

# This Week at the Basilica . . .

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - CDA VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

5:00pm Vigil Attai by Madeleine Pflaumbaum  
 9:00am † Farrell Family by Bob & Connie Dillon  
 12:00pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 5:00pm Misa Linda Furr

**Choir Warm-up, 8:30am, LC**  
**CDA Valentine Bake Sale, 9:00am, 12:00pm & 5:00pm, B**  
**Inquiry Class, 9:15am, LC**  
**RCIA - Children, 10:15am, LC**  
**First Communion Class, 3:00pm, LH, C & F**  
**La Platica, 3:00pm, LC**

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30am Billie Stahmer  
 12:10pm † Bill Butcher by Verne & Terry Franks  
**Cursillo de Hombres, 7:00pm, F**

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30am John Riddle by Diana Riddle  
 12:10pm Martha Papp & Family by S. Townsend  
**Basilica Tour, 2:00pm, B**  
**Cantor Rehearsal, 7:00pm, B**  
**RCIA, 7:00pm, LH**  
**RCIA (Spanish), 7:00pm, LC**

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30am Larry Wagner  
 12:10pm † Stewart B. Colemann by Debbie & Sandy Lyman  
**Social Justice Meal Preparation, 10:00am, LH**  
**Youth Choir, 5:30pm, B**  
**Hispanic Youth, 6:00pm, LH**  
**Confirmation Class, 7:00pm, B**  
**Confirmation Class, 7:30pm, C & LC**  
**Confirmation Class - Spanish parents, 7:30pm, F**

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30am † Bill & La Verne Butcher by Verne & Terry Franks  
 12:10pm Tony Marcaccio by Marge Sposato  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, B**

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30am Paula Wagner  
 12:10pm Matthew Codd by Codd Family  
**Scripture Study of the Weekend Readings, 10:30am, LC**  
**Cursillo de Mujeres Equipo, 6:00pm, LC**  
**Hispanic Prayer Group, 7:00pm, B**

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30am Alizee Barney by Wagner Family  
 5:00pm Vigil † Larry Horning by Sandra Funk  
**Caleb Wade Wilson Baptism, 10:30am, B**  
**SLY M.S. Youth - Climb Max, 6:00pm, Off campus**  
**Separated & Divorced Catholics, 6:30pm, F**  
**CAFÉ Couple's Night Out, 7:00pm, LH**

### Key for Room Abbreviations

**B** = Basilica      **F** = Fireplace      **RA** = Room A  
**C** = Conference      **LC** = Lower Conference      **RB** = Room B  
**CY** = Court Yard      **LH** = Laurentine Hall      **V** = Vestibule

# People to Pray for . . .

## \*PARISHIONERS:

~ Jake Minick Family & Baby Sebastian, Jeanne & Nathaniel Bowman, Robert Daniels, Charles Grimes, Calloway Family, Ben Mandala, Coates Family, Aviva Bruyer, Lytle Family, John Riddle, Karen White, Jim Drummond, Lettie Polite, Armida Weissman, Eden Weaver.

## \*HOMEBOUND:

Emily Aiken, Jane Allen, Catherine Bollman, Jean Brandon, Ana Flores, John Gilliam, Rachel Gordon, Helen Harrison, Henzly Harrison, Juanita Leake, Kathy Marr, Cameron Meehan, Augusta Milhaupt, Christine Pape, Mary Render, Barbara Ricardo, Diana Riddle, Miera Riesgo, Marcella & Robert Sawinski, Mary Sulkowski, John Wenta, Whitaker, Betty Zalewski.

## \*NON-PARISHIONERS:

Patricia Croy, Donna Hilton, Fr. Michael Reyes, Sr., Neaparia Lois, Sara Riddle, Mary Moore, James Glenn, Richard Early, Aldric Family, Jonathan Sprouse, Amanda Gresham, Travis Rudd, Idalia Brown, Ray Browne, Skylar Townsend, Michael Flemming, Jonathon Riddle, Ashleigh Riddle, Joseph Meyer, Kara Edwards, Shannon Kerschen Belsito, Richard Harris, Kisha Ingram, Cathy Ball.

