



St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

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5/29/22 – The Ascension of the Lord La Ascensión del Señor

Pastor: Rev. Paul Asoh, MSP (Ext 102)

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Rev. Mr. John Szarek
Rev. Mr. Daniel Pyles

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Luci Castillo (Ext 101/103)

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St. Mary's Book Rack: Mary Ann Kuehl

Receptionist: Beth Fields

Office Hours / Horas de Oficina

Monday & Thursday: 10 to 2; Friday: 9 to 2; Saturday: 10 to 1

Lunes y Jueves: 10 to 2; Viernes: 9 to 2 Sabado: 10 to 1

MASS TIMES at St. Mary Mother of God

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm (Español)

Sunday at 8:30 am & 11:30 am

Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at
9:00 am; Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Misas de fin de semana:

Vigilia del sábado a las 7:00 pm (Español)

Domingo a las 8:30 am & 11:30 am

Misas diarias:

Lunes, jueves, viernes y sábados a las 9:00 am

Miércoles a las 5:30 pm

Mass Times at WCU: Catholic Campus Ministry

(during the academic school year) Sunday: 4:00 pm

Friday Daily Mass: 12:15 pm

CONFESSION/CONFESIONES

Sunday: 10:45 until 11:15 am

Wednesdays at 4:45 pm, Friday at 9:30 am
and Saturday at 5:00 pm

Or by appointment

Tiempos de confesiones

Miércoles de 4:45-5:15 pm

Viernes 9:30-10:30 am durante la Adoración

Sábado 5:00-6:00 pm

O con cita previa

Adoration and Benediction

Every Friday following Mass until 10:30 am

1st Friday from 9:30 am -8:00 pm

1st Saturday Holy Hour after Mass

Adoración y Bendición

Todos los viernes después de Misa hasta las 10:30 am

Primer viernes de 9:30 am a 8:00 pm

Primer sábado Hora Santa después de la Misa

Main Line/Reception: 828-586-9496

Sacrament Emergency: 828-631-0576

Email: smmgooffice@stmarymotherofgod.com

Calendar – May 29th to June 5th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Roger Grenier+ & Carole Lamay
	10:00 am	Catholicism Episode 4 – Mary: Our Solitary Boast	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	William Newsom+
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Asoh Family
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
	6:00 pm	Rosary	
	6:30 pm	Daily Mass	End of the Marian month
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	Safe release of Frs. Stephen Ojapah, MSP & Oliver Okpara and two parishioners
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	9:30 am	First Friday Adoration (until 8:00 pm)	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	7:00 pm	Misa de Vigilia	Pro Populo
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Linda Tiller+ Nancy Putnam
	10:00 am	Catholicism Episode 5 – The Indispensable Men	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Angela Turner+

To request a Mass Intention:

Email to massintentions@stmarymotherofgod.com

Use the envelopes near the women's bathroom

Liturgical Minister Schedule – Next Week

Mass / Misa	Ushers / Hospitalidad	Readers / Lecturas	Servers / Monaguillos
Sabado June 4 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Martha Espinoza	
Sunday June 5 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Brian Raming	Todd Wenberg
Sunday June 5 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Carla Haire	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

From the Pastor's Desk

"Send Forth Your Spirit, O Lord"

On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension. It is an important solemnity that marks the return of Jesus to the Father. Together with the Resurrection, it is a manifestation of the victory of Christ. Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day we shall be where Christ is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: "...Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into His Father's glorious kingdom, so that we, the members of his body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever." (665-667).

The idea that Jesus was a political messiah never left Jesus' disciples until the ascension of Jesus. They gave him a heroic welcome into Jerusalem believing that he had come to overthrow the Romans. Then he was arrested, crucified, and buried. When Jesus reappeared, the disciples' conviction was even stronger that he was certainly going to overthrow the Romans at that time. We read, "When they had gathered together, they asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?'" I guess that Jesus' reply surprised them further. Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The disciples might have wondered, "What's this man about? We are talking about the restoration of the kingdom of Israel, and he is talking about the Father and the Holy Spirit. What's the connection?" Probably that was why when Jesus disappeared into the cloud, in bewilderment they stood and gazed intently at the sky until the angels came to minister to them. Then, they returned to Jerusalem and remained together and gave themselves to constant prayer until they received the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised them (Acts 1:12-14). What does the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ mean for you and I?

