

## 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:

*Al Ayotte*

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

*Deceased member of the Ayotte  
and Bonner Families*

## Collections

**Collections** 05-24-2009: \$8,251.15

*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 \$412.56 to the *Room at the Inn* assisting in their mission to house and support unwed mothers and their newborn children.

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

### MASS INTENTIONS:

#### Saturday, May 30th

5:00 pm Mass

#### Sunday, May 31st

Parish Picnic No 8:00am Mass

11:00am For the People

#### Monday, June 1st

9:00am Mass

#### Tuesday, June 2nd

12:15pm Mass

#### Wednesday, June 3rd

9:00am Mass

#### Thursday, June 4th

No Mass

#### Friday, June 5th

12:15pm Mass

### COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS:

#### June 7:

**8:00am**—Walter Baranowski, Nick & Alice Guida, Betty Hinman

**11:00am**—Joyce Gilbert, Jerry & Elizabeth Hunnicutt, Blake & Lindsey Taylor

### ART AND ENVIRONMENT:

**May 31:** Karen Irvine, Domenique May

**June 7:** Nancy O'Brien, Mark Giamcomin

### LEAVE A LEGACY ~ Pentecost Sunday ~

The Holy Spirit brought the early Church alive by giving individuals gifts that would sustain the Church. By sharing the gifts you have been blessed with, you can keep the Church alive for years and years to come.

**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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

#### Saturday, June 6, 2009—5:00pm Mass

**Lectors:** Sue Dolphin, Al Witbrodt

**EMC's:** Sue Bess, Jennifer Church,

Al & Dianne Hess, Trish Vasil

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Boyd Bess,

Kelly Rankin, Frances Bruckner

**Altar Servers:** Brendan & James Granson

#### Sunday, June 7, 2009—8:00am Mass

**Lectors:** Larry Capps, Rita Paluszak

**EMC's':** Judy Capps, Kirstie & Pam Castaneira, Rose Hill, Cindy Litfin

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Brian Litfin,

Mike Minnick, Jerry Roche

**Altar Servers:** Kevin Litfin, Kellie & Kevin Patz

**Children's Liturgy:** Mary Johnson

#### Sunday, June 7, 2009—11:00am Mass

**Lectors:** John Fout, Jamie Stocker

**EMC's:** Aida Cline, Sandy Endicott,

Sandy Kumm, Jeanne & Stuart LaFrancis,

Beth McAbee,

Kim & Ron Shigley, Deborah Trynor

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Jude Bernard,

Joe Bruno, David McAbee

**Altar Servers:** Catherine & Joseph Glisson,

Cathy Pullen

**Children's Liturgy:** Donna Snyder

### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Pentecost Sunday

The Holy Spirit has given each of us unique gifts or charisms to be used for the building of the Kingdom of God. How am I using my God-given gifts?

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

I am writing this early in the week with the hope that the sun will shine on us and assist us in having a powerful Pentecost celebration. Let me thank everyone who has been a part of helping this come to pass. Special "kudos" to the Stewardship Commission and the Liturgy and Worship folks for their behind the scenes planning. Our Commission Heads also helped in making the banner procession "work" and in manning the stewardship tables. Thanks to all of you!

As this piece of our church year comes to an end, summer fast approaches. For me that means trying to get some vacation in early on so I can be available as planning for next year "gears up" after July. I will be leaving on vacation tonight (May 31!) and returning June 20. I am going back to visit friends in Southeast Asia along with a priest friend from Connecticut who came to visit me when I lived there. He wants to go back, I want to connect once again with friends and this is a good time for both of us.

Father Paul, a missionary from India, will be with you next weekend for the Mission Coop Appeal: the second collection we take annually to assist the missions. But he will be staying an additional week as well, just to share your company and be available to the community. I know you will welcome him. I am grateful for his willingness to stay in the parish for such a large part of his time here in the United States.

What happens after Pentecost? My hope is that this feast will inspire you to ministry in the parish. There is a large percentage of folks who have little or no connection to the actions and activities of the parish and this celebration is an attempt to make you aware of our ministries and invite you to consider what your part will be. We cannot do the many things we do in the parish if you do not make yourself available for the "work" of the church. Find something you are interested in, carve out a reasonable amount of time and then plunge into it. We'll float along together.