## \*MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Joseph Castellano, Brittany & Jarred Dawson, Arthur DeCotiis, Jr., Amanda Donatelli, Charlie Drucker, David Emigh, Matthew Farmer, Aaron Foster, Gene Friedman, Paul Giacobbe, Billy Gudzak, Rudy Janiczek, Joseph Janis, Fr. José, Phillip Koch, Stuart Kortus, Jacob Lena, Joseph Mandala, Parnell Mattison, Timothy Mattison, Nicholas Mitchell, Brian Palen, Chris Palen, Michael Petit, David Raffield, Michael Rogers, Jonathan Sprouse, Jason Thorn, David White, Daniel and Margaret Wood.



*The Parish Pastoral Council lovingly holds each of you in prayer.*

# Financial Update

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- **No Checks**
- **Giving Consistency**
- **Saves cost of offertory envelopes & postage**

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## FISCAL YEAR 7/01/2011 THROUGH 6/30/2012

	DECEMBER:		YTD	YTD as % of Budget
	Month to Date Actual	Budget		
Total Receipts:	82,405	67,074	398,371	44.29%
Total Expenses:	88,099	67,074	396,749	49.29%
Receipts + (-)	16,626	-	1,622	

## PASTORAL STAFF

Rector/Pastor, ext 15:  
**Very Rev. Wilbur N. Thomas, V.F.**  
 Parochial Vicar, ext 14:  
**Rev. C. Morris Boyd, D. Min.**  
*Hispanic & Hospital Ministry*  
 Deacon:  
**Rev. Mr. Richard Voegelé**  
 Director of Faith Formation, ext 11:  
**Elizabeth Girton**  
 Pastoral Associate for Admin, ext 12:  
**LuWinn Rutherford**  
 Director of Music Ministries, 779-9371:  
**Andrew Davis**  
 Facilities Manager, 337-4869:  
**Bud Hansbury**

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

**Renee Courage**, ext 10  
**Antonio Garcia** - Bilingual, ext 17

## FINANCIAL

Bookkeeper, ext 10:  
**Billie Stahmer**  
 Tue, Thu, & Fri, 9am to 4pm

## MAINTENANCE & PARKING

Maintenance Assistant, ext 10:  
**John Courage**  
 Event Parking Operations, ext 10:  
**David Wright**

## QUESTIONS FOR STAFF?

### General Information . . .

Call Administrative Assistants for: Appointments w/ Priests, Membership, Calendar Scheduling, Mass Intentions, Weekly Bulletin, and Monthly Parking.

### Sacramental Preparation . . .

Call Elizabeth Girton for: RCIA, 1st Penance, 1st Communion, & Confirmation  
 Call Admin Assistants to schedule: Marriage, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, & Funerals

### Faith Formation . . .

Call Elizabeth Girton for: Catechesis Assembly & all FF Classes

### Music Ministries . . .

Call Andrew Davis for: Music inquiries including Choir, Concerts, Liturgical Selections, Weddings, Funerals, & Special Services

### Administrative . . .

LuWinn Rutherford-Office Management  
 Bud Hansbury-Facilities Management

*Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of parishioner Dorothy Whitaker who passed away last week.*



# INCLEMENT WEATHER PROTOCOL



During severe winter weather, please tune to:

**WLOS - TV**

for cancellations or closings related to Basilica activities.

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## ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC ADORERS

To insure safety of parishioners during inclement weather — snow, icing and forecasted winter weather warnings — the Basilica will be closed at 5pm. This will insure that adorers will not be out in unsafe conditions and also that the Basilica will be secured.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Very Rev. Wilbur N. Thomas, VF, President  
 Andrea Hansbury, Chair 515-0062  
 Jean Boyd 254-3458  
 Aviva Bruyer 253-8298  
 Omar Lomeli 545-6115  
 Deborah Lyman 296-1133  
 Matt Mores 255-6109  
 Donna Muana 252-0344  
 Madeleine Pflaumbaum 665-4621  
 Janneke Pieters 202-360-1287  
 Lettie Polite 258-3507  
 Iveth Rankine 230-0246  
 Tim Reid 683-9943  
 Thomas Roberts 658-8174  
 Ricardo Rodriguez No Listing  
 Joe Wheeler 658-4117  
 Lisa Ross, Recording Secretary

