

# THE LITURGICAL WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 9

4:30pm - Jim R. Hess†

### Sunday, May 10

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:30am - Regina Sulovski†

11:00am - Louise Kempf†

12:30pm - For St. John Parishioners

### Monday, May 11

8:30am - Regina Sulovski†

### Tuesday, May 12

#### SS. Nereus & Achilleus,

#### St. Pancras

8:30am - Priest's Intention

### Wednesday, May 13

#### Our Lady of Fatima

5:15pm - Hope McAdam

### Thursday, May 14

#### St. Matthias, Apostle

8:30am - For St. John Parishioners

### Friday, May 15

#### St. Isidore

8:30am - Addie Kenny†

### Saturday, May 16

4:30pm - For St. John Parishioners

### Sunday, May 17

#### \*The Ascension of the Lord

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:30am - Regina Sulovski†

11:00am - Rich Nelson

12:30pm - Fr. Tony Harold

*\*The Ascension of the Lord is transferred  
from May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>*

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**“Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away**

**the sin of the world.”**

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

## CONFESSION

**Mondays 7:30 - 8:15am**

**Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00pm**

**Fridays 7:30 - 8:15am**

**Saturdays 3:30 - 4:15pm**

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## DEVOTIONS

### ADORATION

Wednesday at 5:45pm

### MORNING PRAYER

After Mass on Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

After Morning Prayer on Monday

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### THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

are lit this week for the  
*Sanctity of Marriage in the U.S.A.*

### PRAYERS

#### FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

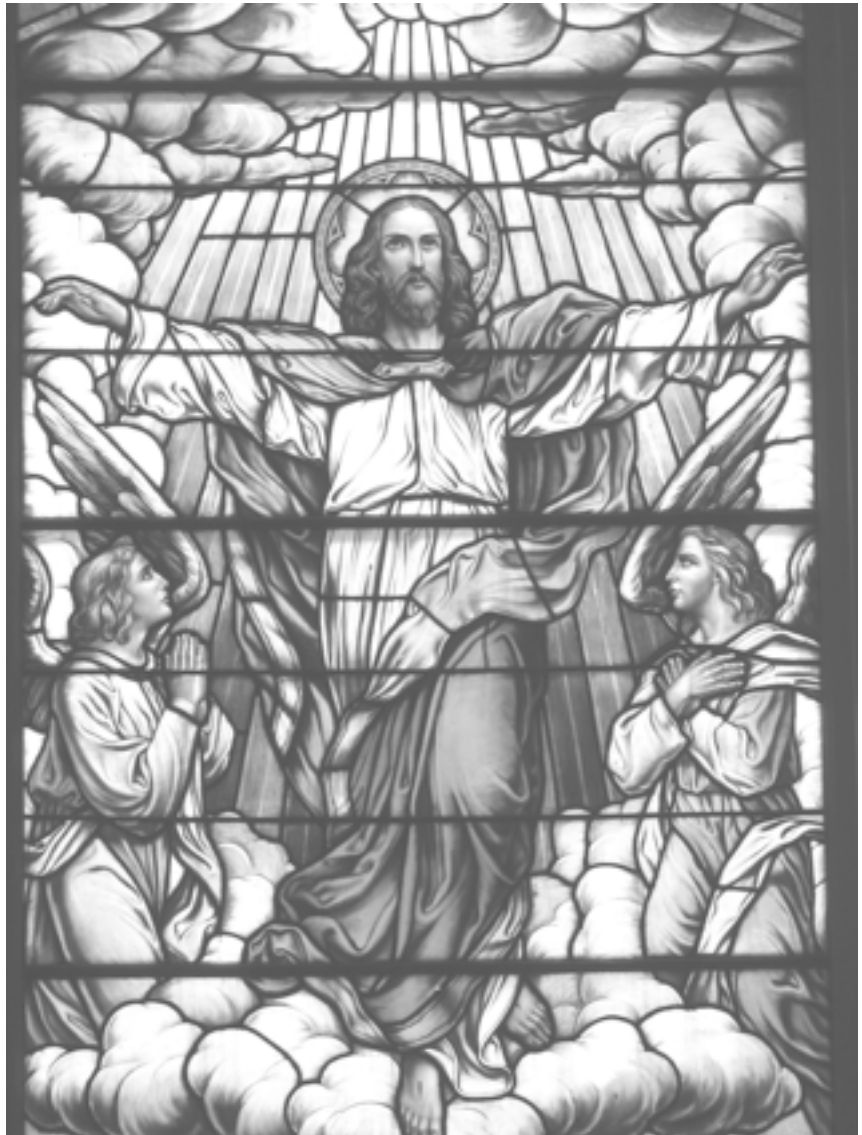
Please remember the infirmed of our parish,  
especially those who, by request, have been  
placed on our parish prayer intention list.

