



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 25, 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.

<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: 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form), Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 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 25th	12 midnight Latin Intentions of Father Reid's God children <i>by Fr. Reid</i> 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Luke Winkelman <i>by Cynthia & John Nobers</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Monday 26th	9:00 a.m. +Lisa Dixon Collins <i>by Miner, Glass, Dixon, & Rothe families</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Tuesday 27th	7:00 a.m. +Mary Josita Reding <i>by the Schrum & Baeten families</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use 12 noon Bulletin deadline for January 8, 2017 1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Royal Road (Café) 7:00 p.m. Conference room in use 7:30 p.m. Back of Café in use
Wednesday 28th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin For St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones	4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Library) Scouts Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) Fraternus (Gym)
Thursday 29th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Sister Marie Jeannette <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> 5:30 p.m. Confessions	10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) Classroom 1 in use 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 7:30 p.m. Scout (Gym)
Friday 30th	8:30 a.m. +Bill Alyta <i>by Sallie & Kim Catalano</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Saturday 31st	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. +Father James Billar <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Sunday 1st	8:00 a.m. +Fred Bena <i>by the Balman family</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Robin & Vanessa Delmer <i>by the Spain family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>



*The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.*
-- John 1:5





Dear Parishioners,

A very Merry Christmas to all of you! I hope and pray that all of you are able to spend this special time with family and friends, and that our Infant Lord will shower you with His abundant graces.

Please keep in mind that Monday, 26 December 2016, is a federal holiday this year, which means our office will be closed and the only Mass of the day will be offered at 9 a.m. Also, because so many priests are all out of town this week, we will not have the 7 a.m. Latin Mass on Friday, December 30. I'm sorry for this inconvenience to our Latin Mass goers, but unfortunately we still do not have enough priests in the city who know how to offer the Latin Mass to cover everything!

Next Sunday, 01 January 2017, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. We will follow our normal Sunday Mass and confession schedule. And as we've done for the past few years, we will also provide an opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence at all the Masses next weekend. Please be sure to check the bulletin to find out what events are taking place in the parish this coming week.

Sincerely yours in the Christ Child and His Virginal Mother,
Fr. Reid

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

Your Stewardship of Treasure
728 registered families

December 11, 2016	21,478.70
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	384,176.83
YTD Budget:	369,230.88
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	14,945.95
Loan Balance:	504,437.20
Religious Retirement:	5,710.00
Immaculate Conception:	2,999.00

Check out our website: StAnnCharlotte.org, and go to the **prayers/devotion section under “Resources.”** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we 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.

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month: The next collection weekends are **January 7th-8th and January 21st-22nd and February 4th-5th.**

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org



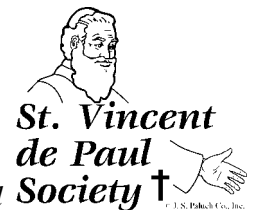
When we receive gifts, we thank the giver and then we use the gift. How do you thank God for the gifts you have been given? How do you use those gifts, for your glory or His?

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2016 Only a few weeks left to fulfill your DSA pledge. Our ministries and our parish are counting on you, and thank you for your support. If you have not yet contributed, you can make a one-time donation online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa. Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own use.

2016 DSA

DSA Goal:	87,197.00
Pledged:	99,032.04
Received:	93,106.84
Donors:	218

Today we celebrate the feast of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. Then they left glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Your gift to the poor box will help the poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also will come to know that “God is with us.”



Let us begin with being a disciple— a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. -- USC of Catholic Bishops

Your generosity to this collection will help both diocesan and religious order priests who serve us so faithfully. Thank you for your generosity.

Priests Retirement:

Goal:	31,689.00
Received:	34,604.20

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, December 27th for Sunday, January 8, 2017
- Tuesday, January 10th for Sunday, January 15, 2017
- Tuesday, January 17th for Sunday, January 22, 2017
- Tuesday, January 24th for Sunday, January 29, 2017

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.



December 25, 2016
Christmas

Christ is born, the world rejoices, and the angels sing! Mark this joyous occasion in gratitude with a legacy gift to our parish.

