

## 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 13, 2010—5:00pm Mass**

**Lectors:** Charlie Boyd, Heidi Maskol

**EMC's:** Kay Bonnin, Lisa & Rick Houser, Amber & Pat Mulcahy

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Fred & Lynn Kimsey, Steve Maskol

**Altar Servers:** Brendan & James Granson

**Sunday, March 14, 2010—8:00am Mass**

**Children's Liturgy:** Lisa Davis

**Lectors:** Phil Baucom, S. Bernadette McNamara

**EMC's:** Jan Baucom, Gina Harrison, Cindy Litfin, Beth McCain, Pat Perrigo

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Brian Litfin, Alison & Mike Minnick

**Altar Servers:** Billy Baucom, Kevin Litfin

**Sunday, March 14, 2010—9:45 Mass**

**Children's Liturgy:** Colleen Sutton

**Lectors:** Linda Sledzewski, Terri Wilson

**EMC's:** Don Barber, Aida Cline, Sandy Kumm, Jeanne & Stuart LaFrancis

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Mark Ebreo, Barry Fawcett, Pete Kinzer

**Altar Servers:** Catherine & Joseph Glisson

**Sunday, March 14, 2010—11:30am Mass**

**Children's Liturgy:** Melissa Gardner

**Lectors:** Brenda Murray, Bill Szatmary

**EMC's:** Pat Britz, Julie Fowler, Jan Kauer, Beth McAbee, Evelyn Thompson

**Ministers of Hospitality:** Joe Bruno, Neil Kauer, David McAbee

**Altar Servers:** Austin Berrong, Lee Stocker

### Nursery Volunteers ~ March 14, 2010

**9:45—** Jamie Mendoza

**11:30—**Volunteers Needed

### COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS ~ Mar 14:

**8:00am—**Brian & Cindy Litfin, Phil & Jan Baucom

**9:45am—**Jerry & Elizabeth Hunnicutt

**11:30am—**Gardner Family

### ART AND ENVIRONMENT:

**March 7:** Dominique May, Barbara Parker

**March 14:** Alison Minnick, Danuta Holler

## Collections

**Collections** 02-28-2010: \$9,349.47

*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 \$467.47 to Family Services. This week we will use our tithe for the BCO providing material and financial assistance to the poor in Belmont and eastern Gaston County.

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Saturday, March 6th**

5:00 pm Melvin Hodge +

**Sunday, March 7th**

8:00am Rose Garske +

9:45 For the People

11:30am Charlie Jolly

**Monday, March 8th**

9:00am Mass

**Tuesday, March 9th**

12:15 Mass

**Wednesday, March 10th**

9:00am Hazel Blandford +

**Thursday, March 11th**

7:00pm Mass Around the Parish

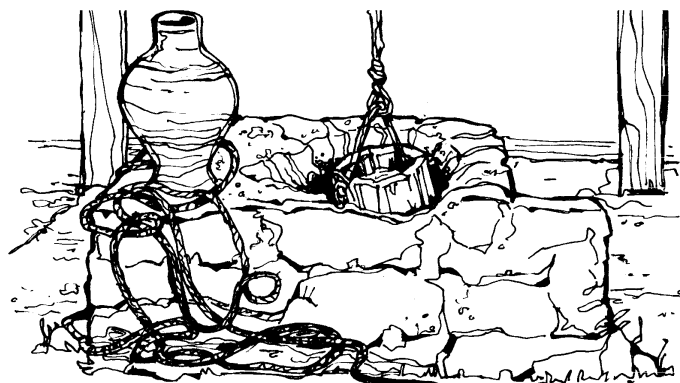
Saint Joseph's, Mount Holly

**Friday, March 12th**

12:15pm Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel

1:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Stations of the Cross



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

Beginning next weekend you may meet our new Sunday accompanist. His name is Matthew Noonan and he came to audition for us through the American Guild of Organists here in the Charlotte area. His *during-the-week-position* is as a music teacher in the Charlotte-Meck schools. We are pleased with the skill he brings to this position and look forward to a long and happy relationship with him, our choirs and our music ministry program. He is with us for all three Sunday masses. I hope you will take the time to welcome him to Queen of the Apostles.

We are also looking at changes in our Faith Formation program. You may have noticed elsewhere in the bulletin our "want ad" for the position(s) in that part of our parish life. Please give prayerful consideration to these possibilities or invite someone you know who may have the qualifications and interest to send us their resume. We will continue accepting resumes this month, and then will begin the interview and selection process. May I ask that you also keep this in your prayers, too?

You will notice that beginning this weekend the readings at Mass "shift" to what we call the "A Cycle" which are the older and more venerable readings of the Lenten Sundays. They may always be used, but in particular, they are used for the process of Christian Initiation. If you "follow along" in the missalette or in some other text, you will find these "A Cycle" readings right behind the "C Cycle" readings listed for a particular date. They are familiar gospels: the woman at the well, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus from the dead that are full of meaning for all of us seeking to renew our baptismal commitment at Easter.