*Please direct your Suggestions & Concerns for the parish to a member of the Pastoral Council.*

## FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cleatus Tate, Chair 253-5209  
 Gil Calles 628-0800  
 Suzanne DeFerie 299-3610  
 Dan Lepore 298-5739  
 Brian Tonner 683-9759

## COMMISSION CHAIRS

**Buildings/Facilities:**  
 Lonnie Gilliam 254-8271  
 Kerney McNeil 274-4663  
**Communications:** VACANT  
**Education & Formation:** VACANT  
**Evangelization/Ecumenism:**  
 Michael LaFlamme 216-3640  
**Liturgy and Worship:**  
 Alice Cella 258-0300  
**Parish Life:**  
 Mary Catherine Ward 667-0087  
**Social Justice:**  
 Rita Livezey 299-0668

## COMMITTEES & MINISTRIES

**Homebound Ministry:**  
 Alice Cella 258-0300  
**Youth Ministry:** TBA  
**The Vine - Young Adults Ministry:**  
 Alicia Ring 450-1476  
**50+ Gang - Senior Adults Ministry:**  
 Lettie Polite, Coord. 258-3507  
**Diocesan Hispanic Ministry:**  
 Antonio Garcia 333-5120  
**Library Committee:**  
 Lettie Polite, Chair 258-3507  
 Nancy Hofmann 299-1922  
 Barney Raffield 274-8404  
**Respect Life Committee:**  
 Helen Gordon 683-9001  
**Separated & Divorced Catholics:**  
 Maureen Houston 298-8975  
[catholicanddivorced@gmail.com](mailto:catholicanddivorced@gmail.com)

# Connecting with the Parish Community

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

### Valentine Bake Sale

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*Separated & Divorced Catholics*  
Saturday, February 18, 2012, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Fireplace Room, Upper Floor of Parish Office

We will be covering Chapter 3, dealing with stress, in the book "Divorce and Beyond - The Process of Divorce". We will also be watching a DVD on dealing with anger, from the series "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide".

Registration is ongoing.

Contact: Maureen Houston



# Announcements for Sunday, February 12, 2012

## Parish

**"CALL TO SERVICE"**  
is the theme of the 2012 Diocesan  
Support Appeal.



Please be generous to the DSA by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to the DSA is a way of serving our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

## PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

We host and sponsor many events throughout the year. We are looking for people to help coordinate and volunteer at special events and receptions as well as bring new ideas. Contact Mary Catherine Ward at

## RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Four things we can all do to protect freedom of religion: 1) pray daily, especially Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary; 2) fast once a week; 3) contact our representatives; 4) stay informed via Catholic media. [usccb.org/prolife](http://usccb.org/prolife), [catholicnews herald.com](http://catholicnews herald.com), [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com), [ncregister.com](http://ncregister.com), [lifeneews.com](http://lifeneews.com), [lifesitenews.com](http://lifesitenews.com), [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org).

## REMINDER

The Lenten Season will soon be upon us. This year **Ash Wednesday** falls on **February 22**. Ashes will be distributed at the **7:30am Mass** and



*"But let our people, too, learn to devote themselves to good works, to supply urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive."*

Announcements for the weekly bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesdays at Noon to ensure publication. Submit form at:

## Community

### ACS HUNGER BANQUET

The fifth grade class at Asheville Catholic School invites you to their Hunger Banquet on **Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012**, from **6-8pm** in the ACS gym. All proceeds will benefit the Manna Packs Program assisting at-risk elementary school children in WNC. Admission by donation. Please RSVP to [aring@ashevillescatholic.org](mailto:aring@ashevillescatholic.org). Hope to see you there.

### GALA FOR HOPE

Catholic Social Services invites you to the Gala for Hope in support of C.S.S., **Saturday, February 18**, at the Crowne Plaza Expo Center. There will be silent and live auction experiences, and a dinner with music provided by Scott Raines and the Common Saints Band.