If you would like to be added to this list,  
please call the parish office. You may also  
call for a copy of the prayer list.

# SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

God  
mounts  
the throne  
amid  
shouts of  
joy;  
the Lord,  
amid  
trumpet  
blasts.

—Psalm 47, 6



## MAGNIFICAT®

### REMAINING IN JESUS' LOVE

I am going to read Saint Augustine again. He is so austere and so fervent. And so full of simple devotion in his love letters to God. Truly those are the only love letters one ought to write: love letters to God. Is it very arrogant of me to say that I have too much love in me to give it all to just one person? The idea that one can love one person and one person only one's whole life long strikes me as quite childish. There is something mean and impoverishing about it. Will people never learn that love brings so much more happiness and reward than sex?

I fold my hands in a gesture that I have come to love, and in the dark I tell you silly and serious things and implore blessings upon your honest, sweet head. Yes, I pray for you. Goodnight, beloved.

— Etty Hillesum

*Etty Hillesum (+1943) was a Jewish woman born in Holland who lived in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, and who wrote faith-filled diaries and letters. She was put to death in the Auschwitz concentration camp.*

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

## DAILY MASS READINGS

### **May 10 Sun**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

### **May 11 Mon**

Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

### **May 12 Tue**

Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

### **May 13 Wed**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

### **May 14 Thu**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

### **May 15 Fri**

Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

### **May 16 Sat**

Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28:17

### **May 17 Sun**

#### **The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

## FINANCIAL FACTS

	This Week	Y.T.D.
Actual	\$ 8,519	\$328,825
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$ 7,038</b>	<b>\$309,692</b>
Variance	\$ 1,481	\$ 19,133
(unfavorable)		

The Food Bank collection was \$1,012

This is the collection report for the Sunday Masses of May 2 & 3, 2015.

## INTERNATIONAL — NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION IS MAY 16 & 17

The International – National Combined 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 mission of the Church locally, nationally and internationally. 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. Envelopes for this collection are in our parish envelope packet.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS IN MAY

The rosary will be prayed one-half hour before each Sunday Vigil (Saturday evening) and Sunday Mass during the month of May. Please join us in this beautiful devotion to the Blessed Mother. All are welcome.

## PRIESTHOOD

*"If some of you hear the call to follow Christ more closely, to dedicate your entire heart to Him, like the apostles John and Paul, be generous, do not be afraid, because you have nothing to fear when the prize that you await is God himself, for Whom, sometimes without ever knowing it, all young people are searching."*

*-Blessed John Paul II*



## QUO VADIS DAYS

Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-25! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the third annual Quo Vadis Days (QVD) camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations.

