

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm  
 Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00am English  
 1:30pm Spanish  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:  
 8:00am  
 Thursday: 8:00am Communion Service

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4-5pm and by appointment.

**Saint Eugene Parish Office**  
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### Office Hours:

9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday

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SEYH St. Eugene Youth House	828 236-1394
Catholic Campus Ministry UNC-A	828 226-3809
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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2011

### Great Expectations

Christmas can be disappointing. We remember the Christmases from our childhood, all the joy, the excitement, and the fun we had. When we grow up, we have to shop for gifts, write and mail the cards, put up the decorations and do all the preparations that seem to stress us out. We may be sad that the day did not meet our expectations. Now that most of that is done, (unless you are reading this on a break from cleaning house before the grandkids arrive) we can reflect on how the first Christmas upset all expectations.

I'm sure Joseph never expected to have a child so soon. Or to have the baby born in a stable miles from their home in Nazareth. The shepherds never expected to be wakened by angels. And those Jews who looked forward to the coming of a Messiah never expected him to come as a baby. Yet God had his reasons for coming in this way.

The nativity scene looks so peaceful and beautiful, but the reality was not so romantic. The messiah came not to the sound of war horns, but the cry of a helpless infant. He was born in a stable because no one had room for him. The first to see him were the shepherds, the migrant workers of the time. The political leaders (Herod and friends) wanted to kill him.

Jesus was born in this way to show that he came not for the important and wealthy, but for the poor and outcast. As an adult, he would continue to surprise: He ate with sinners and tax collectors, he challenged the religious leaders of Israel. He was executed as a criminal.

So today he continues to come to us in the homeless, the illegal alien, the sick, those in prison, the unborn infant, that we may find him where we least expect. Can we learn to see him in the unexpected, in our trials and difficulties, our own weaknesses? When we do, we will celebrate what Christmas is truly about.

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## WELCOME!!

We are glad you are worshipping with us and would like to help you any way we can. Please call or stop by the Parish Office so we may meet and greet you in a personal way. We encourage you to register with us soon. Registration forms can be obtained from the Parish Office or in the Narthex.

### SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

Because of the important community nature of the celebrations of BAPTISM and MARRIAGE in the church, interested parties are expected to make advanced arrangements to allow for appropriate preparation programs to be completed. For Baptism, at least two months and for Marriage, at least six months notice is required. Thank you!

**NOTE: Please be aware that our bulletin is posted on our website; therefore, any information in the bulletin is out there in cyberspace, accessible to anyone. Please let the office know if this is an issue for you.**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7;  
Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;  
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12,  
17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

ACS-Asheville Catholic School ASC-All Saints Chapel  
C-Church CC-Children's Chapel CR-Conference Room  
ESL-English as a Second Language GP-Gathering Plaza  
GS-Gathering Space K-Kitchen SEY-St. Eugene Youth  
SEYH-St. Eugene Youth House N-Nursery P-Parlor  
RR-Reconciliation Room SH-Social Hall



### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Saturday, December 24

##### CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Mass/People of the Parish - C  
6:30pm Mass/People of the Parish - C  
9:00pm Mass/People of the Parish - C

#### Sunday, December 25

##### CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Mass/People of the Parish - C  
12:00pm Mass in Spanish/For the People of the Parish -C

#### Monday, December 26

##### OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am Mass/Bernard & Dorothy Maloney †- ASC

#### Tuesday, December 27

8:00am Communion Service - ASC  
7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group Music -C

#### Wednesday, December 28

8:00am Communion Service -ASC  
8:30am Recitation of the Rosary -C  
7:00pm Bilingual Group - SEYH  
7:00pm Choir - Rm. 1  
7:00pm Spanish Choir - C

#### Thursday, December 29

8:00am Communion Service -ASC  
7:00pm Curcillitos—Rm.2

#### Friday, December 30

8:00am Communion Service - ASC  
6:30pm Hispanic Young Adults -SEYH  
7:00pm Hispanic Youth Group -Rm. 2

#### Saturday, December 31

4:00pm Reconciliation -RR  
5:30pm Mass/Denise Carroll †- C  
7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group -C



**From Father Pat  
and  
the Office Staff**

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! May the Christ Child renew your heart and bless all of your loved ones this Holy Day!

