

THE LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28

4:30pm - Edwina Brodzinski†

Sunday, January 29

8:30am - Eugene Layman†

11:00am - Rosy Schlueter

12:30pm - Pro Populo

Monday, January 30

8:30am - Rosy Schlueter

Tuesday, January 31

8:30am - No Mass Intention

Wednesday, February 1

5:15pm - Carl Foerster†

Thursday, February 2

8:30am - The Kohlbry Family

Friday, February 3

8:30am - The Meyers Family

Saturday, February 4

9:30am - Pro Populo

4:30pm - Vincent Witherow†

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

The Lynch Family

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.

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SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL READING



MARK 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2

LET US RECEIVE THE LIGHT WHOSE BRILLIANCE IS ETERNAL

In honor of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light.

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.

The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet him.

The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness. This, then is our feast, and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God.

The true light has come, the light that enlightens every man who is born into this world. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendor, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendor.

Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally received him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in its honor.

**Excerpt from The Office of Readings
From a sermon by St. Sophronius, 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 class, based on the Gospel of Mark, began this past Thursday, January 26, 2012. You may still join in the class. The class will meet on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Social Hall of the church. 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 would 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.

STILL LOOKING... 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.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

JANUARY 21ST & 22ND

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‘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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE HELD FROM 9:00AM TO 6:00PM THIS FRIDAY

REMINDER: Each Adorer is requested to arrive 5 minutes before your assigned hour. When signing up, please include your cell phone number and make a note of the cell phone number of the person you are replacing in case you are delayed.

If you are delayed, please call the person preceding you, 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time to inform that person you will be late.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPAGHETTI DINNER

SATURDAY,

FEBRUARY 18, 2012

5:30PM SOCIAL HALL

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

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 fun fellowship! The menu will be Bread & Salad, Spaghetti with Authentic homemade Italian Sauce followed by Italian Desserts. Beer and Wine will be available for purchase. 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 only—100 tickets!



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



St John's YOUTH, as part of *Souper Bowl of Caring*, will hold soup pots outside church doors **next weekend -- 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.

PARISH LIFE AT A GLANCE

Mon	Jan 30	6:30pm	Schola Choir Practice, Church
Tue	Jan 31	6:30pm	Schola Choir Practice, Church
Wed	Feb 1	6:00pm 6:00pm	Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center RCIA, Social Hall
Thur	Feb 2	7:00pm	Bible Study of St. Mark, Social Hall
Fri	Feb 3	9am - 6pm	First Friday Adoration, Church
Sat	Feb 4	9:00am 10:00am	First Saturday Mass Circle of Mary, Social Hall



FAITH FORMATION / ETC...

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2012...

Please note we meet @ 5:00 PM this week. ☺

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



NOTE:—these are the “dates” most up to date—stay flexible ☺



10TH ANNUAL IGNITED BY TRUTH CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FEB 24-25, 2012 NC STATE FAIRGROUNDS, RALEIGH

Raymond Arroyo, Host of EWTN's "The World Over Live"
Michael Barber, Ph.D. Professor of Theology, Scripture, & Catholic Thought
Dr. Philip Mango, Catholic Psychotherapist
Sister Miriam James Heidland, Former Volleyball Star
John W. Garcia, Founder of Sober for Christ
Mario St. Francis, Fashion Model on a Mission
Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Vigil Mass Celebrant and Homilist

FREE Friday Night “Discover the Catholic Church” including Praise & Worship Music and talks in English and Spanish. Early Registration Discounts for full program Saturday: Adults \$25 (groups of 5 or more), Individuals \$35, Students(age 10+) \$20, including Lunch! After Feb 5, prices increase to \$45/Adult, \$25/Student. Gift Certificates available! Who will you invite? Questions: (919) 789-11BT www.IgnitedByTruth.com

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CSS GALA FOR HOPE

Catholic Social Services invites you to the Gala for Hope Saturday, February 18 at the Crowne Plaza Expo Center. You can support CSS with your attendance and by bidding on silent auction items as well as live auction experiences. You will enjoy a delightful dinner and music provided by Scott Raines and the Common Saints band. To make reservations or register your sponsorship, go to www.cssnc.org <<http://www.cssnc.org/>>, click on Gala for Hope and follow the prompts, or contact Holly Carter at 255-0146 ext. 12 or hscarter@charlottediocese.org <<mailto:hscarter@charlottediocese.org>>

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.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 30th

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

CIRCLE OF MARY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

- ◆ Rosary at 9:10 ◆ Mass at 9:30
- ◆ 10:00 — 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 Fr. Charles Arminjon.

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



2012 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED...

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.

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.

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 renowned 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.cltcmc.org or contact Dan Trapini at daniel_trapini@bellsouth.net.