



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 21, 2016



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St. Ann's Parish Mission
St. Ann Parish seeks the salvation of souls through the redemption of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in and through the divinely instituted Holy Catholic Church. We invite all to receive God's love as we give of ourselves in compassionate service.

Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

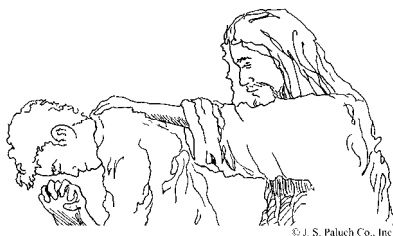
*Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.*

Parish Office Hours

<p>Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Mass in the Extraordinary Form: 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) Friday: 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Adoration Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconciliation Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

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Sunday 21st	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Eli Solanus Mueller <i>by Sharon & Eric Kucia</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Confraternity of St. Peter <i>by the Lauer family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen)
Monday 22nd	7:00 a.m. +Gordon Reid <i>by Patty & Brion Blais</i>	4:30 p.m. Church in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Dance (Gym) 7:00 a.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 23rd	7:00 a.m. Intentions of the Donald Shoemaker <i>by Virginia Doman</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	1:00 p.m. CSS (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Conference in use 7:00 p.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room)
Wednesday 24th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Novus Ordo (English) For St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones	7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2) Scouts CSS (Library)
Thursday 25th	7:00 a.m. +Lucille Barslow <i>by Amy & Ken Edwards</i> 5:30 p.m. Confessions	10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 2:30 p.m. Gym in use 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 6:30 p.m. Consoling the Heart of Jesus Mercy Retreat (Classrooms 1 & 2) 7:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym) Basketball
Friday 26th	8:30 a.m. +Helen Scalise <i>by St. Ann School</i> 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	8:30 a.m. Home school (All rooms & Cry rooms) 12:30 p.m. Chapel in use
Saturday 27th	9:00 a.m. Pro-Life Mass 3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. +Bob Brewer <i>by Eleanore Taddie</i>	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Ceramics
Sunday 28th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Clara Csernik <i>by the Konopasek family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Jack Deloy Edwards <i>by Joan Dratch</i>	8:30 a.m. Gym in use 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 1:00 p.m. Church in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) 3:00 p.m. Kitchen in use 4:00 p.m. Gaudium Musicae Concert (Church)



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Welcome to our parish family
 Amelia Clare Agnew



Dear Parishioners,

Greetings from Warangal, India! Our St. Ann mission team arrived here safe and sound and have settled in with the good brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor. The folks we are serving here are quite grateful for your generosity, especially the children who now have an opportunity for education because of your kindness. Thank you for always responding so well when I invite you to give to the poor. Please continue keeping us in your prayers. We will return to Charlotte on February 27th.

I do hope many of you attended the parish mission this past week. Fr. Wolfgang possesses a wealth of knowledge about the spiritual life, and particularly about the angels. I do hope you found him edifying and informative. I also hope many of you are planning to consecrate yourselves to your guardian angels.

Beginning next Friday, February 26th, and continuing for the three following Fridays, we will have a **Holy Hour of Reparation** beginning at 5:50 p.m. before **Stations of the Cross** at 7 p.m. Please join us as we make reparation for our own sins and those of the whole world. I have every confidence that these spiritual exercises are not only good for our souls, but also pleasing to our Lord.

Please remember that we will be making a **parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament** in Hanceville, Alabama, March 14-16, 2016. The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is the new home of our Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, and in addition to visiting the Shrine and its environs, we will also have a chance to visit with the Poor Clares. The total cost of the trip is \$180, which includes transportation, lodging, and 5 meals. There is a Holy Door located at the Shrine for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, so this pilgrimage will be a good opportunity to obtain the Jubilee Year indulgence. For more information, contact Lucie Tonon at: lucietonon123@gmail.com

Lastly, don't forget the **Gaudium Musicae concert** next Sunday at 4 p.m. It will feature *The University of North Carolina School of the Arts Chamber Music Institute*, who will provide an exciting concert of traditional and contemporary works performed by faculty and student musicians. Please join us for our last concert of this season!

Keeping you all in prayer,
Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is stylized and includes a large, circular flourish at the end.

