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April 22, 2012

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

THE EUCHARISTIC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHEW LOVES CHRIST ABOVE ALL THINGS AND OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES. IN OUR FAITH JOURNEY, OUR PARISH FAMILY WILL BE ENGAGED AND SPIRITUALLY COMMITTED; FULFILLING OUR VISION THROUGH SHARED GOSPEL VALUES, PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, OUTREACH, AND TEACHING.

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. John J. McSweeney

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Also 5:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Episcopal

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m.,

10:45 a.m. (Gym), 12:30 p.m.,

5:30 p.m. (Life Teen)

9 a.m. Mass is signed for the hearing impaired. Nursery for children ages 0 to 2 at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

and Friday 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Wednesday 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.

Holy Day Masses Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

Holy Day: 7 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

or by request.

Anointing of the Sick

Takes place on the first Saturday of each quarter at the 9 a.m. Mass or contact a priest.

Eucharistic Adoration

Commences in the Chapel Friday after the 9 a.m. Mass and ends Saturday at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

704-543-7677

***JESUS WAS MADE KNOWN TO THEM
IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD.***



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Sr. Eileen McLoughlin, MSBT
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Office Phone: 704-541-8362

Coordinator: Pat Tomlinson, x 2

Administrative Assistant

Carmen Dominguez, x 1

Life Teen

Katie Dunne, x 6

Adult Faith Formation (SMYou)

Michael Burck, x 4

Rite of Christian Initiation

for Adults (RCIA)

Tom Lindemuth, 704-543-7677 x 1063

SPRED (Developmentally Disabled)

Jan Clemens, 704-246-7102

Welcome Home for Returning Catholics

(For Catholics returning to the Church after an absence) Julie Jahn, 704-560-9202

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson

Mark Schuler, 704-540-7882

Finance Council Chairperson

Kevin O'Hara, 704-554-6406

COUNSELING CENTER

Counseling Center: Parishioners in need of professional counseling may contact one of the priests or Sr. Eileen McLoughlin at 704-543-7677 x 1057 for information and for counselor referrals.

Social Work Ministry: Sharon Davis of Catholic Social Services is here as part of our Family Assist Ministry on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 - 5 p.m. Contact 704-543-7677 x 1018 or swdavis@charlottediocese.org.

St. Matthew Columbarium and

Prayer Garden: Call 704-543-7677 x 1025.

SUPPORT GROUPS AT ST. MATTHEW

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday - Friday, noon - 1 p.m., Parish Center Family Room; Tuesday and Thursday, 7 - 8 p.m., NLC 239/241.

Al-Anon: Mondays, noon - 1 p.m., NLC132/125 (except on national holidays PC 104); Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., NLC 202; Thursdays, 8 - 9 p.m., NLC 204; Fridays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., NLC 202; Saturdays, 2 - 3 p.m., NLC 204.

Alateen: Thursdays, 8 - 9 p.m., NLC 234/235.

Cancer Support: First Thursday of the month, 10 - 11:30 a.m. in NLC 208.

Marilyn Borrelli, 803-547-6181.
Caring for Caregivers: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - noon, NLC 206. Sr. Eileen McLoughlin, x 1057.

Christians in Career Transition: Supports people in career crisis. First and third Mondays, 7 - 9 p.m., NLC. Jack Rueckel, 704-609-1492.

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA)
 Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., NLC 206.

Compassionate Friends: For parents who have lost a child. Third Tuesday, 7 p.m., NLC 234/235. Donna Goodrich, 704-882-4503.

Depression/Mood Disorders

Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m., NLC 202.

Elizabeth Ministry: Support for parents who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death. Rita Brennan, x 1007.

Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m., NLC 202.

Healing Hearts: For widowed persons, second Monday, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., NLC 102. Sr. Eileen McLoughlin, x 1057.

Men's Bereavement Group

For all men suffering a loss. First and third Mondays, 7 - 9 p.m., NLC 119. Frank Pennachio, 704-243-6132.

Narcotics Anonymous

Fridays, 7 - 8 p.m., NLC 132.

Post-Abortion Ministry (PAM)

Confidential. Andrea Hines, 704-996-4597; Christy Annison, 704-293-6602.

SAA: An anonymous support group for men and women dealing with addictive sexual behavior. Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m., NLC 204; Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m., NLC 204. For more information, visit charlottesaa.org or call 704-266-0722.

TGIF: Support group for separated/divorced. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., NLC 202. Bonnie Motuz, 704-543-8998, afternoon calls only.

Baptisms: Every Sunday at 2 p.m. except the fifth Sunday of the month.

Baptism Preparation Class for Parents:

Select Sundays, 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the New Life Center. Contact Michèle Gauvin (x 1049) in the Church Office to schedule Baptism or class attendance.

Marriages: Couples must contact one of the priests or deacons at least six months prior to the desired date of the wedding. To initiate the marriage preparation process or if you have questions, contact Michèle Gauvin (x 1049) for weddings taking place at St. Matthew. Contact Deacon Jim (x 1040) for Catholic weddings outside of St. Matthew.

Parish Registration

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Registration forms and a welcome packet are available in the Church Office or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three months before a certificate is provided or MACS voucher is approved.

