

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 our worship, education, fellowship, and outreach to the needy.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, March 20, 2010—5:00pm Mass

Lectors: Cam Tracy, Carlos Umstead

EMC's: Joe & Loretta Bell, Elena Benedict,
Lisa & Rick Houser

Ministers of Hospitality: Boyd Bess,
George Burazer, Tom Katsuleris

Altar Servers: Christina Benedict,
Christiana Houser

Sunday, March 21, 2010—8:00am Mass

Children's Liturgy: Renee Jarvis

Lectors: Barbara Parker, Alfreda Tanski

EMC's: John Fink, Rose Hill, Renee Jarvis,
Mary Johnson, Dominique May

Ministers of Hospitality:

Doug & Joyce McLeod, Bill McMasters

Altar Servers: Christian & Matt Rodgers

Sunday, March 21, 2010—9:45 Mass

Children's Liturgy: Mary Johnson

Lectors: Steve Heese, Lucas Lamadrid

EMC's: Frances Bruckner, Gail Bruno,
Bill Pierson, Colleen Sutton, Eleanor Williams

Ministers of Hospitality:

Jonathan & Mary Kane, David Viola

Altar Servers: Josie Airhart, Cathy Pullen

Sunday, March 21, 2010—11:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy: Donna Snyder

Lectors: Joan Brugman, Mary Jo Stiles

EMC's: Sue Dolphin, Steve Geiger,
Kim & Ron Shigley, Donna Snyder

Ministers of Hospitality: Allyson Benthall,
Neil Kauer, Richard Stewart

Altar Servers: Emmanuel Loredano, Chip Wilson

Nursery Volunteers ~ March 21, 2010

9:45— Jamie Mendoza, Catherine Glisson

11:30— Billy Stocker, Kyle Weir

COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS ~ Mar 21:

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

9:45am— Blake & Lindsay Taylor

11:30am— Volunteers Needed

**LOST & FOUND ITEMS MAY BE FOUND IN
THE BASKET IN THE MAK CENTER ENTRY.**

Collections

Collections 03-07-2010: \$15,330.77

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 \$766.54 to the BCO. This week we will use our tithe for Habitat for Humanity building homes for needy people in Gaston County.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 13th

5:00 pm For the People

Sunday, March 14th

8:00am Mass

9:45 Mass

11:30am Mass

Monday, March 15th

9:00am Mass

Tuesday, March 16th

12:15 Mass

Wednesday, March 17th

9:00am Mass

Thursday, March 18th

No Mass

Friday, March 19th

12:15pm Mass (at QOA)

1:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

ART AND ENVIRONMENT:

Mar. 14: Alison Minnick, Danuta Holler

Mar. 21: Nancy O'Brien, Alfreda Tanski, Gail Bruno

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL:

Some day you, or
someone you love, will
receive help from a DSA
funded ministry.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

First I want to remind you that I am leading this tour to Italy in October 2010. The brochures are in the Narthex and the Breezeway and I'd like to invite you to consider it. We'll spend time at some of my favorite places and eat in some of my favorite restaurants. We'll spend quality time in Rome, Assisi and Venice with some stops in between.

From a Papal Audience to the Isle of Murano in Venice (and its glass industry) it will be fun and filled with some things that tourists don't usually do. Think about it. I'd love to have you join me.

Second, with Holy Week not too far off, let me begin to reflect on the powerful symbols of those days. On Holy Thursday we wash feet. It is an ancient symbol of hospitality that Jesus elevates to a sign of service: he breaks the convention of his day that assumed only servants would undertake this task and he, Master and teacher, does it instead.

In our faith community, this sign of ministry and service is important. For that reason, some years ago, apart from the feet of some men of the assembly that I wash, the whole community engages in footwashing.

It says a great deal about our call to serve each other in the church as well as our commitment to be the servant of others.

We invite parish members to come prepared on Holy Thursday: wear easily removable socks and shoes (the same is true for hosiery) and be open to accept the invitation of another to come to one of the stations we have set up to have scented, warm water poured on your feet and then dried with a towel. You may want to do the same in return. Parents could wash the feet of children and children of their parents. Or, is there someone whose ministry you appreciate? Wash their feet.