Your Stewardship of Treasure
728 registered families

February 7, 2016	27,227.78
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	528,814.29
YTD Budget:	478,030.72
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	50,783.57

Capital Needs:	1,746.00
Debt Elimination:	1,177.00

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2016 By now you should have received a letter or postcard from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support of the Diocesan Support Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to how you will respond by filling out your pledge and mailing it this week.

Endowments for St. Ann’s Parish:

Did you know that we have an endowment for both our parish and our school? These funds, established in 1999 for the parish and 2000 for the school, are for the general and pastoral needs of our parish and school and were established through the generosity of donors in our parish. If you would like to learn more about our endowment funds and how you can make a contribution, contact Judy Smith in the Foundation for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte at 704-370-3320 or at jmsmith@charlottediocese.org.

Stewardship Appreciation! *Stewardship is an extension of our spiritual life where we give in gratitude to God for what we have already received.*



February 21, 2016
Second Sunday of Lent
Your will is a plan for the distribution of the assets you have accumulated as a result of the God-given gifts you have received throughout your life.

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Feb. 23rd for Sunday, February 28, 2016
- Tuesday, March 1st for Sunday, March 6, 2016
- Tuesday, March 8th for Sunday, March 13, 2016
- Tuesday, March 15th for Sunday, March 20, 2016

Father Frank Iacona, C.M.F. of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish **this weekend** to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Check out our website: StAnnCharlotte.org, and go to the **prayers/devotion section under “Resources.”** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we are encourage everyone to pray the **“Prayer for Religious Liberty”** with the recent attacks on our religious freedoms there are several prayers and novenas on the website.



Stewardship of treasure asks only a small percentage of income. Many people find that when they trust God and return a proportionate percentage of their income to the Church and other charities, they can live happily on the rest of their income.

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month: The next collection is the weekend of **February 20th-21st and March 5th-6th and March 19th-20th.**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Your gift to the poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.



Online resources available to every member of our parish through a new program called **Formed**. This website includes a variety of free resources, including books, movies, podcasts, etc. for people of all ages. Go to: www.formed.org and click on “Find Out More” at the bottom of the homepage. Enter **Our parish code: Y6ZQ8M**, to get access to the resources. Call the parish office with questions. Once you’ve logged in, create your personal profile and access the programs. Our parish is paying an annual fee for this service, so please make use of this terrific resource!

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



"Feed yourselves and Feed the homeless." **St. Ann's Saturday** at Hawthorne's Pizza, 4100

Carmel Rd, 28226, is **Saturday, February 27th**. All parishioners, please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 27th, tell your server you are from St. Ann Catholic Church and the parish receives 15% of the sales. *All proceeds will support our Homeless Ministry at St. Ann's.*

Year of *Mercy* Lenten Parish Pilgrimage to the

Shrine of The Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Come, join us **March 14th-16th** as we travel where Mother Angelica was called to her mission. Opportunities for Mass, Confession, Adoration, prayer, growth, sharing meals in a beautifully inspiring setting near the Monastery Home of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration. Take time to get away for a while to be with the One who Loves us! Registration forms available in back of church and in the parish office. Our parish has first priority though February 22nd, but space is limited. For more information, email Lucie Tonon: lucietonon123@gmail.com.



St. Ann's Easter Meals Preparation. Each year St. Ann's supports local homeless shelters and agencies by providing Easter meals to those in need. Your donation of boneless hams and desserts is needed to help ensure each person gets a meal on Easter Sunday. Monetary donations will also be accepted. **If you would like to volunteer to help with meal preparation and/or delivery on Saturday March 26th**, please contact Robina Walker at robina.walker@gmail.com. **Desserts and hams can be dropped off at the parish office Monday March 21st-Wednesday, March 23rd during parish office hours or on Saturday March 26th by 10:00 a.m.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the weekends of *March 12th and March 19th* for ham and dessert donations and meal assembly volunteers.

Mark your calendars: **St. Ann's Carnival will be Saturday, September 24th!** Details to follow!



The final concert of the *Gaudium Musicae* concert series begins **at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February**

28, 2016, featuring the *UNC School of the Arts Chamber Music Festival Orchestra*. Listeners will have an opportunity to meet the performers at the reception following this hour-long concert. Single concert tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and \$30 for families. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.StAnnCharlotte.org or at the parish office. Contact the parish office at 704-523-4641 ext. 221 for information.



St. Ann's Blood Drive is Sunday, March 13th. We need donors and volunteers. To give blood, Sign up at redcrossblood.org. To volunteers, contact Chris Brunhuber at 704-241-2577 or ccb43@earthlink.net. Chris can also sign you up as a donor. Thank you!

