

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:

Frank & Pam Castaneira Family

IN HONOR OF: *Francisco Castaneira*

IN MEMORY OF: *Tom LeRoy*

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, June 13th

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 14th

8:00am For the People

11:00am In Honor of their 40th anniversary
—Jon & Kathleen Pedroli

Monday, June 15th

9:00am Mass

Tuesday, June 16th

12:15pm Mass

Wednesday, June 17th

9:00am Mass

Thursday, June 18th

No Mass

Friday, June 19th

COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS:

June 21:

8:00am— Lenny & Mary Johnson, Lydia Addo, Kathy Hodge

11:00am—Brandi Pressley, Donna Snyder, the Stocker Family

LEAVE A LEGACY

~Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ~

Name us last. In your will, after all your family and loved ones have been taken care of, name our parish as recipients of what is left in your estate.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take the months of July and August off and will resume in September. There will also be **NO CHOIR PRACTICE** during the summer for Children's, Youth and Adult Choirs.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

How much you have has nothing to do with generosity to God. If you don't give of your time, talent and treasure with what you have, you most likely won't do it if you have more.

Collections

Collections 06-07-2009: \$12,623.06

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 \$ 631.15 to the *Belmont Parish Nurse Program*.

This week we will send our tithe to S.O.C.K.S offering crisis assistance to neighbors in eastern Gaston County.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, June 20, 2009—5:00pm Mass

Lectors: Charlie Boyd, Cam Tracy

EMC's: Elena Benedict, Joan Lynn, Heidi Maskol, Dominique May, Patty Topper

Ministers of Hospitality: Jonathan Kane, Tom Katsuleris, Steve Maskol

Altar Servers: Christina Benedict, Stephen Plecnick

Sunday, June 21, 2009—8:00am Mass

Lectors: Larry Capps, Jerry Roche

EMC's: Judy Capps, Kirstie & Pam Castaneira, Mary Johnson, Cindy Litfin

Ministers of Hospitality:

Brian Litfin, Mike Minnick, Kelly Rankin

Altar Servers: Billy & Melanie Baucom, Kevin Litfin

Children's Liturgy: Cindy Litfin

Sunday, June 21, 2009—11:00am Mass

Lectors: Beth Kreitzer, Ken Raymond

EMC's: Joe Bruno, Aida Cline, Sandy Endicott, Sandy Kumm, Stuart LaFrancis, Beth McAbee, Kim & Ron Shigley

Ministers of Hospitality: Jude Bernard, David McAbee, Joe Shirley

Altar Servers: Emmanuel Loredó, Jamie & LJ Mendoza

Children's Liturgy: Jeanne LaFrancis

ART AND ENVIRONMENT:

June 14: Dominique May, Danuta Hollar

June 21: Gail Bruno, Barbara Parker

SERVING AT THE ALTAR:

The ministry of Acolyte is an important function in the church. The acolyte assists the priest during the celebration of the Eucharist. We are blessed to have both adult servers as well as our young people. With the addition of another Mass on Sunday mornings we are interested in expanding the number of servers we have and in bringing the group of servers together in a close-knit community. In order to accomplish this, there are two important events:

SATURDAY—June 27 10:00am: Altar servers meeting in the church

If you are currently a server or interested in becoming a server**, please plan on attending

SATURDAY—August 15 9:30am: Servers will be treated to a day at *Carowinds* (details to follow)

** Anyone in the third grade or above can be trained as an altar server. You can even train as a family so that parent(s) and children can be scheduled together.

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.)

Two presentations on the Church's social and moral teachings will be given by Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J., PhD, (Fordham University Philosophy Department) at the **Diocesan Pastoral Center in Charlotte**. "**The Catholic Understanding of Human Rights and the Common Good**" will be presented on **Monday, June 29**, 10:30am-12:30pm and "**St. Paul on Questions of Human Life, Marriage and Society**" will be presented on **Wednesday, July 1** from 10:00am to 3:00pm (in two parts). These presentations are sponsored by the Respect Life Program and Office of Justice and Peace of Catholic Social Services. Lunch will be provided to those who register in advance: please call 704-370-3228 or e-mail

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.