LORD, LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON US.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK APRIL 21 TO 29

SATURDAY	9 a.m.	+ Alex Monk <i>By Tom & Angela Mataconis</i>
	5:30 p.m.	+ Laura Ambrosino <i>By The Gooley Family</i>
	5:30 p.m. (SMEC)	+ Anna & Bill Turnitz <i>By Jane & Bill Hallisey</i>
SUNDAY	7:30 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
	9 a.m.	+ Phil Pratt <i>By The Fabian Family</i>
	10:45 a.m.	+ John & Marilyn Stone <i>By The Stone Family</i>
	10:45 a.m. (GYM)	+ E. Robert Jolley <i>By John & Gail McInerney</i>
	12:30 p.m.	+ Francis Xavier Pischel <i>By Marsha & Bob Haas</i>
MONDAY	5:30 p.m.	+ Emilio Echave <i>By The Albetta Family</i>
	7 a.m.	For the Sick of the Family <i>By Michael York</i>
	9 a.m.	+ Paul Walling <i>By Chris & Pat O'Connor</i>
TUESDAY	7 a.m.	+ Mary Driscoll <i>By Al & Family</i>
	9 a.m.	For the Intentions of Elyssa Chase <i>By Kathleen Britton</i>
WEDNESDAY	7 a.m.	+ Skip Craig <i>By Henry & Vivian Mellett</i>
	8:15 a.m.	+ Jerry Vincent <i>By his Family</i>
	7:30 p.m.	For the Deceased Members of St. Matthew & the Purgatorial Society
THURSDAY	7 a.m.	+ Robert Hull <i>By Jim Bartholomew</i>
	9 a.m.	+ Jacob Moore <i>By Kimberly & John Ormiston</i>
FRIDAY	7 a.m.	+ Karen Schuller <i>By Maureen</i>
	9 a.m.	+ James Madonna <i>By his wife Louise</i>
SATURDAY	9 a.m.	+ Helen Paterno Gibbons <i>By The Curran Family</i>
	5:30 p.m.	+ T.B. Dye <i>By Rosie & Norman Smith & MaryAlice Dye</i>
SUNDAY	5:30 p.m. (SMEC)	+ Elise Welch <i>By Joe & Fran Gaetani</i>
	7:30 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
	9 a.m.	+ Amadeo Ubague Uhises <i>By Lyhia</i>
	10:45 a.m.	+ Clare L. Fasse <i>By Harley C. Fasse</i>
	10:45 a.m. (GYM)	+ Froilan Pobre <i>By Roel & Doris Mata</i>
	12:30 p.m.	+ Cristie Lewis <i>By David & Natalie Koletic</i>
	5:30 p.m.	+ Michael Mahoney <i>By Mom & Dad</i>

GOSPEL REFLECTION: LUKE 24:35 - 48



This reading from Luke's Gospel could be called "The Ghost Story That Wasn't." Two disciples who had just met the risen Jesus on the road are telling their story to the other disciples. Then right in the middle of their story, Jesus appears and says, "Peace be with you." The frightened disciples think they are seeing a ghost. Jesus has to show them his wounds and even eat a piece of fish to prove that He is real. The good news is so good that the disciples find it hard to believe at first.

Because they are still not sure what to make of Him, Jesus explains how He has fulfilled the Scriptures by His suffering, death and resurrection. In His name, they will go out to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins for all people.

Recall a time when a friend or family member appeared "out of the blue" when he or she was not expected. How did you respond? What are some of the reasons you think the disciples had such a hard time believing that their unexpected visitor was really Jesus? Why do you think disciples then and now do not always understand the Scriptures? Think of a time when you had a "Eureka!" experience of really catching on to what God's word meant. What was that like?

The two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus also did not recognize Jesus until they shared a meal with Him. How does the Gospel say they came to know Him? How do we know Him in that same way?



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 22

SUNDAY	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
MONDAY	Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29
TUESDAY	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35
WEDNESDAY	Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20
THURSDAY	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51
FRIDAY	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59
SATURDAY	Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69
SUNDAY	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

To view the daily readings on your
computer log on to www.usccb.org/nab

PRAYER INTENTIONS

2012 DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL COLLECTION UPDATE

CALLED TO SERVE



Contributions as of 4/16/2012

Goal: \$623,755 (a 9 percent increase over 2011)

Amount Paid: \$330,560.18

Shortfall in Contributions: (\$293,194.82)

DSA donation envelopes are available in the Narthex. For your convenience, you may donate electronically by visiting the Diocese of Charlotte website www.charlottediocese.org and clicking the "Opportunities for Giving" tab. Please indicate St. Matthew as your parish.

For those making pledges, your continued support is greatly appreciated. Your gift helps thousands. Thank you!

THE DEVOTIONAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

The Liturgy of the Hours

in the Eucharistic Chapel

Morning Prayer - Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer - Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Night Prayer - Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Begins after the 9 a.m. Friday Mass
and continues until the 9 a.m. Saturday Mass

Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Chaplet of The Divine Mercy
after 9 a.m. daily Mass

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP



Centering prayer is based on the wisdom saying of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, "...but when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret, will reward you." (MT6:6) The method of centering prayer quiets the mind and allows us to be present to God as God is present to us. These gatherings are open to all who are presently engaged in the practice of centering prayer. The regular meetings take place on the **second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in NLC 206**. If you would like to find out more about this ancient practice of prayer or for questions about this ongoing group, please contact **Bruce Hassett, 704-641-9041 or Janie Normile, 803-396-8016**.

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Each week we gather in a spirit of praise and worship through song, prayer, Scripture reading, teaching and using charismatic gifts. The atmosphere is one of friendship, love, support and encouragement. Join us **every Monday night from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Choir Room**. For information, contact **Barbara Gardner at chlt5nc@aol.com**. All are welcome.