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 19th** the **St. Ann's Annual Service Day, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon.** The sign-up genius will be out soon. Watch of more details.

The next **Baptismal Preparation** class will be **Sunday, April 10th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Scout room.

Save These Dates! **St Ann Summer Catechesis 2016 will be held June 13th-June17th.** Details to come!

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

St. Gerard's Meals Ministry. Mission: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinetlauer@gmail.com.

*Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor
before the throne of God, pray for us.*

Fr. Reid invites **all members of the Angelic Warfare Confraternity** to come and pray our daily prayers together **first Thursday of each month after Confession at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.** Our prayers are beautiful and when prayed together are more powerful bringing many blessings to our membership and community.

Catholic Scripture Study: *The Book of Isaiah.* Classes are **Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. through May 17, 2016.** If you are interested contact Heidi Clark, 704-504-5948 or email hclark12@carolina.rr.com.

Catholic Scriptures Study: *The Book of Isaiah.* Classes are on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the library in the Allen Center. Please contact Paula Schrum at 704-641-0365 or pbschrum@gmail.com.

The World Rosary meets **Mondays at 5:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. All are invited.

Cub Scout Pack 162 meets every first and third **Wednesday's in the Allen Center café 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Join Scouts! For information call Walter Kurtz 704-301-8864 or email wtkurtz@gmail.com.

Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Our Blessed Mother wants active and auxiliary members to join her Legion. Assist in waging war against the enemy by winning souls for the Crucified Christ! Join a nearly 100-year-old lay apostolate movement founded on a profound devotion to Our Lady. **Our Lady of Fatima praesidium** meets **Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center.** Contact Eve Smith email evesmith1974@yahoo.com or phone: 704-280-4850.

Holy Family Playgroup: Building relationships with mothers and children of **all ages** in the parish, provides support and a catholic environment for socialization and play. **Playtime is usually Friday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at various locations during the school year.** Questions? Call Melissa Lewis at 704-287-8112 subscribe to our group at holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoo.com.

Prayer cards of our Statues are available in the North Vestibule. A donation of \$0.50 per card.

RCIA classes are on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Scout room. Anyone interested in the teachings of the Catholic faith are invited to attend these classes. If you know of anyone wanting to become Catholic please have them call the parish office.

Fidelis, young ladies ages 11-18, meets **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the gym and classrooms 1 and 2.** Contact Sr. Mary Raphael, smaryraphael@gmail.com for information. Contact Mrs. Angela Williams, angiegirl67@yahoo.com to register.

Fraternus meets **weekly on Thursdays** in the gym at **7:00 p.m.** Middle school, high school boys and adult men of the parish are invited to attend. Contact Byron at byco43@yahoo.com for information.

Ceramics are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-12noon. Call the parish office for more details.

All men of the parish interested in the **Knights of Columbus**, leave your name and contact information at the parish office.

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and Our Study is **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. through April 12, 2016 and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. through April 14, 2016.** If you are interested, contact Heidi Clark, hclark12@carolina.rr.com, 704-504-5948.

The **Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat** is a 10 week retreat, using Father Michael Gaitley's DVD presentations, retreat book and materials and is offered **now through March 10th on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in classrooms 1 and 2.** The materials are on the formed.org. Please contact Heidi Clark at hclark12@carolina.rr.com, 704-504-5948 or Eve Smith evesmith1974@yahoo.com with any questions.

Babysitting will be offered the last Thursday of each month during confession times from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** by Melissa Lewis. Call Melissa at 704-287-8112 or email her at mmlewis28@yahoo.com.



Mothering With Grace meets the **first Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the Allen Center

library (2nd floor). Childcare is not available, but infants are always welcome. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, March 1st.** On **April 5th** we will have a Mom's Night Out. Details will follow. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at stannMWG@gmail.com. Go to www.motheringwithgrace.org for details about the ministry.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the Week of February 21st through February 28th

February 21st	2nd Sunday of Lent - 1st class
February 22nd	Chair of St. Peter - 2nd class
February 23rd	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
February 24th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
February 25th	St. Matthias - 2nd class
February 26th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
February 27th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
February 28th	3rd Sunday of Lent - 1st class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 pm, Wednesdays at 6 pm, and on select feast days. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

Latin Mass Q&A:

What do the Classes in the above calendar mean? The Class is the level of importance or solemnity (1st-4th) associated with that day's Saint or commemoration. A 1st Class Feast Day are all Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas, or the Immaculate Conception, etc.

