

## 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.

### FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

*Colin O'Brien*

### IN HONOR OF:

*Frank and Nori O'Brien*

### MASS INTENTIONS:

#### Saturday, May 23rd

5:00 pm Mass

#### Sunday, May 24th

8:00am Mass

11:00am For the People

#### Monday, May 25th

9:00am Rev. Michael Langell +

#### Tuesday, May 26th

12:15pm Mass

#### Wednesday, May 27th

9:00am Mass

#### Thursday, May 28th

No Mass

#### Friday, May 29th

12:15pm Mass

### ART AND ENVIRONMENT:

**May 24:** Dominique May, Alfreda Tanski

**May 31:** Entire Arts and Environment committee

### COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS:

**May 31, 2009:**

**No coffee and donuts on Pentecost weekend  
because of the Parish Picnic**



### Queen of the Apostles ONLINE PRAYER MINISTRY

Coordinator, Doris Spivey, accepts prayer requests Monday through Friday each week from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Emergency requests are accepted anytime and on weekends. Please email Doris at [mamad73@mailbug.com](mailto:mamad73@mailbug.com). If you would like to join this Prayer Ministry and do not have access to a computer but have **VOICE MAIL**, please call Jeanne Lafrancis 704-867-6092. Jeanne will be happy to call you with the daily prayer requests.

## Collections

**Collections** 05-17-2009: \$8,114.68

*Thank you for your support of the parish!*

### OUR WEEKLY TITHE:

Last week, because of your generosity in the offertory we were able to send a tithe of \$405.73 to the *C.R.O.*

This week there will be no tithe because of the Parish Picnic.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

#### Saturday, May 30, 2009—5:00pm Mass

**Lector:** Cam Tracy

**EMC's:** Patty Topper, Diane & Al Hess

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Tom Katsuleris,  
Fred & Lynn Kimsey

**Altar Server:** Stephen Plecnik

#### Sunday, May 31, 2009

**Parsh Picnic**

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:

***Seventh Sunday of Easter ~***

"Let him with two coats give to him who has none."  
(Luke 3:11)

### LEAVE A LEGACY ~ *Seventh Sunday of Easter ~*

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of all those who have included us in their will with a bequest to continue the work of our parish.

### PARENT'S MORNING OUT PROGRAM:

Mon./Wed./Fri. ~ 9:00am-1:00pm ~ \$4 per hour per child or \$15 for 4 hours per child or \$40 for all three days per child. ~ If you have any questions call Brandi Pressley at 980-721-6915 or 704-827-9229.

**CATHERINE'S HOUSE** is in need of a gently used treadmill that may have become a plant stand in your home. Please contact Catherine's House at 825-9599 if you are able to fill this need.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . . .

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord reveals another layer of the great celebration of Easter. It reminds us that the ministry of Jesus, the transformation of the world and the call of his disciples to a life of preaching and evangelizing is never done in an isolated way. Today we celebrate where Jesus "comes from" and where he is "going to" and we also have insight into our connection to God and our future hope for Kingdom-living as well. The feast also helps us realize that it is the work of the Father and the Son that sends the Spirit to bring Easter to a "completion" and to dwell in our hearts. It is also a feast that helps us understand our role in the saving mission of Christ. Easter sends us out to proclaim what we have seen and heard. Pope Paul VI in his landmark encyclical *Evangelii nuntiandi* [1976] reminds us that the work of the believer is to internalize the paschal Mystery (Easter) so we can turn it out again in witness to the world.

Next weekend we are "changing things up" in order to celebrate this "work that God does in us." Pentecost, the completion of Easter, is the celebration of that empowering Spirit that gives us what we need to evangelize and be evangelizers. That's why Pentecost is called the "birthday of the church" and that is why we are going to great lengths to celebrate that day! Coming together in one place for one celebration that is then extended to a common meal and some time to play together is a great way to celebrate the Spirit's presence in each of us and to ready ourselves for the task of "being church" together in the world. I hope you will take the time to break your weekend routine next weekend to join in! Be sure to bring lawn chair or blanket ( we will have about 100 extra folding chairs on site). Wear a sun hat (although we will be under the trees for Mass) and come hungry for a picnic cookout!