DEATHS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO

Darrell Baker, father of *Brianna and Melanie Baker*; **Edwin Kelleher**, husband of *Evelyn Kelleher*; **Frederick Leeper**, father of *Peggy Hawkins*; **Rachel Moscatiello**, mother of *Maria Pantori*; **Patricia Pratt**, mother of *Shelley Fabian*;

**AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON THEM.**

BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS:

Owen Patrick Yaeger

Victoria Catherine Sanusi

Isabelle Ann Sossamon

Leighton Marie Sweeney

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Shawn Orvis Perritt &

Michelle Ann Johnson

who were married at St. Matthew on
Saturday, April 14, 2012.



PRAYER LINE

If you would like to have someone prayed for individually and in a confidential manner,

contact **Joan Kelley at**
joanckly@carolina.rr.com.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 22

Baptism Class	9 - 10:30 a.m.	NLC 132/125
SPRED St. Ann Group	10 a.m. - noon	NLC 202
SPRED Holy Family Group	10 a.m. - noon	NLC 234/235
RCIA Mystagogy 2	10:30 a.m. - noon	NLC 239/240/241
WelcomeMatt	1:30 - 3 p.m.	BR
Life Teen Life Night	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	S

Monday, April 23

RCIA Mystagogy 2	7 - 8:30 p.m.	NLC 239/240/241
Alive In The Spirit	7:30 - 9 p.m.	CH
Finance Council	7:30 - 9 p.m.	CR

Tuesday, April 24

Pastoral Council	7:30 - 9 p.m.	CR
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Wednesday, April 25

Caregivers Support Group	10:30 a.m. - noon	NLC 206
Knit & Crochet	7 - 8 p.m.	NLC 211
Centering Prayer Group	7 - 8:30 p.m.	NLC 206

Thursday, April 26

Knit & Crochet	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	NLC 211
Quest Bible Study	9:45 - 11:15 a.m.	NLC 132/125
St. Peregrine Service	7:30 - 8 p.m.	S
Adult Choir	7:30 - 9 p.m.	CH

Saturday, April 28

Marriage Prep Workshop	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	BR
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AC - Adoration Chapel
 BR - Banquet Room
 CR - Conference Room
 CH - Choir Room
 DMC - Daily Mass Chapel
 EC - Education Center
 FR - Family Room

G - Gym
 NLC - New Life Center
 N - Narthex
 NS - Nursery
 PC - Parish Center
 S - Sanctuary

For a detailed calendar of all upcoming events, visit www.stmatthewcatholic.org

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE for the May 13 Bulletin (Mother's Day) is April 27 by noon.

ST. MATTHEW GIFT SHOP located in the Narthex is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and after all weekend Masses. For more information call **704-927-4313**.

PARISH LIBRARY NLC 102 is open during hours that the building is open unless there is a meeting scheduled. See the calendar.

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - If you are providing care for an elderly parent, spouse, extended family member or friend and could use support and guidance related to your efforts, join us on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in NLC 206**. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, April 25**.

A **MEMORIAL MASS** is celebrated on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. for enrolled members of our Purgatorial Society and for those who have died throughout the month. Our next Memorial Mass is **April 25**. Please call the Church Office at 704-543-7677 if you have lost a loved one during the past month and would like us to remember them at Mass.

ST. PEREGRINE HEALING PRAYER SERVICE is **Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. St. Peregrine has found a home at St. Matthew. Over the past few years awareness and devotion to this patron saint of cancer and grave diseases has grown here at our parish. Our solemn prayer service includes the blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine for those suffering from cancer or other serious diseases. The healing prayer service is offered on the **fourth Thursday** of each month at **7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.



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ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

And the Lord will guide you always and give you plenty even on the parched land. He will renew your strength, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails.

Isaiah 58:11

Welcome all members, those considering becoming members of our St. Matthew parish and all visitors! We are celebrating our quarterly Newcomers Sunday this weekend with a special Welcome Mass at 12:30 p.m. followed by the WelcomeMatt orientation and social in the Banquet Room from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Come and find out about your new church home, meet other new parishioners and enjoy a light lunch. To assist us in our planning, *please* RSVP with the number attending to welcomematt.stmatthew@gmail.com or to the Church Office at 704-543-7677.

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"All are welcome in this place"!

### MAY CROWNING SUNDAY, MAY 6



Please join the Family Enrichment Ministry following the 12:30 p.m. Mass on May 6 as we process to the Marian Circle to place a flower crown on Mary, sing in celebration and recite one decade of the rosary. Please bring flowers to adorn Mary.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On Sunday, April 29, we celebrate the fact that each of us has been endowed by our Creator to live out the vocation that will lead us and others to eternal life. It is by embracing the plan that God offers us as a means to our salvation that we freely respond with our "Fiat." Our paths are unique even within marriage, the priesthood or religious life or as a single person. To understand and hear our call we need to commune with God in prayer and silence as we seek to take steps towards our destiny.

This World Day of Prayer presents us with an opportunity for reflection. It is also wise to seek spiritual direction from married persons, priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Please visit the Vocations table in the Narthex after Mass next Sunday.

### SACRISTANS MINISTRY

Please join us in preparing the Altar of Our Lord. Volunteers are needed during the week at the 9 a.m. Mass and for weekend Masses. Our ministry is responsible for the preparation of all Masses celebrated at the parish and care of the Sacristy. Only a love of the Catholic Liturgy and reverence for the Sacred Altar are needed to serve Our Lord in this way. For more information, contact Tom Stevens at 704-841-7579 or [tstevens522@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tstevens522@carolina.rr.com).