I am so happy to give some statistics on how blessed we are as a parish. In the past year we have had over 60 new families register, 90 Baptisms, 109 First Communions, 8 Marriages, and 20 Funerals. Because of your generosity, we have been able to tithe over \$60,000 of our collections to those in need in our community. We are indeed a blessed parish! This past year of 2011 has been a year of transition. We began the year with Fr. Ed Sheridan, a beautiful priest with nearly 50 years experience and many of those as pastor of several parishes. He led the community until July at which point a first time pastor was assigned to our beautiful community. Thank you for being so welcoming and patient with me throughout this process!

This time of year is a great time for us to give thanks for the blessings of the past year. It is equally important for us to commit to improving this coming year. I pray that 2012 will be a year of spiritual growth for each of us. We have a lot of great ideas on how we can grow spiritually and so many volunteers to thank for their hard work and ministry. Thank you to each parishioner for your dedication to our parish community of St. Eugene. I am eternally grateful.

Fr. Pat

O Jesus, I want You for my sake,  
 because I am nothing,  
 because I am weak,  
 because I am a sinner;  
 for Your sake, that I may know You,  
 love You, and grow to be like You;  
 for the sake of others,  
 that I may never do them harm,  
 always do them good,  
 and give You to them.

Since you want me, Jesus,  
 take me, all that I have, all that I am,  
 all that I can be.

Amen.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED  
 VIRGIN MARY,  
 THE MOTHER OF GOD  
MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 31: 5:30pm  
 Sunday, January 1 : 8:30am  
 11:00am  
 1:30pm (Spanish)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Tonya Argueillo, Rosemarie Ball, Althea Berdyski, Debra Braun, Bill Brittain, Ray Browne, Nathan and Sandy Buchanan, Mike Bucher, Mary Bunner, Lee and Gail Burkhart, Kaitlin Christian, Kay Christian, Rita Clark, Julio Clarke, Virginia Cochrane, Gary Collins, Kathie Coltellino, Donald F. Decker, Nick Derchak, Jennifer Faulstich, Austen Faulstich, Michael Fleming, Bernice Fowler, Pat Hagarty, Patty Holiday, Kathy Jarrett, Allison Kobar, Peter and Judith Marko, Brigid McCarthy, Allen Moore, Brad Owens, Brandon Pruitt, Rick Raube, Joette Reid, Ashliegh Riddle, John Riddle, Jonathon Riddle, Sara Riddle, Kevin Roberts, Brenna Schiffhauer, Sr. Anita Sheerin, Allen Sipes, Fred Spuhler, Erna Steigerwald, Emily Student, Jeanne Werth, Deacon Ron Walker.



### MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Let us pray for all those who serve our country in the military at home and abroad; and their families; especially:

Capt. Michael E. Korte, Army JAGC, Korea  
 Sgt. Anthony G. Gambardella, Westover AFB  
 Spc. Aric Fuller, Combat Medic, AK  
 Spc. Dietrich Rolfe, Bamberg, Germany  
 Col. Rebecca Tomsyck, Afghanistan  
 SFC Joe Quigley, USA  
 M/Sgt Bryan Greenlee, Camp Lejeune, NC  
 PFC Parker Greenlee, Beaufort, SC  
 Army SPC Jeremy Mulloy, USA  
 Navy S.R. Casey Mulloy, USA  
 Shawn Sinclair, Afghanistan  
 Dr. LTC Parnell Mattison, USA  
 Dr. CMDR Timothy Mattison, USA



### WEATHER ALERT

Will there be Mass? What about the weather? The weekend Mass schedule will always be the same no matter what. The daily Mass schedule will depend on the school. If Asheville Catholic School is cancelled because of weather than there will be No Mass held at the Church. Please use your own good judgment and stay safe.

### ARTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION URGENT NEED

There is a URGENT NEED for creative people to join this important Ministry. Are you creative, energetic and looking for a way to be more active in our parish? We need you! Please contact the church office for more information.

*Flowers* in the Church this week are

In Loving Memory of Elaine Coughlan,

By Dennis E. Farrell;

AND

In Memory of Jane Pfaff,

By Maggie Kelly.

