

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.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND

HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

William Eikoetter

In Loving Memory Of

Annmarie Eikoetter



Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010—5:00pm Mass

Lectors: Heidi Maskol, Cam Tracy

EMC's: Sue Bess, Irv & Kay Bonnin,
Lisa & Rick Houser

Ministers of Hospitality: Boyd Bess, Cathy Cain,
Steve Maskol

Altar Server: Christiana Houser

Healing Prayer Ministry: Team One

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010—8:00am Mass

Lectors: Lawton Blandford, Rita Paluszak

EMC's: Jan & Phil Baucom, Renee Jarvis,
Amber & Pat Mulcahy

Ministers of Hospitality: Kathy Hodge,
Alison & Mike Minnick

Altar Servers: Christian & Matt Rodgers

Children's Liturgy: Jarvis-Emmerth

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010—9:45 Mass

Lectors: Lucille Ebreo, Linda Sledzewski

EMC's: Don Barber, Elena Benedict, Gail Bruno,
Sandy Endicott, Joan Williams

Ministers of Hospitality: Mark Ebreo,
John Endicott, Joe Shirley

Altar Servers: Claire Lamadrid, Sami Williams

Healing Prayer Ministry: Team One

Children's Liturgy: Mary Johnson

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010—11:30am Mass

Lectors: Brenda Murray, Mary Jo Stiles

EMC's: Gina Halme, Jan Kauer, Beth McAbee,
Donna Snyder, Evelyn Thompson

Ministers of Hospitality: Allyson Benthall,
Joe Bruno, David McAbee

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Lee Stocker

Healing Prayer Ministry: Team One

Children's Liturgy: Melissa Gardner

Collections

Collections 08-29-2010: \$11,576.04

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 \$578.80 to Catherine's House. This week we will use our tithe for the Community Relief Organization which offers assistance to those living in Mount Holly and the surrounding area.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 4th

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, September 5th

8:00am Mass

9:45am For the People

11:30am Warren & Robert Riebling +

Monday, September 6th

9:00am Mass

Tuesday, September 7th

12:15pm Mass

Wednesday, September 8th

9:00am Mass

Thursday, September 9th

No Mass

Friday, September 10th

12:15pm Mass

COFFEE & DONUT VOLUNTEERS ~ Sept. 12

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

9:45am: Blake & Lindsay Taylor

11:30am: Yvonne Zarza

Additional volunteer teams are needed, particularly for the 8:00 & 11:30 Masses. Please contact Brian Litfin at 704-829-0460 if you are able to join this important community building ministry.



ART AND ENVIRONMENT:

September 5: Kimber Walters, Barbara Parker

September 12: Terry Ausband, Danuta Holler

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I've had an interesting week. I felt more like a building supervisor than a pastor. As we get larger we have more demands for space. I'm trying to reshape a few things so that our growing demand for meeting space can be met.

For example, I have asked the choir not to gather and practice at their place in the sanctuary, but rather gather to warm up elsewhere and leave a bit of time for folks to more quietly greet neighbors and prepare for worship. The only space where this can happen is the Conference Room and so far that seems to be working for them. This meant we had to rethink other Sunday morning activities, especially the RCIA. Since the Education Building is available on Sunday mornings, I have asked them to move there. It is not the most convenient transition, but one that will allow them some space for their program. We have two 12 step programs that also meet in that facility and a diocesan Bereavement Group that meets there, too. This is also the building where our cub and boy scout programs meet. The real challenge in all this is to make sure we create flexible space for multiple groups. I've talked about this before. You might remember that a year ago I invited you to think about "flexi - church."

Simply stated it means multiple uses for limited spaces and a sensitivity to the fact that there is no dedicated space for any one group.

Add to all this, the need to use the Education Building for family portraits connected to our pictorial directory now underway.

All these things seem to be the source of a little friction at this point, which -believe it or not - is good news! It means we are doing more ministry with more groups of people. It also means that people are serious about their ministries. It also convinces one very quickly that we have a need for more space.

To this end, two things are happening. First, we have been interviewing professionals who work with church development in order to hire an appropriate company to guide us through a Master Planning process to discern and shape our needs. It is the next important step on our journey to building. Second, we have to be committed to make the best of the spaces we do have here on our campus. And to do so patiently, realizing that some choices will be less than optimal.

It may not always work smoothly, but I invite you to start to see our spaces as multiple use. That means you can never assume that shelving or other storage place in any one room belongs to you. We are working on storage solutions that will assist as many as possible. It also means being content with the best we can offer at any given time.

Being patient with each other will serve all of us well. It's time to be flexi-church and time to pray for what the future will be able to give us, so that faith and community building can be better served.

-Father Frank

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT & BENEFITS

The dedicated priests who served us in the past now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. Our parish has been assessed \$19,220 for the priests' retirement and benefits plans. This amount is slightly less than two times the regular weekend offertory. Please be as generous as you can in this second collection, which will be taken in our parish the weekend of September 18-19. Additional envelopes are available in the parish office.

