

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2022
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Readings: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
“Carry your own cross and come after me”

MASS SCHEDULE				
Sat	Sept	3	5:30PM	Tom Keating + By The Keating Family
Sun	Sept	4	9:00AM	For The People
Tue	Sept	6	12:00PM (Noon) ~Latin~	By Fr. Barone
Fri	Sept	9	8:30AM- 9:30AM	Adoration
Fri	Sept	9	9:30AM	Jim Oliver + By Regan / Cathy Flemming
Sat	Sept	10	5:30PM	Dave & Jill Barry + By Tom & Kathy Borzell
Sun	Sept	11	9:00AM	For The People

To Schedule a Mass Intention
Please contact the Church Office.
828-743-5717

St. Jude - Offertory
 (Sat. & Sun. - August 27 & 28, 2022)

Offertory: \$6112.00 Attendance: 242

Archdiocese of Military Services: \$2105.00

The Ladies of St. Jude

The Ladies of St. Jude meet year-round on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10:00am. They support the Parish in their spiritual growth & outreach programs, assist with funerals, care for the sick and organize social and fellowship programs. For more information, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The Prayer Blanket Ministry's - Summer Schedule (May - Oct) meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 10:00am in the upstairs classroom. You don't have to know how to sew, crochet or knit. If you need a prayer blanket for yourself or for someone in need of one, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

John David Bailey, Laura Baronne, Jim Barton, Denis & Bea Benardello, Patricia Blasi, Lane Bolmer, Marian Michel Boyd, Karen Cameron, Carpenter Family, Daniel Coffey, Dottie Collier, Janet Cracraft, John Thomas Crouch, Kenneth Crowe, Kennedy Cunningham, Margaret Daniel, Christopher Day, Gloria Delgardio, Pat Delaney, Linda Denny, Jennifer Dillard, Mike Ezzell, Tom Faleskie, Sandra Fischel, Joan Marie Foley, Mikey Goodwin, Jerry Gordon, Laura Gregory, Walt Green, Bill Hatch, Donald Haug, Matthew Hite, Daniel Jacobs, Pennae Johnsen, Dakota Johnson, Derrick Johnson, Treba Johnson, Suzanne Keenan, Kristen Kitts, Joe Knauff, Maureen Kohlheim, George Lee, Marinka, Joesph Martello, Camerron Martin, Ray McCall, Jerry Miglino, Kathleen McBride, Janet McClory-Presley, Betsy McCloskey, Karie McClure, Ron Nelson, The Newton Family, Tommy & Mary O'Neil, Laura Plush, Sheila Rinker, Michael Robinson, David Rolwing, Belinda Rudzik, Sherman & Mary Jo Runions, Russell Sands, Peter Sarrat, Brendan Scallon, Jr., Allie Schiele, Elaine Schmid, Noel J. Sickles, Ava Snyder, Nan Stowell, Dr. Stefan Stoyanov, Leonardo Suarez, Alex Sweet, Rosemarie Thompson, Charlene Varni, Kim Wagland, Christine Walker, Meredith Worth.

Military Prayer List
 All Members of All the U.S. Armed Forces

St. Jude Prayer Group

The St. Jude Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. We pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spend some silent time in Adoration, and pray for the needs of our Church and world. Please contact Donna Quinlivan or the Church Office for information at 828-743-5717.

Emaus Prayer Group

Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They meet at 6:00pm on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary. For more information contact Yuliana Vargas, Efrain Morales, Alejandro (Alex) Valerio or the Church Office at 743-5717.

Knights of Columbus

The St. Jude Knights of Columbus Meet at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717 for information.

Fr. Barone's Column

Why Did St. John the Baptist Die?

~Fr. Barone

August 28th is the Feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist. Catholics are quite familiar with the basic story of John the Baptist. His conception and nativity are recounted in the Gospel of Luke. Zachariah and Elizabeth were beyond child-bearing years when the Archangel Gabriel announces the imminent conception of a boy to be named "John." Six months into the pregnancy Our Lady conceives Our Lord and hastens to assist her cousin, Elizabeth, in the final months of her pregnancy.

John grew up to live a deeply penitential life, for instance wearing garments of camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey. In the full stature of manhood, John began preaching a baptism of repentance in the wilderness by the Jordan river. His sanctity was palpable, leading to increasingly large crowds flocking to him for his sage words and to be baptized. His baptism, of course, was not the sacrament of baptism that we know today, although there are clear similarities. The seven sacraments find their efficacious power in the Holy Spirit and the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.

While many began suspecting that John was the promised Messiah to come, he flatly denied it, but told the crowds that He was already in their midst. After being baptized by John, Our Lord ventured into the desert and would not accelerate His Public Ministry until after the arrest of John. But why was John arrested?

