



March 20, 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)*

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

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

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<p><b>Palm Sunday 20th</b></p>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Suzanne &amp; Mike Terry &amp; boys <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Our parish family</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> Intentions of Margaret Anne Lauer <i>by the Lauer family</i></p>	<p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen)</p>
<p><b>Monday 21st</b></p>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Susan Kennelly Donaldson <i>by Linda &amp; Mark Crabbe</i></p>	<p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 &amp; 2 in use   Dance (Gym)</p> <p>7:00 a.m. RCIA (Scout room)   Legion of Mary (Conference room)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 22nd</b></p>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Gordon L. Reid <i>by Suzanne &amp; Mike Terry &amp; boys</i></p> <p><i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Ceramics</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 23rd</b></p>	<p><i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i></p> <p><b>5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Holy Hour</i></p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> +Fr. Jack Biller <i>by Virginia Doman</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Ceramics</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym &amp; Classrooms 1 &amp; 2)   Scouts   CSS (Library)</p>
<p><b>Holy Thursday 24th</b></p>	<p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Mass of the Last Supper <i>Adoration until midnight</i></p>	<p><b>Parish Office Closed</b></p>
<p><b>Good Friday 25th</b></p>	<p><b>12 noon</b> <i>Stations of the Cross</i></p> <p><b>1:00 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions</i></p> <p><b>3:00 p.m.</b> <i>Passion of Our Lord</i></p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Choir</i></p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> <i>Tenebrae</i></p>	<p><b>Parish Office Closed</b></p>
<p><b>Holy Saturday 26th</b></p>	<p><b>8:15 p.m.</b> Our parish family</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Café in use</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Kitchen in use</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Ceramics   Classrooms 1 &amp; 2 in use</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Bless the Food (Church)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Café in use</p>
<p><b>Easter Sunday 27th</b></p>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Jerry Dugan <i>by the family</i></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of the Michael Kitson Family</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> +Gordon L. Reid <i>by Nancy &amp; Lou Picciola</i></p>	<p>12 noon <b>Parish Office Closed</b> Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p>



*The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.  
-- Isaiah 50:7a*





Dear Parishioners,

With today's liturgy we enter into that most important week of the year for us Catholics, that week which we call *holy*. And we call this week *holy* because God, in His infinite goodness, takes what should be considered the most horrific and unjust of crimes: the wrongful indictment and execution of His own Son, and makes of it the means for our salvation. In our liturgies this week we will see the conspiracy that brought about Jesus' wrongful arrest. We will sit with Christ at the Last Supper as He gives us the inseparable gifts of the priesthood and the Eucharist, and we will follow Him into the Garden of Gethsemane to watch with Him. We will witness all that He suffers for us, and we will stand at the foot of the cross with His Mother as Jesus dies for our sins. And finally we will peer into the empty tomb on

the third day and experience anew the glory of His resurrection. What a holy week indeed!

As your pastor I personally invite all of you to make this week holy for yourselves by entering more deeply into prayer with our crucified Lord and His Mother. Come and participate in the liturgies, most especially on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Meditate on all the great mysteries of our salvation. Enter into the mysteries of our faith, for this week is different than any other week of the year. And be sure to pray for our fellow parishioners who will be entering into full communion with the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

As a reminder, in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, which is always the Sunday immediately following Easter, it is customary for Catholics to pray the Divine Mercy Novena daily, beginning on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. Additionally, Catholics who receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, go to confession within 20 days of Divine Mercy Sunday, and who pray for the intentions of the pope (a *Credo* and an *Our Father* will suffice) are granted a plenary indulgence. Copies of this novena can be found in the North Vestibule. This is a very spiritually beneficial devotion that I hope many of you will participate in.

Lastly, as warmer weather seems to be upon us, may I encourage all of you not to give into the temptation to wear shorts, t-shirts, or flip-flops to Mass. I realize that Charlotte gets hot in the summer, but Mass is not a social or casual event; it's not something that we should just fit into our schedule whenever it's convenient. It's the most important that we do each week as Catholics. So please dress with the decorum and dignity that is fitting for our sovereign Lord. I'm sure that our Lord will appreciate the extra effort on your part to do so!

With prayers that your week will be holy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Fr. Reid

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**

*720 registered families*

<b>February 28, 2016</b>	<b>10,551.00</b>
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	564,462.29
YTD Budget:	522,846.10
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>41,616.19</b>

***Give Electronically at  
www.StAnnCharlotte.org***

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2016** On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember the words of Jesus, “whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me.”

**2016 DSA**

DSA Goal:	87,197.00
Pledged:	22,310.00
Received:	12,608.00
Donors:	64

We ask your generous support and response to the **second collection which will be taken in all churches of our diocese on Easter weekend.** This collection will help meet the needs of our Seminary and Priests’ Continuing Education programs. We currently have 15 young men studying for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary in Ohio and at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. We look forward to the time when they will be able to begin their service as priests in the Diocese of Charlotte.