Re: MEMBER CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you did not have an opportunity to sign up after Masses the past few weeks, please call toll free 866-557-2253 to see if they can schedule you.

You can submit an individual or family photo to be published in the Church Directory for \$5 each. If professionally made, it is the responsibility of the person submitting the photo to obtain a written release with approval from photographer or photography company to use photo in the Directory. Submitted photos will be placed in the Directory along with all other photos. Please place photo and approval to use photo letter in an envelope and provide to church office.

Meetings This Week

Monday, September 6, 2010

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

10:30-11:30am—Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conf Room)

1:30-4:00pm—Meal Preparation for Catherine's House & Women's Shelter (MAK Kitchen)

7:00-8:00pm—Community Ministries Mtg (Library)

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

6:00-9:00pm—Protecting God's Children (Conf Rm)

6:00-6:45pm—Children's Choir Practice (Church)

6:45-7:20pm—Youth Choir Practice (Church)

7:00-8:30pm—Bereavement Support (Ed Bldg, Rm F)

7:30-8:45pm—Adult Choir Practice (Church)

7:30pm-9:30pm—12 Step Program (Ed Bldg, Room A)

Thursday, September 9, 2010

6:00-7:30pm—Brownies/Jr Girl Scouts (MAK Center)

7:00-8:00pm—Cub Scouts (Education Building)

7:30-9:00pm—Boy Scouts (Education Building, Rm B)

7:30-9:00pm—Bible Sharing (Education Bldg, Room A)

Friday, September 3, 2010

7:00-9:00pm—AA Meeting (Education Building)

September 11, 2010

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Wednesday: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Peter Claver;
Rosh Hashanah -Jewish New Year 5771
Saturday: Patriot Day;
Day of Mourning & Remembrance;
Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51;
1Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

Stewardship Message

~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~

Use what talents you possess: The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

Leave a Legacy ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are a part of the Church's family. Have you made the Church a part of your family? Consider including a bequest in your will for our parish.

LAY MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

The Diocesan Office for Lay Ministry is currently accepting applications for the two-year Lay Ministry Formation Program designed to help you understand more fully your baptismal call to minister to your family, to others in the Church, and to those in your daily life. This program is also a pre-requisite for the permanent diaconate. Classes for Year 1 will be held in five sites: Arden, Bryson City, Charlotte, Greensboro and Lenoir and will begin in September. For more information please visit our website at www.charlottediocese.org/layministry. You may also contact Frank Villaronga at 704-370-3274 or email fvillaronga@charlottediocese.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those in Nursing Homes:

Teresa Blievernicht (Stanley Total Living Center),
Patrick Bragg (Meadowwood 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 Oaks, Gastonia)

Sick and Homebound:

Joyce Chastain, Terry Fox, Ducky Huffstetler,
Rosann Louy, Angela Miss, Jo Rankin,
William Reeves, Clifford Stopak, 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 quarterly.

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

Interested in Being a Banner Bearer? If you are Queen of the Apostles parishioner who is planning to attend the Eucharistic Congress and would like to bear the parish banner in the procession, please contact the church office at 704-825-9600.

What are you doing next Saturday?

The Eucharistic Congress is a great event for families with plenty of activities for children & adults. This is a free event Friday & Saturday, September 10-11 at the Charlotte Convention Center.

—2010—
Diocese of Charlotte
Eucharistic Congress



Good Shepherd,
Come Feed Us

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS: Those who are interested in joining the Catholic church, completing their initiation by celebrating one or more of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or returning Catholics who need to learn more about the Catholic faith are invited to participate in RCIA. Sessions will begin on Sunday, September 12 from 10:00-11:00am in the Education Building behind the church. Please contact Cam Tracy for more information at 704-853-0654.

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 have not 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, or by calling Shannon at the Diocesan Human Resources Office, 704-370-3356. You can sign up to take the training here at QOA on **Wednesday, September 8, 6:00-9:00pm** in the MAK Center **Conference Room**, or elsewhere as is convenient for you. Please contact the church office at 704-825-9600 to sign up for this session.

Faith Formation

We are still in need of teachers for our pre-school class. This class is meant for children who are 4 or 5 years old. There is a great text book with an easy-to-follow teacher's guide. I would love to see a couple of enthusiastic teachers share this responsibility. We could also use some classroom aides if you are interested in sharing your faith with the parish children! Please prayerfully consider this vocation and give Kelly a call at 704-825-9600.

QUACK begins on Sunday, September 19 from 9:30-10:45am. All students will meet in the chapel in Mercedes Hall. If you haven't registered your school-aged children yet, please see the parish website for the registration card or call Kelly at 704-825-9600 today.