QVD will be held from June 15-19, 2015 at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The cost of the camp is \$100.00. If you are interested, please visit our website, [www.charlottediocese.org/quo-vadis-days](http://www.charlottediocese.org/quo-vadis-days) or contact Father Christopher Gober, Director of Vocations at (704) 370-3327.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

*To all in our parish community who contributed their time, talents and prayers for the liturgies for First Holy Communion and the 5th Sunday of Easter, where several of the First Communicants participated in the beautiful tradition of The May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 11:00 Mass.*

*We thank Monsignor L. Lehockey and Monsignor C. Lathem as the celebrants for the liturgies and those who prepared our First Communicants: Fr. Roger Arnsparger, Pastor, Mitzi Ruff, Catechist Second Grade Class, Jessica Gonzalez- Second Grade Class Assistant and Theresa D. Fitch, Catechist Sacramental Class.*

*To those who assisted in a special way for First Holy Communion: Artie Decotüs, Ian Bennett, Kolbe Murrey, Sebastian Murrey, Altar Servers; Patricia Skadow, Lector; Dea Mechensky and Mitzi Ruff, EMs; Diane Nelson, Sacred Music Administrator; St. John's Youth Choir; Cecilia England, Organist; Kathleen Caudle, Reception Coordinator; Caroline Skellie, Photographer.*

*To our parents, their child's Primary Catechist and Andrée Harrison, Rosemary Kingsley, Ann Marie Rowe, Ann Strozzo, Nina Wolfe, Michele Dimond, Caitlin Caudle and Cecilia Murrey and all parents and parishioners who generously contributed their time and talents to this celebration and reception.*



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOLARSHIP

Attention high school seniors of St. John's. St. John's will be awarding a first year college scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year in the amount of \$1,000. If you are a confirmed, active, registered member of the parish; a 2015 high school graduating senior and will be enrolling in college in the fall of 2015, then you are eligible to apply.

Applications are available in the parish office, or you can download an application from our website: [www.stjohntryon.com](http://www.stjohntryon.com). Any questions, contact Theresa in the parish office: 859-9574 ext 3. Deadline to apply is Monday, June 15, 2015.



...*Donuts & Dogma* has been cancelled for this Sunday, May 10, 2015. Due to Fr. Arnsparger's travels, he had not wanted to miss the opportunity to have *Donuts & Dogma* with the parish so he had announced prior to leaving that we would have *Donuts & Dogma* this Sunday. However, as it is Mother's Day, Fr. Arnsparger has reconsidered and decided to cancel *Donuts and Dogma* for the month of May, so as to allow all "Mothers" of the parish a most relaxing and blessed Mother's Day with their families. *Donuts and Dogma* will resume on the first Sunday of next month, June 7, 2015.

**NO YOUTH GROUP  
SUNDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

## PARISH LIFE AT A GLANCE

Mon	May 11	9:00am 5:30pm 7:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet Schola Choir, Church RCIA, Parish Center
Tue	May 12	—	—
Wed	May 13	4:00pm 6:00pm	Prayer Kneelers, Church Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center
Thur	May 14	9:30am —	Patriotic Rosary, Church Prayer Kneelers, Church
Fri	May 15	—	Prayer Kneelers, Church
Sat	May 16	—	Prayer Kneelers, Church



# FAITH FORMATION



## YOUTH GROUP

- Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Youth Breakfast w/ Fr. Arnsperger  
9:45am Parish Social Hall

**Youth, don't forget Totus Tuus...** July 26<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday thru Thursday, 7 to 9pm. You won't want to miss it. Be sure to sign-up (forms available May 18<sup>th</sup>). Also, we welcome you and we need you to serve as a volunteer at Totus Tuus during the day (M-F). Great service hours and just plain fun! Contact Ms. Fitch in the parish office to sign up to volunteer.

**Note: Mark calendars for Ignite Your Torch, July 9 — 12 & Totus Tuus, July 26 — 31**

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### **Important Sacramental Information:**

Rehearsal for Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 10:00am. Meet at the Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 7:00pm. Arrive by 6:15pm.

