

Mission Statement

With the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first disciple of Jesus Christ, as our example and patron, the mission of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church is to proclaim and share the Gospel entrusted to us. We celebrate our oneness with the Risen Christ, with each other and the entire Church, through the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. We accept the direction given us by the Second Vatican Council. We are committed to this mission by the worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to the needy.



Contributions 03-30-08: \$8,689.00

Thank you for your support of the parish!

THE DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL: To date 126 parish families have pledged a total of \$31,373.00 toward our goal of \$41,400.00. This does not include last weekends In-pew donations. Thank you for your assistance! If you have not yet contributed to the Diocesan Support Appeal, may I ask you to do so at your earliest convenience?

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5th

5:00pm For The People

Sunday, April 6th

8:00am Paul Binh Nguyen+

11:00am Marcia Snyder+

Monday, April 7th

9:00am Dith Pran+

Tuesday, April 8th

7:00pm Cesira Ebreo+

Wednesday, April 9th

9:00am Mass

Thursday, April 10th

No Mass

Friday, April 11th

12:15pm Mass

NEW LECTOR WORKSHOP:

Those parishioners interested in serving as lector, proclaiming the Word at weekend Liturgies, should plan to attend a training workshop, scheduled for **Saturday, April 12th at 10:00am** in the church. If you have any questions, contact Lawton Blandford @ 704-827-0853.

CHILDRENS CHOIR:

We are still practicing on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15. New children are welcome to join us.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 12, 2008—5:00pm Mass

Lector: Paul Herre

EMC's: Kris Balot, Irv & Kay Bonnin, Jacquie Herre & Tom Thornburg

Ministers of Hospitality: Tom Katsuleris & Boyd Bess

Altar Servers: Stephen Plecnik, Brendan & James Granson

Sunday, April 13, 2008—8:00am Mass

Lector: Jerry Roche

EMC's: RoseAnn Hill, Brian & Cindy Litfin, Jan & Phil Baucom

Ministers of Hospitality: Alison & Mike Minnick

Altar Servers: Melanie & Billy Baucom

Sunday, April 13, 2008—11:00am Mass

Lector: Joe Bruno

EMC's: Aida Cline, Sue Dolphin, Sandy Endicott, Bill & Carolyn Lesser, Janette & Lawton Blandford, Bill Pierson & Colleen Sutton

Ministers of Hospitality: Joe Shirley & Kim Cobb

Altar Servers: George, Nicholas & Catherine Cobb

Art and Environment

Weekend—April 5: Alison Minnick

Watering—April 8 & 10: Alison Minnick

Weekend—April 12: Nancy O'Brien

CHURCH GROUNDS:

Many thanks to all those who have signed up to care for our church grounds. We appreciate your stewardship! There are still several areas available, therefore we need more volunteers! It is a one year commitment and materials are covered. Please check the landscape boards located in the Narthex and sign up today. Questions? Contact Jan Kauer @ 704-829-0653.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

We will begin on April 13th at the 11:00 Mass. This is for children ages 3 years through 1st grade. We will dismiss after the opening prayer and will return after Fathers homily. We will be read the Sunday Reading out of the Children's Lectionary and will be discussing how that applies in their life.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

Let's hope that April showers will be plentiful and bring more flowers in May! We continue to keep our great fifty days of Easter. As you have noticed, we are continuing to profess our faith and be sprinkled with Baptismal water. We will do this for the seven weeks of Easter. This opportunity to regularly say "I do" to these familiar words and to feel the reminder of this water that flows over us is a great one! Hopefully we will leave behind these fifty days more committed to discovering and living our Baptismal call.

The Easter season remains a time to put our life of faith in context with our Baptism. During this season our young children will be admitted to the Eucharistic Table for the first time and at its end, on Pentecost, we will join with Bishop Curlin for the completion of Initiation with those young men and women among us who will be Confirmed. It is a season for prayer for these new beginnings!

I also want to offer a word of thanks to those who generously gave to our Easter Flower Memorials this year. That small contribution in your envelope has helped us to provide flowers in the sanctuary throughout this Easter season. We have posted a list of these memorials on the bulletin board in the narthex and the names of those who are being remembered or honored have been placed on the altar so I can remember them personally during Mass throughout the Easter season.

