

Saint Luke Catholic Church

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-4:00PM

Baptism: Parents must attend a class prior to the Baptism of their child. The class is held on the third Sunday of each month following the 11AM Mass in the Conference Room.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15-4:45PM or by appointment.
During Lent—Sundays from 12-1PM.

Sick/Hospital Visits

If someone in your family is sick or admitted to the hospital or nursing home, please let the church office know so that we can visit them.

Sponsor Certificate: In order to receive permission to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation, you will need to be a registered and a contributing parishioner for at least three months.

Counseling: To inquire or make an appointment for counseling, please call Sr. Marie Frechette at 704-543-7677 x 1073.

Spiritual Direction: Bryna Bozart, a member of St. Luke, is a trained Spiritual Director. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Bryna Bozart at beemps@aol.com.

Scriptural Rosary is prayed at St. Luke parish at 10:30AM on Mondays in the chapel. For more information contact Madeleine McGuinness at 704-845-4008.

Interested In Becoming A Catholic?

Please call Sr. Veronica Grover at 704-545-1224 ext. 17 for information about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

Parish Registration: Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table after all weekend Masses or weekdays at the parish office. You may also register online on our website.

Bulletin Deadline: Please submit your announcement in writing or email by 2:00PM Thursday of the previous week.



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Parish Mission Statement

*To Be A Christ Centered Church; Responsive To The Needs of All.
Preserving, Spreading and Celebrating The Teaching of Jesus.*

Fr. Paul Q. Gary

Pastor ext. 18

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Sr. Veronica Grover

Pastoral Associate ext. 17

Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Evers

Rev. Mr. Rafael Torres

Parish Deacons ext. 10

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM-11:00AM-
5:00PM

1:00PM (Bilingual)

Daily/Holy Day Mass Schedule

Ascension Thursday will be
celebrated June 4-5

Mary Adams, *Admin Assistant* ext. 10
Katie Blanchette, *Secretary*..... ext. 23
Lori Kissinger, *Business Manager*.....ext. 11
Marti Dushak, *Music Director*..... ext. 16
Richard White, *Maintenance*.....ext. 28
Ellen Bree, *Playschool Director*.....ext. 13
Martha Hannah, *Faith Formation* ... ext. 14
Cheryl Finch, *Youth Ministry*ext. 12
Chrissy Stublaski, *Faith Form. Asst.*.....ext. 15
Carol Weddle, *Confirmation*.....ext. 12
Ellen Bree, *1st Communion*.....ext. 13
Edra Alonso, *Spanish Ministry*.....ext. 20



Ascension of the Lord ❖ Sunday, June 5, 2011

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

On two Fridays in June our young people at St. Luke's will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit will rest upon the long awaited for Messiah. "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord" (Isaiah 11: 1-2). This is what happened at the Jordan River when the sky opened and the Spirit descended upon Jesus as he was baptized. "When all the people were baptized, and Jesus was at prayer after likewise being baptized, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in visible form like a dove" (Luke 3: 21-22).

The Church teaches that the gift of the Spirit that descended upon Jesus would also be shared with the whole messianic people. Jesus mentioned this outpouring of the Spirit on several occasions. "The Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment all that should be said" (Luke 12: 12). This promise was fulfilled on Easter Sunday and more strikingly on Pentecost Sunday.

On Easter Sunday Jesus appeared to his disciples who were gathered together in prayer and he breathed on them the Holy Spirit and said "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound" (John 20: 22-23). On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit rushed upon the disciples who were again gathered in prayer. "Suddenly from up in the sky there came a noise like a strong driving wind which was heard all through the house where they were seated. Tongues as of fire appeared, which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them" (Acts of the Apostles 2: 2-4).

St. Peter and the other eleven apostles spoke to the astonished crowd outside who thought they "had too much new wine" (Acts 2: 13). Peter told them, "No, it is what Joel the prophet spoke of: It shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out a portion of my spirit on all mankind: your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams" (Acts 2: 16 – 17).

Many who heard the apostles put their faith in Jesus. They were baptized and received the Holy Spirit. "From that time on the apostles, in fulfillment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit which completes the grace of Baptism. The imposition of hands is the origin of the Sacrament of Confirmation which perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church." See Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1288.

Congratulations to all our young people. May the Holy Spirit help you to perform "many signs and wonders" (Acts 5: 12) in your faith-filled life.

Fr. Paul J. Gary



STEWARDSHIP AT ST. LUKE PARISH...