*“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.” — St Catherine of Siena*

### **Faith Formation Notice:**

It is important that all students registered in Faith Formation attend ALL of the remaining classes for the Faith Formation year. Only two classes remain and attendance is imperative in your faith formation and sacramental preparation. Second grade students (Ms. Mitzi's class) should attend all classes even after celebrating First Communion. Our last class of the year will be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **TOTUS TUUS JULY 26—31ST, 2015**

Totus Tuus is returning to our parish again this summer! Parents and Youth, mark your calendars now for Sunday, July 26 through Friday, July 31, 2015. Registration will open at the end of May. Totus Tuus, “Totally Yours,” is a fun and energetic parish-based summer catechetical program; a week-long “parish mission” for Catholic youth (grades 1st — 6th and 7th — 12th) led by college-aged teams of two men and two women. Any questions, contact Theresa in the parish office or at [stjohnff@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnff@windstream.net).

***“God is good...all the time!”  
“All the time...God is good!”***

*Anyone interested in hosting a meal or providing support for this extraordinary program please contact Theresa in the parish office. Questions? Please call me!*

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!**

Congratulation to our children, who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Saturday morning! First Communicants, know that Jesus desires to share His life with you. May you always remain close to Him in the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. May God bless you and your families!

First Communicants: Emanuel Albarran, Sophia Avellaneda, Jack DeCotiis, Judith Garcia, Wyatt Langford, Adelaide Murrey, Emeline Murrey, Emily Oviedo, David Palacios, Christopher Pearson, Jordy Rojas, Brisa Sanchez, Emma Smith, Moira Turner and Alexis Garcia, Brittany Sanchez and Diana Santibanez.



Congratulations and appreciation to their parents, families, Fr. R. Arnsperger, and Monsignor L. Lehockey, catechists and faith community who have brought them to this moment of faith!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015 ————— Love Is Our Mission, The Family Fully Alive



- September 22-27, 2015!
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Families and individuals, called together from all over the world in faithful celebration of the family—the sanctity of love and life
- Love is Our Mission Preparatory Catechesis
- Website: WorldMeeting2015.org
- Families can look forward to seeing and hearing Pope Francis, guest speakers, celebrations, kids' activities, and prayer, all of which will bring renewal and transformation for you, your loved ones and the world.

### May 2015—*Light in a dark world*

At its best, the family is a school of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, mutual respect, patience, and humility in the midst of a world darkened by selfishness and conflict. In these ways, the family teaches what it means to be human. However, many temptations arise which try to coax us into forgetting that male and female are created for covenant and communion. For example, poverty, affluence, pornography, contraception, philosophical and other intellectual mistakes can all create contexts that challenge or threaten healthy family life. The Church resists these things for the sake of protecting the family.

Love is Our Mission

### 2015 N.C. MARIAN ROSARY CONGRESS

“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”. Reserve your seats for this event at St. Mark Catholic Church, on Stumptown Rd., Huntersville, N.C., on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 3pm. Deadline for registration is May 15. Bishop Jugis will be our main celebrant.

Call 1-844-YES-MARY,

or go online at [www.JesusThroughMary.org](http://www.JesusThroughMary.org).

Registration is \$10 through PayPal; \$15 after the deadline.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 - 5:00pm at First Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, Tryon. Call 828-231-3055 for an appointment.

### HANDS OF HOPE FOR LIFE — POLK COUNTY

Needs the following items: baby stroller, baby swing, newborn socks, formula, maternity clothes, nursing bras, preemie clothes. Call Tina at 980-241-9419. Thank you.

### COUNSELING SERVICE

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte, Asheville office has a bilingual English & Spanish speaking COUNSELOR on staff. Our counseling service has a sliding scale fee based on income. We have immediate openings for folks looking for anger management as well as EMDR, individual, couple and family counseling. Call 828-255-0146 ext. 23 to speak to the counselor or to leave a message.