**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](mailto:jmsmith@charlottediocese.org).



*March 20, 2016  
Palm Sunday*

*As we remember Christ’s sacrifice, we can express our thankfulness and love by remembering our parish in our will.*

Check out our website: [StAnnCharlotte.org](http://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.



*In the area of time and talent, many individuals commit a certain number of hours each week to prayer and charitable activities.*

**Stewardship Appreciation!**  
*It is our goal to receive a pledge form from every active household in our parish.*

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 **March 19th-20th and April 2nd-3rd and April 16th-17th.**

*Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. As you make your gift to the poor box, know that you a sign of God’s love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.*



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](http://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!

**Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:**

- Tuesday, March 29th for Sunday, April 3, 2016
- Tuesday, April 5th for Sunday, April 10, 2016
- Tuesday, April 12th for Sunday, April 17, 2016
- Tuesday, April 19th for Sunday, April 24, 2016

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

In thanksgiving for a prayerful mission, we will have a basket for offerings in the narthex for **Father Wolfgang**.



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

Rd, 28226, is **Saturday, March 26th**. All parishioners, please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 26th, 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.*

**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. On **April 5th** we will have a Mom's Night Out, at the Cheesecake Factory. Please RSVP to be included. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 3rd**. Details will follow. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at [stannMWG@gmail.com](mailto:stannMWG@gmail.com). Go to [www.motheringwithgrace.org](http://www.motheringwithgrace.org) for details about the ministry.

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

Save These Dates! **St Ann Summer Catechesis 2016** will be held **June 13th-June 17th**. Details to come!

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

The **Gaudium Musicae** Season Seven has been announced, details are on the website:

[www.StAnnCharlotte.org/Gaudium-Musicae-2/](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org/Gaudium-Musicae-2/).

Buy your Season Seven Subscription tickets now: \$100 for families, \$40 for adults, \$25 for students.

Single concert tickets are also available online and at the parish office. This is the best entertainment bargain in town! Volunteers and sponsors are needed; contact the parish office for details: 704-523-4641.

**Concert dates are Sundays:** October 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.; November 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.; February 26, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.; and April 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

**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 26<sup>th</sup>**, please contact Robina Walker at [robina.walker@gmail.com](mailto:robina.walker@gmail.com). **Desserts and hams can be dropped off at the parish office Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>-Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> during parish office hours or on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> by 10:00 a.m.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex this weekend, *March 19<sup>th</sup>* for ham and dessert donations and meal assembly volunteers.

### A visit to the Airport:

With summer vacation plans in mind, the Airport Chaplaincy at Charlotte Douglas Airport offers Catholic Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am every Sunday. We also offer a Prayer & Scripture service at 9:30 am. A travel tip, leave yourself at least 2 hours for domestic flights after parking. The best parking location is Business Valet. While \$14.00 a day it's bus drops you off at the terminal and they run every 5-10 minutes. They pick up on the ticketing level of the airport outside of the "D" door. A growing issue is not lost children within the airport but confused senior citizens who find the demands, pressures and frenzied activity of the airport near over-whelming. Be sure parents, great-grandparents, aunts and uncles can navigate the demand of an airport on both the departing and arriving ends of the trip. I can say with confidence, that all will say "they can handle it" if you ask them. Charlotte Douglas Airport is very good offering wheel chairs and cart transportation, but it is a finite resource and does add time from curbside to gate. It is better to have a loved one at the airport early to relieve tension and allow time for them to move from curbside, through ticketing and baggage check, through security check-points and finally to their departure gate. Remember to always call and verify departure and arrival times. If you have questions or travel concerns, please call Deacon George Szalony at 704-816-9554.



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [evsmith1974@yahoo.com](mailto:evsmith1974@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](mailto: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](mailto:smaryraphael@gmail.com) for information. Contact Mrs. Angela Williams, [angiegirl67@yahoo.com](mailto:angiegirl67@yahoo.com) to register.

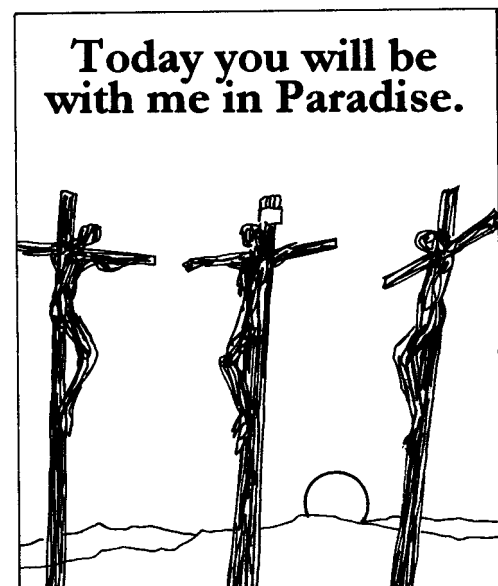
**Fraternus** meets **weekly on Thursdays in the gym at 7:00 p.m.** Middle school, high school boys and adult men of the parish are invited to attend. Contact Byron at [byco43@yahoo.com](mailto:byco43@yahoo.com) for information.