### MASS SLIDE OPERATORS

We are in need of operators (age 16 and older please) to run our slide presentations for Masses. The primary need is Saturday 5:30 p.m., but all Masses may be available. Training provided. If interested, contact Jim Alvarez, [jamesalvarez@gmail.com](mailto:jamesalvarez@gmail.com).

### PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST AN INFANT

Join us in the Daily Mass Chapel on Saturday, May 5, at 10 a.m. to honor and remember the "little ones" who are now with our Lord. The Elizabeth Ministry invites all parents and families who have lost a child pre-term, miscarriage or at birth to join us in prayer. Questions, call the Bereavement Ministry office at 704-543-7677 x 1007.

### END OF LIFE ISSUES SEMINAR



What do you do when someone in your family dies? Who do you call first? Regardless of your age, state of health, etc., you never know when your family may be called upon to settle your estate. Do you know for sure that all your "affairs" are in order? The time is now to make your plans for the future for your loved ones.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR ON  
SUNDAY, APRIL 29, FROM 2 TO 4 P.M.  
IN THE BANQUET ROOM**

Get the answers to your questions from an attorney, funeral home, cemetery and the church. The laws of North Carolina are different than other states. You may not have the latest information on this subject. For information or to make your reservation, please call Rita Brennan at 704-543-7677 x 1007.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**RCIA Monthly Information Meetings**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is offered for those who are discerning a call to learn more about the Catholic faith, as well as any baptized Catholics seeking to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Information sessions are held monthly. The next session is **Monday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in NLC 202**. This meeting will provide information on the entire conversion process and will include a detailed question and answer session.

**RCIA 2012-2013 Group Meetings**

Monthly "Inquiry" phase sessions, for those who have previously attended an information meeting, and have an interest in learning about the Catholic Church, will begin on Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in NLC 203. These ongoing sessions will be held once a month through Sept. Weekly sessions commence on Sept. 9. These sessions are open to those never baptized, those baptized in another Christian faith and baptized Catholics who have not received all of the remaining sacraments of initiation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. No pre-registration is required.

For additional information, contact Tom Lindemuth at 704-543-7677 x 1063 or at 704-840-4088 for non-office hour inquiries.

**CALLING HIGH SCHOOL TEENS!**  
**STRENGTHSQUEST**  
**Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 5 p.m.**

Do you want to know more about yourself? Then you need to know your strengths. Knowing this will help you with family, friends, school and possibly a career path. This will be a high energy, interactive workshop with lots of people and tons of snacks. Cost is only \$15. Come alone or bring a friend. To sign up, contact **Heather King at [hking@stmatthewcatholic.org](mailto:hking@stmatthewcatholic.org), 704-543-7677**.

**Thank you to Ronald's Painting Roofing and Home Improvement and Body by VI for sponsoring ads in this Sunday's bulletin. Please patronize our sponsors.**

**DONATED GOODS COLLECTION**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 12**

The collection of donated goods takes place the second Saturday of the month from **8 a.m. to noon** under the Daily Mass Chapel. We will pick up large furniture or appliances on this day from homes within a 10-mile radius of St. Matthew IF ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE IN ADVANCE AND NO LATER THAN NOON the Thursday before collection day. For the safety of our volunteers, heavy items will be picked up from first floor locations only. Restrictions apply. Please note that we **do not accept** pianos, large TVs, drop-side baby cribs, used mattresses or box springs. If you would like more information or to schedule a pickup, **contact Chuck Elgin at [celgin01@earthlink.net](mailto:celgin01@earthlink.net) or 704-243-3365**.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**ALASKAN CRUISE FOR TWO**  
**STATEWIDE RAFFLE**  
**\$5 DONATION PER CHANCE**

**First Prize** – Alaskan Cruise, airfare for two and \$700 cash

**Second Prize** – Seven-day Hawaiian vacation for two and \$500 cash

**Third – Seventh Prizes** - \$200 cash each

**DRAWING MAY 19**

**To purchase tickets visit [www.kofc-stmatthew.org](http://www.kofc-stmatthew.org), or call Norm Smith at 704-542-3107.**

**Donation is not tax deductible.**

**EVEREST 2013 ADVENTURE**

Mount Everest towers above the Khumbu at over 29,000 feet and is perhaps the most iconic symbol of challenge and adventure on Earth. Come join Deacon Jim on a classic Everest Base Camp Trek. Follow in the footsteps of legends as we ascend from verdant Lukla to the vast glaciers and razor-sharp ridgelines of the Everest Himalayas, home of the world's highest peaks. The trek begins **April/May 2013**. If you want the journey of a lifetime **call Deacon Jim at 704-543-7677 x 1040** to find out additional details.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### FAMILY ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY STRAWBERRY PICKING!

Friday, April 27, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Hall Family Farm, 10713 Providence Road W.

[www.hallfamilyfarm.com](http://www.hallfamilyfarm.com)

Cost: \$6 for 1 lb. Strawberries  
Hayrides and slushies are available  
for an extra charge.

Meet at Hall Family Farm and enjoy the spring evening picking delicious farm-fresh strawberries straight from the field. Payment accepted at the farm. Hall Family Farm offers many other seasonal items for purchase as well.