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

The next Baptismal Preparation Class is **Sunday, January 15, 2017 in the scout room at 9:10 a.m.**



Our Parish Family Fellowship Potluck is Sunday, **January 8, 2017 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the cafe/gym.** Bring a covered dish(es) to share. We want the entire parish to attend and get to know their St. Ann's

neighbors! Potlucks will be monthly, mark your calendars for the following Sundays: **February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, and May 7th.** Each potluck will be themed and a few icebreakers for adults and children. *It will be a great celebration for St. Ann families and we hope to see everyone there!* **Please email Brenda at bkresak@gmail.com if you can help with set-up and clean-up. **Let's put to work our Stewardship of talent and time!**

"Feed yourselves and Feed the homeless." **St. Ann's**

Saturday at Hawthorne's Pizza, 4100 Carmel Rd, 28226, is **Saturday, December 31st.** Please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 31st, 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.*



St. Ann's Annual Attic Sale Coming Soon! As you are cleaning out your closets, garages, storage spaces and toy boxes to make room for items that may be received at Christmas, remember to save them for our **2017 Attic Sale to be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017.** We will again have a storage container 2 weeks ahead of time for items to be dropped off. Any questions can be emailed to Lorelle Grant at lorellegrant@gmail.com.

Be like Mary. Say yes to God's invitation to bear Christ through your actions. Be attentive to and ponder God's love, shown in the sacraments and in the actions of others.

Be like Joseph. Trust in God, even when you are uncertain. Be open to surprises. Have faith that God is with you, and always wants what is best for you and for all of humanity.

Be like Jesus. Be humble and seek God's will. Give yourself for the sake of others. Know that you have a purpose that is deeply connected to God's hopes for the world.

Adult Faith Formation: Interested in deepening your faith, growing in prayer, coming to know Christ in a way that will help you live your Christian beliefs with greater purpose and satisfaction? **Join us on Sundays in classrooms 1 and 2 from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.** (a time which is set to allow parents with children in religious education to attend as well) to view and discuss Symbolon, a high quality, visually stunning and thoroughly engaging DVD series produced by the acclaimed Augustine Institute and narrated by Edward Sri. There is no cost for this class and no registration; we will be serving coffee and engaging fellowship and you are welcome to drop in at any time, choosing to attend a single session or joining us for everyone, as you may desire. *Come enrich your Sunday by making it a more deliberate celebration of Christ!*



The third concert of the *Gaudium Musicae* concert series is **4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 26, 2017,** featuring *Gate City*

Camerata, UNC Greensboro's elite faculty-student ensemble, presents traditional and contemporary chamber works. Listeners will have an opportunity to meet the performer at the reception following this full-length concert. Single concert tickets are \$30 for families, \$12 for adults, and \$8 for students. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.StAnnCharlotte.org.

Volunteers and sponsors are needed; contact the parish office for details: 704-523-4641 x221.

The last concert of the season is April 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. *St. John's Passion* by J.S. Bach, presented by the Firebird Alliance, featuring the NC Baroque Orchestra, VOX, and members of the Wingate University Choir.

Pilgrimage to Ireland: June 12-23, 2017: Enjoy a spectacular trip to Ireland with first class accommodations with Fr. Timothy Reid. Trip highlights include Knock, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in 1879, as well as sites associated with St. Patrick. The trip will also include visits to Dublin, Cork, the Ring of Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, and Glendalough. Departures from Charlotte from \$3888/person. For a brochure, please visit the St. Ann's website: www.stanncharlotte.org or contact the St. Ann Parish Office (704-523-4641, ext. 221, or stanncharlotte@charlottediocese.org).

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.*

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

Fidelis, for young ladies in middle and high school, meets **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms 1 and 2**. For information, contact the Daughters of the Virgin Mother, dvmfidelis@gmail.com. To register, contact Mrs. Angela Williams, angiegirl67@yahoo.com.