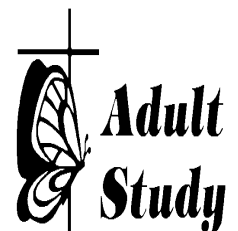


Youth



ATTENTION PARISH TEENAGERS! Come join us as we kick off the school year with a pool party on Sunday, **September 12** from 2:00-4:00pm at Cathy Pullen's house. In addition to water and snacks, there will be fun with old and new friends. Bring your ideas and suggestions for the next year. The youth group is undergoing new and exciting changes and we need your input to help make it even better! Grab your suit, a friend, and join us. Call Kelly at 704-825-9600 for more information.

Do you want to learn more about Scripture? Want to meet some new people? The Sunday night Bible study begins **September 12**. Explore the surprising and often-challenging dimensions of 6 of Jesus' parables and reflect on the meaning for our own lives using the study: "Treasures Uncovered: The Parables of Jesus." The group will be meeting in the MAK Center Conference Room, 7:30-9 PM for eight weeks (through October 24). Pre-registration is not required, but suggested! Contact Lynn at 704-398-2943 or Kelly at 704-825-9600 for more information.



A TASTE of SILENCE ~ October 2, St. Mark Catholic Church, Huntersville, NC ~ Fr. Carl Arico will present an enriched introduction to Centering Prayer that will be useful to anyone interested in Centering Prayer. His unique way of teaching will offer fresh insights to the experienced practitioner while offering newcomers an introduction. The workshop will be held from 10:00am-4:00pm. The day will include several talks on Centering Prayer, teaching you what it is and how to practice it. There will be two periods of Centering Prayer and time for questions. Lunch will be served. Go to www.cpcharlotte.org for information or to register. Deadline is September 23.

The Sisters of Mercy have invited the **Seniors** (age 55 and older) of our parish for **Mass with Bishop Curlin** and lunch on Wednesday **September 8** at 11:30am. If you can join them please call the church office at 704-825-9600 to RSVP by Tuesday Sept. 7.

YOUNG AT HEARTS COVERED DISH SUPPER ~ Saturday, September 11

after 5:00 pm mass. All parishioners over 50 are invited to attend.

Call Charlie or Cathy Boyd at 704-825-4669.



LADIES NIGHT OUT: We are going to Hickory Tavern on Wednesday, **September 15** at 6:30pm located at 1925 Hoffman Road, Gastonia. All women interested in food and fellowship are welcome! If interested in carpooling, we will leave the church parking lot at 6:10. Call Alison Nolting at 704-825-2066 to RSVP by Monday, September 13.

BINGO AND MOVIE NIGHT ~ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

~ 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!



Community Breakfast ~ Saturday, September 18 ~ 8:00-11:00am

Well kids, you're back in school & want to improve your grades. QOA has the answer. Bring your parents & teachers to our monthly breakfast. While you're having Walter's famous pancakes & sausage they can discuss how you can go from D's to A's. We have it all—the best breakfast in town, conversation with other parents and parishioners, and, of course, it's free to all.



CHOIR PRACTICE ~ WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Children and Youth Choirs will begin practices on **September 8**. Anyone interested in joining the choirs should come to practice in the church or call the Church Office at 704-825-9600 or email Chrissy Glisson at qoamusic@aol.com. Children practice from 6:00-6:30; Youth practice from 6:45-7:20; Adults practice from 7:30-9:00.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is a service being offered by Catholic Social Services in cooperation with Queen of the Apostles Church. This group is intended to provide peer support for adults who have experienced a recent death of a loved one. Groups are scheduled to be held every two weeks on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm located at Queen of Apostles **Education Building**, Room F. The next meeting is **September 8 at 7:00pm**. There is no fee and seating is limited. Please contact the church office at 704-825-9600 for information.

Community Ministries

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In September we will collect food for Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Belmont. Requested items include canned meats, stews, hearty soups. Your generosity has been the answer to a prayer for so many in our community. Thank you for your support and thanks to the Munao's for delivery each month. If you know of an organization needing our support please contact Trish Vasil at 704-648-7878.



PROVIDING FOOD ASSISTANCE WITH DIGNITY: Catholic Social Services is sponsoring a free workshop on supporting the efforts of a food pantry in your community on Tuesday, **September 14** from 12:30-3:00pm at the Pastoral Center, 1123 South Church St. in Charlotte. Attendance is free and lunch is provided, however pre-registration is required by September 3. To register, call 704-370-3232 or email sluc@charlottediocese.org.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: We are a group of women who like to knit or crochet who are making prayer shawls that will be given to parishioners who are sick or recovering and are in need of our prayers and support. If you knit or crochet (or would love to learn how) please join us. Regular meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at **10:30am** in the MAK Center Conference Room. You do not have to attend meetings to participate in our ministry. Please contact Elizabeth O'Connor at 704-825-0799 or ejocconnor81@gmail.com for additional information or to join. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 7**.

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 the prayer ministry and do not have access to a computer but have VOICE MAIL, please contact S. Bernadette through the church office. She will call you with the daily prayer requests.



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.



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.

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