RSVP appreciated to: Judy Stumbo,  
[jstumbo@stmatthewcatholic.org](mailto:jstumbo@stmatthewcatholic.org)

### SAVE THE DATE EMHC SPRING SOCIAL

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Spring Social is **Saturday, May 5th, from 7 to 9 p.m.** in the Banquet Room.

All EMHC's and their guests (adults only) are cordially invited to join us for an evening of faith, friendship and networking. Please bring a dish to share (and a serving utensil). Any questions, please contact Kellianne Nagy.

RSVP to Kellianne Nagy at [knagytc@carolina.rr.com](mailto:knagytc@carolina.rr.com) or 704-900-5700 on or before Tuesday, May 1.

### CHRISTIANS IN CAREER TRANSITION



Christians In Career Transition helps the unemployed or those who are at risk of losing their jobs with position focusing, resumes, networking, interviewing and related skills to help them find work. Visit our website at <http://st-matts.info/cict>.

Our next meeting is **Monday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in NLC 132/125**. Questions, call Jack Rueckel at 704-341-8449.

### WELCOME HOME FOR RETURNING CATHOLICS

*we had to celebrate and rejoice...he was lost and has been found!*

*Luke 15:32*

Is God calling you or someone you know home to the Catholic Church? The Welcome Home for Returning Catholics Ministry is here to help. For more information, contact **Julie Jahn at 704-560-9202**, [urblessed@carolina.rr.com](mailto:urblessed@carolina.rr.com) or the Church Office at 704-543-7677.

### KNIGHTS OUT DINNER SERIES CINCO DE MAYO NIGHT FRIDAY, MAY 4, FROM 6 TO 10 P.M. SOUTH CHARLOTTE BANQUET CENTER



Join us for an authentic Mexican buffet catered by Loco Lime Mexican Grill with live musical entertainment by Jose Mannino and Company. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in the Narthex after all Masses next weekend.

### SENIORS THAT ARE RETIRED



Attention all seniors. Be sure to register for the **Spring Fling** sponsored by Catholic Social Service Elder Ministry on Thursday, May 31, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to be held at St Matthew. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch and all activities. Bring your friends for a great day. Registration payable to CSS is due by May 15.

The **May STARS** meeting and luncheon is Wednesday, May 2, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and will feature a menu catered by the Great Wall of China. The cost of the luncheon is \$8. Great entertainment follows lunch. Registrations will be taken for the May 31 CSS Spring Fling.

For more information on either of these events, call **Brooke Moran, 980-939-1722**.

### FAITH FORMATION MASS



Students who attend Faith Formation on Tuesday, April 24, at the 6:30 p.m. session and Wednesday, April 25, at the 7 p.m. session will be attending Mass during their session time.

Parents please drop off your child at the school. We will be taking attendance and walking over to the church for Mass. Mass will begin at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday and at the regular Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Mass. Classes will sit together. We welcome and encourage all parents to attend these Masses and celebrate together as a community. We will follow our regular dismissal procedures.



## FAITH FORMATION

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## Office Hours:

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Telephone Numbers:

704-541-8362

Class Time Cell – 704-589-0956

Website: stmatthewcatholic.org/faithformation

## FAITH FORMATION DATES

Classes are in session this week.

## 2012-2013 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Families already enrolled in St. Matthew's Faith Formation Program will have the opportunity to pre-register for next year in person beginning April 30 in the church Narthex.

- Bring your completed registration form with your updated family e-mail, medical information, child's new grade and school information.
- Registrations will be accepted on Monday, April 30, from 3 to 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 1, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. or Wednesday, May 2, from 5 to 8 p.m.
- Register with payment by check or cash only.
- We will not be able to honor the placement of your child with a specific catechist, nor can a catechist request a specific child in their class.
- We will not be able to honor a request for students to be placed together in a classroom.
- If you register by mail, be sure to mark first, second and third choice of sessions. **These registrations will be processed after May 2.**

**Catholic School Families:** Parents of Catholic school students preparing for the sacraments must register their children in the Faith Formation Program. Celebration of the sacrament takes place in the family's registered parish.

- For the sacrament of Confirmation (students who have completed eighth grade in Catholic school or faith formation), preparation includes classes, a parent meeting and a retreat.
- For the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, (in addition to religious education classes taught in the Catholic schools) preparation must include participation at parent meetings, retreats and rehearsal.

## Families New to our Faith Formation Program:

Registration forms will be available by May 1 at [www.stmatthewcatholic.org](http://www.stmatthewcatholic.org). Open registration will take place on Sunday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to noon.



Life Teen Mass

Life Nights

Sundays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Sundays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## High School Youth Ministry

## Upcoming Life Nights

- April 22** 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Jason Evert presents: *Romance Without Regret*  
6:45 to 8:30 p.m. XLT—Adoration
- April 29** Just Cause Fast Kick-Off Night!  
Dinner and info about the 2012 JCF
- May 6** Call Me Mom
- May 13** No Life Night - Happy Mother's Day!

National Speaker  
Jason Evert Presents:

All teens in grades eight through 12 and parents are encouraged to attend!!

Sunday, April 22  
3:15 to 4:30 p.m.  
In the Sanctuary

RSVP to

The event is free. [lifeteen@stmatthewcatholic.org](mailto:lifeteen@stmatthewcatholic.org)12th Annual Baccalaureate Mass  
Sunday, June 3 5:30 p.m.