As an experienced master, Jesus knows the terrain we are about to walk. He knows how delicate the hearts of men of our age are. He knows how tough our task is and what it takes to be successful. In these last weeks where we have experienced the tragedies of Mass shootings including the horrific killing of children and their teachers at the Elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, continuing war in Ukraine, religious persecution, and kidnappings in parts of Nigeria and Pakistan. One might grapple with a sense of helplessness or cynicism that nothing will change. Jesus knows and reminds that only the Holy Spirit which he has sent, can help us.

Therefore, Ascension marks the beginning of the fulfillment of Christ's promise to us. So, as we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension today, Jesus reminds us that irrespective of our knowledge, human capabilities, failures, or tragedies, we need divine help and guidance to succeed. This divine help will come from the Holy Spirit to whom we must pay attention all the time. Please join in the Novena to the Holy Spirit which we began last Friday. So, as we celebrate the Ascension of Christ today and expect the fulfillment of His promise on Pentecost Sunday, let us pray: "Sent forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth."

Sincerely in Christ, Pastor, Fr. Paul Asoh, MSP

Housekeeping:

1. We will the end of the Marian month of May with Rosary at 6 pm and Mass at 6:30 pm this Tuesday, May 31.
2. Please participate in the Novena to the Holy Spirit every day after Mass until Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost. The Novena started on Friday, May 27th.
3. A Mass for United States military personnel will be celebrated at 11:00 am, Monday, May 30, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Charlotte. The Mass and Rosary, to be recited at 10:30 am, will be offered for all military personnel who have died or retired and for those who are now serving. An all-American hotdog lunch will be served after Mass. Photos of those who have died, who are now serving in the military, and retired military personnel will be displayed at the Cathedral. To include your service member, preferably in uniform, please mail a photocopy of him or her with the name and military rank on the back to Michelle Maher, Office of the Bishop, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203, to be received no later than May 25, 2022. (Please do not send original photographs as they cannot be returned.)
4. Supporting the Diocese 50th Anniversary, we're continuing to celebrate our 50 Acts of Charity. We currently have a Wee Ones Diaper Drive. All sizes of diapers are needed and can be placed in the boxes in the vestibule. We also are hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign to support Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center. Loose change can go a long way! Please take a baby bottle home, and fill it with loose change, cash, or check, and return by Father's Day. Lastly, we are having a Blood Drive on Saturday June 25th. Your one blood donation can save up to three lives. Please sign up if interested in the vestibule. Thank you!
5. The office will be closed on Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day.



Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

“Envía tu Espíritu, oh Señor”

En este séptimo domingo de Pascua, celebramos la solemnidad de la Ascensión. Es una solemnidad importante que marca el regreso de Jesús al Padre. Junto con la Resurrección, es manifestación de la victoria de Cristo. La ascensión es una solemnidad que sostiene la esperanza de los cristianos de que algún día estaremos donde está Cristo. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica enseña que: “...Jesucristo, cabeza de la Iglesia, nos precede en el reino glorioso de su Padre, para que nosotros, los miembros de su cuerpo, vivamos en la esperanza de estar un día con él para siempre. .” (665-667).

La idea de que Jesús era un mesías político nunca abandonó a los discípulos de Jesús hasta la ascensión de Jesús. Le dieron una heroica bienvenida a Jerusalén creyendo que había venido a derrocar a los romanos. Luego fue arrestado, crucificado y sepultado. Cuando Jesús reapareció, la convicción de los discípulos fue aún más fuerte de que ciertamente iba a derrocar a los romanos en ese momento. Leemos: "Cuando se habían reunido, le preguntaron: 'Señor, ¿vas a restaurar el reino de Israel en este momento?'" Supongo que la respuesta de Jesús los sorprendió aún más. Jesús respondió: "No os toca a vosotros saber los tiempos o las sazones que el Padre ha establecido con su propia autoridad. Pero recibiréis poder cuando venga sobre vosotros el Espíritu Santo, y seréis mis testigos en Jerusalén, en toda Judea y Samaria, y hasta los confines de la tierra". Los discípulos podrían haberse preguntado: “¿Qué hace este hombre? Estamos hablando de la restauración del reino de Israel, y él está hablando del Padre y del Espíritu Santo. ¿Cuál es la conexión? Probablemente por eso, cuando Jesús desapareció en la nube, desconcertados, se quedaron mirando fijamente al cielo hasta que los ángeles vinieron a ministrarlos. Luego, regresaron a Jerusalén y permanecieron juntos y se entregaron a la oración constante hasta que recibieron el Espíritu Santo que Jesús les había prometido (Hechos 1:12-14). ¿Qué significa para ti y para mí la Ascensión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo?



