

THE LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21

4:30pm - Edwina Brodzinski†

Sunday, January 22

8:30am - Eugene Layman†

11:00am - Carl Foerster†

12:30pm - Pro Populo

Monday, January 23

8:30am - Morning Prayer

- The Davis Family

Tuesday, January 24

8:30am - Morning Prayer

- No Mass Intention

Wednesday, January 25

5:15pm - Rosy Schlueter

Thursday, January 26

8:30am - Evelyn G. Greashader†

Friday, January 27

8:30am - Eugene Layman†

Saturday, January 28

4:30pm - Edwina Brodzinski†

CONFESSION

Wednesdays from 6:00 - 6:30pm

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm

**“Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away
the sin of the world.”**

~St. John the Baptist (John 1:29)



DEVOTIONS

ADORATION

Wednesday at 5:45pm

MORNING PRAYER

After Mass on Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

After Morning Prayer on Monday

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Are lit this week for

Carl Foerster †

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.

*Added to the Prayer List is
Deacon Joe*

If you would like to be added to this list, please call the parish office.

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SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL READING



MARK 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.



CONVERSION OF PAUL, APOSTLE JANUARY 25

FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST, PAUL BORE EVERY BURDEN

Paul, more than anyone else, has shown us what man really is, and in what our nobility consists, and of what virtue this particular animal is capable. Each day he aimed ever higher; each day he rose up with greater ardour and faced with new eagerness the dangers that threatened him. He summed up his attitude in the words: I forget what is behind me and push on to what lies ahead. When he saw death imminent, he bade others share his joy: Rejoice and be glad with me! And when danger, injustice and abuse threatened, he said: I am content with weakness, mistreatment and persecution. These he called the weapons of righteousness, thus telling us that he derived immense profit from them.

Thus, amid the traps set for him by his enemies, with exultant heart he turned their every attack into a victory for himself; constantly beaten, abused and cursed, he boasted of it as though he were celebrating a triumphal procession and taking trophies home, and offered thanks to God for it all: Thanks be to God who is always victorious in us! This is why he was far more eager for the shameful abuse that his zeal in preaching brought upon him than we are for the most pleasing honours, more eager for death than we are for life, for poverty than we are for wealth; he yearned for toil far more than others yearn for rest after toil. The one thing he feared, indeed dreaded, was to offend God; nothing else could sway him. Therefore, the only thing he really wanted was always to please God.

The most important thing of all to him, however, was that he knew himself to be loved by Christ. Enjoying this love, he considered himself happier than anyone else; were he without it, it would be no satisfaction to be the friend of principalities and powers. He preferred to be thus loved and be the least of all, or even to be among the damned, than to be without that love and be among the great and honoured.

To be separated from that love was, in his eyes, the greatest and most extraordinary of torments; the pain of that loss would alone have been hell, and endless, unbearable torture.

So too, in being loved by Christ he thought of himself as possessing life, the world, the angels, present and future, the kingdom, the promise and countless blessings. Apart from that love nothing saddened or delighted him; for nothing earthly did he regard as bitter or sweet.

Paul set no store by the things that fill our visible world, any more than a man sets value on the withered grass of the field. As for tyrannical rulers or the people enraged against him, he paid them no more heed than gnats. Death itself and pain and whatever torments might come were but child's play to him, provided that thereby he might bear some burden for the sake of Christ.

**Excerpt from The Office of Readings
From a homily by St. John Chrysostom, bishop**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you or anyone you know is homebound or hospitalized, even temporarily, please call the office so that we may arrange for them to be visited by one of our Extraordinary Ministers.

With your help we can make certain everyone is taken care of. Thank you!

For sacramental emergencies, please call 828-859-9574, ext. 6

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

A BIBLE STUDY BASED ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK WILL BEGIN THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH AT 7:00PM IN THE CHURCH SOCIAL HALL.

The text being used is: CATHOLIC COMMENTARY ON SACRED SCRIPTURE: THE GOSPEL OF MARK by Mary Healy. The book is available at Amazon. Mary Healy, (STD) Pontifical Gregorian University, is a senior fellow at the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.