There is special music planned for Mass with some visiting musicians and all our ministries will be represented...a visual opportunity to reflect on your place in all that we do. There will be good food and opportunities for our children to "bounce around" and utilize a "climbing wall." Rain plans? Well, we're believing we won't need them but if bad weather is in progress Sunday morning there will be an 8 AM Mass at the church as well as 11:00 AM which lunch will follow in the MAK Center. (Please do bring your envelope since this collection is the one each year we will spend on ourselves to assist with this annual Pentecost event).

Thanks to all those at the 11:00 AM Mass who assisted in the poll last week of Mass times. Reflecting on your choices as well as Staff discussion, it is safe to say that beginning with the first weekend in August our schedule will become: Saturday evening: 5 PM and Sunday mornings at 8, 9:45 and 11:30 AM. We will send notification of this around to all our households beginning in mid- July. Now comes the hard work of providing ministers for all these Masses as well as hospitality teams for coffee and doughnuts. Be generous with your time and talent to assist us in our growth! Thanks for your understanding that as we grow, we have to be "flexi-church."

Be blessed this week! -Father Frank

**MILITARY MASS AND ROSARY:** His Excellency, Bishop Peter J. Jugis, will celebrate a Mass for U.S. military personnel on Sunday, July 5, 2009 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Charlotte. The Mass and rosary (to be recited at 2:30pm) will be offered for all military personnel who have died and for those who are now serving. All military personnel are invited and encouraged to come in uniform.

Photos of those who have died or who are now serving in the military will be displayed in the Cathedral. To include your loved one, please mail a color photocopy or black/white photocopy of them with their name and military rank on the back of the photo to Mrs. Nancy Weber, Office of the Bishop, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203 to be received no later than July 1, 2009. (Photocopies of pictures will not be returned.)

### **PROLIFE CONVENTION COMING TO CHARLOTTE:**

The National Right to Life Convention will be held in Charlotte June 18-20 at the Blake Hotel (formerly the Adams Mark). The event will feature over 100 speakers and workshops focusing on issues such as post-abortion healing, stem cell research, health care and grassroots advocacy at the parish and state legislative levels. Also on the agenda is the 24th annual National Teens for Life Convention which will run all three days. North Carolina Right to Life (NCRTL) needs volunteers to help with the convention. Volunteers working a 6-8 hour shift will receive credit for half the entrance fee. For more details or to register call NCRTL at 800-392-6275 or contact George Burazer at 704-822-6350 or georgedburazer@bellsouth.net.

## Meetings This Week

### Sunday, May 24, 2009

8:00am—Nursery (MAK Center)  
8:00am—Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church)  
9:30-10:30am—Mystagogia (Conference Rm)  
9:30am-10:30am—Bible Study (Library)  
11:00am—Nursery (MAK Center)

### Monday, May 25, 2009

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning out Program (Nursery)  
7:00pm-8:30pm—Boy Scouts (Ed Bldg.)  
7:30-9:30—Knights of Columbus (social) (MAK Center)

### Tuesday, May 26, 2009

2:00-7:00—Blood Drive (MAK Center)

### Wednesday, May 27, 2009

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning out Program (Nursery)  
9:00am-10:30am—Parish Nurse (Conference Rm.)  
6:00-9:00—Protecting God's Children Training (Conf Rm)  
6:00-6:30—Children's Choir (Church)  
6:45-7:30—Youth Choir (Church)  
7:30-9:00—Adult Choir (Church)  
7:30pm—12 Step (Ed Bldg.)

### Thursday, May 28, 2009

7:00-8:30pm—Cub Scouts (Ed Bldg.)  
7:30pm—Bible Sharing (Ed Bldg., Room A)

### Friday, May 22, 2009

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning out Program (Nursery)  
7:00pm—AA Mtg. (Ed Bldg.)