There are a few other Spring activities to keep in mind. First, as you may know, we invite families or groups to take responsibility for the plantings in various parts of the property. Many of you have generously taken responsibility for spaces. But there are some that need tending and are looking for folks to plant and tend a spot. There is a diagram in the narthex. Call the church office for details and we will connect you with the appropriate person. Consider a memorial garden for your departed family members or as May and June approach, take a spot to honor your mother and father. Be creative! Colorful! After all this is God's wildlife refuge, isn't it?

In late April we will be gathering with new families in the parish to welcome them. This newcomers event is being organized by our Stewardship group. I think it will be a good experience of "welcome" to the parish community. If you are new (and we know it) you will be invited. How do we "know" you ask? Registration! May I ask that if you have not yet completed a registration form to connect yourself to the parish community that you do so? They are available in the narthex of the church, on-line at the parish website and by calling the church office. And speaking of on-line, each weekend's sermon is available on our website each week (usually by Tuesday) in mp3 format. You might find that returning to the weekend message is a helpful tool for reflection or sharing. I hope you utilize it. We hear from folks in Kansas, Michigan, New York state, Florida and other parts of North Carolina that they are listening!

Be blessed as you listen and respond to God's word this week. - Father Frank

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION:

Baptism is celebrated at any of the weekend Masses at any time of the year except the Lenten season. Parents wishing to present a child (under six years of age) for Baptism must complete an Evening of preparation here in the parish. These are offered six times a year. During pregnancy or after the birth of a child are appropriate times to attend this program. The next scheduled Prep Session is on Tuesday, April 8 beginning at 7:30 PM in the church. Please call the church office to make a reservation to attend this upcoming program. If Sponsors (Godparents) are also here in the area, we invite them to attend as well.

Give and it shall be given unto you.
—Luke 6:34

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS- October 5, 2008

If you would like to be involved with organizing and implementing the Blessing of the Animals on October 5, 2008 please contact Marilyn Whitney at my email address unvrknewme@hotmail.com or leave a message on my cell phone 704-830-4484.

THE PARISH NURSE MINISTRY. . .

YES, we are still in need and still collecting supplemental drinks such as Boost, equate . . . for the sick in our community. We have placed a box just below the office window for you to place these in. (this is separate from our monthly food collection) Please include all flavors: Butter Pecan, Vanilla, Chocolate & Strawberry. God Bless you for your life-sustaining donations!

Meetings This Week

Sunday, April 6, 2008

9:20-10:30am—Pre-K (Nursery)
K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th grade (New Ed Bldg.)
4th grade (Library)
6th & 7th grade (MAK Center)
9:30am-10:30am—Bible Study (Dinning area)
6:00pm-7:30pm—Confirmation Class [8th] (MAK Center)
High School Youth (New Ed Bldg.)

Monday, April 7, 2008

7:00pm—Worship & Spiritual Life (Library)

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

7:00pm—Scout Committee Mtg. (New Ed Bldg. Room A)
7:30pm—Women's Touch (MAK Center)
7:30pm—Outreach (MAK Center)
7:30pm—Baptism Class (Church)
7:30pm-9:00pm—Adult Faith Formation (Library)

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

9:00-10:30am—Parish Nurse (Library)
6:30pm-7:15pm—Children's Choir (Church)
7:30pm—Adult Choir (Church)
7:30pm—12 Step Program (New Ed. Bldg.)

Thursday, April 10, 2008

6:00pm-7:00pm—Jr. Girl Scouts/Brownies (MAK Center)
7:00pm-8:00pm—Cub Scouts (New Ed Bldg.)
7:30pm—Bible Study (New Ed Bldg. Room A)

Friday, April 11, 2008

Saturday, April 12, 2008

10:00am-11:00am—Lector Workshop (Church)
6:00pm—Young at Hearts (MAK Center)

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Faith Formation as usual
9:30am-10:30am—Bible Study (Dinning Area)

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those in Nursing Homes: *Teresa Blievernicht* (Stanley Total Living Center), *Rose Carlucci* (Terrace Ridge, Gastonia), *Mary Cook* (Abernathy Center, Newton), *Eva Hendrix* (Alexander Place, Gastonia), *Mary Ippolito* (Rehab & Health Center of Gastonia), *Norma Michel* (Meadowwood Nursing Center, Gastonia), *Joseph Staley* (Rosewood Assisted Living, Gastonia)

