

THE LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 7

4:30pm - Marie Witherow†

Sunday, January 8

8:30am - Antoinette Chite†

11:00am - John Menning†

12:30pm - Pro Populo

Monday, January 9

8:30am - Paula Hebert†

Tuesday, January 10

8:30am - No Mass Intention

Wednesday, January 11

5:15pm - Helen† & Lee† Davis

Thursday, January 12

8:30am - Floyd Winn†

Friday, January 13

8:30am - Andy Barry†

Saturday, January 14

4:30pm - Marie Frasca†

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 Davis 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.

*Added to our prayer list is
Anna Winn*

*Please pray for the repose of
the soul of Regina Hersey*

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



JOHN 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" - which translated means Teacher -, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" - which is translated Christ -. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" - which is translated Peter.



We have found the Messiah

SAINT OF THE WEEK • JANUARY 13 HILARY, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

I am well aware, almighty God and Father, that in my life I owe you a most particular duty. It is to make my every thought and word speak of you.

In fact, you have conferred on me this gift of speech, and it can yield no greater return than to be at your service. It is for making you known as Father, the Father of the only-begotten God, and preaching this to the world that knows you not and to the heretics who refuse to believe in you.

In this matter the declaration of my intention is only of limited value. For the rest, I need to pray for the gift of your help and your mercy. As we spread our sails of trusting faith and public avowal before you, fill them with the breath of your Spirit, to drive us on as we begin this course of proclaiming your truth. We have been promised, and he who made the promise is trustworthy: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Yes, in our poverty we will pray for our needs. We will study the sayings of your prophets and apostles with unflagging attention, and knock for admittance wherever the gift of understanding is safely kept. But yours it is, Lord, to grant our petitions, to be present when we seek you and to open when we knock.

There is an inertia in our nature that makes us dull; and in our attempt to penetrate your truth we are held within the bounds of ignorance by the weakness of our minds. Yet we do comprehend divine ideas by earnest attention to your teaching and by obedience to the faith which carries us beyond mere human apprehension.

So we trust in you to inspire the beginnings of this ambitious venture, to strengthen its progress, and to call us into a partnership in the spirit with the prophets and the apostles. To that end, may we grasp precisely what they meant to say, taking each word in its real and authentic sense. For we are about to say what they already have declared as part of the mystery of revelation: that you are the eternal God, the Father of the eternal, only-begotten God; that you are one and not born from another; and that the Lord Jesus is also one, born of you from all eternity. We must not proclaim a change in truth regarding the number of gods. We must not deny that he is begotten of you who are the one God; nor must we assert that he is other than the true God, born of you who are truly God the Father.

Impart to us, then, the meaning of the words of Scripture and the light to understand it, with reverence for the doctrine and confidence in its truth. Grant that we may express what we believe. Through the prophets and apostles we know about you, the one God the Father, and the one Lord Jesus Christ. May we have the grace, in the face of heretics who deny you, to honor you as God, who is not alone, and to proclaim this as truth.

**Excerpt from *The Office of Readings*
From a sermon *On the Trinity* by St. Hilary, 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

2012 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED

Everyone who received Offertory Envelopes last year has a new 2012 box with YOUR NAME ON THE BOX. The boxes are in the Church Social Hall, arranged in ALPHABETICAL order. Please pick up only the envelope box with your name on it. **IF** there is no box with your name and you wish to receive Offertory Envelopes, contact Kelli Wood in the Parish Office.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION DECEMBER 31ST & JANUARY 1ST \$6,231.00

“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth, by fulfilling, as he has now done, the covenant which he swore to your fathers.

—Deuteronomy 9:18

JANUARY 15TH • SECOND COMBINED COLLECTION



The Combined Mission Collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level. Please take the time to read the brochure sent to you by Msgr. West, give prayerful thought to your level of participation and respond with a generous contribution. The envelope for this collection can be found in your parish envelope packet.

Bulletin deadlines are Wednesdays by 12:00 noon, in writing. Please submit announcements to stjohnchurch@windstream.net, attn Bulletin, or bring to the Parish Office.

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number or e-mail address, please call Andrée in the Parish Office at 828-859-9574, with your updated information. Thanks!

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



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.



NOTES FROM THE LOFT...



The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts continues a venerable tradition in the Church. This Proclamation originated in a time when most people did not have ready access to a calendar. It served a very important practical purpose in an age when the date of Easter not only determined religious observances, but also shaped the calendar of civil life and even the legal system. The Proclamation is a matter-of-fact recital of the moveable feasts for the coming year, beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing with Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and the First Sunday of Advent.

The Epiphany Proclamation, however, is about more than just dates. During Christmas time, as we mark the birth of Christ, we also celebrate the beginning of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's saving Passion, Death and Resurrection. We will hear the Good News in this Proclamation of continuous unfolding of the Paschal Mystery in the lives through the liturgy of the Church.

The chant setting for this most matter- of- fact Proclamation is appropriately a simple and familiar tone, which allows the listener to focus on the text. The rubrics indicate that this should be chanted, by a deacon or cantor, from the ambo after the Gospel reading and before the homily and, if not chanted, it should be omitted.