The first step in footwashing is not being afraid to do it! Take these weeks prior to the gathering on Holy Thursday and prepare for this amazing sign of service. In the church the name we give to the "washing of feet" is MANDATUM... because it was mandated by Jesus that his followers do the same for others. Come on Holy Thursday and do what Jesus asks! I assure you it will be a powerful and moving experience.

Be blessed this week! -Father Frank

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS IS GOOD FOR PRIESTS!

Our priests are the chief Catechists at the parish. And most people at QOA would agree that Father Frank does a great job at that for us! Still, the priests can't do everything for us, and are actually better Catechists when the whole parish is participating with them. ALL of us need to be involved in lifelong Faith Formation—children, Youth, and especially adults—it's time for YOU to join in the adventure!

**Whole Community Catechesis
will take place here at QOA
March 14, 9:30-10:45am in the MAK Center.**

Please join us in our effort to move Catechesis out of the classroom and into the parish! Contact Dennis Teall-Fleming, Director of Faith Formation, at teallfleming@yahoo.com or 704-825-9600, ext. 26 with questions.

**SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010
~ 11:00am ~**

**OUTDOOR PENTECOST MASS
& PARISH PICNIC
~ SACRED HEART CAMPUS ~**

**Please plan to join your parish
family for this annual celebration!**



HELP NEEDED for CATHERINE'S HOUSE

Part time relief for full time night/weekend staff on an as needed basis. Responsibilities include supervising residents & activities; answering the phone; monitoring door traffic. Qualifications include minimum high school education, caring compassionate attitude, understanding & acceptance of various ethnic & socioeconomic backgrounds, professional behavior, ability to multi-task & handle crises, must be able to negotiate stairs. \$10/hour for awake time; no payment for sleep time. Interested applicants should contact Angela Devlin at 704-825-9599.

Meetings This Week

Sunday March 14, 2010

9:00-10:45am—Whole Community Catechesis (MAK)
9:45am—Nursery
11:30am—Nursery
1:30-4:30pm—Private Event
6:00-7:30pm—Youth Group (MAK Center)
7:30-9:00pm—Bible Study (Conference Room)

Monday, March 15, 2010

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning Out (Nursery)
7:00-8:30pm—VBS Prep Meeting (MAK Ctr, Conf. Rm)

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning Out (Nursery)
7:00-8:30pm—Lenten Learning with Fr. Frank (MAK)

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning Out (Nursery)
9:00-10:30am—Parish Nurse (Conference Room)
6:00-6:45pm—Children's Choir (Church)
6:45-7:20pm—Youth Choir (Church)
6:45-8:00pm—Soup & Substance (MAK Center)
7:30-8:45pm—Adult Choir (Church)
7:30pm—12 Step Program (Ed Bldg.)

Thursday, March 18, 2010

9:00AM-1:00pm—Parent's Morning Out
6:00-7:30pm—Brownies & Girl Scouts (MAK Center)
7:00-8:00pm—Cub Scouts (Education Building)
7:00-9:00pm—Pastoral Council (Conference Room)
7:30-9:00pm—Boy Scouts (Education Building Rm B)
7:30-9:00pm—Bible Sharing (Education Bldg Room A)

Friday, March 19, 2010

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning Out (Nursery)
7:00-9:00pm—AA Meeting (Education Building)

Saturday, March 20, 2010

8:00-11:00am—Community Breakfast (MAK Center)
10:30am-12:30pm—Rosary Makers (MAK Center)
10:30-11:30am—Healing Prayer Ministry Trng (Church)
5:00pm Mass—Confirmation Enrollment of Names
6:30-10:00pm—BINGO (MAK Center)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Savings Time begins
Wednesday: St. Patrick
Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence
Saturday: Spring begins

Leave a Legacy ~ 4th Sunday of Lent ~

As we repent of our sins and strengthen our devotion, we can also reflect on our responsibility to be stewards of our faith through a bequest gift that will continue the work of our parish.