**SENIOR PICTURES** for 2012 graduates will be displayed in the narthex Saturday, June 2 through Sunday, June 10. Please drop your picture (5x7 or smaller) in the drop box in the Narthex any weekend during May. We plan to honor ALL of our high school and college graduates. On the back of your picture, please write your full name, the school from which you are graduating and your future plans (e.g., the college you plan to attend or your new vocation).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Just Cause Fast Kick-Off**  
Dinner and info night  
**April 29**  
6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

**Just Cause Fast Saturday-Sunday**  
**May 26-27**  
Registration opens...

## ST. MATTHEW “YOU”NIVERSITY

\*Child care available by reservation only. Call 704-543-7677 x 1011 at least 48 hours in advance for reservations.



### ScreamFree Marriage\*

**When:** April 23, 30 and May 7

**Time:** 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** New Life Center

**Fee:** \$20 per family

Registration is required. *To register, email [registration@stmatthewcatholic.org](mailto:registration@stmatthewcatholic.org).*

Every couple goes through conflict. Not every couple grows through it. Your marriage is the central relationship of your life, and it deserves to be addressed with the truth. And the truth is marriage can be difficult. And it is naturally filled with conflict. What you need is not help to avoid this conflict; you need a way to actually calm *down*, grow *up* and get *closer* to your spouse through it. That's the premise and the promise of ScreamFree Marriage. Challenge your previous notions about what your marriage should be and learn to appreciate all that it is right now and could be in the very near future. If you want an honest, intimate relationship that turns your common conflicts into a deeper, lifelong connection, then this just may be the class you're looking for. Join Susan King, a family therapist in private practice, for video presentations based on Hal and Jenny Runkel's book *Screamfree Marriage*.

Attention Men!

### Catholic Guys Gone Wild

**When:** Monday, April 30

**Time:** 7 to 9 p.m.

**Where:** NLC 234/235

**Presenter:** Deacon Mark King



An evening for singles, husbands, fathers and grandpas to explore living an authentically Catholic life in the cul-de-sacs of suburbia. Deacon Mark King explores the impact of counterfeit gods on our faith life. Come along for a wild ride as we look at contemporary issues facing men today and propose a model for living lives of virtue in the real world. *Register by emailing [registration@stmatthewcatholic.org](mailto:registration@stmatthewcatholic.org).*

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### JUSTFAITH is coming to St. Matthew Church!

JustFaith is a small group program that focuses on discipleship, engagement in the life of Jesus and the call to be about God's dream of justice and compassion for the poor and the most vulnerable in today's world. Meeting weekly, small groups of 10 to 15 people employ books, videos, discussion, prayer, retreats and hands-on experiences. The intent is to provide a tapestry of learning opportunities that emphasize and enliven the healing work of God's compassion found in scripture, Catholic Church history and teaching, and faithful witnesses. JustFaith is a lively, challenging, multifaceted process that is nationally recognized and currently used in over 1,000 parishes involving 20,000 people!

Join us for one of two, duplicate information sessions:

**Monday, May 21, from 7 to 8:30p.m.  
in NLC 234/235**

**Or**

**Sunday, June 3, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
in NLC 203**

These sessions are open to any parishioners in the Charlotte area.

### ATTENTION CATECHISTS!

#### CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST (LEVEL I)

**When:** Thursday, April 26, from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Where:** New Life Center, Room 132/125

**Presenter:** Connie Milligan

This course allows the catechist to demonstrate an understanding of the rudiments of the Theology of the Catechetical Ministry. We will explore the sacred call of the catechist and how that call affects the Church, the definition of catechist and catechesis and the importance of catechesis. We will embrace, affirm and empower the catechist.

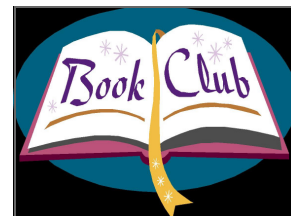
### THE BOOK CLUB

**When:** Meets the second  
Thursday from  
7 to 8 p.m.

**Where:** NLC 102,  
Parish Library

**Contacts:** Kevin Berent,  
704-770-5675,

[berentski@yahoo.com](mailto:berentski@yahoo.com) or Jennifer Mattox, 704-846-0359, [JMattox2@carolina.rr.com](mailto:JMattox2@carolina.rr.com)



Explore the faith-centered, literary works of some of the greatest theologians and everyday people alike. Come for friendship and to invigorate your own faith. This semester we will read a mix of new and old works, both fiction and nonfiction from a diverse group of authors.

**May 10 - *Jesus and The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper* by Brand Pitre and Scott Hahn**

### BACK TO BASICS: CATHOLICISM 101\*

**When:** Mondays, 7 to 8:15 p.m. or  
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Where:** NLC 203

**Presenter:** Sister Mary Hugh Mauldin, RSM

Are you a parent, catechist or parishioner who feels like you need an update on the basic, fundamental beliefs of Catholicism? For many of us, it has been a long time since we learned about our faith in Catholic school or parish religious education programs. Join us for one topic or enjoy them all. *No registration is required.*

**Topics for Spring 2012 are:**

**Prayer - April 23 and 25**

**Morality - April 30 and May 2**

**Summary - May 7 and 9**

## ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All volunteers must attend a Protecting God's Children workshop. This program is intended to educate volunteers to recognize and prevent sexual abuse. Pre-registration is required for the workshop and may be done online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). The next workshops at St. Matthew are **Wednesday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Both workshops are in the NLC Banquet Room.**

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS

To be considered an active, participating member of the parish, and thus eligible for MACS tuition assistance and sacramental sponsor eligibility, St. Matthew Catholic Church takes into account a family's or individual's ministry involvement and Mass attendance. Since weekly Mass attendance envelopes are the primary way we determine if parishioners are regularly attending Mass, we ask that **if you can't make a contribution on a given Sunday, that you still place your envelope in the collection basket so we can record your attendance.** If you are using Faith Direct, then please use the personalized offertory cards indicating your Mass attendance.