PETITION TO HELP CHOOSE LIFE: Bishop Burbridge and Bishop Jugis would like your help with our state legislators to allow the Choose Life license plate to be made available in NC. Helping is as simple as a few clicks on your internet. An online petition has been created and can be found at www.ipetitions.com/petition/nccooselife/ No contribution is necessary and petition names will not be used for any other purpose.

RCIA INQUIRY: Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? If so, you are invited to attend an RCIA Inquiry session at QOA in the conference room of the MAK Center on Sunday, June 21 from 9:30--10:30am. Please call Cam Tracy if you have any questions at 704-853-0654.

Meetings This Week

Sunday, June 14, 2009

8:00am—Nursery
9:30-10:30am—Bible Study (Library)
11:00am—Nursery

Monday, June 15, 2009

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning out Program (Nursery)
5:00-8:15pm Faith Formation (MAK Ctr/Conf Rm/ Nursery)
7:00pm-8:30pm—Boy Scouts (Ed Bldg.)
7:00-9:00pm—VBS Planning Meeting (Ed Bldg)

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

5:00-8:15pm—Faith Formation (MAK/Nursery/Conf Rm)
7:30-9:00pm—Adult Faith Formation (Library)

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning out Program (Nursery)
9:00am-10:30am—Parish Nurse (Conference Rm.)
5:00-8:15pm-Faith Formation (MAK Ctr/Conf Rm/Nursery)
7:30pm—12 Step (Ed Bldg.)

Thursday, June 18, 2009

5:00-8:15pm-Faith Formation (MAK Ctr/Conf Rm/Nursery)
7:00-9:00pm—Pastoral Council Meeting (Ed Bldg)
7:30pm—Bible Sharing (Ed Bldg., Room A)

Friday, June 19, 2009

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning out Program (Nursery)
5:00-8:15pm-Faith Formation (MAK Ctr/Conf Rm/Nursery)
7:00-9:00pm—AA Mtg. (Ed Bldg.)

Saturday, June 20, 2009

6:00pm—Knights of Columbus Charlotte Knights Baseball Game

FLOWER SIGN UP in the narthex of the church ~ Flowers are provided every weekend for \$35 (plus \$2.50 tax) and are delivered to church. You will be invoiced by mail for your donation.

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, August 11 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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Flag Day
Monday: Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

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: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:6-11; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4,8c-9; Is 12;
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: Jb 38:1m 8-11; Ps 107; 2Cor 5:14-17;
Mk 4:35-41

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.



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. 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 at 704-867-6092. Jeanne will be happy to call you with the daily prayer requests.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus, Council 11076, extend an invitation to all parishioners to enjoy an evening of baseball with the Charlotte Knights on Saturday, June 20, 7:15, at Knights Castle, Ft. Mill, SC. Following the 5:00pm Mass at QofA, a carpool will leave the church parking lot. Tickets are \$10. Contact Steve Hammill at 704-825-9386 or stevehammill2003@yahoo.com to reserve your tickets.

Faith Formation

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, Tuesdays June 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/ 704-825-9600).

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. No pre-registration needed! Just join us if you can! Call Dennis Teall-Fleming, Director of Faith Formation at the phone or email listed above with questions.

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. **"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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES: The first in a series of three Natural Family Planning classes will be offered Saturday, July 11 at 10:00am in the St. Mary parish hall in Shelby. The cost for the series is \$135.00 and includes a one year membership in the Couple to Couple League, book, charting booklet and thermometer. The NFP classes teach fertility awareness and can help couples achieve or postpone pregnancy. Please contact Sean and Colleen Hobart (704-734-0263, shobart@carolina.rr.com) for more information and to enroll in the class.

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!

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING: Wednesday, June 24, 7:00-8:00pm, Library
Anyone interested in joining the bereavement team is invited to attend the meeting. Please contact Karen Irvine at 704-824-9343 if you have questions.

