mark and the Webolos that laced shoes on Friday and to the teens and their families that laced shoes on Saturday, over 600 volunteers in total and we laced over 9,700 shoes!! A special thanks to Scott Bruno and Rod Brodstrom for unloading 35 pallets of Shoes. To the tireless volunteers that unloaded pallets, loaded pallets, broke down boxes, served lunch and made this a successful event for our parish and gave of themselves so willingly.. Chris Ostrom, Butch, the Minger, Mazur, Flyke, Fishbaugh, Hoagland, Norton, Werner, Buttner, MacFalls, Holleran, Thayer, Vermillion and Zuhosky families. To the Religious Ed department, Donna Smith, Katie Herzing and Tim Flynn for organizing, informing and registering all of the teens to attend this event. A special thank you to Matt's Chicago Dog, Brooklyn South, Midas, the Panthers/Ryan Vermillion and Lays/Mike Roberts and the RE department for generously donating lunch to all of the volunteers. To the Women of Joy, the Tithe Committee, the Cub Scouts, the 8th grade Middle School and to all the generous families that donated over \$3,200 to send these shoes around the world to children that go barefoot everyday and are exposed to disease and infection. We are blessed to be given the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child and appreciative that our parish was so willing to participate! If you would like to learn more about Samaritan's Feet, please visit their website at www.samaritansfeet.org.

STEWARDSHIP

"Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)

The faith community of St. Mark Catholic Church continues to grow with its giving of time, talent and treasure. But we need YOU to help us as we encourage current and new parishioners to embrace stewardship as a way of life. Bring your ideas and willing hands to our stewardship committee meetings – next meeting is Feb. 8th, 7:30 PM, Room 204 at the church. Questions? Call Debbie Hains at 704-947-0180, or e-mail debbie@tvdave.com.

Children's Stewardship Corner

Remember – children can be stewards, too. Children's offertory envelopes (boxed sets or single envelopes) are always available on the stewardship cart in the Msgr. Kerin Family Center, or see an usher or the St. Mark welcome representative after Mass. Teach your child the importance of giving back to God by encouraging them to use their own offertory envelopes.



PARISH LIFE: GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH!

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.

ROSARY MAKERS' MINISTRY

If you would like to learn how to make beautiful cord rosaries for our servicemen and women, for Catholic Social Services, victims of the Haiti earthquake, and missions here and abroad, please join us on February 28th at 2:30 pm in room 202. Contact Susan Wild at susan_wild@msn.com or call 704-601-6938. Our monthly Rosary Makers meeting (no instruction needed) will be begin at 3:15pm - 4:45pm (room 204). Please join us in fellowship and bring your completed rosaries and pick up additional supplies.

ST. MARK PLAYGROUP

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.

February 15, 10:30 a.m. Metrolina Recycling Center

Curious about where all of the recyclables that are picked up at the curb and at schools go? The Metrolina Recycling Center is the county's processing facility for a wide range of materials collected in residential, schools and commercial

recycling programs in Mecklenburg and neighboring counties. Come join us for an educational guided tour. There is no fee. Parking is limited due to construction so carpooling would be recommended. Please RSVP to Joann Somerville by 2/11 (704-896-9455).

February 18, 7 p.m. Mom's night out at Hickory Tavern in Huntersville

Here's your chance! Leave the kids at home with Dad or the babysitter and enjoy an evening with the ladies. Please RSVP to Alison Kelley (704-947-2564).

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 February 6. Ricardo Patiño, a native Spanish parishioner, is going to be our Spanish teacher. Anyone interested should call Ricardo (704-763-7577) to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

Next Business Meeting

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

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.kofcnstmark.org/>

PARISH LIFE: *continued*

SALE OF TAMALES TO REDUCE THE DEBT OF OUR PARISH

The Hispanic Ministry along with the community of St Mark's will be selling tamales on February 27 and 28 after each Mass. Please consider purchasing some tamales to aid in the debt reduction campaign. Thank you for your support!

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.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2010 CAMPAIGN

It is time for another Spring 40 Days for Life campaign, which runs February 17 - March 28. Come join in the Charlotte vigil along with 156 other cities across the USA and other countries, in peaceful, prayerful vigil outside of a local abortion facility to pray for the end to abortion. Vigil location in Charlotte: A Preferred Women's Health, 3220 Latrobe Dr., 28211. Vigil hours: 7:00am - 7:00pm. Bring family, friends, ministries, etc. Pick your day(s)/hour(s) and then contact either Katherine

Hearn 704-877-2551,
moby5@carolina.rr.com or Andrea Hines
704-996-4597 hinesal@aol.com. Visit
www.40daysforlife.com for further information.