*Attendance at Mass is the most meaningful way we model and live our Catholic faith.*

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE GOD'S BLESSINGS!

- **E-giving!** You can now give a single donation or sign up for on-going donations through our electronic giving provider Faith Direct. It's easy, safe and environmentally friendly! Simply scan this code using your smart phone to enroll online today, or visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code **NC36**.
- **Not so tech savvy?** You can still utilize the safety and convenience of Faith Direct by completing the enrollment form found in the Narthex. Simply complete and mail to Faith Direct.
- **Consider stock gifts.** There may be tax advantages to you in contributing appreciated stock. Stock donation forms are available online at [www.charlottediocese.org](http://www.charlottediocese.org), "Opportunities for Giving" tab.



Please contact our **Chief Financial Officer Jane Balbirnie at 704-543-7677 x 1046** for further details on any of these methods of giving. As always, contact your tax professional to discuss specific tax implications. **Thank you for your generosity to St. Matthew!**

### RENEW ST. MATTHEW

**The parish construction debt has been paid in full!** During the economic downturn, the parish has deferred nonessential capital improvements. Our campus facilities range in age from eight to more than 20 years and see heavy daily use, requiring significant repairs and upgrades. The **"Renew St. Matthew"** monthly collection, begun on April 1, will be used for these improvements, and will occur as a second collection on the first weekend of each month, replacing the former debt reduction collection. **Thank you for your continued generosity!**

**Bulletin announcements** are due no later than **Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.** of the previous week. Send submissions to [juliat@stmatthewcatholic.org](mailto:juliat@stmatthewcatholic.org).





**Why Marriage Matters**

- Marriage helps create and care for the next generation
- Marriage helps to satisfy men and women's deep human longings for connection with each other
- Marriage allows children to know and be known by their own mother and father.

**On May 8, Vote FOR Marriage**

[www.CatholicVoiceNC.org](http://www.CatholicVoiceNC.org)

"And God blessed them, and God said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply.'" Gen. 1:28

Marriage helps to satisfy men and women's deep human longings for connection with each other while ensuring the continuation of the human race through the procreation of children. Vote FOR marriage on May 8th. Learn more about the support of North Carolina's Bishops FOR marriage at [www.CatholicVoiceNC.org](http://www.CatholicVoiceNC.org).



## ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

### APRIL SPOTLIGHT VOLUNTEER BOB JORDAN



**Bob and Cheryl Jordan**

Our Volunteer Spotlight focuses this month on Bob Jordan. Bob is from Washington, D.C. and he and his wife, Cheryl have been here at St. Matthew since 2006. Bob is a retired electrical power engineer. He was raised in a Jewish/Protestant background and chose Christianity at a young age. He is now celebrating 20 years of becoming a Catholic through the RCIA program. Before coming to St. Matthew, Bob served in a variety of roles in previous parishes because he feels that all responsible persons should live their faith by giving back to others in whatever way they can. He was involved in ministry to nursing homes and was a natural to get involved in Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Matthew. He has served as an usher and a Eucharistic Minister, helped with two Habitat houses and volunteers with our Family Assist Ministry. Currently, Bob most enjoys his roles as lector and helping facilitate one of our Bible Study classes. Bob is a seeker of knowledge and

very much appreciates the opportunities we have to grow on our adult faith journeys at St. Matthew, a “wonderful cornucopia of places to learn.” He says we are blessed with staff who spend the time to create great programs and with speakers and teachers who are willing to share their faith with others. Thank you, Bob, for all the ways you use your time and talents to serve our parish family!

### SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) OUR SHIP CONTINUES TO SAIL!

Our project in collaboration with The Charlotte Housing Authority and The Salvation Army to outfit apartments for women and their children, is being continued as these families sail on to completely independent living. We have been asked to quickly outfit **six** apartments by early May. Our greatest needs are listed below and can be dropped off at either St. Matthew or St. Gabriel Church Offices. To arrange a pickup, call **Maureen Regele, 704-605-5444**.

**New twin sheets sets, mattress pads and pillows**, twin comforters, blankets and dust ruffles, shower curtain, hooks and liners, **New bathroom towel sets, bath towels, hand towels and face cloths**, bathroom rugs, pots and pan sets (especially larger sized pots), silverware (knives and forks), kitchen knives and cooking utensils, microwaves, cutting boards, tall kitchen waste cans, laundry baskets, sewing kits and tool kits, couches, dressers, end tables, coffee tables, nightstands and dining tables and chair sets.

### FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT AT SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Have your personal and confidential documents shredded and recycled—FREE!

**Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to noon**

**Sponsored by St. Matthew Catholic Church and PROSHRED® Security**

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States according to the FBI. Approximately 7 million Americans become victims of identity theft each year.

On Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to noon parishioners and members of the community are encouraged to bring personal and confidential documents to Saint Matthew where PROSHRED Security will destroy them in one of their mobile shredding trucks while you watch. No need to remove binder covers, binder clips or staples because PROSHRED's industrial shredders will easily shred through them. All shredded documents will be recycled.