Stewardship Message ~ 4th Sunday of Lent ~

Giving of our time, talent and treasure mainly involves a change of attitude about giving. It's important to think in terms of giving in gratitude to God, of considering how blessed we are, of using our gifts and talents for the good of others.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those in Nursing Homes:

Teresa Blievernicht (Stanley Total Living Center),
Patrick Bragg (Meadowood Nursing Center, Gastonia),
Rose Carlucci (Terrace Ridge, Gastonia),
Eva Hendrix (Alexander Place, Gastonia),
Mary Ippolito (Rehab & Health Center of Gastonia),
Albert Liberatore (NC State Veteran's Home, Salisbury)
Joseph Staley (Heritage Oats, Gastonia)

Sick and Homebound:

Joyce Chastain, Ducky Huffstetler, Rosann Louy, Virginia Tofaute

Sick or homebound parishioners or their immediate family may call the Parish Office at 704-825-9600 to be included on the prayer list which we begin anew quarterly.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

PARENT'S MORNING OUT PROGRAM:

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00am-1:00pm
~ MAK Center Nursery ~
\$4/hour/child or \$15/4 hours/child
or \$70/all five days/child. ~
If you have any questions call Mary Toure'
at 704-266-0697 or 317-603-1811

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, **April 13** 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.



Community Breakfast ~ Saturday, March 20 ~ 8:00-11:00am

Mark your calendar for a no snow green egg, pancake and sausage breakfast. Breakfast will be cooked and served by leprechauns, so be sure to wear something green. Of course leprechauns work cheap so breakfast is free to all. Invite your friends and fellow parishioners to join you for breakfast, drinks, and conversation at the QOA MAK Center.

Youth

Regular Youth Groups are on Sundays, 6:00-7:30pm, in the MAK Center. Please join us!

March 14: Finding Christ in Tough Times: We all face them—tragedies, setbacks, losses, in the midst of our daily lives. Jesus wants you to know that you're not alone when facing these crises. Come & find out where Jesus is in your life, even when it's at its worst.

March 21: Pizza with the Pastor! We'll meet at QOA at 6:00pm and drive over to Father Frank's house for some food and fellowship with your Pastor. Bring your questions. No question is off limits! Father wants to know what you're wondering about as a young Catholic. Your input and inquiries are essential!

March 26-27: Food Fast! We'll have our own retreat here at QOA this weekend so mark your calendars now! See more about this international effort at www.foodfast.org. We'll go without food for 24 hours, to feel what half the world's population goes through every day, and find out more from Catholic Relief Services (www.crs.org) all the things we can do to help solve the problems of hunger around the world and right here where we live.

March 28: Finding Christ in Tough Times: We'll continue our spiritual focus from March 14 and see how Jesus can guide us through the tough times and give us strength to endure. You are not alone when life is difficult! Come experience Christ's comforting presence and share your own experiences.

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 e-mail 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.



FAITH FORMATION POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH:

The parish announces two openings on the parish staff to direct and coordinate our faith formation programs. Applicants should have at least a bachelor's degree in religion, theology, education or a related field. They should also have background as a catechist.

The ideal candidate will be able to establish, coordinate and supervise volunteers in our various programs and work for about 15 - 20 hours each week. These are 12 month positions. Both positions require a significant commitment of weekend time. With the right credentials and personal attributes, one candidate will be considered for a full time staff position that combines both positions below.

Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation is responsible for all aspects of the summer Faith Formation program and the Sunday School program for preschool through fifth grade. This person also convenes the group that will plan and execute the Summer Bible School Program and oversees the preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This coordinator reports to the pastor.

Coordinator of Middle and High School Youth is responsible for those aspects (see above) of the regular faith formation programs that affect grades six through eight. This person also oversees the Confirmation Preparation Program and provides leadership and other planning for volunteers who oversee the ministry to high school youth in the parish. This coordinator reports to the pastor.