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION:

Baptism is celebrated at the weekend Masses at anytime 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, June 9 beginning at 7:00 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. The following class will be August 11, 2009.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord  
Monday: St. Bede the Venerable;  
St. Gregory VII;  
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi  
Memorial Day  
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri  
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury  
Thursday: Orthodox Ascension; Shavuot  
(Jewish observance) begins at  
sundown  
Saturday: Vigil of Pentecost

## PLEASE PRAY FOR... Those in Nursing Homes:

*Teresa Blievernicht* (Stanley Total Living Center),  
*Patrick Bragg* (Meadowwood Nursing Ctr, Gastonia),  
*Rose Carlucci* (Terrace Ridge, Gastonia),  
*Dorothy Falon* (Charlotte Health Center),  
*Theresa Couto* (Century Nursing Home, Gastonia),  
*Eva Hendrix* (Alexander Place, Gastonia),  
*Mary Ippolito* (Rehab & Health Center of Gastonia),  
*Albert Liberatore* (NC State Veteran's Home, Salisbury)  
*Joseph Staley* (South Haven Long Term Care, Gastonia)

**Sick & Homebound:** Joyce Bennet, Chip Brown, Joyce Chastain, Cyndi Clennu, Bill Cherry, Sr. Pauline Clifford, R.S.M., Pat Coderre, Gerri Conrad, Helen Coren, Eva Estridge, David Fawcette, Terry Fox, Jane Godfrey, Lisa Grant, Sherrin Gwiazdzinski, Carl Heil, Lura & Margaret Hoffman, Arlene Hollister, Ducky Huffstetler, Mark Hux, Joyce & Dean Head, Anthony & Billie Ippolito, Ashley Joyce, Donna Keepes, Flora Ledwell, Tonia Morrow, Pam Marsh, Beth McAbee, Bobby & Sonya Mincey, Linda Montgomery, Diane Morris, Ronnie Paterson, Travis & Katie Phillips, Tammi Qasem, Jo Rankin, William Reeves, Maxine Robinson, Clare Schadowski, Johnnie Shelton, Laurie Smith, Michael Smith, Tom Stocker, Adam Strong & Phil Sylvester

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19  
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Jn 21:20-25  
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a,  
16-20 or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5;  
Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## MARRIED COUPLES:

Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Sign up now for the June 12-14, 2009 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend being held at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Register online at [www.wwme-nc.info](http://www.wwme-nc.info). You may also contact Tom and Emilie Sandin for more information at [emilieandtom@yahoo.com](mailto:emilieandtom@yahoo.com) or 336-274-4424.

## YOUNG AT HEART:

Our June covered dish dinner will be Saturday, June 6 after the 5:00 Mass. Please join us for food and fellowship if you are over 50.

## Faith Formation

The summer wind is blowing in...and this year we're offering a new catechetical opportunity that your family might want to take advantage of. We will offer Summer Faith Formation so that your family has the option of completing a year of Faith Formation in just two weeks. Instead of bringing your children to Sunday morning classes through the next school year, you can bring them June 15-19 and 22-26, 5:00—8:15pm each evening in the MAK Center and get the same year of Catechesis completed.

Please contact Dennis Teall-Fleming if you would like to register your family for this, and plan on having your children attending both weeks of Faith Formation, not just the first or second.

Please also plan on making time to HELP with the classes. We will not be able to conduct this ministry well without your help, so be ready to help in some capacity—sitting in to assist with classes, making snacks, helping to lead with song and prayer times—whatever God is leading you to do.

If you have any questions about this new ministry or need more information, please feel free to contact Dennis Teall-Fleming, Director of Faith Formation.

(teallfleming@yahoo.com/704-825-9600, ext. 26/704-674-0729 (cell). Thanks!

**CONFIRMATION** was celebrated on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00pm with Bishop Jugis.

**FIRST EUCHARIST** was celebrated on Saturday, May 23 at 10:00am.

Please keep all of our Candidates and their families in your prayers as they step into a closer walk with Jesus on their faith journeys!

### CONFIRMATION:

	Erin McHugh
Cyril Aboy	LJ Mendoza
Christina Benedict	Andrew Paluszak
Lindsay Boheler	Janelle Petruska
Danielle Comeau	Maddison Russell
Candy Giermanski	Angela Shirley
Michaas Gutkowski	Marcus Wise

### FIRST EUCHARIST:

Brandon Brunelle  
Jerry Ryan Gardner  
Ashley Gutkowski  
Emma Kuhn  
Grace Lamadrid  
Declan McHugh  
Shelby Miller  
Kasie Nwachukwu

### Gina Palisi

Thomas Paluszak  
Ethan Pepitone  
Evie Polen  
Erin Sullivan  
Brian Tarantino  
William Troscher  
Adam Whiteman  
Gabriell Whiteman

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Vacation Bible School registration is currently under way! This year's program is

**Crocodile Dock—Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light.** Dates are

July 26th-30th from 5:00-8:00pm each evening. Registration is open to children ages 3 years through rising 5th graders. Dinner is included each night for staff and participants.