Faith Formation is offered on Sundays, Mondays or Wednesdays at various times from September thru May and Confirmed Catholics are needed to volunteer as Catechists (teachers) and Co-Catechists, and as substitute teachers. Contact Martha Hannah or Cheryl Finch if interested in volunteering at 704-545-0065. COME SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

Registered Families: 1377

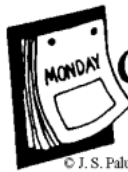
Offertory May 29: 14,010.50
We Care (5% of Offering) <700.52>

Envelope Users for month of April: 861

Total offertory budgeted this fiscal year: 746,433.00
Total offertory budgeted through week 45 of this FY: 647,328.00
Remaining offertory needed to meet budget for FY: 55,436.00
Total offertory received to week 45 of this FY: 690,997.00
Current budget variance to week 45 of this FY: (+) 43,669.00

Thanks to your recent offertory donations, the WE CARE Committee was able to make a donation to **Friendship Trays**.

Please note that we are now including the financial information for the current fiscal year, which began July 1, 2010 and runs through June 30, 2011. Financial reports are also available on our website www.stlukechurch.net.



Coming
Up this week...

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Sunday, June 5

Spanish Ministry Food Fundraiser; Stewardship Sunday; Blessing of Graduates at Mass

2:00PM Spanish Prayer Group—Worship

Monday, June 6

10:00AM Young at Heart Steering—FLC

10:30AM Rosary—Chapel

7:00PM Worship & Spiritual Life—Conference Room

7:00PM Ascension—Worship

7:00PM Boy Scouts—FLC

Tuesday, June 7

7:30PM Genesis—Worship

Wednesday, June 8

10:30AM Bible Study—Conference Room

7:15PM Caregivers Support Group—FLC

Thursday, June 9

11:30AM Why Catholic—FLC

6:00PM Sojourn—Worship

7:00PM Cub Scouts—FLC

7:30PM Spirit—Worship

Friday, June 10—Office Closed

1:00PM Small Faith Group—Conference Room

7:00PM Confirmation Celebration—Worship

Saturday, June 11

7:00AM Blood Drive—FLC

Sunday, June 12

Agape Biscuit Sale at Mass

2:00PM Spanish Prayer Group—Worship

**PLEASE NOTE:
During the months of June,
July and August, the office will
be closed on Fridays.**

*Giving of our time, talent and
treasure is not about giving until it
hurts. Rather, it is about giving
until you feel good about what
you have given.*



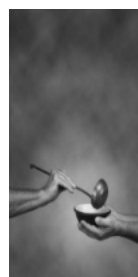
Diocesan Support Appeal — As of 5/23/11, 326 families have pledged \$69,175. We need each of you to help us reach our goal of \$79,377. If you have not yet made your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal please consider doing so this week. As good stewards, we are all called to share our gifts. Please be generous in your sharing. Pledge envelopes are available at the welcome table.



The Sacramentary—The Roman Missal

This revised translation pertains to the book we previously called *The Sacramentary*. It will not affect the scripture readings, the Prayer of the Faithful, or your favorite hymns. The new translation pertains to the words we speak or sing at every Mass, and to the prayers that the priest recites alone from *The Sacramentary*. Even the title of *The Sacramentary* will have a new translation; we will now refer to it as *The Roman Missal*. **Source:** Excerpt from *Understanding the Revised Mass Texts, Second Edition*. Liturgy Training Publications. Interested in reading more? Full copies available at the Welcome Table.

Outreach



HOMELESS SHELTER—St. Luke will be serving at the homeless shelter on Sunday, June 19. We are now serving over 250 men. If you make desserts they can be dropped off at church BEFORE 11:00AM Mass on Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to help cook/serve, please call Ray or Phyllis Mennitt at 704-846-2156. Your efforts enable us to serve a nutritious meal with love. *(Due to the huge response for help, please call the Mennitt's if you plan on helping. This will avoid too many or too few workers.)*



Our sponsor of the week...

We would like to thank **BOB MAYBERRY HYUNDAI, Patty Ausman** for advertising in our bulletin.

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BE A BLOOD DONOR—Our next Blood Drive will be held at St. Luke on Saturday, June 11 from 7AM to 12 noon. Please come our and give a pint in support of our community. We are in dire need of blood right now, so please help the Red Cross. For an appointment call Charlie Ward at 704-882-4120. Thanks for your support!



LAMB FOUNDATION/KNIGHTS NEWS:

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank a few parishioners who recently made generous contributions to the LAMB Foundation to help those with intellectual disabilities. They



include Jane Crummet, Mark Heitbink, Al Cosentino and Janice Phillips. Janice is a student who raised \$150 as part of a school project. Our thanks to each of them for their generosity.



“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19

Pax Christi meets the 4th Saturday, every other month in the conference room at the church at 10:00 A.M. The next meeting will be June 25. We hope you will join us.

Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. Anonymous

Community Building



Stewardship

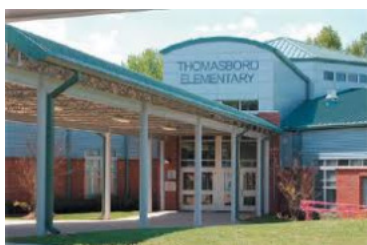
A way of life



St. Luke parishioners will be participating in a mission trip to the Appalachian the last week of August. Anyone interested in working with the Christian Appalachian Project, which assists disadvantage families in some of the poorest counties in

the United States, should contact Steve Daly at 704-365-2466 or Steve Uzzell at 704-545-0498.

St. Luke’s Thomasboro Ministry is proud to announce that we were recently chosen as one of the recipients of the 2011 Catholic Campaign for Human Development grants. The grant will be used to offer a leadership/self-esteem program, Athena’s Path and Heroes Pursuit, for incoming middle-schoolers. Next year, because of middle school closings in the city, Thomasboro will become a Pre-K through 8th grade school, which will hold many unique challenges. We hope with this grant to encourage students to find their individual gifts that will work to make Thomasboro a strong, academic, caring community. Many thanks to Marie-Michele Darcy, who generously offered to write the grant proposal... to Fr. Paul and Sister Veronica for their unconditional support of this ministry, and of course, to the awesome parishioners of St. Luke’s, who make it all possible!!! May God bless each of you...and our adopted community of Thomasboro.



Thomasboro Elementary

Thank you... Kathy Capps, Coordinator

Stewardship Follow-up—St. Luke held a Stewardship Fair in November to give everyone a chance to get to know our ministries and to express interest in participating in one or more, using our gold Stewardship form. Ministry leaders were given the names of interested parties, and asked to contact each person. The Stewardship Committee wants to make sure that everyone has been contacted. If you have NOT been contacted, we apologize - and would like to remedy the situation. Please contact Marilyn Palmer and we will make sure that you are contacted. To reach Marilyn, call 704-821-3457 or email: palmermar@hotmail.com.

An invitation from the Stewardship Committee—All are welcome to attend the Stewardship committee meetings. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of every month (except July). We welcome all to attend, participate, listen, and give us your ideas. Many hands (and minds) make light work. Please join us. For ideas, questions or more information, please contact Marilyn Palmer at 704-821-3457 or email: palmermar@hotmail.com.

*Each new Day is God’s gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift to God.*





The St. Luke Council **Knights of Columbus** will once again be awarding a **\$500 scholarship** to any St. Luke graduating senior. Applications are available at the parish office and are **due** no later than **June 7, 2010**.

Thank You

A note of Thanks to you, the people of Saint Luke, for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful community. Thank you for celebrating with me on my 25th anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate. Your support and generosity are gratefully appreciated. You are a holy, warm and gracious parish whose love and outreach goes beyond the walls of this humble building. You are truly church. Thank you again and please pray for me,

~ Deacon Jeff

Come on out for some family fun...and support St Luke Missions!

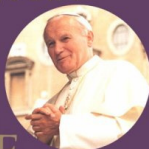
June 8, from 6:00PM to 9:00PM, St. Luke musicians will be leading a sing-a-long at Whooli's Grill, 7211 E. Independence Blvd., Suite 14 (Across the street from Lebo's and next to the ABC store.) A portion of the food proceeds for the night will be donated to the Agape Missions Fund.

Come on out to sing, clap and dance along and support St. Luke's missions... and enjoy some good food! Bring your whole family!

To see the menu for Whooli's go to <http://www.allmenus.com/nc/charlotte/42783-whoolis-grill/menu/>.



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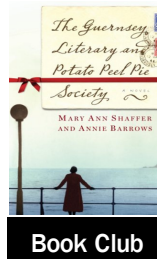


THE JEWELER'S SHOP

IGNATIUS

On June 13th & 14th, **St. John Neumann Church**, 8451 Idlewild Road, Charlotte, NC 28227 will be hosting, **Fr. Koterski of Fordman University** as he presents a dynamic discussion on "**The Jeweler's Shop**". This 1960 play, written by John Paul II reveals the true meaning of love and marriage. Each night's discussion will last from 7:00-8:30 PM and light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided. All are invited!

Faith Formation



The June book selection is "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie" by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows. We will meet on Tuesday, June 28 at 10:30AM in the FLC. We invite you to join us.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Armstrong at 704-753-1112.

Book Club

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 18-22



We take children on a first-come-first-serve basis until spaces are filled. Rising Kindergarten thru rising 5th graders are eligible to attend. Fee this year is a non-refundable \$35/student and must be paid at the time of registration.



Faith Formation Registration

It's time to think about registration for next year, 2011-2012. Registrations and class placements are made on a first-come, first serve basis. Payment in full by cash or check, bank draft form or PayPal receipt must accompany your form. PayPal payment links are on the church's website. Registration forms received after

June 3, will be assessed late fees.