Questions? E-mail charlottelatinmasscommunity@gmail.com.

Pro-Life Ministry

Join us **every Sunday at 12 noon** in the chapel for the Respect Life Rosary. All are welcome.

Questions about the St. Ann's Pro-Life Ministry, contact Andy Zorichak at azorichak@yahoo.com.

The **Pro-Life Mass** will be **Saturday, February 27th at 9:00 a.m.** with Fr. Barone. All are welcome.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



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Our parishioners:
Sarah Miller, Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Larry Guethlein, Helen Norton, Rocco Patane, Kathy and

Dave Graves.

Our friends and family: Ron York (brother-in-law of Carol Kuhn), Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), William Sirignano (grandfather of Aaron Condon), Bryan Williams, Jennifer Arnold and Mary Register (friends of Nancy Tota), Marlowe Regan (niece) and Marsha Bergmann (sister-in-law of Maryann and Ben Conrad), Tom Storer, Josh Duncan, Joel Rivera, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), and Frank Tamplin, Yolanda and Hector Viscarra (parents of Susy Langlinais), and Mark Weems (of Little Windows).

Incarcerated: Adele Ceouse.

Our servicemen and servicewomen: Lance Corporal Joseph Fanning USMC and PFC John Michael Fanning USMC, and Lt. Grace Carlson, USN. Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC.



Beyond Belief: Following Christ Today.

Fr. Mike

Schmitz tackles some of the most difficult topics in the Church today with humor, clarity, and theological truth. In this talk, he challenges us to not settle for mediocrity and to allow Christ to change our lives. Fr. Mike goes on to explain that once we are changed by the love of Jesus, then together we can change the world. Your \$3 donation per CD will help to bring in more of these great talks on the Beauty of the Catholic Faith. **Go to: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub and enter code: 33769.**

Do you love Jesus? Do you want to learn how to love Him more deeply? Do you want Him to transform your life and the lives of your family and friends? Read His Word every day. The daily Mass readings are the very voice of God speaking to us. Meditate on His Word for just 15 minutes with the help of our *One Bread One Body* booklets, a guide to the daily Scriptures **found in the North Vestibule with other helpful resources.**

IN NEED OF PRAYER? St. Ann's Prayer Group consists of volunteers who love to pray to God. In Jesus name they pray for healings, conversions, whatever the request. Email your request to stannpray_ers@comporium.net or call Nancy Picciola 803-389-5530.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Ann Home School Group liaison is Katherine Lauer. To contact Katherine for information on Home School katherinetlauer@gmail.com or 704-898-7323.

The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) are accepting applications for new students for the 2016-2017 school year at all schools and for all grades. Visit the MACS website at www.macs-schools.com/macs/admissions/applications for applications and more admissions information. For school locations and additional information, call the MACS Admissions Office at 704-370-3273 or visit our website www.macs-schools.com.

Support St. Ann School! Link your *Harris Teeter VIC Card* to St. Ann School #1931 at the register or by calling 1-800-432-6111. St. Ann also earns 1% on purchases made with a Target Debit or Credit Red Card. Link yours on the Take Charge of Education website www.target.com/tcoe.



Jubilee Year of Mercy February 21, 2016 Second Sunday of Lent

Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title Metamorphosis, a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this Jubilee Year of Mercy coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah

speaking about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you remove from your midst oppression, and malicious speech . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness . . . you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11). -- Peter Scagnelli, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

*The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear? -- Psalm 27:1*

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Married Couples: Teams of Our Lady

www.teamsofourlady.org, is an international movement of small groups of married couples around the diocese. Each Team (5-7 couples and a priest/spiritual counselor) meets monthly to share a meal, prayer, scripture, and a discussion. Teams provide a solid, spiritual direction for couples through a way of life promoting growth in married love, holiness, and Christian community. If you're interested in a great opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and your spouse, contact Tom and Danielle Mathis at 704-541-0858 or tmathis3@me.com.

