

Calendar of Events This Week

- October 12th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Mass 8:30 AM. Religious Formation at Parish House following Mass
- October 13th **RCIA** begins for Candidates and Catechumens at Parish House 10 a.m. **Journey of Faith** Glenmary District Meeting 12:30 PM.
- October 14th Tuesday Weekday Mass 8:30 AM at Parish House.
- October 15th Meeting with Diocese of Raleigh Officials concerning **"NEXT STEPS"** in our Development Process. Meeting begins at 6:30 PM at Parish House. All Parish Pastoral Council Members, Finance Board Members and any interested parishioners need to attend this important meeting.
- October 16th Thursday Week day Morning Mass 8:30 AM at Parish House.
- October 17th Emmaus Conference Begins Friday Eve.
- October 18th Emmaus Conference Continues for all interested in Religious Formation of Teachers and our Children.
- October 19th 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM. Religious Formation follows the Eucharist at Parish House.
- October 20th **RCIA** at Parish House 10 a.m. **What do Catholics Believe?**
- October 21st Weekday Morning Mass at Parish House 8:30 a.m. Good Shepherd Food Pantry Meeting at WUMC at 7:00 PM.
- October 23rd Weekday Mass at Parish House 8:30 a.m. Good Shepherd Food Pantry Drop at IGA at 5:00 p.m.
- October 24th Glenmary District Meeting 5 p.m. Plymouth, NC
- October 26th 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time. Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. Religious Formation follows Eucharist at the Parish House.

EMMAUS CONFERENCE

October 17-18, 2008

Join us on the road to Emmaus . . . a Spiritual Journey. Whether you are a catechetical leader, catechist, youth minister, liturgical minister, reader, Eucharistic minister or someone seeking spiritual renewal, The Emmaus Conference has something for you next weekend!



Just glance at the schedule on the bulletin board as you enter the sanctuary and you will see many opportunities for spiritual reflection and learning brought to you by local, national, and international

presenters.

Think Pink. THINK PREVENTION.

Breast Cancer Awareness
October 16th — 5:30 pm —
7:00 pm. Bertie Memorial
Hospital Lobby, Windsor, NC



Learn more about breast cancer prevention and mammography services from an expert in the field: Dr. Ericka Griffin of Eastern Radiologists, Inc., Breast Cancer Imaging Center. Demonstrations, door prizes and heavy hors d'oeuvres. For more information you may call, 794-6626.

Post Cards to Death Row Inmates

People in the prison system are the most forgotten people. I invite you to write one of the following a postcard to let them know we have not forgotten them; are praying for them and their families.

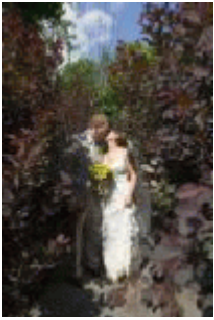
Terry A. Hyatt #0199877
Cerron T. Hooks #0561692

— Central Prison 1300 Western Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27606

Justice Bulletin Board

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a wedding Feast." (Matthew 22:1).

Weddings are wonderful! Extended families come together. Guests arrive from near and distant places. Friends and relatives rejoice in the love of the bride and groom and in the new small family community the bride and groom have formed together. Everyone dresses up and looks their best. The food is special, the music is an invitation to dance and conversations between new and old friends fill the carefully chosen and beautifully decorated space. It is a joyful time, reflecting months of care and planning. It is such a perfect image of the "Kingdom".



Many young couples struggle to make their wedding plans more like the Gospel "kingdom". They want their wedding to reflect their own generosity and broad experience of the needs of the world. They know that wedding planning is big business and want to plan an event which truly reflects who they are and does not leave them in debt for years.

The parish resource www.IdoFoundation.org is a non profit agency which offers couples a variety of ways to share part of their wedding spending with charities.

The I Do Foundation's mission is to help engaged couples bring a charitable focus to their marriage. It provides a variety of donation options and wedding services to help engaged couples make charitable giving a part of their wedding.

The I Do Foundation also supports many nonprofit organizations that are actively striving to make our communities and society more equitable and just. The I Do Foundation has made a special commitment to support organizations working for low-income and undeserved populations.

The I Do Foundation was created in 2002 by a group of nonprofit leaders dedicated to developing new avenues of support for charitable organizations. The I Do Foundation link engaged couples with a host of charitable giving options at their wedding, from its gift registry to invitations and wedding favors. If you know of someone planning a wedding, let them know about the I Do Foundation. It will help make the wedding a "kingdom" celebration.

What Is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Church's ritual process for calling adults to a conversion of mind and heart and preparing them for a full and active life in the Church as disciples of Jesus. During the process, adults participate in liturgical rites that both mark the progress of their journey and form them more deeply by God's grace. The culmination of that ritual process is the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.



Unlike our usual understand of ritual that takes place at a specific moment, the RCIA is spread over a longer period. The process of becoming a mature Christian involves more than just learning **about** the faith of the Church. Becoming a Christian presumes a **relationship with God** who becomes the ground of our being. To be a Christian means that we have claimed the values of the Gospel as our own and have committed ourselves to the teach of Jesus. The RCIA aims to transform the entire person into an individual who has truly put on Christ Jesus. Obviously, this kind of conversion of the whole person takes sufficient time to mature.

For whom is the RCIA intended?

The RCIA is primarily intended for those who are un-baptized and preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. However, the rite provides adaptations for those who are already baptized but may be preparing for a profession of faith and full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Some Catholic Communities include baptized candidates in the catechetical and formation process designed for the un-baptized candidates. Once un-baptized inquirers are formally accepted into the initiation process they are called catechumens.

The RCIA process for the Catholic Community of Bertie County begins on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Parish House on Belmont Street at 10 AM.

All candidates interested in our Catholic Christian Faith are encouraged to join us.

Thanks to all the facilitators who have volunteered to lend their time and talents to this process for the 2008-2009 Liturgical Year. You have truly responded to the invitation of the Lord to serve the community in this most wonderful "kingdom ministry". Thank YOU!