Como maestro experimentado, Jesús conoce el terreno que estamos a punto de caminar. Él sabe cuán delicados son los corazones de los hombres de nuestra época. Él sabe lo difícil que es nuestra tarea y lo que se necesita para tener éxito. En estas últimas semanas, hemos experimentado las tragedias de los tiroteos masivos, incluido el horrible asesinato de niños y sus maestros en la escuela primaria en Uvalde, Texas, la continuación de la guerra en Ucrania, la persecución religiosa y los secuestros en partes de Nigeria y Pakistán. Uno podría lidiar con una sensación de impotencia o cinismo de que nada cambiará. Jesús sabe y recuerda que sólo el Espíritu Santo que ha enviado puede ayudarnos.

Por lo tanto, la Ascensión marca el comienzo del cumplimiento de la promesa de Cristo para nosotros. Entonces, mientras celebramos la solemnidad de la Ascensión hoy, Jesús nos recuerda que, independientemente de nuestro conocimiento, capacidades humanas, fallas o tragedias, necesitamos la ayuda y la guía divina para tener éxito. Esta ayuda divina vendrá del Espíritu Santo a quien debemos estar atentos todo el tiempo. Únase a la Novena al Espíritu Santo que comenzamos el viernes pasado. Entonces, mientras celebramos la Ascensión de Cristo hoy y esperamos el cumplimiento de Su promesa el domingo de Pentecostés, oremos: “Envía tu Espíritu, oh Señor, y renueva la faz de la tierra”.

Sinceramente en Cristo, Pastor, P. Paul Asoh, MSP

Noticias:

1. Finalizaremos el mes mariano de mayo con Rosario a las 6 pm y Misa a las 6:30 pm este martes 31 de mayo.
2. Por favor, participe en la Novena al Espíritu Santo todos los días después de la Misa hasta el sábado, la Vigilia de Pentecostés. La Novena comenzó el viernes 27 de mayo.
3. Se celebrará una misa para el personal militar de los Estados Unidos a las 11:00 am del lunes 30 de mayo de 2022 en la Catedral de San Patricio en Charlotte. La Misa y el Rosario, que se rezarán a las 10:30 am, se ofrecerán por todo el personal militar que haya fallecido o se haya jubilado y por los que ahora están sirviendo. Después de la misa se servirá un almuerzo de perritos calientes americanos. Las fotos de los que han muerto, que ahora están sirviendo en el ejército y del personal militar retirado se exhibirán en la Catedral. Para incluir a su miembro del servicio, preferiblemente en uniforme, envíe una fotocopia de él o ella con el nombre y el rango militar en el reverso a Michelle Maher, Office of the Bishop, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203, para ser recibido no a más tardar el 25 de mayo de 2022. (No envíe fotografías originales ya que no se pueden devolver).
4. Apoyando el 50 Aniversario de la Diócesis, continuamos celebrando nuestros 50 Actos de Caridad. Actualmente tenemos una colecta de pañales Wee Ones. Se necesitan pañales de todos los tamaños y se pueden colocar en las cajas del vestíbulo. También estamos organizando una Campaña de biberones para apoyar el Centro de Atención de Embarazadas de Smoky Mountain. ¡El cambio suelto puede recorrer un largo camino! Llévate un biberón a casa y llénalo con monedas sueltas, efectivo o cheque, y devuélvelo antes del Día del Padre. Por último, tendremos una campaña de donación de sangre el sábado 25 de junio. Tu única donación de sangre puede salvar hasta tres vidas. Regístrese si está interesado en el vestíbulo. ¡Gracias!
5. La oficina estará cerrada el lunes 30 de mayo por el Día de los Caídos.

Religious Education

Next **Confirmation class** is Wednesday, June 1, and class will be **every week** until August 10.
Thanks to all our Faith Formation volunteers!

La próxima **clase de Confirmación** es el miércoles 1 de junio, y será **todas las semanas** hasta el 10 de agosto.
¡Gracias a todos nuestros voluntarios de Formación en la Fe!

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$2,940 / Month to date: \$13,914

DSA collected or pledged: \$16,418 (86% of goal of \$19,146).

Approximately 70 of our 200 registered families have contributed to the DSA.

If all those families who have not yet donated each gave \$20, we would reach our goal!

The Financial Report for March is posted in the church hallway. For questions contact Ellen Miller.

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DSA recaudado o comprometido: \$16,418 (86% de la meta de \$19,146).