(Please be sure to let us know if your child has any food allergies.) Registration forms are available in the MAK Center (under the VBS bulletin board) and in the church office.

Forms and fees (\$10/child, \$30/family) may be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked VBS or taken to the church office. Scholarships are available! Please let

Dennis Teall-Fleming know if you need one!



**PARENTS—DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN OF VBS!** We need **you** to make Vacation Bible School a Success. Please consider giving 2 or 3 nights of your week to help with the program. We need **20 Crew Leaders** to guide the children through the various stations each night. Won't you please give a bit of your time to help make this ministry to your children a success? Colleg, high school and middle school students are also needed. Call Dennis Teall-Fleming at 704-925-9600, ext 26 or Rita Paluszak at 704-822-0692 to sign up to help.

Please stop by the VBS board in the MAK Center and pick up a donation firefly to "brighten" our fun. Donations can be returned to the table under the VBS bulletin board. Items needed include: battery powered tea lights from the Dollar Store; blue, green, tan and brown paint; lanterns; fish nets; splash balls.

## Community Ministries

**FOOD COLLECTION:** The May food collection is for the Domestic Violence Victims Assistance Program. The program provides an accessible, affordable, high quality continuum of services including education and prevention, intervention, counseling, and support in times of life's challenges, crises or transitions. They ask for the following for the moms and children to enjoy while they wait in the office for assistance: juice boxes, snack packs, little water bottles, individual packages of crackers, chips, pretzels, cookies - anything that can be handed out individually is great. Coloring books, matchbox cars, or small stuffed animals that the kids could take with them when they leave would also be greatly appreciated. Our collection will take place this weekend May 23,24.

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK:** Belmont's first "Shelter Week" was a huge success thanks to many volunteers working together setting up rooms, donating linens, providing meals and fellowship with our guests. Our host church First Presbyterian extends their thanks to Queen of the Apostles for all they did in helping to make this week a joyful experience. First United Methodist will host the next shelter week in June. Look for future training dates for both IHN and Protecting God's Children if you were not able to attend and would like to participate in the next program. If you need any information please call Trish Vasil at 704-648-7878 or 704-825-0636.

## Youth

Youth Ministry is provided for and with all high school-aged young people (9th-12th grades). We will have a few summer events taking place. If you'd like to learn more about what is going on, and how to get more involved, please feel free to contact Katie Bess, Coordinator for Youth Ministry (kbess@carolina.rr.com/704-718-7512) or Dennis Teall-Fleming, Director of Faith Formation (teallfleming@yahoo.com/704-825-9600. ext. 26) at any time. Thanks!

## Protecting God's Children

**It is Diocesan policy** that **ALL** volunteers, in any capacity and program, complete the training "Protecting God's Children", to learn how we all can help prevent child sexual abuse in our Church community. If you volunteer at the parish (even if not directly with children) and haven't completed this training, please get signed up for it! You can do so through the Virtus website (the organization that created the training program) at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), or by calling Shannon at the Diocesan Human Resources Office, 704-370-3356. You can sign up to take the training here at Q of A when it's conducted (Wednesday, May 27 from 6pm-9pm in the conference room), or elsewhere as is convenient for you. Please contact Dennis Teall-Fleming, Q of A Director of Faith Formation, at teallfleming@yahoo.com or 704-825-9600, ext. 26, if you have questions or need more information.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:** The Diocese of Charlotte requires that all paid employees AND volunteers, in any aspect of parish life, get trained in a program called "**Protecting God's Children**". This is normally a one day training that helps ALL parishioners learn how they can help prevent the sexual abuse of children in their parish community. Please attend one if you are a new volunteer! The Diocese's website, [charlottediocese.org](http://charlottediocese.org), has an ongoing schedule of trainings listed there. You can also contact Terri Wilhelm at Human Resources (704-370-3338) or Dennis Teall-Fleming, Director of Faith Formation to get a schedule, and to get registered. Come to that one that is most convenient. And thanks for helping make our churches safe and loving communities!"

