Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 13
SS. Pontian & Hippolytus
4:30pm - Judy Witherow†

Sunday, August 14
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am - Jim & Addie Kenny†
11:00am - St. John Parishioners
12:30pm - Kate & Jared Pyritz

Monday, August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30am - Leslie Jackson

Tuesday, August 16
St. Stephen of Hungary
8:30am - Priest’s Intention

Wednesday, August 17
5:15pm - The Kohlbry Family

Thursday, August 18
8:30am - The Meyers Family

Friday, August 19
St. John Eudes
8:30am - Norma Rose Deziel†

Saturday, August 20
St. Bernard
4:30pm - Patricia Gold†

Sunday, August 21
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am - Frances Driscoll†
11:00am - Mr. & Mrs. Coccioletto†
12:30pm - St. John Parishioners

Confession

Monday 7:30 — 8:15am
Wednesday 4:00 — 5:00pm
Friday 7:30 — 8:15am
Saturdays 3:30 — 4:15pm

Devotions

Adoration
Wednesday at 5:45pm

Benediction
Wednesday at 6:15pm

Morning Prayer
After Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Divine Mercy Chaplet
After Monday Morning Prayer

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week for the Safety & Protection of Our Law Enforcement

Prayers for our Sick & Shut-ins
Please remember the infirmed of our parish, especially those who, by request, have been placed on our parish prayer intention list.

If you would like to be added to this list, please call the parish office. You may also call for a copy of the prayer list.
So I want you, my son, to open your mind’s eye and focus it on Christ crucified, for he is the fountain where we can drink to the full, drawing from him sweet loving desires. These are the desires I want you to pour out on the body of holy Church for God’s honor and every person’s salvation. If you do, your words and actions will become like an arrow drawn red-hot out of the fire, that wherever it is shot sets on fire everything it strikes, since it can’t help sharing what it has. So, son, think of your soul as entering the fiery furnace of divine charity, and love’s power will make you shoot out and share what you have drawn from the fire.

And what have you drawn from God in this way? Hatred and contempt for yourself, and love for virtue, and hunger for the salvation of souls and the honor of the eternal Father; for that is all that is found in this gentle Word. You see, it was for hunger that he died. So intense was that hunger that the force of love produced a sweat not of water but of drops of blood. How could a heart be so hard and stubborn as not to burst with emotion from the warmth and heat of this fire? Contemplating it, we can only be like flax stubble thrown into the fire; it can’t help burning, since it is the nature of fire to burn and to transform into itself whatever comes near it. So we, when we contemplate our Creator’s love, are drawn at once to love him and turn our affection completely to him. In him all the dampness of selfishness is dried up, and we take on the likeness of the Holy Spirit’s fire.

— St. Catherine of Siena

Saint Catherine of Siena (+ 1380), Doctor of the Church, was a Dominican, stigmatist, and papal counselor.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAILY MASS READINGS

August 14 Sun
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

August 15 Mon
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

August 16 Tue
Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

August 17 Wed
Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

August 18 Thu
Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

August 19 Fri
Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40

August 20 Sat
Ez 43:1-7a/Mt 23:1-12

August 21 Sun
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

OFFERTORY REPORT
Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 — June 30, 2017

Totals for the Masses of August 6 & 7, 2016

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August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption Please drop your Assumption offertory offering in the August 13/14 collections.

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you all for the welcome extended to Fr. Philip Ley on his recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

LET YOUR CATHOLIC VOICE BE HEARD


VISITING MISSIONARY

Fr. Joseph J. Arackal V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will be in our parish on August 20 & 21 to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all Masses and make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Congregation, a missionary sending Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation, all natives of India, are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in several countries in Africa. The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions worldwide. They need our special financial support for the training of Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. Please keep Fr. Joseph and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.
CONGRATULATIONS TO MEGAN HAYDEN
Recipient of the St. John the Baptist Scholarship

Congratulations to Megan Hayden, the recipient of the annual St. John the Baptist Scholarship ($1,000.00) for the 2016-2017 academic year. This scholarship has been funded by the Knights of Columbus for this year. The scholarship is given in honor of all Knights of Columbus, Council 9492.

Megan, the daughter of Diane and Andy Hayden, is a graduate of Landrum High School in Landrum, South Carolina. Megan will be attending USC Upstate in Spartanburg, South Carolina where she plans to major in Physical Education. As a very active four-year youth member of St. John Baptist, Megan has served our parish through numerous activities and events and has also served as a Volunteer with Totus Tuus each summer. Megan, may you always follow “the way, the truth and the life”

PRO LIFE
“...The Church always advances between the cross and the resurrection, between persecutions and the consolations of the Lord. This is the path: those who take this path do not go wrong.”
— Pope Francis, Homily on the Feast of St. George, April 23, 2013

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS
are available for Aug. 20 - 27, Sept. 3 - 10, Sept. 10 - 17, etc.
Please see Andrée in the office.

