

# THE LITURGICAL WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 15**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

4:30pm - Edwina Brodzinski†

**Sunday, September 16**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am - Elise Osterud

11:00am - Priest's Intention

12:30pm - Pro Populo

**Monday, September 17**

**St. Robert Bellarmine**

8:30am - Jim McClintock†

**Tuesday, September 18**

8:30am - Diana Simmons Hicks†

**Friday, September 21**

**St. Matthew**

8:30am - Adeline & James Kenny†

**Saturday, September 22**

4:30pm - Barbara Belthoff†

**Sunday, September 23**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am - John Lascoe†

11:00am - Priest's Intention

12:30pm - Pro Populo

## CONFESSIONS

**Monday 7:30 — 8:15 am**

**Friday 7:30 — 8:15 am**

**Saturday 3:30 — 4:15 pm**



## DEVOTIONS

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Wednesday & Thursday

8:30 — 9:30 am

**MORNING PRAYER**

After Mass on Monday,

Tuesday, & Friday

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

After Monday Morning Prayer

## THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

are lit for the gift of zeal and  
forgiveness of the mystical

Body of Christ

## 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 call for a copy of the prayer list.



# SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

## TAKE UP OUR CROSS

If we are going to stay close to the cross of Jesus with Mary, we must constantly increase our knowledge of the mystery of the cross to relieve it...

The cross is, above all, what divides and separates. In fact, it separates what belongs to the spirit from what is of the flesh (see Gal 5:24), what belongs to faith from what is of the law (see Gal 5:11), the old self from the new one (see Rom 6:6), believers from nonbelievers, Christians from Jews and Greeks (see 1 Cor 1:18 ff.), and the Christian himself from the world...

The cross is what unites, what breaks down the walls of hostility, reconciles people among themselves and with God...

Thanks to the cross of Christ those who were far off have been brought near; the dividing wall has been broken down, all are united...

The cross is both these things together. It distinguishes in order to unite. It separates from the world to unite to God; it rescues from corruption and unites all those who accept being crucified with Christ. It overcomes all differences, revealing their relative and secondary nature before the new radical difference, which distinguishes the friends from the enemies of the cross of Christ. (Phil 3:18)...

The cross separates and divides. This is true: it is the tool God uses to prune the shoots of the great vine of the Body of Christ so that they may bear fruit...

But above all the cross unites. It unites us one to the other. It makes us understanding and caring. Whoever suffers often becomes less egoistic and sees the needs of others; he is no longer impervious to compassion.

However, the cross unites us especially to God.

*Father Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M. C.A.P.*

*Fr. Cantalamessa is the preacher to the papal household. Magnificat September 2018*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DAILY MASS READINGS



### **September 16 Sun**

#### **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

### **September 17 Mon**

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10

### **September 18 Tue**

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17

### **September 19 Wed**

1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35

### **September 20 Thu**

1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

### **September 21 Fri**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

### **September 22 Sat**

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

### **September 23 Sun**

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

## OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Offertory Totals for the Masses of September 1 & 2, 2018

	This Week	Y.T.D
Actual	\$9,245	\$75,376

Offertory Totals for the Masses of September 8 & 9, 2018

	This Week	Y.T.D
Actual	\$4,106	\$79,482

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

Catholic Charities Director of Development: The Diocesan Office of Development has an opening for a full-time Catholic Charities Director of Development. The candidate must have an undergraduate degree and a minimum of 5 years experience in fundraising; extensive fundraising experience may be substituted for a completed undergraduate degree. A knowledge of Blackbaud Raiser's Edge or other fundraising database software is preferred. Responsibilities include creating and executing the annual development plan for Catholic Charities; engaging, retaining, nurturing and recognizing current donors; identifying and cultivating new donors. Please submit cover letter and resume by October 3, 2018 to Jim Kelley, Office of Development, [jkkelley@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jkkelley@charlottediocese.org).

September 22



## DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm at St. John Neumann Church in Charlotte. To receive a certificate, contact Sherill Beason at 704-370-3228, or email: [sabeason@charlottediocese.org](mailto:sabeason@charlottediocese.org) by Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.

## RCIA INQUIRY MEETING — THIS SUNDAY MORNING!

*September 16<sup>th</sup>*

*9:45am — Parish Social Hall*

Are you, or someone you know, interested in the Catholic faith? If so, we invite you, your friend, neighbor or family member to join Fr. Christian for an "inquiry" meeting, this morning in the social hall, regarding the faith and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes. Give thanks to God as He continuously strengthens each of us who seek to do His will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic faith.