Blessings. Be good while I'm away. I look forward to seeing you soon again. -Fr 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.

**Need a Rosary?** There are free rosaries in the church narthex for those in need of one. Need a rosary repaired? The Queen of Apostles Rosary Makers will repair it free of charge! Simply put your broken rosary in an envelope or small bag with your name and phone number on a slip of paper and turn it into the church office. OR, come to a Rosary Makers meeting and learn how to make and repair rosaries. Join our mission to make rosaries for Catholic Missions around the world. Our meetings for 2009 are 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the MAK Center on the same Saturdays as our Q of A community breakfasts. The next month's meeting is June 13, 2009.



## **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.

## Meetings This Week

### Sunday, May 31, 2009

11:00am—Mass & Parish Picnic (Sacred Heart Campus)  
No Children's Liturgy or Nursery

### Monday, June 1, 2009

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning out Program (Nursery)  
5:30-7:30pm—BPNM Exercise Program (MAK Center)  
6:30-9:00pm—VBS Prep Meeting (Conference Rm)  
7:00pm-8:30pm—Boy Scouts (Ed Bldg.)  
7:30-9:00—VBS Prep Meeting (MAK Center)

### Tuesday, June 2, 2009

1:30-4:00pm—Meal Prep—Women's Shelter & Catherine's House (MAK Kitchen)  
7:30-9:00pm—Adult Faith Formation (Conference Rm)

### Wednesday, June 3, 2009

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning out Program (Nursery)  
9:00am-10:30am—Parish Nurse (Conference Rm.)  
7:30pm—12 Step (Ed Bldg.)

### Thursday, June 4, 2009

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

### Friday, June 5, 2009

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

### Saturday, June 6, 2009

Mission Coop Appeal  
6:00-8:00pm—Young at Heart (MAK Center)

## 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: Pentecost Sunday  
Monday: St. Justin; Ninth Week in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday: St. Marcellinus and St. Peter  
Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga & his companions  
Friday: St. Boniface; First Friday  
Saturday: St. Norbert; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will take the months of July and August off and will resume in September.

## 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: Tb 1:3;2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12  
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11;7:bcde,9-17;8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-115,20; Mk 12:38-44  
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34,39-40; Ps 33; Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20

**NO CHOIR PRACTICE DURING THE SUMMER**  
for Children, Youth and Adult Choirs.

## 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. You need to be registered, with all forms in to the Faith Formation Office, by Monday, June 8, so get your family signed up as soon as you can.

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.

**THE ORATORY RELIGION CAMP** is a one week resident experience in Christian living. We live, play, pray and study together so as to deepen our Catholic faith and live it more fully, while having a whole lot of fun in a highly supervised, safe environment.

The camp is for girls and boys and girls under the age of 12 who will be entering grades 2-6 in September 2009. You do not need to be Catholic to attend. There will be two one week sessions in 2009: July 12-18 and July 19-25. In order to ensure a faithful and fun experience for everyone, we limit attendance for each camper to one week.

The cost is just \$125 per camper. This exciting program includes room, board, all activities (swimming, sports, arts & crafts, etc.) and snacks. For further information, go to [oratorycamp.com](http://oratorycamp.com), or contact the coordinator Father William Pentis, C.O. at 803-327-3236, or P.O. Box 11586, Rock Hill, SC 29731-1586 or email him at [Fatherpentis@aol.com](mailto:Fatherpentis@aol.com). Or contact Queen of the Apostles parishioner Dominique May at 704-2-825-9244 after 6PM or email [peanutsmom97@juno.com](mailto:peanutsmom97@juno.com).

**LET'S FINISH THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL TOGETHER!** The celebration of a Year of Saint Paul called by Pope Benedict XVI last year will end June 29, the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul. Let's finish this year together, with a final look at 1 Corinthians, in four sessions, Tuesdays June 2,9,19 and 23 from 7:30-9:00 pm in the MAK Center Conference Room. No pre-registration needed! Just join us if you can! If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Teall-Fleming, Director of Faith Formation ([teallfleming@yahoo.com](mailto:teallfleming@yahoo.com)/ 704-825-9600, ext. 26).