To make reservations or register your sponsorship, go to [www.cssnc.org](http://www.cssnc.org), and click on 'Gala for Hope' or contact: **Holly Carter** at **255-0146, ext. 12**, or email: [hscarter@charlottediocese.org](mailto:hscarter@charlottediocese.org)

### IGNITED BY TRUTH CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**February 24-25, 2012**

**NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC**

To obtain program and registration information please visit

[www.IgnitedByTruth.com](http://www.IgnitedByTruth.com) or

### A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

The Retrouvaille program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track and to examine your lives together in a constructive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on **March 9-11, 2012**, call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242 or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### WOMEN'S LENTEN PROGRAM

*The Book of Ruth: A portrayal of faith, loyalty and trust*, is the theme for this Lenten program at Saint Barnabas Catholic Church in Arden, on **Saturday, March 24**. Registration and refreshments will begin at 9:30am, and the program run from **10:00am - 2:15pm**. There will be a luncheon with raffle and door prizes. The Lenten program is free. Please RSVP by March 16 with Marcia Torres at (828) 697-1235 or email [Johnandmarciatorres@yahoo.com](mailto:Johnandmarciatorres@yahoo.com).



## Gala for Hope

Saturday, February 18, 2012, at 5:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Expo Center

1 Resort Drive, Asheville, NC 28806

For tickets, contact Holly Carter, 828.255.0146, ext 12

*"Catholic Social Services gave me a chance to plan a good life for me and my baby. They did not judge me; they helped me. They saved my baby."*

## Altar Flower Memorials and Honorariums

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar to celebrate an occasion, in memory of, or to honor someone, please contact Marge Sposato of the Altar Society at 225-8782 to



## Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat

March 16-18, 2012

Asheville, NC

There is hope, healing and forgiveness following an abortion. Rachel's Vineyard is a week-end retreat for men and women, to begin their healing journey. For more information call Carla, 828-342-4655 or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).



# FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community. In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The

confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses. Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

# Connecting with the Parish through Faith Formation



## Catechesis Assembly

**Sunday, February 19:** Catechesis Assembly meets at 10:15 am in Laurentine Hall. In these gatherings we pray together, learn together, share our faith with one another and build up our community. The adults will be studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Register online at:

[saintlawrencebasilica.org/FF.html](http://saintlawrencebasilica.org/FF.html)



## Training Program For Youth & Teen Lectors

Grades 3 - 5 lector at the Noon Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Grades 6 - 12 lector at the third Saturday Vigil Mass before SLY meetings.

If interested, call Elizabeth Girton, Director of Faith Formation, 252-6042 ext. 11, or email [faithformation@bellsouth.net](mailto:faithformation@bellsouth.net)

## Inquiry Class

Sunday, February 12, at 10:15 a.m. in the Lower Conference Room



All interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith are welcome!

The Lower Conference Room is located in the parish office building adjacent to the Basilica. Enter through the rear entrance near the Marian Courtyard.

**Questions?** Call Elizabeth Girton, Director of Faith Formation, 252.6042, ext 11, [faithformation@bellsouth.net](mailto:faithformation@bellsouth.net)

## Protecting God's Children Awareness Program



All Volunteers are required by the Diocese of Charlotte to attend this class.

Contact Elizabeth Girton at 252.6042 or at [faithformation@bellsouth.net](mailto:faithformation@bellsouth.net) for more information.

## Bible Study of the Weekend Readings



Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon  
in the lower conference room

Using Lectio Divina approach the class looks in-depth at the readings preparing one to participate more fully in the Liturgy of the

## Catholic Scripture Study

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

Two Classes to Choose From

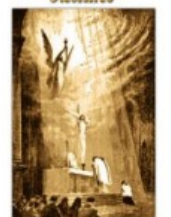
10:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Lower Conference Room

Father Buettner opens one's eyes to the beauty and sacredness of the Mass by guiding the reader through the parts and elements of the liturgy, revealing the true mystery of Holy Mass. To read full description of course, cost, and to register go to:

[saintlawrencebasilica.org](http://saintlawrencebasilica.org)

*Understanding the  
Mystery of the Mass  
Revisited*



*By Father Matthew Buettner  
Revised to include the New Translation of the Mass*

Learn more about the Faith Formation Ministry at the Basilica by visiting: [saintlawrencebasilica.org](http://saintlawrencebasilica.org)

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