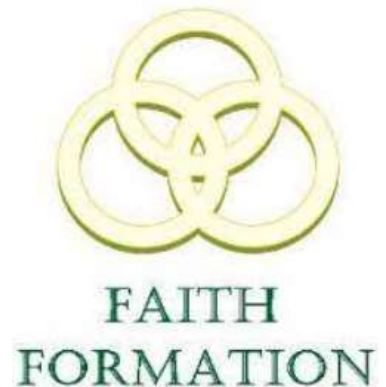
Aproximadamente 70 de nuestras 200 familias registradas han contribuido a la DSA.

Si todas las familias que aún no han donado dieran \$20 cada una, ¡lograríamos nuestra meta!

El informe financiero de marzo está el pasillo de la iglesia. Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Ellen Miller.

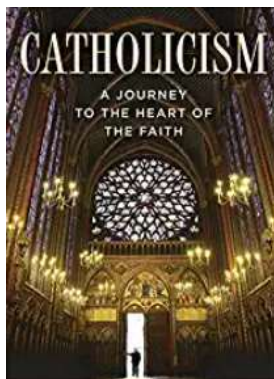
Registration for Faith Formation for 2022/23 is now OPEN! Contact Luci or stop by during office hours to register. We have classes from grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. If you would like to volunteer as an assistant or any other role for faith formation please let me know, we would love to have you!

¡El registro para la formación en la fe para 2022/23 ya está ABIERTA! Comuníquese con Luci o pase durante el horario de oficina para registrarse. Comenzamos las clases desde los grados de Kinder hasta el grado 12. Si desea ser voluntario como asistente de nuestros maestros principales o cualquier otra función durante las clases de formación en la fe, hágamelo saber, ¡Nos encantaría tenerlo/a!



Catholicism Series – Sunday at 10:00am – La Serie Catolicismo

What is Catholicism? A 2,000-year-old living tradition? A worldview? A way of life? A relationship? A mystery? In Catholicism Bishop Robert Barron examines all these questions and more, seeking to capture the body, heart and mind of the Catholic faith.



¿Qué es el Catolicismo? ¿Una tradición viva de 2,000 años? ¿Una visión del mundo? ¿Una forma de vida? ¿Una relación? ¿Un misterio? En el serie Catolicismo, el obispo Robert Barron examina todas estas preguntas y más, buscando capturar el cuerpo, Corazón y mente de la fe Católica.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS - POR FAVOR GUARDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Charlotte Alexander, Alonso Family, Ángel Esteban Arrua, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Mary Ann Asbury, Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Michael Burke, Cáceres Family, Moon Chung, Verónica Natalia Chávez, Jim Clark, Sheila Coller, Will Crain, Noah & Bridger Ensley+, Rebecca & Russell Ensley, Diane Glover, Jim Glover, Rory Glover, Monica Glover, Marisa Graham, Miles Harris, Debbie Hentschel, Barbara Jakiela,, Souhair Kwaham, Rita Lamanna, Daniella Machado, Tim Mann, Sam Matthews, Karen Matulis, Paula McCafferty & McCafferty Family, Peter Namotka, Georgia Newsom, William Newsom, Jr., Linwood Newsome, Tom Nicoletti & Nicoletti Family, William Owen, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Pérez, Cathleen Pilch, Stephen Pilch, Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Nancy Putnam, Alicia Ramirez, Rios Family, Verónica Rodríguez, SantaCruz Family, Stuart and Janet Snyder, María Sol Montel, Jay Thorne, Allen Thurston, Joshua Turner, Lewis Turner, Joe Waters, Pauline Watson, Bonnie Welch, Elaine Wilkes

Those Called to Active Duty: Luke Turner

Serving a Vocation: Sr. Catherine, OCD and Fr. Joseph Wasswa (Diocese of Charlotte)

and for all the prayers written in our parish book of prayers.

*If you know of someone to be added to the prayer list
or is homebound that would like a visit please email or call the office.*

Yard Sale Is Coming!

We hope you are saving your treasures to donate!

Our Parish Life Committee is asking that **donations be dropped off** in the hall from **July 13th through July 27th.**

Larger items should be put under the covered carport area, next to the hall.

Please only donate clean items and laundered clothing. No older heavy TVs or nonworking electronics and appliances.

WE NEED lots and lots of VOLUNTEERS. A sign up sheet will be posted in the near future in the Church foyer. If you have questions please call **Susan Karcher** at 828 508-5966.

The Church Yard Sale hours will be:

Thursday, July 28 th	Evening Early Bird Event (parishioners only)
Friday July 29 th	8:30-5:00
Saturday July 30 th	8:30-4:00



Quo Vadis & Duc In Altum Days

Calling all young men and women!