The Gospel today shows us that trusting in Jesus and doing what He tells us to do can make a powerful difference in our lives! For more information call 704-315-2144 or visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you feel helpless to do anything about it? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health by helping spouses rediscover the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Natural Family Planning. Couple to Couple League. Sympto-Thermal Method. Certified Sympto-Thermal Method teaching couple will help couples naturally plan for family growth in a safe, effective manner, within the Church's teaching. Sign up on-line and purchase class materials at www.ccli.org. Postpartum and Premenopause transition classes are also available upon request. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704-548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

A **FREE Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course** will be offered in **Hickory at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, March 19th, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.** Topics to be covered include: Effectiveness of modern NFP methods, Health risks of popular contraceptives, Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual, Church teaching on marital sexuality and...how to use NFP. For information, go to ccdoc.org/nfp or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org.

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat for women and men to begin their healing journey. For information, please contact Shelley Glanton at 828-230-4940/ sglan1234@aol.com or Jennifer Ganser at 336-209-2161/ jmganser@charlottediocese.org, or visit: rachelsvineyard.org. Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) invites all women of St. Ann's to Evening Reflection on **Friday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m.** in the chapel at St. Matthew's Church. Our keynote speakers are Joe McClane and Brian Pusateri. Both presenters will be from the Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference. Also invited to the March Morning Reflection on **Monday, March 14th at 9:00-11:30 a.m.** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Our guest speaker Father Noah Carter. Register on the website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org. Find us on www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup and Twitter: @CCWG_CLTDiocese

Last Call for the Men's Conference! I would like to personally invite you to the annual **Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference that is scheduled for Saturday, February 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** There are 5 dynamic speakers including Abbot Placid Solari and Bishop Emeritus William Curlin. Mass, Adoration and Confession will also be offered. You can register at www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org. I know that you will find inspiration and encouragement to lead your family in faith. **Tom Mathis**, tmathis3@me.com.

The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey college is having its **Super Spring Sale from March 1st to April 30th**. **Everything is on Sale!** Our Biggest Sales Event EVER! Save 10% off all regular price items. Save 20%, 50%, and 75% off select items while supplies last. Contact us at 704-461-5100 or catholicshoppe@bac.edu.

30th Annual Spring Fling Wednesday, **March 27th** at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory and Tuesday, **May 17th** at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

Abstinence is required on all Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Milk, eggs and fish are permissible. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids as well as pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt. **Fasting** is required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means having only one normal-sized meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal one full meal. No snacks are permitted on these days. Catholics from the age of 18 through 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids and pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt. Children are not required to uphold Lenten fasting and abstinence practices, but they are encouraged to abstain from meat on Fridays. Moreover, encouraging children to make small sacrifices may build a foundation for a faith-filled adulthood. Ash Wednesday is 46 days before Easter, but Lent is 40 days long, because Sundays are not counted as days of Lent. (adapted from *Our Sunday Visitor*).

The Carolina Catholic Chorale will present a Lenten devotional program of *A dorumus te, Christe*. The program features beautiful polyphonic and chant settings of the *A dorumus te* text used in conjunction with the Stations of the Cross. This will be presented **Friday, February 26th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salisbury at 7:30 p.m.** This event is open to the public at no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information on the Carolina Catholic Chorale, please see www.carolinacatholicchorale.com.

Lenten Penance Services

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Monday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.
 St. Matthew Catholic Church on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m.
 St. Luke Catholic Church on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:30 p.m.
 St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church on Monday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.
 St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 p.m.
 St. Gabriel Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Conference Center in Hickory Presents Year of Mercy Lenten Program on Thursday, March 10th. 10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m. By virtue of our Baptism, every single Christian, regardless of their state in life, is called to be holy. Come spend the day with Fr. John Eckert, Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, for a day of reflection and prayer as he presents a program on our role in following the universal call to holiness. Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes lunch. Mass will be offered at 3:00 p.m. **To register**, call Cathy Webb at 828-327-7441 **by Monday, March 7th** or via email: info@catholicconference.org

YOUNG ADULTS

Diocese of Charlotte Young Adult Ministry. As college students in our Diocese are returning to area college campuses we invite them (and you) to get connected with Diocesan Sponsored Catholic Campus Ministry. **Go to www.catholicconcampus.com**. Are you a **college student**? The **parent of a college student**? There are **Catholic Campus Ministry** programs at over ten colleges in our diocese. Check out www.catholicconcampus.com to see what's available. Feel free to contact Sister Eileen Spanier, GNSH, and the campus minister for the Charlotte Area, with any questions: espangnsh@aol.com 704-717-7104. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter please contact Mary Wright, Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Charlotte.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry at **St. Patrick's Cathedral on 3 Friday's during Lent. Friday, March 4th and March 18th from 5:00 -8:00 p.m.** Please support our Knights of Columbus and plan to attend.