### MASS INTENTIONS PROCEDURE

In order that Mass intentions and sanctuary lights may be accurately recorded and accounted for, they must be made in person during office hours. If you are homebound, please call Andrée to secure a Mass time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

There will be a Religious Liberty March and Prayer Vigil on June 26<sup>th</sup>. We will begin the march at the parking lot at 1524 Palmer St., Charlotte, N.C. (across from the Pastoral Center) at 11:30am. Instructions prior to marching will begin at 11:15am. Please arrive early to park and be prepared for the instructions by 11:15am. The march will include Fr. Michael Kottar pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Shelby, N.C., preaching at Trade and Tryon Streets followed by the Litany for Religious Liberty. Then we will pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in front of the Federal Courthouse at 401 W. Trade St. Please come and be a witness in uptown Charlotte to defend Religious Liberty! Questions e-mail: [religiousliberty@windstream.net](mailto:religiousliberty@windstream.net) or call Tina at 704-301-2531 Visit [www.marchforlifeforliberty.org/relib.html](http://www.marchforlifeforliberty.org/relib.html)

## LENT AND EASTER WITH THE CHURCH FATHERS

### ✠ SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER AND THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ✠

#### SUNDAY

##### **Theophilus of Alexandria, *Easter Letter (AD 401), 2***

The Easter journey can be experienced as the preparation for a long-desired trip: we need to pick out the right clothes, check our state of health, get to know the places through maps or pictures, and still dream big. Our spiritual journey should also be similarly prepared: we need to abandon our garments of sin, recognize that we have been blessed, ponder over the Passion and the Resurrection, and hope in what we do not yet see.

#### MONDAY

##### **Leo the Great, *Sermon 16***

Easter urges us to look to Christ, to lift up our hearts on high without ever forgetting our brothers and sisters in need. Our conscience might be seemingly cleared by giving an extra piece of change while waiting at a traffic light, or feeling sad when we see some terrible news on television. We can start here, but the goal is total involvement and time spent out of love.

#### TUESDAY

##### **Chromatius of Aquileia, *Sermon 15, 1***

“Look to God that you may be radiant” (Ps 34:6), says the psalmist; look to Jesus and be irradiated by his immense goodness and humility. He became like us so we could become like him! During a time that makes arrogance, personal glory, success, and image the most fundamental reasons for living, Christ, who makes himself a servant, vexes, disrupts, and often disturbs Christians themselves just as he “irritated” the disciples by washing their feet. Which model do we wish to follow?

#### WEDNESDAY

##### **Leo the Great, *Sermon 71 (58)***

Those who have encountered Jesus Christ and his Church can fully welcome the gospel message or choose to travel other roads. It is in freedom that we are saved and in freedom itself that we are loved. If we fall in love during this encounter we will become new creatures, happy and excited to have abandoned our old ways and to live the present moment with the certainty of future goods.

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

##### **Leo the Great, *Sermon 73, 2-4***

We are made for heaven and cannot fly low our entire lives. The weight of sin holds us anchored to the ground, bound to ourselves and to material things, but God’s love draws us toward him delicately and sweetly. He does not break down the door to our hearts because he has the key; but he wants us to rediscover the delight of opening ourselves from within and joyfully welcoming him.

#### THURSDAY

##### **Augustine, *On Faith, Hope and Love, 14, 53***

We are the most well-to-do heirs: we are the favorite children of the merciful Father, witnesses to the Gospel who, through the virtues and sufferings of Christ, walk in the world carrying our crosses. Renewed in Baptism and abandoning sin, we live as risen men and women passing through this world with our feet on the ground, our hands outstretched toward our neighbors, and our gaze set on heaven.



#### FRIDAY

##### **Gregory the Great, *Homilies, 2, 29, 11***

Jesus did not leave by ascending into heaven; in fact he still makes himself present today as he did then. He has shown us the way, the truth and the life,

and he has left the Church to be a guide and teacher. We meditate, pray, and act within the Church to prevent the Gospel from remaining just a book like any other — collecting dust on the shelves or sitting on the ambo — and to allow it to walk the streets of the world with our legs.

#### SATURDAY

##### **Augustine, *Sermon 263, 2***

Thinking of heavenly things is the most sublime meditation for someone who has faith. It would be wonderful if at the end of our lives, ready and eager like young St. Dominic Savio before he took his last breath, we were able to say, “What a beautiful thing I see!” But God’s wonders are already here on earth, among us and with us, so let us meditate upon what we expect to find in heaven while we are still on earth.