Positions are available July 1. Please submit resume, salary expectations and contact information By March 1 to:
Faith Formation Search: Queen of the Apostles Church
503 North Main Street
Belmont, NC 28012



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME SOFTBALL? Belmont Parks & Recreation has a co-ed church league for ages 15 and up. Teams need to be registered by April 1. South Point United Methodist has challenged us to join them in building community bonds within the shining light of Christ. Call the Church Office at 704-825-9600 and leave your name if you would like to be a part of the team.

BINGO AND MOVIE NIGHT ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 20 ~ 6:30-10:00PM ~MAK CENTER

The Parish Life Commission is sponsoring Bingo with prizes as well as cash awards. Food, drinks and snacks will be available. Child care will be available for children up to 4 years old. We have movies for the over four crowd. Please bring your entire family and all your friends for a fun evening of BINGO!

Is God Calling YOU to help with Vacation Bible School?

We need lots of adult volunteers for our "High Seas Adventure" this summer, Sunday through Thursday, August 8-12, 5:00-8:15 pm each evening! If you can help with any of the various ministries we'll undertake that week (Bible story, small group leadership, crafts, snacks, meals, music), we could use you! Next planning meeting is **Monday, March 15 at 7:00 pm in the MAK Center.** Contact Dennis Teall-Fleming at 704-825-9600, ext. 26 or teallfleming@yahoo.com if you have questions.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Community Ministries

RICE BOWL



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OPERATION RICE BOWL: "Solidarity Will Transform the World" This Lenten season Catholic Relief Services invites us to **pray** with our families & faith communities; **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger; **learn** about our global community & the challenges of poverty; and **give** sacrificial contributions to those in need. Please pick up a rice bowl for your family in the narthex as you leave church today. In solidarity with our brothers & sisters in Haiti we are requesting our donations be sent to help them rebuild their homes & their community.

Our **March Food Collection** will be taken for Catherine's House, providing transitional housing for women and children who are homeless. They have requested these food items: pancake mix and syrup, coffee creamers, salad dressing, sugar, juice, canned meats and fruit. Please bring these items the weekend of March 27-28. Thank you for your generosity in responding to the needs of our community.



17th Annual Walk for AIDS seeks participants, church teams and donors to benefit House of Mercy, a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy providing 24 hour care for low-income persons living with AIDS. The 3 mile walk and lunch reception takes place on April 10 in Belmont on the Sisters of Mercy Campus. See www.thehouseofmercy.org for information or call Marjorie Storch at 704-825-4711 x3.

LINKS FORE LIFE: Room at the Inn' 10th Annual Golf Tournament ~ Shotgun tee-off at 10:00am on Monday, May 24, 2010 at Cedarwood Country Club in Charlotte. Cost per player of \$140 includes lunch & beverages during tournament; heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar offered following play during awards presentations. Proceeds benefit Room at the Inn programs that provide material, emotional & spiritual help to women and children in need. For information about sponsorship opportunities or to register please contact MaryPaul Forsyth at iroomatheinn@rati.org or 704-525-HOPE (4673) ext. 13.

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 are 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm. in the MAK Center on the same Saturdays as our QOA community breakfasts.



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Belmont Parish Nurse Ministry

Parish Nurse Office Hours: Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am, First United Methodist Church of Belmont;
Wednesdays, 9:00-10:30am, Queen of the Apostles;
Administrator: Delta Sanders 704-915-2445; Nurse: Cheryl Fleming 704-678-3545

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

Parkinson's Disease Support Group: Carillon Assisted Living Center ~ 500 Cramer Mountain Road, Cramerton, NC ~ second Thursday of each month, 6:30pm.

Walk to Jerusalem: Through March 28 ~ A virtual, physical and spiritual journey to Jerusalem—participants will collectively accumulate enough miles to reach Jerusalem in time for a triumphant walk to church on Passion Sunday.

Blood Drive: Tuesday, March 30 ~ 2:30-7:00pm ~ Belmont Foursquare Church, 8 Elizabeth St., Belmont. This drive features chair massages compliments of Med Dayton of Belmont Massage & Spas & Becky Moser, Chick-Fil-A sweet tea at the canteen & Chick-Fil-A donor promotions & a visit from the Chick-Fil-A Cow.

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