**JUSTICE AND PEACE IN JULY!** During the month of July we will discuss the issues of immigration in depth—the history of our Church's responses to and thinking on these issues, especially in the United States, current and contemporary events and contexts, and what we as Catholics are called to do about these justice and peace issues. Tuesdays July 7, 14, and 21 7:30-9:00 pm, MAK Center Conference Room. Sister Rose Marie Tresp, Director of the Sisters of Mercy's Justice and Peace programs, will be our guest presenter. We will also utilize our US Bishops' Justice for Immigrants initiatives ([www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org)) as much as possible. No pre-registration needed! Just join us if you can! If you have questions, call Dennis Teall-Fleming, Director of Faith Formation at the phone or email listed above.

**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. 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 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.



## 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.

The next meeting for VBS volunteers will be **Monday, June 1 at 7:00pm** in the MAK Center.

## 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](mailto:kbess@carolina.rr.com)/704-718-7512) or Dennis Teall-Fleming, Director of Faith Formation ([teallfleming@yahoo.com](mailto:teallfleming@yahoo.com)/704-825-9600. ext. 26) at any time. Thanks!

### **JUSTICE & PEACE REPORTS:** DEATH PENALTY COALITION sets June 4 meeting

The Gaston Coalition for a Moratorium Now (GCMN) will review the status of current death penalty reform legislation in North Carolina THIS THURSDAY, June 4, 2009 at 7:39pm in the Conference Room of the MAK Center. All interested parishioners are invited to attend. Catholic social teaching holds that the use of capital punishment violates the sacredness and dignity of human life. GCMN is a grassroots organization working to correct the flaws in our state's death penalty process through education, advocacy of legislation and execution vigils. For further information contact George Burazer at 704-822-6350 or [georgedburazer@bellsouth.net](mailto:georgedburazer@bellsouth.net).

### **SUMMER WORKSHOPS AT THE ORATORY, ROCK HILL, SC:**

Get signed up today! You can call The Oratory at 803-327-2097, or get registered online at [www.rockhilloratory.org](http://www.rockhilloratory.org).

"Visions in Faith" Series, Sunday, June 21, 3-9PM; Monday-Wednesday, June 22-24, 4-9PM. This year's topic is "God and Human Suffering".

28th Annual "Summer Bible Institute", July 19-24. Two tracks: one in the evening on the Old Testament, led by Sr. Joan Cook, S.C. entitled "I will be with you and bless you! Genesis for 21st century readers;" the second one in the mornings on the New Testament, led by Fr. Daniel Harrington, S.J. entitled "Paul and Christian Life: A Virtue Ethics Approach." Daily liturgies and symposia with guest faculty included in the week.

## **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST JUNE 13th:**

Start the kids' summer vacation with a first class breakfast June 13th at Queen of the Apostles in the MAK Center. We will feature Walter's famous pancakes and sausage, plus the usual breakfast drinks. Breakfast is a great time to meet friends and fellow parishioners for coffee and conversation, and of course you can't beat the price anywhere else—it's FREE to all. So be at the MAK Family Center, June 13th between 8 and 11am for Belmont's best breakfast!

## **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!

## **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.

## **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.

### **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.

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

Parish Nursing became a topic of interest in Gaston County in 1995. As the result of that interest, the Parish Nurse Project Group was established in 1998. The project group became aware of an interest in Parish Nursing by First Presbyterian Church of Belmont, First United Methodist Church of Belmont, and Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church of Belmont. Over several months, the project group developed a business plan that included grant and church funding for three parish nurse programs in Gaston County, with sponsoring churches assuming full funding in the fourth year of the programs. Belmont was selected to implement the initial Parish Nurse program and grant funds were requested from the Duke Endowment in February 1999.

While awaiting a response from the Duke Endowment, representatives from each of the Belmont sponsoring churches formed the Belmont Parish Nurse Health Cabinet. Grant funds were awarded in June 1999 and the cabinet began recruiting for a parish nurse, securing office facilities and developing its mission. Cheryl Fleming was hired as the Belmont Parish Nurse in late 1999 and the Belmont Parish Nurse office opened in January 2000. Cheryl has continued to minister to the sponsoring congregations and community as Belmont Parish Nurse since that time. In July 2008, aided by additional Duke Endowment funding, the Belmont Parish Nurse Health Cabinet hired Delta Sanders as Ministry Resource Coordinator. Her role is to assist the Belmont Parish Nurse by handling non-clinical aspects of the ministry.

**Belmont Parish Nurse 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.