Proclamations for Christmas, Epiphany and Easter, LTP publisher

The Sunday liturgies of the Epiphany will hear this Epiphany Proclamation, "according to ancient tradition."

PARISH LIFE AT A GLANCE

Mon	Jan 9	6:30pm	Schola Choir Practice, Church
Tue	Jan 10	6:30pm	Schola Choir Practice, Church
Wed	Jan 11	6:00pm 6:00pm	Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center RCIA, Social Hall
Thur	Jan 12	—	—
Fri	Jan 13	—	—
Sat	Jan 14	9:00am	K of C Business Meeting, Social Hall



FAITH FORMATION



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2012...

Sunday, January 8th 5:30 to 7:00PM

Sunday, January 15th NO YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, January 22nd 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 29th 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Note: Times subject to change as events are scheduled.

"Come, and your every sacrifice will be repaid in heaven, because Jesus Christ promises that everything we do for the poor in His name, we do for Him. You do not want to deny Christ this love, He whose infinite love for humanity gave Himself to us in the sacrament of the Eucharist, as our Comforter and the Bread of Life."

—Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassiti

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

"Do this in Memory of Me: Building a culture of holiness and salvation—with faith, reason, grace and excellence in virtue."

Diocesan Faith Formation Theme for 2011--2012

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME THIS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11, 2012—6:00 to 7:00 PM

Please arrive at least 5 minutes prior to class so that classes may start on time. We ask all parents and youth to practice safety at all times during drop off and pick up times. Please help to keep our children safe.

Theresa D. Fitch, DRE

ATTENTION ALL 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 church 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!

REPORTING MINISTRY-RELATED ABUSE OF A MINOR

All cases of alleged, known or suspected ministry related sexual abuse of a minor must be reported to the proper civil authority. Any person having actual knowledge of, or reasonable cause to suspect an incident of ministry related sexual abuse by any church personnel of the Diocese of Charlotte is to immediately report the incident to the Chancery, unless to do so would violate the Sacrament of Penance. The Chancery will then report the incident to the proper civil authority.

After notifying the proper civil authority, the Chancery will immediately notify the Assistance Coordinator, the Promoter of Justice, and the Review Board. Following this, the individual reporting the incident to the Chancery will be notified of the particulars regarding the filing of the incident with the civil authority.

This reporting requirement is not intended to supersede the right of a victim or witness to individually make a report to public authorities, but is to ensure proper, complete and timely reporting to the proper civil authority. At the time of reporting, the diocese will request to be kept informed as to the progress of that authority's investigation.

Should an individual choose to make a report to civil authorities, the requirement to make a report to the Chancery is not removed.

You may make a report of sexual misconduct by calling the Chancery at 704-370-6299, or by writing to: Chancellor Diocese of Charlotte PO Box 36776, Charlotte, NC 28236.

At the time of reporting an incident alleged sexual misconduct to the Chancery, the person making the report will be asked to complete the diocesan form: Report of Suspected Ministry Related Sexual Misconduct by Church Personnel.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Food Bank Collection is January 7th & 8th

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

Your generosity is appreciated.

Thank you from Thermal Belt Outreach

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.

"ALIVE IN THE PROMISE"

—Mark your calendars now for a wonderful opportunity!

"ALIVE IN THE PROMISE"— will be held at Immaculate Conception in Hendersonville on April 21, 2012. This workshop will be from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Guest presenter Joe Paprocki, D.Min, is a National Consultant for Faith Formation @ Loyola Press. Mr. Paprocki will present in the morning and the afternoon on "Catholic Identity". Workshop & Registration details TBA. *If you are interested, contact Theresa Fitch in the Parish Office.*



INVITATION FROM BISHOP PETER JUGIS



This year, men from the Diocese of Charlotte are organizing the 2nd Annual Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference, "Being a True Catholic Man". The theme is "Take Courage" and will be held February 18th from 8:00am until 4:30pm at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy., Charlotte.

During the day, in addition to national and local speakers, participants can receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and attend Mass at 11:00am celebrated by Bishop Jugis. The mission of the conference is to focus on the sacraments and feature national Catholic speakers who pointedly challenge participants to grow in their Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and live up to their callings as Catholic men, husbands and fathers. The organizing of the event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for both Knights and non-Knights. The Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference is an important evangelizing effort in our diocese.

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

6TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE CHARLOTTE! JANUARY 13, 2012

The 6th Annual March for Life Charlotte will be on Friday, January 13, 2012. The Mass for the Unborn will be offered at St. Peter Catholic Church at 9:00 am. The march will begin at noon from the Pastoral Center at 1123 S. Church St. in Charlotte. Fr. Hayden Augustine, Vicar General of the Missionaries of the Poor, will be the main celebrant for Holy Mass and our guest preacher at the march. For parking and details go to: www.marchforlifecharlotte.org. Please come and stand up for God's precious infants!

*Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies' lives!
See schedule details at www.marchforlifecharlotte.org*