Quo Vadis Days IX, a 5-day vocations discernment retreat for young men (ages 15-19)

June 13 – 17, 2022

Duc In Altum VI, a 5-day vocations discernment retreat for young women (ages 15-19)

June 27 – July 1, 2022.

Both will be at Belmont Abbey College; Cost is \$150



Quo Vadis Days and Duc In Altum provide an effective balance between the activity of a summer camp and the quiet of a retreat. The day is structured to include Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, time for personal reflection and inter-action with priests, religious and seminarians. There is also ample time for recreation and fellowship.

50 Hours with Jesus / 50 Horas con Jesús

As we previously announced, we celebrate Eucharist Adoration every Friday as part of our celebration for our Diocese 50th Anniversary. Is there any way better to celebrate our Diocese than spending time with Jesus? Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ, who is present in body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host.

We have adoration available to all every Friday from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM from now until January 2023.

As a Catholic practice, Jesus is never to be unattended when exposed in the Holy Sacrament. Father has asked each Commission to attend to ensure this. **Please note the specific dates for your commission:**

May 27	Hispanic Emmaus Ministry
June 3	Liturgy, Faith Formation, Finance
June 10	Stewardship, Building & Grounds, Spanish Speaking
June 17	Outreach, Parish Life, Communication
June 24	Hispanic Emmaus Ministry

PLEASE NOTE: Adoration is NOT limited to these ministries! Please come and enjoy quiet time with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Parish Organizations

Parish Council

Chair: Brian Raming

Secretary: Sue Szarek

Parish Finance Council

Chair: Robin Starrs

Buildings & Grounds Commission

Chair: Don Pierce

Communications & Evangelization Commission

Chair: Mike Ensley

- Online & Social Media Resources:
Deacon Matt and Brittany Lester

Community Outreach Commission

Chair: Elaina Quijada

- Food Pantry: Yenny Sanchez
- Respect Life: Sue Szarek
- Prison Ministry: Steve Kuehl

Faith Education & Formation Commission

Chair: Bonnie Dodge

DRE: Luci Castillo

- RCIA Coordinator: Mike Ensley
- Contact Luci for sacramental needs

Liturgical Commission

Chair: Joe Conway

- Altar Guild: Sue Szarek

Hispanic Community Commission

Chair: Javier and Marta Espinoza

Parish Life Commission

Chair: Javier & Analise Comacho

- Knights of Columbus: Jonathan Fischer
- Lay Carmelites Director: Jean Burton

Stewardship Committee

Chair: Brian Raming

WCU Campus Ministry

Campus Minister: Deacon Matt Newsome

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Social Media:

facebook.com/stmarysylva

instagram.com/stmarysylva

youtube.com/c/StMaryMotherofGod

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Sacramental Emergency: 828-631-0576

New to the parish?

Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Hall and complete a registration form.

If interested in volunteer opportunities please call the office
and we will help you share your time and talents within the parish.

¿Nuevo en la parroquia?

Pase por el mostrador de bienvenida en el salón y complete un formulario de registro.

Si está interesado en oportunidades de voluntariado, llame a la oficina
y veremos cómo compartir su tiempo y talentos dentro de la parroquia.

White Rose for Life / Rosa Blanca por Vida

A decision from the U.S. Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson* is expected in June, and the U.S. bishops have called for renewed prayer and fasting that this decision would overturn *Roe v. Wade*. We all need to come together to support this decision.

Please pray and fast on June 1st for the legal protection of all human life – from conception to natural death.

As a symbol of public witness to the beauty of all human life, also ***throughout the day on June 1st wear a white rose or an image of a white rose*** (such as a pin, sticker or patch). Wear this rose when at work, at the store, with family or friends – wherever you go. When asked why you are wearing it, consider giving a simple statement in these or similar words:



*"I am wearing this rose because I support the right to life from the moment of conception, and because I hope the Supreme Court will overturn *Roe v. Wade* and save the lives of countless unborn children. It is important that we all pray for a conversion of hearts so that everyone in our community might come together to protect and support both mother and child at every stage of life."*

50th Anniversary / 50 Aniversario

Mark your calendars for our
50th Anniversary
summer celebrations!



Come enjoy fun and fellowship with the faithful, priests, seminarians, and religious of the Diocese of Charlotte!



JULY 9

FAMILY CONCERT:
CHARLOTTE
WHITEWATER
CENTER



JULY 24

CATHOLIC
FAMILY DAY:
CAROWINDS



AUG. 5-6

EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS:
CHARLOTTE
CONVENTION
CENTER



SEPT. 9

CATHOLIC NIGHT:
CHARLOTTE
KNIGHTS
STADIUM