Sick & Shut-In: Kathy Barnett, Ann Browne, Robert Bruckner, Ralph Capps, Joyce Chastain, Sr. Pauline Clifford, R.S.M., Sandy Collins, Helen Coren, Theresa Couto, Gloria Raverta Estep, Eva Estridge, Dorothy Falon, Terry Fox, Carl Heil, Ducky Huffstetler, Mark Hux, Jane Godfrey, Joyce & Dean Head, Arlene Hollister, Ashley Joyce, Donna Keepes, Flora Ledwell, Bobby & Sonya Mincey, Jo Rankin, William Reeves, Maxine Robinson, Jottie Scott, Johnnie Shelton, Sara Spada, Michael Smith & Tom Stocker

GIRLS NIGHT OUT:

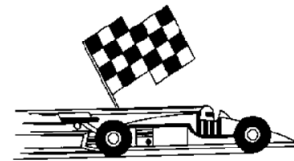
Wed., April 16-Dinner at Olive Garden (Cox Rd.)-6:30pm
Mon., May 5-Bunco in MAK Center
Wed., June 18-Dinner at Whitewater Center-6:30pm



Please join the Cub Scouts of Pack 61 on Saturday, April 19, 2008

for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Msgr. Anthony Kovacic Center, 6:30pm
\$6 a plate all you can eat, \$20 family cap (children under 5 years eat free)

Stay to watch the Pinewood Derby a Cub Scout classic!



THE WAY OF MARY—Praying and Living Her Words; Catholic retreat-Thursday, May 8:

Mary was part of the Central act of history. In giving birth to Jesus she participated in our salvation, and we long to hear her voice. She was a quiet woman, a woman who kept her own counsel and pondered things in her heart. Surely she spoke more than we find in the four Bible incidents. Fr. Al McMenemy, S. M. will begin this retreat at 9:00am and conclude with mass at 2:00pm. \$25.00 includes lunch. Lodging is available. The Christian Family Living Center is a Catholic retreat center on Topsail Island, NC: 910-328-1584.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:31a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23;
1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Outreach will host a guest speaker, Beth Bolin from the Shelter of Gaston County on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30pm in the MAK Center. Beth will address issues surrounding domestic violence and what we as a community of faith can do to recognize and prevent violence and support the Shelter. Last year 345 women and children were served and over 772 Crisis calls answered. Members of all area churches, the synagogue and mosque have been invited to join us. We will be taking up a collection that evening of needed items for the Shelter. The list Includes: canned drinks, Ziploc bags-2.5gallon size, Styrofoam cups-16 oz., toilet tissue, hair brushes, hair dryers, juice box drinks, individual snacks, women's socks, paper towels, curling irons, bath towels, alarm clocks, diapers-size 5, baby wipes, gift cards to Target, Wal-mart and grocery stores. If you would like to know more about this presentation or are interested in helping, please email Trish at tavasil@aol.com or call me at 704-648-7878.

TUESDAY EVENING FAITH FORMATION CONTINUES NEXT MONTH!

April 8—we'll start back, continuing to explore the "Why Catholic?" series on the sacraments
April 15—presentation by and about the Women's Shelter of Gastonia, on the issues of domestic violence, and what we as a church community can do to help prevent it.
April 22 and 29—we'll finish up the "Why Catholic?" series
May 6, 13, 20 and 27—we'll pick up with the "Living the Questions" series again—for the serious Christian, concerned with and committed to the Way of Jesus Christ in the world, journeying with God through the labyrinth of human experience. . .
Join the conversations if & when you can! All sessions will take place 7:30-9:00pm in the MAK Center Library.
Please contact Dennis Teall-Fleming, Director of Faith Formation, at 704-825-9600, ext.26/
teallfleming@yahoo.com if you need more information.

Make a personal pledge to one of 513,000 children in foster care. Become a foster parent with The MENTOR Network and change a lifetime for a child in need. We need families in Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland Counties to provide a loving, temporary home to children who have been neglected or abused. If you can open your heart and home to a child in need please call Meredith at 704-423-0051, ext. 7146.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: April 6, 2008 *3rd Sunday of Easter*

Stewardship of time, talent and treasure is chiefly a way to deepen our spiritual life, not a way to increase our giving, although living out stewardship results in both.