Help protect yourself and your family from identity theft by having PROSHRED safely destroy personal and confidential information such as: obsolete tax documents, bank statements including cancelled checks, credit card statements and credit card receipts, credit card offers, financial account statements, insurance documents and business records.

## ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Have you recently moved? Changed your email address?  
St. Matthew is abuzz with activity all year long.  
We want to keep you informed of all the happenings!*

## Parishioner Change Form

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

New address \_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

*Because we work in advance, please allow 4-6 weeks for address changes to take effect.*

Family Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted: Yes No

Member Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Husband Wife Other \_\_\_\_\_

Member Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Husband Wife Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Family Change** i.e. marriage, separation, new baby, homebound or special needs?

Send your family updates to: **robins@stmatthewcatholic.org**,

or drop this form in the collection basket or mail it to:

St. Matthew Catholic Church, **Attn: Business Office**, P.O. Box 49349, Charlotte, NC 28277

### Email Updates

*In order to be good stewards of resources given to us, the church is increasingly using email to communicate general news. We would like to continue that trend.*

*You can help us by keeping your information updated!*

Please send your email updates to: **robins@stmatthewcatholic.org**

*Remember to include your name and family ID number!*

**Your privacy is important to us. Your information is for parish use only and is not shared.**

## ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PILGRIMAGE TO

## IRELAND

WITH FR. PATRICK HOARE,  
FR. PATRICK CAHILL & FR. PATRICK TOOLE



## PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND WITH THE FATHERS PAT! APRIL 22 THROUGH MAY 1, 2013

Join Fr. Pat Hoare, Fr. Pat Cahill and Fr. Pat Toole on the journey of a lifetime as they lead you on a 10-day pilgrimage to The Emerald Isle. Pilgrimage includes roundtrip airfare from Charlotte to Dublin, daily Mass and professional Catholic tour escort. Daily sightseeing including Dublin, Galway, Knock Shrine, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, St. Patrick sites and much more! Early booking special of \$3,749 (if you book by June 18 and pay with cash or check; air taxes included). Space is limited. Call Corporate Travel Service at 313-565-8888 x 121 or 150. For more details or reservations, visit [ctscentral.net](http://ctscentral.net).

## OUTSIDE THE PARISH NEWS

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES** has an immediate need for volunteers to assist with collection of food from the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina and delivery to the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry. Pickup happens one morning each week and takes less than two hours. Volunteers need to be able to lift 50 lbs., have good mobility and access to a large vehicle (truck or large van) for the purpose of collecting food items. Volunteers will be grouped into three person teams and work on a rotating schedule based on availability. To volunteer, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 704-370-3283 or visit [www.cssnc.org](http://www.cssnc.org) and click on the Volunteer in Charlotte tab.

**THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY.** Sr. Gertrude Gillette is teaching a three-part series on Mary, Our Mother. On April 25, she will discuss "Mary and Scripture." May 2 topic is "Mary's Role in the Church and Her Apparitions." May 9 topic is "Mary, Our Mother, Fulfillment of Life as a Christian." All classes are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 8451 Idlewild Road. Questions, call 704-535-4197.

**CANCER REHABILITATION AND WELLNESS OPEN HOUSE.** Join us on Wednesday, April 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. for an interactive opportunity to speak with staff massage therapists, nurses, nutritionists, exercise physiologists and yoga therapists and learn about your options for symptom management. The open house is located at Presbyterian Hospital Cancer Rehabilitation and Wellness on 125 Baldwin Ave., Suite 100. The event is free. To register, call 704-384-6953.

**OPERATION MEDICINE DROP.** Help protect your family and the environment. Bring your unused or expired prescription medications to Operation Medicine Drop where law enforcement will dispose of them properly. A drop is scheduled for April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Stonecrest Shopping Center in front of the Harris Teeter. The event is sponsored by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. For more information and additional drop sites, visit <http://www.levinechildrenshospital.org/body.cfm?id=845&fr=true>.

**ROOM AT THE INN'S 12TH ANNUAL "LINKS FORE! LIFE" CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT** event offers something new – a way for everyone, not just golfers, to enjoy this fun event. We are hosting a fundraising brunch and spiritual reflection in the morning, featuring Abbot Placid Solari. Both events will take place on Monday, May 21, at Cedarwood Country Club. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Both events kick-off at 11 a.m. Brunch guests will be finished by noon. Brunch tickets are \$30/person. Golfers receive lunch and beverages during the tournament, and dinner during the awards presentation. Cost per player is \$125.00. Registration is required for both events. For information or sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.rati.org](http://www.rati.org) or email [marypaulforsyth@rati.org](mailto:marypaulforsyth@rati.org). Spaces are limited. Please register by May 7.

**COUNCIL ON AGING OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY.** New to Medicare or confused about Medicare? Join us for a class designed to explain Medicare on Tuesday, May 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Eugene's Catholic Church in Asheville (72 Culvern St.) To register, call 828-277-8288.

**VOLLEYBALL CAMPS AT CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.** Camp for fifth through seventh graders is July 9 through July 12. Camp for eighth and ninth graders is July 9 through July 12. A second week is available for rising eighth and ninth graders July 16 through July 19 at a Catholic facility TBA. Camps are run by Tim Leary, coach at Charlotte Catholic High School and Bettie Berry, coach at Myers Park High School. For more information, contact Bettie Berry at 704-301-7572 or [Bettie.Berry@att.net](mailto:Bettie.Berry@att.net).