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES *continued*

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.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS' MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – FEB.6/7TH IN PARISH CENTER

Interested in becoming more involved with Irish culture, and tying it into your Catholic Faith? Want to feel proud about being Irish and do more than wearing green on St. Patrick's Day? Consider joining the *St. Brendan the Navigator Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)*, a Catholic fraternal organization. This recently formed Division is open to Catholic men, at least 16 years old, who are of Irish heritage (*by birth or descent*). Some of our goals are to promote friendship, unity and Christian charity; foster and perpetuate Irish history, culture and traditions; and to protect and defend all life. Stop by our Membership Table in the Parish Center after Mass on the weekend of Feb. 6th and 7th to meet some of members and learn more about the AOH. For more information, contact Joe Dougherty (704-942-6345 or uniteire@yahoo.com) or check out our website at www.AOHMeck2.org.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES *continued*

CAN YOU HELP?

Inmates at Mecklenburg County Jail - North are in need of some basic clothing and hygiene items and simple puzzle books. If you can help, please drop off items at the Parish Hall. You will find a box labeled "Prison Donations" in the hallway. Final date for donations will be Friday, March 5. The men need white socks, white T-shirts, men's white underwear (boxers only), bar soap, men's deodorant (solid bar type only), toothpaste (trial size only), envelopes, and puzzle books written for elementary school level, like Word Searches. Chaplain Bill Matevie said that any donations you give would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions please call Kelly at 704-895-6195.

DIRECT GIVE

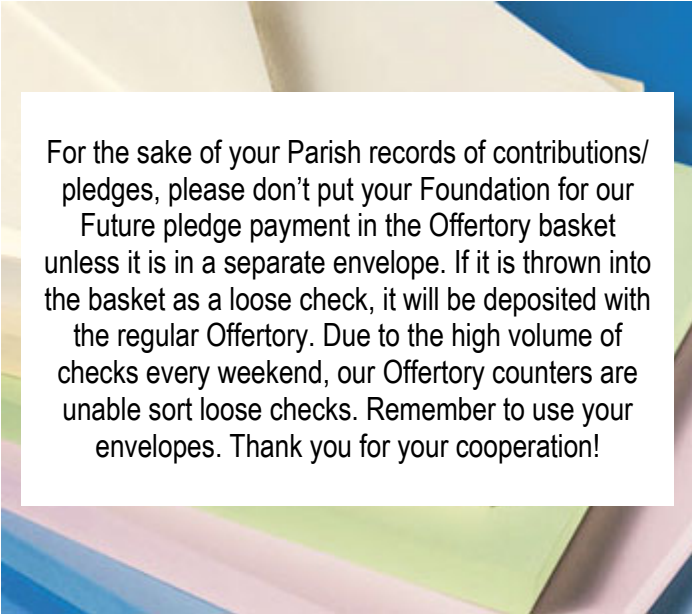
EVERYBODY WINS WITH DIRECTGIVE

DirectGive provides a convenient way for parishioners to make their weekly Offertory via automatic bank draft. It saves you the time of writing a weekly check; it saves our Church the time of processing weekly contributions.

This is an easy way to budget your regular contribution. If you are on vacation or find yourself visiting another church, please keep St. Mark's in mind and mail your contributions or contact us about the DirectGive program.

Pick up a DirectGive enrollment form in the Parish Office or at the Welcome Table today! Forms are also available on the Finance Council page on our website. (Drafts are withdrawn only *once per month*.) Thank you for your commitment to St. Mark Catholic Church!

PARISH ENVELOPES



For the sake of your Parish records of contributions/pledges, please don't put your Foundation for our Future pledge payment in the Offertory basket unless it is in a separate envelope. If it is thrown into the basket as a loose check, it will be deposited with the regular Offertory. Due to the high volume of checks every weekend, our Offertory counters are unable sort loose checks. Remember to use your envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please remember to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible! Drop this form in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Please mark one:

- Address Change
- Other Change
- Delete from Parish Roll

Envelope # _____

Effective Date: _____

Family Name: _____

New Email: _____

New Address: _____

New Home Phone # _____

New Member to Family? _____

Comments: _____