MOTHER'S DAY FAMILY WEEKEND RETREAT— May 9-11:

Candlelight dinner, oceanfront lodging, faith based programming—what could be better than relaxing on our pristine beach? This is a unique opportunity to express appreciation for Mom and communicate how much you really love her, reconcile the little hurts that arise in any family, and commit to love, honor and cherish her throughout the coming year. Experience God's love as a family, while enjoying each other. Fr. Al McMenemy, S. M. will be available for reconciliation, spiritual direction and will celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, Ages 2-5: \$70. Ages 8 and older; \$100. Family max is \$490. The Christian Family Living Center is a Catholic retreat center on Topsail Island, NC: 910-328-1584.

Parish Nurse Information

HAVING OUR SAY

The North Carolina Primary will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. to become a registered voter in Gaston County a person must be 18 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the precinct 30 days before the election. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, you can call the Gaston County Board of Elections at 704-864-4852 or check the board's website at www.app.sboe.state.nc.us. Mail in registration must be post-marked by April 11, 2008 to be able to vote for the primary. One Stop voting will be available beginning April 17, 2008. One Stop allows the voter to vote early. Though the mail-in registration deadline is past then. Persons may still register in-person during One Stop voting. The hours for One Stop voting are 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday, April 17 through May 2, 2008. There will be one Saturday voting opportunity on May 3, 2008 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Easter Flower Donations

IN MEMORY OF . . .

Jan Maskol, Dottie & Lou Hoen
James & Jean Hughes & Brock & Vernia Bess
Richard & Bobbie Johnson
Ammemarie Eikoetter
Deceased Members of The Cancro Family
Howard & Colette Truesdale
Howard Cato & Al Spada
The Brown & Wood Families
Edward Taylor
Melvin Hodge, Hazel & Robert Blandford
Anthony Ebreo, Armond & Helena St. Hilaire
Tom & Dorothy Payne & Evelyn Clark
Glenn & Alice Wood
Sharik Family & Kloska Family
The O'Neill & McGowan Families
Bertha Puskas, Florence & John Finnagan, Ruth Regan,
Helen & Al Heller & Loretta
John Glump
Urban Family, Tanski Family, parishioners from Q of A
& Poor Souls in Purgatory
Margaret, Julia & Steve Egan
Fred & Eileen Thiets
Jack Brady, Mr. & Mrs. Irving Marsh
Arnold J. Burcham, Mr. & Mrs. Koran
Frank & Nori O'Brien
Florence, Thomps, Roger & Lillian

GIVEN BY . . .

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Maskol
Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Bess
Mr. & Mrs. Markos Raya
Mr. William Eikoetter
Rev. Frank Cancro
Mr. & Mrs. Bill May
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Spada
Mr. James Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Blake Taylor
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Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ebreo
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Mrs. Helen Glump

Mrs. Alfreda Tanski
Mr. Edward Egan
Mrs. Mary Cook
Ms. Pamela Marsh
Mrs. Ruth Burcham
Mr. & Mrs. Colin O'Brien
Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Fox

DONATIONS

Mrs. Eleanor Uby	Msg. Anthony Kovacic	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Nanagas	Ms. Alison Farrell	Mr. & Mrs. William Ledbetter
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Paluszak	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dean	Mr. & Mrs. Agostino Digregorio
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PLANNED GIVING~APRIL 6, 2008

Third Sunday of Easter

A planned gift acknowledges that we are simply stewards of all that God has given us. Giving through an endowment means that your gift does not stop when you die. As you enter eternal life, so too does your gift.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION:

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat will be held in Maggie Valley, NC on April 18-20. The weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any person who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion (mother, father, grandparents, etc.) to experience the mercy and compassion of God. Strictly Confidential. For more information, call Shelley at (828) 230-4940, sglan1234@aol.com or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

DID YOU MISS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA WHEN SHE VISITED CHARLOTTE?

Good news! Dominican Sr. Nancy Murray, sister of actor Bill Murray, who portrayed this great saint and Doctor of the Church will be featured in a special interview on AM 1220 WDYT, Sunday April 6th at 2:05pm. Catch Sacred Heart Communications' SACRED HEART SUNDAY programming every Sunday from noon to 3pm.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter;
Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle
Friday: St. Stanislaus

ADORE 2007-SPRING WORSHIP TOUR:

Who: Matt Maher, Josh Blakesley, Kelly Pease

When: Friday, April 11th, 7:00pm

Where: St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
292 Munn Road, Fort Mill, SC

Tickets: \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door
Call 803-322-3131 for more information.
www.adoreworship.com

ENTRY

How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Christ enter in?

—Oscar Wild