### FATHER JOHN RAUSCH COMING TO THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE

The Education Commission is pleased to announce that Glenmary Father John S. Rausch will present a program on Catholic social justice issues on Friday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Fr. Rausch's talk will be followed by workshops on Saturday, January 21st. Named the 2007 Teacher of Peace by Pax Christi, Fr. Rausch is a prolific writer and dynamic speaker on issues of peace and justice. Bishop Ronald Gainer of Lexington, KY, who nominated Fr. Rausch for the award, wrote: "Father John is a man who is truly concerned for the welfare and justice of others, especially the people of Appalachia." Father John currently holds the position of Coordinator of the Commission for Justice and Peace for the Diocese of Lexington and is the director of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia. He is also a thought-provoking homilist, as well as a gourmet cook. In Fr. John's own words: "I fully believe that God is alive to people and I fully believe that God hears the cry of the poor. I think we in the Church have to look around to the sufferings and struggles of the people and nature and take action. God has empowered us. We can't let God take the bum rap for why things aren't done."



As we celebrate the Christmas season we give thanks to all of those who generously remembered or honored loved ones with donations toward our holiday environment.



**In Memory of or In Honor of:**

**By:**

Warren Bogue  
Lorraine Jorqlewich  
Al Bodaky  
Richard Welsh  
Vidal and Hughes Families  
Rob Robinson  
Don & Mary Louise Patton  
Bill & Gladys O'Reilly  
The Adams & Troncalli Families  
Ursula Cook  
Robert Daughton  
Bud & Rose O'Connor  
Peterson & Connell Families  
David Shimshock  
Lloyd R. George and Dorothy and Kathryn Koranda  
John & Luiza D'Souza  
Helen & Victor Horan  
The Riedy and The Kaufmann Families  
Frank Browne  
Ruth Martinetti  
Swartz & Bäurle Families  
Bill Warlick  
Maria S. Della-Bianca  
Ann & Joe Bugay  
Rose Kling, Bernard Kling & Janet Neylon  
Dolores & Dennis Richardson  
Heiert & Emory Families  
Parson's & Peltier Families  
Gance & Havens Families  
A.R. & Juanita Vaillancourt and  
    John & Mildred Vaillancourt  
Thomas Steininger  
Jim Emmett & Craig Torly  
George Durner  
Nati & Peter Krivátsy  
John P. Berreen, Sr.  
Carl & Genevieve Zobel, Carl Hunt, Villard & Fay Up  
Moore, McDonald Families  
Sedlatschek & McLaughlin Families  
Rosemary & Stephen Pavoll  
The Browne, Brouillette, Sporks Families  
Mary Ann Chance  
Wayne Geiss, Jr.  
Paul Manfred  
The Witzel & Binder Families  
George V. Fridl  
Bill & Mary Hetrick  
William McMenemon  
Richard Olson  
Josephine & Bernard Brecht  
Jane Pfaff  
The Leicht & Johnson Families  
Kolman Kobar, Jenny Crook, Carl & Opal Crook,  
    and Virginia Hamlin

Minnie Bogue  
Valerie & Dennis Farrell  
Grace Bodaky  
Phyllis Welsh  
Joyce Vidal-Williams  
Barbara, Erik & Elizabeth Robinson  
Karen Poehlein  
Sally Gabrielson  
Bob & Peg Adams  
The Cook & West Families  
Kathryn Daughton  
Ken & Kathy O'Connor  
Lorraine Peterson  
The Shimshock Family  
Mary Jo George  
Lily Moore  
Catherine Horan  
Jeanette Riedy  
The Livaudais Family  
Henry Stern  
Hildegard & Robert Swartz  
The Warlick Family  
Brian Della-Bianca  
Margaret & Albert Yanik  
Carol Walker  
Michael & Linda Richardson  
Derle & Maureen Emory  
Mr. & Mrs. Vinson Parsons  
JoAnn & Bob Gance  
  
Bob & Darlene Vaillancourt  
Jo Steininger  
Juanita Emmett  
Krisztina Krivátsy Stern  
Krisztina Krivátsy Stern  
Veronica & John Berreen, Jr.  
The Hunt Family  
Sr. M. Suzanne Moore  
Bob & Edie Sedlatschek  
Anna Pavoll  
Ray & Brenda Browne  
Dennis Chance  
Mr. & Mrs. William Hayes  
Etta, Patty & Steve Manfred  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Witzel  
Betsy Krickhan  
Dave & Joan Hetrick  
Mrs. Genevieve McMenemon  
Brigid Olson  
Elaine F. Dey  
Maggie Kelly  
Joanne Leicht  
  
John & Mechelle Kobar

**Donations by:**  
Mr. Jose Alvarez  
The McNamara's

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Please remember the poor in your giving. 100% of your donations go to the needy. You'll find envelopes for St. Vincent de Paul donations in the Gathering Space and the Poor Box on the wall just outside the Sanctuary.



### HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (HLAA) FORMS LOCAL CHAPTER

Beginning in the early Spring, a local chapter of HLAA is being formed for people with hearing loss. HLAA's Mission is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy. People of all ages experience hearing loss. Come share the support and understanding this chapter will provide.

Questions? Please ask Rosemary Tuite (many know my Golden Retriever Janet better!). I would be happy to meet you after 11:00 Mass or you can call me at 828-505-1275 or e-mail at [Rizmarre@aol.com](mailto:Rizmarre@aol.com).

### LANDINGS

If someone you know has been away from the Church and would like to return, please have them contact Joe Wansong at 828 628-9163 or the Parish Office at 828 254-5193 to learn about LANDINGS, a program that was designed specifically for those who are interested in returning to the Church and the sacraments.

### SHARING SUNDAY

Sharing Sunday is the weekend of January 7 & 8. Our recipients will be the Chaplaincy Service at Craggy and Buncombe Correctional Centers. They would greatly appreciate the following men's items: shampoo, conditioner, gel type shaving cream, solid, gel or roll-on deodorant (no aerosol cans), disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, bar soap, body wash. NO mouthwash or cologne/aftershave lotion please. Thank you for your generous giving.



### THE SYMBOLISM OF COLOR AT MASS

The liturgical year begins with Advent. Down the centuries, the use of color at Mass signifies the various purposes for which the Mass is offered and indicates the dispositions which we try to observe.

**WHITE**, the color of light, is the symbol of joy, purity, and innocence (absolute or restored).

It is used on feasts of the Holy Trinity, Our Divine Lord, Our Blessed Lady, the Angels, confessors, holy women not martyrs, and on the Sundays after Easter. It is used in the administration of the sacraments, except Reconciliation/Penance.

**RED**, the language of fire and blood, is a symbol of love and of the sacrifice of martyrs. It is also a reminder of Christ's Passion and of the blood which He shed upon the cross. Red is prescribed for Pentecost Sunday, the Mass of the Holy Spirit, the feasts of Our Lord Passion (Cross), and for feasts of Apostles and Martyrs.

**GREEN**, the symbol of hope, is the color of sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used after Epiphany and Pentecost.

This time in the liturgical calendar is called Ordinary Times and represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for our eternal reward.

**ROSE**, a joyful color, is used in some Catholic churches on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The Mass of these two Sundays opens with the word "rejoice," and it is midway in the penitential season.

### 2012 FLOWER LIST

If you wish to provide the flowers in the church in memory of or in honor of a loved one or a special event; please call the office. The office will send out a bill at the appropriate time.

**“ENCHANTED IRELAND” - APRIL 18-29,  
2012**

Join Fr. Ed Sheridan on a journey to experience Enchanted Ireland! 10 nights' accommodations. Includes breakfast daily and 6 dinners. Enjoy the rustic beauty of the emerald isle: Armagh, Donegal, Galway, Killarney and Dublin and a castle stay ... Tour Newgrange, The Antrim Coast, Giants Causeway, Derry City, Knock, Kylemore Abbey. and more. Cost of the trip is \$3319. Departure charge is \$100, subject to change. For more information, contact Diane Brennan at [dianepbrennan@earthlink.net](mailto:dianepbrennan@earthlink.net) or 704.364.5131 or Fr. Ed at [sheridaneward@gmail.com](mailto:sheridaneward@gmail.com) or 828.345.6465.

**RETROUVAILE PROGRAM**

**Retrouvaille** is a program for troubled marriages. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille 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 website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**SIXTH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE—CHARLOTTE  
January 13, 2012**

**Mass at 9:00am**

St. Peter Catholic Church, 507 S. Tryon St.  
Charlotte, NC 28202

**March begins at 12:00pm**

Across from the Diocese of Charlotte Pastoral Center (corner of W. Palmer and S. Church St.)

Be a witness for the sanctity of human life and march for an act of reparation for an end to abortion.

**See website for details including parking for Mass and the march: [www.marchforlifecharlotte.org](http://www.marchforlifecharlotte.org).**

**Bus:** St. Barnabas has a bus going to Charlotte. It leaves at 6am from St. Barnabas and returns around 5:30pm. Donation accepted. Please RSVP to St. Barnabas by January 9th.