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Dymphna: You are invited to join Fr. Benjamin Roberts, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, on a 3-day pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Dymphna located in Massillon, Ohio. **The dates are March 13-March 15, 2016.** The itinerary includes Holy Mass both days, a tour of the National Shrine of St. Dymphna and veneration of her relic, see the relics of all the twelve apostles at the beautiful Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, tour an exact replica of the cave where Jesus was born just as you would see it at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, veneration according to the Byzantine Rite of a relic of the True Cross, and more! The cost is \$139.00 per person plus hotel of \$99 per night. Price includes all meals and roundtrip transportation aboard a luxury motor coach. For information or to sign up, email StDymphna2013@gmail.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Peter Catholic Church is Monday-Friday 11:15-11:45 a.m. and Saturdays 4:00-4:45 p.m. **The Lenten Reconciliation Service is Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m.** with confessions. For additional information, see our parish website, www.stpeterscatholic.org.

American Heritage Girls Troop NC 0146 is selling *full service Autobell car washes for \$16.00 to benefit the troop.* American Heritage Girls Mission is "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country." Contact St. Ann parishioner, Priscilla Benson, at priscilla.l.benson@gmail.com to purchase tickets until March 1, 2016.

Let your Catholic Voice be heard. **Join Catholic Voice North Carolina, CatholicVoicenc.org.** Receive email alerts from the Bishops and react to legislation that impacts the Catholic faith. Catholic Voice NC is the non-partisan public policy voice of Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of the Diocese of Raleigh and Bishop Peter J. Jugis of the Diocese of Charlotte. This message has been approved by both bishops. Direct questions to David Hains, dwhains@charlottediocese.org, 704-370-3336.

Charlotte Lay Dominicans: You are invited to consider joining us on our journey to God in the footsteps of St. Dominic de Guzman as lay Third Order members of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). The Four Pillars of the Dominican Order are: Prayer, Study, Community, and Apostolate. Fr. Matthew Kauth is our Spiritual Advisor. We meet each month at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Charlotte. Visit our website for more information on the Dominican charism and how to contact us: charlottelaydominicans.org.

The Women of Joy at Saint Mark present a morning retreat with Father Chris Alar, MIC, **Friday February 26th from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon** at Saint Mark Catholic Church. Father Alar is the "Father Joseph" Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. He will celebrate the Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by the morning retreat. Please don't miss this opportunity to gather with other women and learn more about the gift of Divine Mercy.

St. John Neumann will be hosting a Lenten Mission March 14th -16th. The guest homilist is **Father Bob Lombardo, CFR, Director of the Mission of Our Lady of Angels in Chicago, IL.** The theme of the Mission is "The Treasures of Our Catholic Faith" and will feature 3 evening talks at 6:30 p.m. An opportunity for individual Confession will be available on Tuesday, March 15th following the Mission. All are welcome to attend! For more information, visit www.4sjnc.org or call St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

On Holy Saturday, March 26th at Noon in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Deacon James Witulski will be blessing Easter food. This Eastern and Central European tradition is also called "**The Blessing of the Easter Baskets,**" (or "**Swieconka**" in the Polish language) and will last about 30 minutes. This tradition is becoming increasingly popular among all Catholics. The Blessings will be in both the English and Polish languages. The traditional foods, such as sausage, eggs, bread, and butter in the shape of a lamb, are brought to the Church, neatly arranged in a basket. However, every person of every nationality is invited to use their imagination and include their own national foods. Children can even bring their own baskets with their own treats, including chocolate and Easter candy. Please contact Deacon James Witulski with any questions at 704-960-3704.

Bingo players wanted! **St. Thomas Aquinas Bingo is held every Monday evening starting at 7:00 p.m.** Come and enjoy, you might even go home a winner! For information call 704-549-1607.

Diocese of Charlotte official Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome, Siena, Assisi and Nettuno. Walk through the Doors of Mercy! Join your Diocesan family on a once-in-a-lifetime **Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome, Siena, Assisi, and Nettuno, 10-days, October 12-21, 2016.** Only \$3,299 from Charlotte, plus \$650 in airport taxes, security fees, and current fuel surcharges, as well as \$150 in tips. Under the spiritual direction of Fr. Michael Kottar of St. Mary Help of Christians Parish in Shelby and Fr. Carmen Malacari of Holy Spirit Church in Denver. Visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Charlotte to download the brochure and registration form. For information Mrs. Jean Judge at 704-487-7697 or jmjudge@charlottediocese.org.

