

THE LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 17

4:30pm - William Greenawalt†

Sunday, September 18

8:30am - Jim Kenny†

11:00am - Kerry Franklin

12:30pm - The People

Monday, September 19

8:30am - Heather Bain

Tuesday, September 20

8:30am - No Mass Intention

Wednesday, September 21

5:15pm - Mary Ryan

Thursday, September 22

8:30am - Elizabeth Kurtz†

Friday, September 23

8:30am - Jerry Wood

Saturday, September 24

No Regularly Scheduled Mass

- Edwina Brodzinski†

Sunday, September 25

8:30am - Carter Stevens

11:00am - Christie Bethard

12:30pm - The People

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:30pm

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:15pm

*(No regularly scheduled
Confession on Sept. 24)*

**“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
Tonya & Keith McAdam

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



MATTHEW 20:1-16a

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."



SAINT OF THE WEEK • SEPTEMBER 21 MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him: Follow me. Jesus saw Matthew, not merely in the usual sense, but more significantly with his merciful understanding of men.

He saw the tax collector and, because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him, he said to him: Follow me. This following meant imitating the pattern of his life – not just walking after him. St. John tells us: Whoever says he abides in Christ ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

And he rose and followed him. There is no reason for surprise that the tax collector abandoned earthly wealth as soon as the Lord commanded him. Nor should one be amazed that neglecting his wealth, he joined a band of men whose leader had, on Matthew's assessment, no riches at all. Our Lord summoned Matthew by speaking to him in words. By an invisible, interior impulse flooding his mind with the light of grace, he instructed him to walk in his footsteps. In this way Matthew could understand that Christ, who was summoning him away from earthly possessions, had incorruptible treasures of heaven in his gift.

As he sat at table in the house, behold many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. This conversion of one tax collector gave many men, those from his own profession and other sinners, an example of repentance and pardon. Notice also the happy and true anticipation of his future status as apostle and teacher of the nations. No sooner was he converted than Matthew drew after him a whole crowd of sinners along the same road to salvation. He took up his appointed duties while still taking his first steps in the faith, and from that hour he fulfilled his obligation and thus grew in merit. To see a deeper understanding of the great celebration Matthew held at his house, we must realise that he not only gave a banquet for the Lord at his earthly residence, but far more pleasing was the banquet set in his own heart which he provided through faith and love. Our Saviour attests to this: Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

On hearing Christ's voice, we open the door to receive him, as it were, when we freely assent to his promptings and when we give ourselves over to doing what must be done. Christ, since he dwells in the hearts of his chosen ones through the grace of his love, enters so that he might eat with us and we with him. He ever refreshes us by the light of his presence insofar as we progress in our devotion to and longing for the things of heaven. He himself is delighted by such a pleasing banquet.

Excerpt from The Office of Readings
From a homily by St. Bede the Venerable, priest

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 828-859-2422.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS COLLECTION

Our parish received \$2,900 in contributions to the Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection last week. We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners. Our assessment is \$10,651. Those who were unable to give last week may still put a contribution in the regular collection any time. There are additional envelopes available in the parish office for those who did not receive one in the mail.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 10TH & 11TH

\$6,797.00

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

—1 Peter 4:10



Faith Formation Classes 2011-2012

MEET on WEDNESDAYS

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

FACEBOOK

To keep up with the **latest news and information** in real time, join our Facebook page by visiting our web site, and selecting the "Join us on Facebook" tab.

Try to guess the Facebook Mystery Person picture & win a prize!

RCIA

RCIA class will meet this Monday, September 19th @ 7:00 PM in the church social hall. NOTE: RCIA classes will move to WEDNESDAYS starting September 28th. RCIA time will change...classes will meet 6:00PM to 7:30 PM starting September 28th. Any questions, please contact Theresa in the church office.

MASS INTENTIONS • NEW 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.

The Sanctuary Lights are available for the week of September 24 through October 1. If you are interested, please come to the Parish Office. The suggested donation is \$20.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Meeting for Ushers

NEXT Sunday, September 25th @ 9:45 AM

We invite all USHERS, who are currently serving in this ministry, to attend a meeting in the church with Fr. Winslow on Sunday, September 25th between the Masses @ 9:45 AM. If you cannot attend, please contact Theresa Fitch in the church office @ stjohnff@windstream.net or 859-9574 ext 3. *Thank you.*

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!

PARISH EVENTS



Dear Parishioners,

I hope all had a wonderful Centennial Feast and Procession last weekend. By all accounts it was a great success! For this I must thank and congratulate everyone in the parish. From simply spreading the word to heavy lifting, everyone seemed to be involved in one way or another.

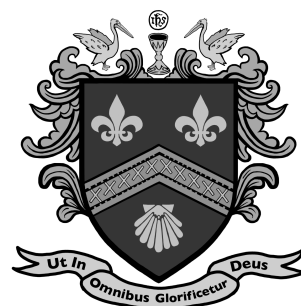
As I mentioned last week at the beginning of the homily, I was deeply gratified to hear that so many non-Catholics felt welcomed, had the opportunity to come to know our faith and us a little better, all the while having a good time and some great food.

I hope everyone had the opportunity to see the new concrete tables/seating connected by a welcoming brick pathway in the area between the church and the parish offices. On Sunday, October 23 between the morning masses this area will be blessed and memorialized as our Centennial Grove and will officially conclude our yearlong centennial celebration.

I am pleased to announce that the Solemn Procession and Italian Feast will be an annual event. This will take place every year Friday and Saturday after Labor Day, following the late August Feast of St. John the Baptist. (And no, it is not too early to pray for good weather!) Not only will the centennial generation of our parish have left behind the beautiful Centennial Pavilion and Grove, we will have also passed down a parish and community tradition. I have no doubt that in short order this event will also serve as a successful annual parish fundraiser.