*"Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)*



**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT? THINK YOU COULD BE AN USHER?**

We would love to have you serve as an usher. We currently have a wonderful team of ushers at St. John the Baptist Church and invite you to join! We are in **need of extra ushers** for all Masses. Please consider offering your gifts to welcome and greet parishioners to our beautiful parish and Sunday Mass. Training will be provided. It's a wonderful way to get to know your fellow parishioners! If interested, please contact Theresa Fitch in the parish office 859-9574 ext. 3 or at stjohnff@windstream.net.

*“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?”*

**LOOK WHAT’S NEW IN THE CATHOLIC SHOPPE**

- *Kingdom of Happiness, Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life* by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby, STD—retails for \$14.95—offering to parishioners at a great price of \$6!
- St. Benedict black 3-inch cross auto visor clip.
- Auto rosaries: black glass, brown wooden, multi-color crystal.
- St. Benedict rope bracelet—black corded rope with silver medals.

We invite you to visit our small parish shop—open Monday through Friday during office hours. We have many religious items in our St. John Catholic Shoppe: holding crosses, icon wall plaques (St. Therese & St. Thomas Aquinas), holy cards, hologram cards, auto rosaries, rosaries, Benedictine crosses, auto visor clips, Benedictine medals (brass); catechism, fleur de lis notecards, and various books: *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (large green), *Manual for Eucharistic Adoration* and *Kingdom of Happiness* by Fr. Kirby.

**WORD OF LIFE**

“Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“How to Build a Culture of Life”*

**FORMED.ORG**

Prayer is the foundation of a lived relationship with God. St. Paul tells us that our prayer must be characterized by “thanksgiving” (Colossians 4:2). While it may be tempting to focus on the ways in which we can love God through our works, in prayer we are invited to contemplate that “we love, because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19), and to be filled with thanksgiving for God’s showering of mercy and affection on us.

*www.formed.org / Click on Register!  
Enter parish code: GFP4TN*

Formed’s Pick of the Week: Truth and Life Audio Bible: *The Gospel of Matthew* — posted in glass bulletin board.

**THE GOLDEN RULE SERVICE GROUP**

We provide temporary assistance to parishioners in need, such as: shopping for food, providing light meals, help with doctors’ appointments, visiting, prayer etc. Call Andrée in the parish office, or Peggy Wyllie at 828-859-6339. *Due to the upcoming equestrian center event, the Golden Rule will suspend service from September 10 — 23.*



PARISH LIFE			
<i>RCIA Inquiry Meeting this Sunday at 9:45am in the Social Hall</i>			
Mon	Sept 17	9am 5:30pm 6:30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church Schola Choir Rehearsal, Church Women’s Group, Social Hall
Tue	Sept 18	9:30am	Patriotic Rosary, Church
Fri	Sept 21	3pm	Men’s Group, Social Hall

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

1. *A Natural Family Planning (NFP)* full course (3 class series) will be offered in Arden beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am.

Topics to be covered include:

- \* Effectiveness of modern NFP methods
- \* Health risks of popular contraceptives
- \* Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual
- \* Church teaching on marital sexuality
- \* And...how to use NFP

To register and purchase class materials, go to [https://register.ccli.org/class\\_series/11872](https://register.ccli.org/class_series/11872).

For more information, please contact:

Simeon and Leah Willis  
willisnfp@hotmail.com  
leah\_vn@hotmail.com  
(828) 651-9107

2. *FREE Natural Family Planning (NFP)* full course September 29<sup>th</sup> in Hendersonville at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, from 1pm to 4:30pm.

Topics to be covered include:

- \* Effectiveness of modern NFP methods
- \* Health risks of popular contraceptives
- \* Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual
- \* Church teaching on responsible parenting
- \* And...how to use NFP

For more information, contact: Joan Pajak at (413) 325-4380 or [joanelizabethrn@gmail.com](mailto:joanelizabethrn@gmail.com). To RSVP, contact Pam McCoy at (828) 693-6901 or [churchoffice@icwnc.com](mailto:churchoffice@icwnc.com)

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD**

Are you or a loved one seeking healing from the effects of a past abortion? Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat creates a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. The retreat works to reconnect individuals to themselves, their friends, their family, and to realize God's ever present love. There is an upcoming retreat in our diocese on October 26-28 (English).