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? College, 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. **Mark your calendars:** our next two meetings will be **Monday, June 15 and Monday, June 22, 7:00pm** each night in the Ed Building. Be listening to your cd's—we're working on getting dvd's as well. The more fun you have with music, the more at ease the children will be. Let's rock the Dock!

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Mark your calendars now for the fourth diocesan Eucharistic Congress September 25-26 at the Charlotte Convention Center. Registration for the Children's Track of the Eucharistic Congress is now OPEN. All registration is being done online at the Eucharistic Congress website, which is www.GoEucharist.com.

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 pm. in the MAK Center on the same Saturdays as our Q of A community breakfasts.

PARENT'S MORNING OUT PROGRAM: *New Summer Schedule for June, July, August!*

Mon./Wed./Thurs./Fri. ~ 9:00am-1:00pm ~ \$4 per hour per child or \$15 for 4 hours per child or \$50 for all four days per child. ~ If you have any questions call Brandi Pressley at 980-721-6915 or 704-827-9229.

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 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, 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. Or contact Queen of the Apostles parishioner Dominique May at 704-2-825-9244 after 6PM or email peanutsmom97@juno.com.

Community Ministries

FOOD COLLECTION: In June we ask for donations for The Promised Land, 1601 Collinston Drive in Gastonia, a nonprofit Christian ministry providing transitional housing for homeless men. Lunch and supper are prepared 7 days a week and breakfast Sunday mornings. Requested items are cereal, soups, laundry detergent, paper products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, combs and hairbrushes. If you would like to volunteer, call Dixie Forbes, 704-400-1411. *He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord.*

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK: The second "Shelter Week" will be June 21-28th at First United Methodist Church in Belmont. There will be 3 adults and 9 children ages 4 months to 18 years. Here are some opportunities to volunteer:

- Help set up guest rooms (IHN provides the beds and mattresses)
- Provide dinner—4 or more plan a menu and share the cooking
- Bring breakfast items—small packages of cereal, orange/apple juice, bagels, muffins, bread, yogurt, milk
- Lunch items—Lunchables were a big hit last time
- Snacks—individually wrapped cookies, crackers, juice boxes, bottled water, chips, Little Debbie or Hostess cakes, pretzels, peanut butter and jelly
- Overnight host—1 male, 1 female
- Teardown rooms at the end of the week
- Prepare rooms for Sunday school
- Laundry—wash linens

Volunteers are still needed for the next shelter week. We are one of six Belmont churches responding to the needs of our "homeless neighbors" and building community involvement through direct service. Contact Trish Vasil at 704-648-7878 for more information or to volunteer.

Belmont Parish Nurse Ministry

T.O.P.S. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly: First Presbyterian Church ~ 102 S. Central Ave., Belmont, NC ~ 6:30-7:30pm; Annual dues are only \$26. RSVP to Delta Sanders at 704-915-2445.

What Have I Got to Lose? Exercise Series: June 15 location TBA (July-August series tentative) 6:00pm Enjoy aerobic exercises, ABLE chair exercises, stretching exercises and diagnostic checks for just \$3 per class. RSVP to Delta Sanders at 704-915-2445 preferred, but not required.

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.*

PARISH NURSING 101: Roles of the Parish Nurse—Health Advocate

Health Advocate is an important role of the Parish Nurse. In this role, the Parish Nurse works with the client, faith community, and primary health resources to provide what is in the best interest of the client from a whole person perspective. She listens and supports the client in doing what they can do, and is their voice when they seem to have none. The following are just a few ways the Parish Nurse fulfills the role of Health Advocate:

- Recognizing ignored symptoms and coordinating urgent, even life-saving, care for clients
- Aiding clients and their families in addressing end-of-life issues and expressing their wishes including the establishment of Health Care Power of Attorneys and living wills, thereby making the dying process more human and humane
- Assisting clients with chronic illness in obtaining appropriate medication/medical equipment and completing daily living activities through in-home resources, or assisting families with placement issues
- Helping clients with medical billing, health insurance and Medicare questions