May our holy patron St. John the Baptist watch over you,

Fr. Winslow



NOTICE: On September 24th, there will be no regularly scheduled Confession nor Vigil Mass, in lieu of the Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte. All are invited to attend the congress.

PARISH LIFE AT A GLANCE

Mon	Sept 19	2:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Tyron Estates Mass Schola Choir Practice, Church RCIA, Social Hall
Tue	Sept 20	6:30pm	Schola Choir Practice, Church
Wed	Sept 21		
Thur	Sept 22		
Fri	Sept 23		EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, CHARLOTTE
Sat	Sept 24		EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, CHARLOTTE
Sun	Sept 25	9:45am	Usher Meeting, Church



PARISH & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Translation of the Roman Missal —FREE Online Presentation—

As you know, we will begin to use the chants for the new translations for the Holy Mass this Sunday, September 11th. In addition to the new booklets in the pews, our parish has partnered with *My Catholic Faith Delivered* to offer training on the new translation of the Roman Missal. This online course is provided to all parishioners, courtesy of the parish. Each of the four lessons can be completed in about 15 minutes of time. Video presentations are delivered by some of the major leaders in the translation of the new Roman Missal including Msgr. James Moroney, Fr. Jonathan Gaspar, Cardinal George Pell, Cardinal Francis George and others. The presentations and additional materials assist Catholics in understanding the Why, the How, and the What of the upcoming changes.

In order to register for the course:

- Go to www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com
- Click on the SIGN-UP button in the top right of your browser.
- Type in your name, email address and the coupon code in this announcement.
- Coupon Code for St John Parishioners: **1073-MC-NT-7ZT6**
- We suggest you use a number and a symbol in your password.
- After your account is created, sign in and click on the My Curriculum button to see the course on the left hand side.
- Click on the *My Catholic Faith Delivered* entry to expand the course.
- Click on *The New Translation* and then one of the lessons.
- Finally, click on the Start Lesson button to begin.

If you have general questions, please call Theresa in the church office (859-9574). If you have any questions or problems related to the course, please call My Catholic Faith Delivered toll-free at 1-866-981-8964 or email them at support@mycatholicfaithdelivered.com.

Youth Group Meets TONIGHT! Sunday, September 18th 5:30 to 7:00 PM—Parish Center



All high school youth (9th –12th Grade) are invited to be part of YOUTH GROUP! Every year is a new year so if you missed one or two years—no problem! Simply come out and join us for our first meeting of the new year. We will have pizza for dinner and get to know one other. Youth Group will MEET in the CHURCH @ 5:30 pm to start, then move to the parish center after we have concluded our prayer. Registration forms will be provided at the first meeting or you may pick up forms in the church office Monday through Friday next week. All forms need to be RETURNED ASAP.

“THE OLD CHURCH” RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Mike Boyce, the winner of the “The Old Church” raffle that was part of the Italian Feast last Saturday. Kim Attwooll, daughter of parishioners Bob and Sheila Bessell, was one of our merchandise vendors during the Feast. Kim, a local artist is the owner of “A Small Work of Art” company that produces watercolor prints and handcrafted greeting cards. Kim graciously donated one of her watercolors—a rendering of the original wooden church, St John the Baptist. We thank everyone who purchased a ticket to help benefit the needy of the parish.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

7TH ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS • CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER September 23 & 24, 2011



The theme for the seventh Eucharistic Congress for the Diocese of Charlotte is “Do This in Memory of Me.” The Congress will include a procession of the Eucharist through the streets of Uptown Charlotte. Plan to attend this important event, September 23 & 24, 2011 at the Charlotte Convention Center. Visit www.goeucharist.com for more information.

Did you know that it costs approximately \$30 per person to stage the Eucharistic Congress? Your gifts to the Congress help offset the cost of this free event. Make a donation online at www.goeucharist.com or send a check to the Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress, 1123 S. Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2011

On Sunday, September 18, 2011, parishes throughout our country will foster an appreciation for those who engage in parish catechesis. It is a time to reflect on the role all persons play, by virtue of their baptismal commitment, in handing on the Catholic faith to others. “Among the laity who become evangelizers, catechists have a place of honor. They are among those who have received Christ’s command to ‘go and teach all nations’.” On Catechetical Sunday, we celebrate the dedication of our lay volunteers who serve as parish catechists and have gone the extra mile to bring Christ into the hearts and homes of our children and adults. We thank the following: **Mitzi Ruff, Kathleen Caudle, Dea Mechensky, Virginia Mechensky, Jane Torres, Joel Raines, Dean Sabo, Suanne Then, and Theresa Fitch who will serve as catechists this year for Faith Formation and RCIA.**

May God bless these men and women who have responded to the ministerial call of catechesis. May they be filled with zeal for the Church, with care for those they catechize, and with love for the Word of Life. Amen.

2011 Rosary Congress



The 2011 Carolina’s Rosary (Marian) Congress of the Diocese of Charlotte will be held on September 30th and October 1st at the Cabarrus

Arena & Event Center in Concord, N.C. His Excellency, Bishop Peter J. Jugis will be the main celebrant of the Holy Sacrifice of the Vigil Mass and Homilist Saturday evening after the procession. To prepare for this Rosary Congress, we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested, please contact 704-794-6687 or Email at carolinarosary@windstream.net

THE FOOD BANK COLLECTION IS OCTOBER 1ST & 2ND

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



Thank you from Thermal Belt Outreach



ROSARY DURING OCTOBER

The rosary will be prayed before every Mass during the month of October. **We need volunteers** to lead the rosary at the Saturday Vigil Masses or either of the Sunday Masses, please contact the parish office at 859-9574.