CIRCLE OF MARY IS SEPTEMBER 3RD
The Circle of Mary meets the First Saturday of each month. The rosary is recited before Mass. Mass is offered at 8:30am and we meet to support one another in prayer, right after Mass. The Circle of Mary’s mission is to pray for vocations, support parish intentions and to pray for the Pope. Come to Mass on the First Saturday of each month and meet together with coffee and light snack.

PARKING
Thank you for your care to park first in our parking lots and on the grassy area by the office driveway and in the driveway. Please continue to make sure that cars are parked off the street so as to allow easy travel for our neighbors and emergency vehicles. Also, please do not park on Hillside Court so our neighbors have easy access to their homes. We are still working on other parking options and now are awaiting the soil testing to see what is possible. Thank you for your patience.
With gratitude and prayer,
Fr. Arnsparger

ANNUAL DIOCESAN 25TH & 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS — NOVEMBER 6TH
St. John Neumann Church, Charlotte, NC
Deadline to register is September 16th
Is this your year? Couples married 25 or 50 years this year will be honored at a 2:00pm Anniversary Mass at St. John Neumann, followed by a reception. Contact Sherill B eason at 704-370-3228 or sabeason@charlottediocese.org.

AUGUST 14TH — 9:30AM
YOUTH GROUP, SOCIAL HALL
Our featured speakers will focus on seeking to anchor ourselves to the two pillars of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Special note: The first class relic of St. Padre Pio and St. Faustina will be displayed. The featured Speakers are Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone; Fr. Bill Casey, CPM, The Fathers of Mercy; Fr. Larry Richards, The Reason for Our Hope Foundation; Tom Peterson, Catholics Come Home; Tim Staples, Catholic Answers. For more information call: 864-354-7160.

General Admission: $65, Youth: $35. All are required to register by Oct. 23rd. A buffet dinner on Friday and a buffet lunch on Saturday are included in the registration fee.

Where: Hilton Hotel, Greenville, S.C.

Schedule:

**Friday, November 4**
- Doors open - 2:30 p.m.
- Sacrament of Confession - 2:50 p.m.
- Mass - 5:00 p.m.
- Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
- Conference talks
- Meet & Greet the Speakers - 8:50 p.m.

**Saturday, November 5**
- Doors open - 7:45 a.m.
- Conference talks, lunch, Confessions
- Mass - 5:40 p.m.
- Closing Marks - 6:40 p.m.
FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH GROUP
- Sunday, August 14
  Youth Breakfast w/ Fr. Arnsparger
- Friday/Saturday, September 9/10
  Eucharistic Congress—Family event—youth encourage your families to attend
- Sunday, September 18
  Youth Breakfast w/ Fr. Arnsparger

Words of Saintly Wisdom for your summer prayer life...
“It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.” ---St John Paul II

ATTENTION ALL FAITH FORMATION PARENTS
- Faith Formation Classes will begin in September 2016 for Grades 1st-8th.
- All FF families must be registered active members of the parish; and all new enrollees must present a certified copy of their Baptismal Certificate at the time of enrollment.
- Enrollment/Registration: After each Sunday Mass next weekend August 20 and 21st.
- All candidates for Confirmation (rising 8th graders) must present their Sponsor’s Name and Sponsor Certificate at time of enrollment.

RCIA CLASSES - AUGUST 22ND
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) classes will begin on Monday, August 22 at 7pm. Due to the numbers of individuals attending, RCIA will meet in the church social hall. Several materials will be provided for the class; however, each participant is asked to bring a Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC).

We have a few Holy Bibles, Revised Standard Version, Catholic edition and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (5 currently) for sale in our parish’s Catholic Shoppe. You may also find Bibles and the CCC online. The CCC comes in paperback—small (white cover) or large (green cover). Any questions, contact Suanne Then at suannethen@gmail.com or Theresa Fitch at stjohnff@windstream.net.

FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT/REGISTRATION 2016-2017
August 20 & 21, 2016—after each Mass
If you are a NEW family to St. John the Baptist Church, and or you have a child entering First Grade (public school or home school) this fall, please contact Theresa Fitch in the parish office to place your family’s name and address on the “FF registration list” for this coming year of Faith Formation Classes. NOTE: All families must be registered with the parish prior to enrollment in Faith Formation Classes—please contact Andrée Harrison in the parish office to register with the parish. Faith Formation Registration/Enrollment will take place in the weekend of August 20-21, 2016. Registration/enrollment forms will be available after the Sunday Vigil Mass, August 20th and all masses on Sunday, August 21.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Genesis 2, Chapters 12-50
Thursday, August 18th
Please note change in date of first class. The Women’s Bible Study will continue with Genesis 2 starting Thursday, August 18 at 10:00am in the Social Hall. This study will help you to understand Jesus and the Gospel better. You will encounter that infinitely tender love of God for humanity and observe his relentless initiative to do whatever it takes for men to know and love him as he originally intended, demonstrating that nothing will impede God's plan for his creation. The book for the class, Genesis II: God and His Family, by Gayle Somers and Sarah Christmyer, is available at Amazon. In addition, a few things to bring with you to class: Bible, catechism (CCC) and a friend!
Please feel free to call Suanne Then for more information.
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That in all things God may be Glorified