**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](mailto:hclark12@carolina.rr.com), 704-504-5948.

**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](mailto:mmlewis28@yahoo.com).





**MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN**



*Our parishioners:*  
Rick Lejk, 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), Mark Weems (of Little Windows), and Peggy Ballew (sister of Gerri Hillis).

*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., Ensign Hayley Derscheid, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey Derscheid.



*The Logic of Being Catholic* by Dr. Ray Guarendi: In this CD presentation, Dr. Ray Guarendi

shares his story of how logic led him home to the Catholic Church. He discovered that, contrary to his Protestant misunderstandings, the Church is coherent and never contradicts herself. Dr. Ray explains how the answers to his objections to Catholicism were both Biblical and believed by the earliest Christians. Explore the logic that led him to the fullness of truth. 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](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub) and enter code: 33769.**

**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](mailto:stannpray_ers@comporium.net) or call Nancy Picciola 803-389-5530.

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.**

**LATIN MASS CORNER**

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the Week of March 20th through March 27th

March 20th	Palm Sunday
March 21st	Monday of Holy Week - 1st class
March 22nd	Tuesday of Holy Week - 1st class
March 23rd	Wednesday of Holy Week - 1st class
March 24th	Holy Thursday - 1st class
March 25th	Good Friday - 1st class
March 26th	Holy Saturday and
March 27th	Easter Sunday

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., 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.

“The observance of Lent is the very badge of the Christian warfare. By it we prove ourselves not to be enemies of the cross of Christ. By it we avert the scourges of divine justice. By it we gain strength against the princes of darkness, for it shields us with heavenly help. Should mankind grow remiss in their observance of Lent, it would be a detriment to God's glory, a disgrace to the Catholic religion, and a danger to Christian souls. Neither can it be doubted that such negligence would become the source of misery to the world, of public calamity, and of private woe.” - Pope Benedict XIV, 1741

**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](mailto:azorichak@yahoo.com).

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**St. Ann Home School Group** liaison is Katherine Lauer. To contact Katherine for information on Home School [katherinetlauer@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.target.com/tcoe).

## 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.catholiccampus.com](http://www.catholiccampus.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.catholiccampus.com](http://www.catholiccampus.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](mailto: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.



**Jubilee Year of Mercy  
March 20, 2016**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy is Pope Francis' official decree announcing this Jubilee Year of Mercy. But Francis had already declared that Jesus "has shown the face of God's mercy" back in 2013 on his first Palm Sunday as pope. Francis described Luke's account of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem: "Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings . . . has bent down to heal body and soul." Entering Jerusalem, Jesus looks at all of us with love, Francis continued, at our sicknesses and sins. "A beautiful scene, full of light--the light of the love of Jesus" (Pope Francis, Palm Sunday homily, March 24, 2013). May this Jubilee Year's Holy Week and Triduum make us Jesus' own light-bearers and love-givers to all who long to see the Face of Mercy.

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## MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

**Married Couples: Teams of Our Lady**

[www.teamsofourlady.org](http://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](mailto: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>.

You Can Help Your Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:hackhouse@bellsouth.net).

**A FREE Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course.** 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](http://ccdoc.org/nfp) or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or [bnadcock@charlottediocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:sglan1234@aol.com) or Jennifer Ganser at 336-209-2161/ [jmganser@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jmganser@charlottediocese.org), or visit: [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org). Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.



## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

On **Holy Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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. 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. Please contact Deacon James Witulski with any questions at 704-960-3704.

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

**Run, Walk, or Roll Your Way to Room at the Inn!** Join our nonprofit team online to race and raise! The Human Race will take place on **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Greensboro Coliseum.** There is a competitive 5K race route and a non-competitive short distance walking route. Friendly pets and strollers are welcome. Sponsor our team by donating pennies, nickels, dimes, or dollars! To register or donate, visit our team webpage at [thehumanrace.kintera.org/roomattheinn](http://thehumanrace.kintera.org/roomattheinn). Additionally, visit our webpage to learn more about our programs at [www.roominn.org](http://www.roominn.org). Please contact Kathleen at 336-207-3785 or [kcurren@roominn.org](mailto:kcurren@roominn.org) with any questions or if you have a cash donation.

**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](http://charlottelaydominicans.org).

**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](http://www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Charlotte) to download the brochure and registration form. For information Mrs. Jean Judge at 704-487-7697 or [jmjudge@charlottedioecese.org](mailto:jmjudge@charlottedioecese.org).

**Charlotte Catholic Women’s Group (CCWG)** invites all women of St. Ann’s to the April Morning Reflection on **Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00-11:30 a.m.** at St Patrick Cathedral. Our guest speaker Father Patrick Winslow. Register on the website: [www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org](http://www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org). Find us on [www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup](http://www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup) and Twitter: @CCWG\_CLTDioecese

The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey college is having its **Super Spring Sale now through April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:catholicshoppe@bac.edu).

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.

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

## 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.*

**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*).

## 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](http://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.*

**To book a room in the Allen Center,** call Savas Mallos at 704-523-4641 x233.

*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.