Please contact Jackie Childers:

980-241-0251 / [Jackie.childers1@gmail.com](mailto:Jackie.childers1@gmail.com)  
or Jessica Grabowski: 704-370-3229 /  
[jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org)

**MIRA VIA****24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET**

*"Chosen & Precious in God's Sight"*

*Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Charlotte Convention Center's Crown Ballroom*

This year's guest speaker is Shawn Carney. Shawn Carney is the co-founder and president of 40 Days for Life, a breakthrough initiative of 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, round-the-clock peaceful vigil outside a local abortion center and grassroots door-to-door outreach that has dropped local abortion numbers by 28 percent. Shawn helped to lead the first 40 Days for Life in 2004 and helped to expand the campaign as a national and international movement by 2007. Today, 40 Days for Life has been done in 769 cities in all 50 states and 47 countries. His efforts have mobilized more than 750,000 pro-life volunteers and have confirmed reports of over 14,600 mothers choosing life and 177 abortion center workers who have had conversions and left their jobs, including former abortion center director, Abby Johnson.

You can make a reservation for yourself or for a table of 8 to 10 people online, by mail or by phone. Deadline to register is October 8, 2018.

To register online: [https://](https://miraviabanquet24.eventbrite.com)

[miraviabanquet24.eventbrite.com](https://miraviabanquet24.eventbrite.com).

To register by phone: 704-525-4673 ext. 13

**SAVE THE DATE**

<b>Oct 13</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima Procession, Church</b>
<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Parish Picnic, Harmon Field</b>
<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b>
<b>Nov 2</b>	<b>All Souls' Day</b>
<b>Nov 22</b>	<b>Thanksgiving, office closed Nov 22 &amp; 23</b>
<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>English Baptism Class</b>
<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>

**6TH MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE**

*Saturday, November 10 - Sunday, November 11*

*Hilton Hotel, Greenville, S.C.*

General admission is \$80, youth is \$40 and it includes a buffet lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Register by October 27 by mail. Registration after Oct. 27: \$90. We offer gluten free meals. For more information, call (864)354-7160 or go to [www.meconferencesc.net](http://www.meconferencesc.net)

# FAITH FORMATION

## WOMEN'S GROUP

*Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> — Parish Social Hall at 6:30pm*

Ladies, join us this Monday evening for the second part of a three-part series. We had a wonderful and large group who attended our last meeting. Therefore, we are moving to the parish social hall (below the Church) for the last two classes! Even if you were not able to attend the first session, you do not want to miss this thoroughly engaging series on the Liturgy presented by our good pastor, Fr. Christian!

The Liturgy is the source and summit of Catholic life, the aspect most experienced and yet perhaps least understood.

Come join us as we explore the theology of the Liturgy including: its development from the beginning of the salvation of history to its culmination in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, various forms East and West, the meaning of ritual symbolism, the role of sacred language and music, active participation, the aim of Vatican II and subsequent reforms, common misunderstandings, and more. All women of the parish are welcome! Any questions, contact Theresa Fitch in the parish office—stjohnff@windstream.net.

## MEN'S GROUP

*Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> — Social Hall*

The next meeting of Brothers in Christ is Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm in the social hall. We are exploring the book, *Catholicism in Scripture*. All men of the parish are welcome. Please note, our group meeting day has moved to Fridays and is held on the first and third Friday of every month.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

- Sunday, September 23      Youth Meeting at 5:30pm to 7:00pm  
Meet in Church for opening prayer.
- Sunday, October 14      Youth Breakfast with Fr. Christian  
Parish Social Hall at 9:30am

### *Turn to the Saints for inspiration....*

“Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved.”

—St. Robert Bellarmine

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

—Matthew 22:37

## ATTENTION ALL PARENTS REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION

- **Faith Formation Classes begin on MONDAY October 1, 2018 at 6pm.**
- Contact Theresa Fitch in the parish office if you need an enrollment form.
- Registration/enrollment is currently OPEN—register NOW.
- All home school families are asked to register /enroll their children with the FF office for record keeping and materials.
- All FF families must be registered, active members of the parish for at least six months prior to FF enrollment/sacramental preparation enrollment.
- All new enrollees must present a certified copy of their baptismal certificate at the time of enrollment/registration.
- Confirmation meeting to be announced.