The Gospel of Mark is the shortest Gospel but packed with vivid narratives and fast paced action. It is also the Gospel for this liturgical year. This study will take us through Lent and hopefully deepen our faith through a personal encounter with the Word of God Himself, Jesus the Messiah.

Other material needed for class: The Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Any questions call Suanne Then at: 864-457-2554 or email at: sktrft@windstream.net.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

JANUARY 7TH & 8TH

\$6,338.84

COMBINED MISSION COLLECTION

\$2,332.25

‘An official asked him this question, ‘Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’...When Jesus heard this he said to him, ‘There is still one thing left for you; sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’” -Luke 18:18, 21-23

ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

If you are 18 years or older and volunteer in any capacity within the parish, then you must follow Diocesan policies regarding volunteers. IF you have any questions, please contact Theresa Fitch in the Parish Office to update your volunteer status.

However, if you know that you **NEED TO ATTEND *Protecting God’s Children Training***... and you have not done so already then please go to **Virtusonline.org** and follow the prompts to register for other live training offered in this area.

Thank you for your ministry, service and cooperation.

MASS INTENTIONS PROCEDURE

In order that Mass Intentions may be accurately recorded and accounted for, they must be made in person during office hours. If you are homebound, please call and we can help you secure a Mass time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



WILL YOU OFFER YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS TO OUR CHURCH?

We are a small group of musicians who would dearly appreciate some help. Cantors, choir members, musicians... please prayerfully consider joining us, even if only for special occasions.

Please call Diane Nelson, Administrator of Sacred Music, at: 828-899-7329.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS....

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, February 18, 2012

5:30 PM Social Hall

Family Life and St John's Youth proudly present "A Taste of Italy" on Saturday, February 18, 2012—come out and enjoy a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner and fellowship! The menu will be Bread & Salad, Spaghetti with Authentic home-made Italian Sauce followed by Italian Desserts. Youth will sell tickets after the masses on the weekend of February 11th and 12th. Tickets may also be purchased in the office starting Wednesday, February 8, 2012. One seating—100 tickets



Tickets: Adults -- \$ 7 Children -- \$4
Wine & Beer will be offered for \$2

"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2012

- The number of Americans living in poverty is the highest it has been in 52 years.
- When the economy goes down, the number of people seeking help from the nation's food banks goes up.
- Donations to food banks slow down after the holidays even though the need never goes away.
- Over 48 million Americans, including 16 million children, live on the edge of hunger. *source: U.S. Census Bureau data*

St John's YOUTH, as part of *Souper Bowl of Caring*, will hold soup pots outside church doors **the weekend of February 4th & 5th**. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. The Youth will be donating ALL FUNDS to Catholic Social Services' Food Pantry in Asheville.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Please note that when a regularly scheduled Mass cannot be celebrated here, Fr. Winslow will offer the previously requested intention at a private Mass.

PARISH LIFE AT A GLANCE

Mon	Jan 23	6:30pm	Schola Choir Practice, Church
Tue	Jan 24	6:30pm	Schola Choir Practice, Church
Wed	Jan 25	6:00pm 6:00pm	Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center RCIA, Social Hall
Thur	Jan 26	7:00pm	Bible Study of St. Mark, Social Hall
Fri	Jan 27	—	—
Sat	Jan 28	—	—



FAITH FORMATION / ETC...

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2012...

Youth Group Calendar 2012...

Sunday, January 22nd	5:30 to 7:00 PM
Sunday, January 29th	5:00 to 7:00 PM
Sat/Sun Feb 4th & 5th	Souper Bowl of Caring
Sunday, February 5th	NO Youth Group
Saturday, Feb 11th	7:00AM FemCare
Sunday, Feb 12th	5:15PM The Passion/Radix
Saturday, Feb 18th	Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, Feb 19th	5:30 to 7:00 PM
Sunday, Feb 26th	5:30 to 7:00 PM



Please note—these are the “dates” most up to date—stay flexible ☺



YEAR END STATEMENTS

If you are interested in receiving a statement of your 2011 donations to the church, please call the office and speak to Kelli Wood or send a request by email to kgwood@charlottediocese.org. Please make sure you include your name, address (where you want the information sent) and phone number, in your email.