Herod Antipas, who ruled the region of Galilee with the blessing of the Roman Empire, married his brother's wife, Herodias, while his brother still lived. Such was not a legal marriage, and John opposed it publicly. This vocal criticism of a royal "marriage" by John led directly to his imprisonment.

Many are familiar with the story of John's death: Herod held a banquet; his daughter (with Herodias) performed a spectacular dance; he then promised her anything; Herodias convinced her to request the head of John the Baptist. While many know the story, they fail to make an important connection. The person most threatened by John's preaching was Herodias. Hence, her demand for John's head on a platter.

In his life, John gave testimony to Christ. In his death, he gave testimony ("martyr" in Greek) to the sanctity of marriage. If John lived today, he would undoubtedly be condemned as "closed minded;" however, let us not forget that Our Lord called John "the greatest born of women."

(This column first appeared in the summer of 2021.)

Fr. Jason K. Barone, Pastor
St. Jude Catholic Church - Sapphire, NC
Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Mission - Highlands, NC



Knights of Columbus - Pancake Breakfast (Sun. - Sept. 4 - 10:00am - Parish Hall - Fundraiser)



** Proceeds benefit **
Veterans Adaptive Ski Program
At the Sapphire Valley Ski Resort

Family Life Conference

When: Saturday, Sept. 10 ... 9:00am - 4:00pm

Where: St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Charlotte

What: Speaker Topics: marriage, family & pro-life work

*Opening Mass & Homily .. Very Rev. Patrick Winslow

Cost : \$25.00 (adults) ... \$15.00 (students 16-22 yrs)

Register: www.charlottediocese.org/office-of-family-life

Hosted by: The Office of Family Life-Diocese of Charlotte

Ladies of St. Jude

The Ladies of St. Jude are collecting "**travel size**" **personal hygiene products** for the expecting parents at the Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center.



Shampoo & Conditioner
Tooth Brush & Tooth Paste
Shaving Cream & After Shave
Body Wash & Soap
Lotion & Deodorant
Cosmetics & Emery Boards
Small Candles & Note Pads



There's a plastic collection basket in the Parish Hall.
Thank You for your support!

Scripture Readings & YouTube Links

1st Reading (Wis 9:13-18b): [No Link](#)

2nd Reading (Phlm 9-10, 12-17): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aW9Q3Jt6Yvk>

Gospel (Lk 14:25-33): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26zKhWNdD8&t=9s>

Church Calendar

Sunday, Sept 4, **Knights - Pancake Breakfast**, 10:00am

Monday, Sept. 5, **St. Jude Prayer Group**, 3:00pm

Tuesday, Sept. 6, **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, 10:00am

Thursday, September 8, **Emaus**, 6:00pm

Friday, September 9, **Adult Catechesis**, 10:00am

Tuesday, Sept. 13, **Game Night**, 5:30pm

Priests' Retirement & Benefits

(2nd Collection - Sept. 3 & 4)

The dedicated priests who served us in the past now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. St. Jude Catholic Church has been assessed \$8882.00 (3% of the parishes' annual offertory) for the Priests' Retirement and Benefits Plan. This collection provides funds for both diocesan and religious order priests' retirement plans, as well as health benefits for diocesan priests when they retire. Please be as generous as you can in the 2nd Collection which will start this weekend. A 2nd collection will be taken each weekend thru the month of September until our assessment is met. Thank You for your support!

Facts

- 36 retired diocesan priests currently receive benefits.
- There are 107 diocesan priests in active ministry.
- There are 9 religious orders serving the Diocese of Charlotte. There are currently 23 religious order priests for whom contributions will be made.
- The total assessed amount to fund the priests' retirement & benefits program is \$1,700,000.00 which is broken down as follows:
 - 78% for pension contributions for diocesan priests' retirement plan, benefits & health plan.
 - 17% for pension contributions for religious order priests' retirement plans.
 - 3% for administrative fees
 - 2% for fundraising costs
- The average retirement age for a priests is 70 yrs.

NC Right to Life President at St. Barnabas

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to host a human life affirming presentation by

Dr. William Pincus, MD,
President of NC Right to Life

When: Sunday, September 11, 2022 @ 12:30pm

Where: St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Arden

Dr. Pincus is a Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus. NC Right to Life is dedicated to providing education and advocacy (related to pro-life regulations) within NC and the US. With the upcoming November election, Dr. Pincus is very active within the state, working to ensure that voters understand the current pro-life legislation.

1 hour presentation and Q&A.
Light refreshments following.



Game Night



When: Tuesday, Sept. 13th @ 5:30pm

Where: Parish Hall

*Play Cards, Scrabble, Mexican Train
Or bring your favorite game to play*



*Pizza & Beverages
will be provided*