Parents of First Grade Students: Faith Formation begins in First Grade. This is part of the two year preparation process in working toward the celebration of First Communion at the end of Second Grade. It is your responsibility to register your child. You may come by the church Monday-Friday from 9-4 to register. Within a week, the registration forms will be on the St. Luke website if you wish to print a form online. Classes for first grade students are offered on Monday at 4 or 6 and Wednesday at 4:30 or 6:15. More details about Faith Formation are available online at www.stlukechurch.net or call the Faith Formation office with questions. For current parishioners, your deadline to enroll is June 5, 2011.

Catholic School Parents with students who will be in grades 2 or 9 during the 2011-2012 school year, should come by the church or Faith Formation office to obtain a registration form. Catholic School children do not have to attend Faith Formation classes, but **MUST** enroll in Sacrament Preparation.

Anyone in the parish who is considering being a **Faith Formation teacher or co-teacher** should contact Martha Hannah, Cheryl Finch or Chrissy Stublaski. We welcome men and women of all ages.

Worship & Spiritual Life



Next weekend, we welcome the following at the 11AM Mass...

Cooper Patrick Daly
Angelo Michael Spinazzola

Blessings to the Daly & Spinazzola Families!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 4

5:00PM ✕ Tesfamariam Hagos By: Lete Tewolde

Sunday, June 5

9:00AM ✕ Dan Little By: Jim & Carol Hannah
11:00AM ✕ Jack Cook By: Rich & Pat Rooney
1:00PM ✕ Jose Giraldo By: Barlow Family
5:00PM ✕ FrankLaRubbio By: Dayton Family

Monday, June 6

11:00AM People of St. Luke Parish

Tuesday, June 7

6:30PM ✕ William Shackleton By: Flynn Family

Wednesday, June 8

6:30PM ✕ Tewolde Habtezgli By: Lete Tewolde

Thursday, June 9

11:00AM ✕ Fr. Anthony Tomasulo By: Barry Mulvaney

Friday, June 10

8:30AM ✕ Jane Heine By: Cosentino Family

Saturday, June 11

5:00PM ✕ Christopher Manos By: Dayton Family

Sunday, June 12

9:00AM ✕ Dan Little By: Isie & Mary Ellen Camacho
11:00AM The Buday Family By: Lucille Makel
1:00PM People of St. Luke Parish
5:00PM ✕ Lucille Jackson By: Joe Jackson

In your kindness please remember the following in our parish...

Dorothy Ney, Arin Nesbit, Dave & Dorothy Minish, Steven Shope, Joel Shaul, Tiffany Partozoti, Catherine Simmoneti, Kaite Evankovech, David McGowan, Carlo Ortega, Fred Parry, Gomez Family, Gina Short, Shannon Smith, Cathy Sluja, Marie Mahnke, Kimberly Smith, Jim Bush, Nicci Williams, Olive Werhand, Virginia Wieloszynski, Rita Foulk, Elaine Medina, Frances Doyle, Edra Alonso, Warren Roggeman, Brittney Breyare, Fran Wroclawski, Sharon Glose, Rita O'Donnell, Carl Lamkin, Sr. Veronica Grover, Pete Woitkowski, Thomas Koehler, Winnie Mantione, Susan Shaul Deloris Szachara, Carl Partozoti, Tom McLarney, Tina McGahee, Christine Collins, Maureen Deese, Gimmí Family, Thomas Baur, Susan Trombello and Amy Mullis

and among our friends and family...

Michelle Musialowski, Andrew Chinigo, Bernice Lamkin, Uqui Martin-Fernandez, Alice Dougherty, Charles Vandergift, Thomas Silinski, Richard Shafanda, Nancy Mecodangelo, Alan Fields, David Greene, Jane & Andrew Foard, Jakob Clark, Pat Rodite, Carl vanDoorne, Patti McGoey, Margie Johnson, Ted Lafiteau, Bob Smith, Chris Kirk, Allen Weaver, Ed Duffy, Glenda Woodson and Sharon Banfield

(Previously named persons are now placed in our Book of Intentions)



His Excellency, Bishop Peter J. Jugis, will celebrate a **Mass for U.S. military personnel on Sunday, July 3**, at 3:30PM at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Charlotte. The Mass and rosary (to be recited at 3:00PM) will be offered for all military personnel

who have died and for those who are now serving. All military personnel are invited and encouraged to come in uniform. Photos of those who have died or who are now serving in the military will be displayed in the Cathedral. To include your service member, preferably in uniform, please mail a color or black/white photocopy of them with their name and military rank on the back of the photocopy to Nancy Weber, Office of the Bishop, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203 to be received no later than June 24. (Please do not send original photographs as they cannot be returned.)

**In Christian love and sympathy,
we remember...**

FLAVIA BRUCIA, Mother of
Joe Brucia
RICHARD FORD, Stepfather of
Donna Fumo

May the Lord grant her peace and consolation to her family.