The Parish Office has new telephone extensions, that are not yet updated on our bulletin cover.

Our new voicemail extensions are:

Fr. Winslow - ext. 5

Andrée Harrison - Parish Office - ext. 2

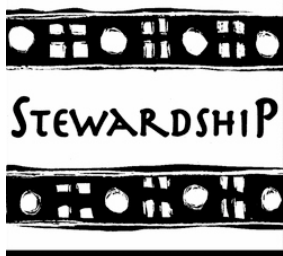
Theresa Fitch - Faith Formation - ext. 3

Kelli Wood - Bookkeeper - ext. 4

Our phone number remains the same at 828-859-9574.



THIS WEEKEND: JANUARY 21 – 22, 2012



This weekend will be an opportunity to commit, recommit or consider new areas of involvement in your stewardship of time and talent to the parish. Please give the matter prayerful consideration.

Stewardship is a way of life... It is a comprehensive concept, recognizing that we respond to God's generosity, not because we have to, but because God's own goodness draws us to respond. Every good thing we have - even our very lives - comes to us from God.

Stewardship extends to all facets of life: how we care for and use our time and talents, how we care for and use the goods of nature and how we care for and use the treasures we have been given, whatever those treasures may be. Jesus reminds us that God will not be outdone in generosity and that any sacrifice we make in His service will be rewarded 100-fold in this life and eternal life in the next.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSION... "GREAT LOVE IS EXPRESSED WITH GREAT SACRIFICE"

featuring Doug Barry of RADIX and music by Eric Genuis.

Coming to St. Barnabas Church in Arden on Sunday, February 12, 2012 @ 6:30PM. This powerful meditation is open to the public free of charge. Bring a friend and experience the Passion of our Lord, and its timelessness in relation to our time today. The meditation will follow a talk by Doug Barry of Radix on the role of men in the family and society. Music will be provided by concert pianist and composer Eric Genuis. Note: The Passion is appropriate for adults and teens.

CIRCLE OF MARY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

Rosary at 9:10 Mass at 9:30
10:00 to 11:00 Gathering and refreshments
in church social hall.

All women welcome for a group discussion of the book, *The End Of The Present World* by Father Charles Arminjon.

"Reading this book was one of the
greatest graces of my life!"
— St. Thérèse of Lisieux



The Food Bank Collection is February 4th & 5th

Please bring your canned goods and/or donate by way of the Second Collection at Masses.

Thank you from Thermal Belt Outreach

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC NEWS & HERALD ON FEBRUARY 4TH & 5TH

If you have offertory envelopes, please look for the yellow envelope provided.

2012 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED...

AND WE STILL HAVE SEVERAL BOXES OF ENVELOPES THAT NEED TO BE PICKED UP.

Everyone who received Offertory Envelopes last year has a new 2012 box with YOUR NAME ON THE BOX. Please come to the Parish Office during office hours to pick up your envelopes. **If you did not receive offertory envelopes last year and want them for 2012** contact Kelli Wood in the Parish Office.

*Please patronize the businesses that advertise
in our Church bulletin and offer us
their support.*

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 30th
Holy Cross Episcopal Church from 12:30 - 5:00
Call 894-2700 for an appointment.

CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Sons, Fathers, Husbands, Brothers, Men! – Join us for the 2nd Annual Catholic Men's Conference, Being a True Catholic Man. The conference will be on Saturday, February 18, 2012, at St. Matthew Catholic Church from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Peter J. Jugis, and a dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled, including Hector Molina, nationally renown speaker and evangelist. Fr. Glenn Sudano former superior and one of the founders of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will speak as well.

Advance ticket price is \$35 for adults, with discounts available for seniors and students. Price includes breakfast and lunch. For registration please visit our website at www.clctmc.org or contact Dan Trapini at daniel_trapini@bellsouth.net.