REMINDERS

Low gluten hosts are available at Holy Communion for those who need them. To receive a low gluten host, go to the eagle lectern after everyone else has received Holy Communion.

Let's be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:



If you are approached by panhandlers on the church campus, **please do not give them money**. Instead, direct them to the parish office for financial assistance. *We have the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need.* Thank you!

33 Hours of Adoration

Adoration begins Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. through Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel.

All are welcome.

Adorers: please share your contact information with those who adore during your **Adoration hour**.

If you can't make it, call the others to make sure someone is visiting Our Lord during that hour. *It is your responsibility to get a replacement when you will not be able to do your Adoration hour.*

IN OUR COMMUNITY

A **televised Sunday Mass** is now airing on ABC Family from **6:30-7:00 a.m. Sunday mornings**. Call 800-THE-MASS or www.TheSundayMass.org.

The Airport Chaplaincy at Charlotte Douglas Airport offers two Masses on Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. held in the auditorium on the upper level of the main terminal above the Carolina Pit BBQ. *It is open 5:30 a.m.— 10:30 a.m.*

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*Please to be mindful of our Lord's presence whenever you are in the church. **Making sure to genuflect whenever you pass before the tabernacle, maintaining a prayerful silence in the church, dressing modestly** and *silencing cell phones are practices that we would all do well to follow—not simply out of respect for our Lord, but for the benefit of our fellow parishioners as well.**

As you come into the church, please keep in mind that we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Also make sure to lock your cars and trucks. Either keep your personal items with you in church or lock them in your trunk. *This is for your safety.*

To All Parents with Infants and Small Children

One of the most beautiful blessings of our Parish is that we have so many babies and small kids! While all children are most welcome in the church, please keep in mind that the acoustics in our church are excellent, which means that their voices carry. If your children cry or scream during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, please be sensitive to those around you by taking your child to one of our cry rooms. *The cry rooms are reserved for families with small children. Everyone else is requested to sit in the church.*

To those in the Cry Rooms for Mass

Please remember that these rooms are an extension of the church itself. Therefore, please be as reverent as possible during Mass. These rooms exist to help you train your children how to attend Mass properly; thus, they should not be used as play rooms. While everyone who uses the cry rooms expects them to be a bit noisier than the church, disruptive games or toys are better left at home. Moreover, conversations in the cry rooms should be kept to a minimum during Mass. *Thank you for your consideration.*

Outdoor Speakers

We have outdoor speakers for those whose small children are too loud for the cry rooms or narthex. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners if your children are making a lot of noise.

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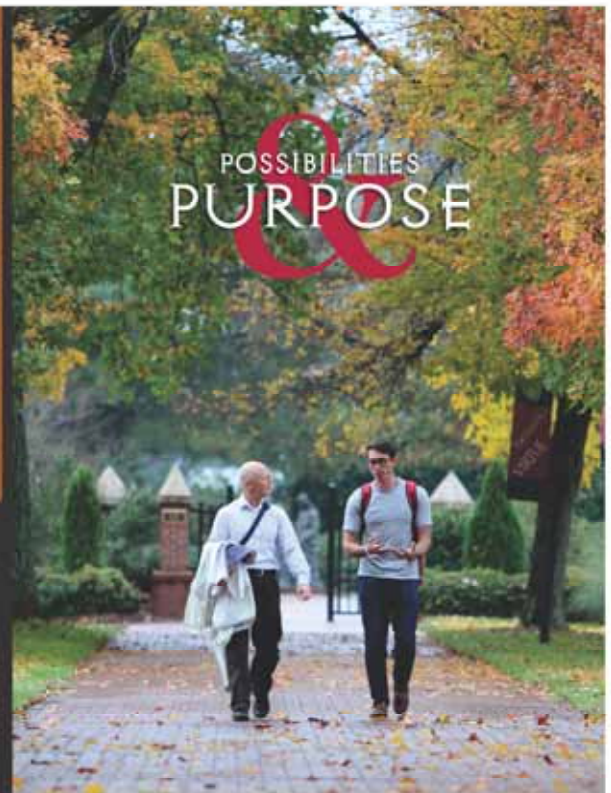
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