**Diocesan requirements for reporting ministry-related sexual abuse of a minor:** Any individual having actual knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect an incident of ministry-related sexual abuse is to immediately report the incident to the Chancery. The Chancery will then report the incident to the proper civil authorities. The individual reporting the incident to the Chancery will be notified of the particulars regarding the Chancery's filing of the incident with civil authorities. This reporting requirement is not intended to supersede the legal requirement for every citizen to make a report to civil authority, but is to ensure proper, complete and timely reporting. Should an individual choose to make a report to civil authority, a report is still to be made to the Chancery. **Address:** The Chancery, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203 ; Mailing Address: P. O. Box 37267, Charlotte, NC 28237

## **BINGO AND MOVIE NIGHT:**

The Parish Life Commission will be sponsoring Bingo on Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 6:30 to 10:00PM. There will be prizes as well as cash awards. Food drinks, and snacks will be available. Child care will be available for the very young (up to 4 years old). We will still have movies for those that are over four. Please bring your entire family and all your friends for a fun evening of BINGO!

## **Belmont Parish Nurse Ministry**

### **WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE? EXERCISE SERIES:**

Through June 15, 2009 ~ Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church-MAK Center ~ 503 N. Main Street, Belmont, NC 28012 ~ 6:00pm Enjoy aerobic exercises, ABLE chair exercises, stretching exercises, and diagnostic checks. The initial class is free. The remaining 5 classes are \$10 in advance or \$3 per class, if paid weekly. Classes will meet at 6pm on Mondays, excluding May 25 and June 8. The June 15 location is TBA. RSVP to Delta Sanders at 704-915-2445 preferred but not required.

### **PARISH NURSING 101 MID-MAY 2009:**

Look for this educational series to appear in church bulletins and newsletters. Through the series you will learn the history, mission and services of Belmont Parish Nurse Ministry as well as about ministry volunteer opportunities.

**BLOOD DRIVE MAY 26, 2009:** Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church ~ 503 N. Main Street, Belmont, NC 28012 ~ 2:30pm-7:00pm Blood donors are needed. Contact Delta to schedule a donation appointment.

### **BE RED CROSS READY PROGRAM:**

June 1, 2009 ~ First Presbyterian Church, 102 S. Central Ave., Belmont, NC 28012 ~ 6:00-7:30pm This course is ideal if you want to learn lifesaving skills, but you don't want or need to receive the certification awarded by the traditional Red Cross First Aid, CPR and AED training. Contact Delta Sanders at 704-915-2445 to confirm your attendance.

**BLOOD DRIVE JULY 28, 2009:** First United Methodist Church, 807 Southpoint Rd, Belmont. 2:30-7:00pm

### **PARISH NURSING 101: History of Parish Nursing**

The Parish Nursing movement was founded by Dr. Granger Westberg in 1984. His original vision was a Partnership between health care systems and congregations. His desire to link the resources of the health care system with the faith community became a reality when Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois established a partnership with six local congregations. Now international in scope, Parish Nursing emphasizes health and healing within faith communities.

Parish Nursing adheres to the concept that healing is a process of integrating the body, mind, and spirit to create wholeness, health and sense of well-being, even when curing may not occur. With the recognitions that most illnesses are the result of lifestyle choices, Parish Nursing draws on current health information and blends this with the beliefs and practices of a faith community to promote health as wholeness and to prevent or minimize illness. Parish Nurses provide a unique forum for health promotion and disease prevention. Members are able to discuss health concerns informally with the Parish Nurse before they become serious or chronic conditions. Through Parish Nursing, congregations are learning the importance of being good stewards of their health, as well as the health of their communities.

**Belmont Parish Nurse Ministry Mission:** To provide the sponsoring congregations and the Belmont Community in general with a holistic approach to health, well-being and health management, while continuing to demonstrate the healing power of faith.

### **WHAT A BLESSING. . .**

to receive the donations of Boost (not Smoothies as the taste has not been perfected and thus not been well tolerated by the clients), Equate. . . We have a need for a variety of flavors including Chocolate, Vanilla & Strawberry at this time. Thank you for your kindness! (this is separate from our monthly food collection)  
*For additional information or to schedule your blood donor appointment, contact Delta Sanders, Ministry Resource Coordinator, at (704) 915-2445.*