Soon we will send you our Holy Week schedule. I hope you will make plans now to participate in as many of these special liturgical celebrations as you are able. They are like a "mini retreat" for the whole church and you will certainly benefit from them. Over the next few weeks I will describe them in further detail so you can better understand and appreciate them.

Be blessed this week. Do you think it will ever get warm again? -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 7 & 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](mailto:teallfleming@yahoo.com) or 704-825-9600, ext. 26 with questions.



**RECONCILIATION  
SERVICE**

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### **PARISH CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**

**Sunday, March 7, 2010**

**7:15 pm in the church**

### **Leave a Legacy**

**~ 3rd Sunday of Lent ~**

Lent provides an opportunity to strengthen our devotion to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It can also be a time to consider a planned gift that will strengthen the future of our parish. For more information visit our website at [www.charlottediocese.org/giving](http://www.charlottediocese.org/giving) and follow the link to planned giving.

## **Meetings This Week**

### **Sunday March 7, 2010**

9:00-10:45am—Whole Community Catechesis (MAK)  
9:45am—Nursery  
11:30am—Nursery  
6:00-7:30pm—Youth Group (MAK Center)  
7:15pm—Penance Service (Church)  
7:30-9:00pm—Bible Study (Conference Room)

### **Monday, March 8, 2010**

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning Out (Nursery)  
7:30-9:30pm—Knights of Columbus-business (MAK Ctr)

### **Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

9:00am-1:00pm—Parent's Morning Out (Nursery)  
7:00-8:00pm—Scout Committee Mtg (Ed Bldg Rm A)

### **Wednesday, March 10, 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 11, 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)  
7:00pm—Mass Around the Parish, St. Joseph's  
7:30-9:00pm—Boy Scouts (Education Building Rm B)  
7:30-9:00pm—Bible Sharing (Education Bldg Room A)

### **Friday, March 12, 2010**

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

### **Saturday, March 13, 2010**

6:00-8:00pm—Young at Hearts (MAK Center)

## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent;  
Girl Scout Sunday  
Monday: St. John of God  
Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome  
Friday: Abstinence

## **DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL:**

We are now one month into the DSA, and as of today 81 of our parishioners have contributed. We need each of you to help us reach our goal of \$56,000. Your gift to the DSA is used only for the educational, multicultural, vocational, housing and social services ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity.

## **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

## **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.**

## **Stewardship Message**

### **~ 3rd Sunday of Lent ~**

"Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts." (Matthew 5:16)

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41  
[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

## **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.

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



### **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 7: Game Night!** Bring games to play with everyone else—video, board, card or otherwise—and help us build community & get to know one another better!

**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!

**A TASTE OF JUDAISM:** Interested in learning more about Judaism? Come and learn more about it from your Jewish neighbors in a series hosted by our friends at Temple Emanuel, Tuesdays March 2, 9, and 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Temple, 320 South Street, Gastonia. Pre-registration is required by email at [tasteofjudaism@templeemanuelgaston.org](mailto:tasteofjudaism@templeemanuelgaston.org), or by calling the synagogue at 704-865-1541. Contact Dennis Teall-Fleming with questions at 704-825-9600, ext. 26 or [teallfleming@yahoo.com](mailto:teallfleming@yahoo.com).

**SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** "Jesus' Journey to the Cross: A Love Unto Death" from Word Among Us ([www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org)). Please join us to learn more about the scriptures and the Gospel stories of Jesus' Passion. Through March 14, 7:30-9:00pm in the Conference Room. No pre-registration. needed.

**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](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 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



**YOUNG AT HEARTS COVERED DISH SUPPER** ~ Saturday, March 13  
 after 5:00 pm mass ~All parishioners over 50 are invited to attend.  
 Call Charlie or Cathy Boyd at 704-825-4669 with questions.

**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 **Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm in the MAK Center.** Contact Dennis Teall-Fleming at 704-825-9600, ext. 26 or [teallfleming@yahoo.com](mailto: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. Thanks to Gail Bruno for delivering your February donations to the St. Vincent DePaul pantry.

**Are You Looking for Ways to Serve the People of God?**

**The Tau Volunteer Program** offers a brief (4-12 weeks) transformative experience for women of faith who wish to be involved in the mission of the **School Sisters of St. Francis (SSSF)**. Join us in serving the poor in the U.S., advancing the causes of justice and peace, and encouraging respect for the integrity of creation. Tau volunteers have the opportunity to share the ministry of the SSSF with people in underserved communities, offer short-term, full-time volunteer service and immerse themselves in other cultures. For more information contact Sister Nan Pfefferle at 414-385-5269, [npfefferle@sssf.org](mailto:npfefferle@sssf.org), or visit us at [usp.sssf.org](http://usp.sssf.org).

**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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**ADORERS ARE NEEDED** at Belmont Abbey College Adoration Chapel in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Coordinators will arrange an hour that is convenient for you. Please call Margaret Fox at 704-827-8921 or Catherine McNeill at 704-825-3277.

# Belmont Parish Nurse Ministry

Parish Nurse Office Hours: Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am, First United Methodist Church of Belmont;  
11:00am-12:30pm, First Presbyterian 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.

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

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