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

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

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

11th Annual March For Life Charlotte! January 13, 2017. The day will begin with a *Mass for the Unborn* at 9:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. At 11:00 a.m. we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese. There may be some parking available at the parking lot, but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. At 12 noon we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. John Eckert, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church will preach. Then march to the court house at 401 W. Trade St. where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. ***Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives! See schedule details at www.marchforlifecharlotte.org.***

Join Father Barone on a **Procession for Life** on **January 14, 2017 at the Charlotte Catholic High School chapel** Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. followed by one decade of the Rosary. The Rosary will continue in cars as we travel to pray on the sidewalk at the abortion facility at 700 E. Hebron Street. Eucharistic Adoration will be continuing in the chapel for those who are not able to join on the sidewalk. The group praying on the sidewalk will return to the chapel after about 30-40 minutes of prayer and the event ends with Benediction.

NOTE: December 24th Pro-Life Mass is cancelled. If you have any questions or ideas for the Pro-Life Ministry at St. Ann's, contact Peg Sorge at 646-761-0650 or lcookie.momster@gmail.com.

Adorers Needed! Please consider becoming an adorer Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.–Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. We need more volunteers! Call the parish office or contact Karen at rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com.

The Gospel of Luke: The Gospel of Mercy. Two studies will be at St. Ann's Parish: **Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 p.m.** in the Library through February 1st and **Thursdays from 10:00–11:30 a.m.** in the Scout room through Thursday, February 2nd. If you have other questions, please email Heidi Clark, hclark12@carolina.rr.com.

The men of the **Latin Mass Community at St. Ann's** organize a men's fellowship called *Liturgy & Fraternity* most 3rd Wednesdays.

Ceramics will be meeting later in the fall. Watch for dates!

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.

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.

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** this week. Contact Eve Smith email evesmith1974@yahoo.com or phone: 704-280-4850.

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



MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



Our parishioners: Paul Cecil, Jeanne Goymerac, Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Helen Norton, and Nancy West.

Our friends and family:

Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), William Sirignano (grandfather of Aaron Condon), Jennifer Arnold and Mary Register (friends of Nancy Tota), Tom Storer, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), Peggy Ballew (sister of Gerri Hillis), and Douglas Edge.

Our servicemen and servicewomen: Lance Corporal Joseph Fanning USMC, PFC John Michael Fanning USMC, Lt. Grace Carlson, USN. Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC., Ensign Hayley Derscheid, Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey Derscheid, LT. Charlie Hetzel USN, Ensign Thomas Hetzel USN, and Cadet Peter Hetzel 2nd Class USMA.

Do You Like To Pray? Or, are you in need of prayer? Receive the comfort of others praying for and with you by joining the **St. Ann Prayer Group**. This group consists of volunteers filled with the love of God and the love of prayer. In Jesus name they pray for healings, conversions, whatever the need. Pray in your home, at Mass, at Adoration, or any place you are at peace. For more information or if you would like to join, call Nancy Picciola at 803-389-5530 or email stannprayers@comporium.net.

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.**



The Necessity of Divine Mercy

by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC:

Experience the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy as Fr. Chris Alar explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. \$3 donation per CD. **Go to:**

www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub and enter code: **33769.**

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of December 25th-January 1st**

December 25th	The Nativity of Our Lord - 1st class
December 26th	St. Stephen - 2nd class
December 27th	St. John the Evangelist - 2nd class
December 28th	Holy Innocents - 2nd class
December 29th	5th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
December 30th	6th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
December 31st	7th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
January 1st	8th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 1st class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 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 Classes available online: Recordings of the Latin Mass classes on the website with handouts. If you missed a class or want to watch again, visit www.StAnnCharlotte.org and click the Latin Mass section, and scroll to the Latin Mass class. For questions regarding future classes, please contact Chris Lauer or Mike FitzGerald at info@charlottelatinmass.org.

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 most Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas. Feria is a non-feast day and readings typically revert to the prior Sunday readings. Questions? Email: info@charlottelatinmass.org. For Latin Mass news, visit: www.charlottelatinmass.org.

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!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Ann Home School Group liaison is Katherine Lauer. To contact Katherine for information on Home School katherinetlauer@gmail.com.

The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) are accepting applications for new students for the 2017-2018 school year at all schools and for all grades. *The Early Admission Round ends: January 15th for High School (9th Grade Placement Test is January 7th - registration instructions in application). January 31st for PK-8th Grades.* Please call the MACS Admissions Office, 704-370-3273, to request an application packet or go to the MACS website at www.discovermacs.org for the application documents. For school locations and additional information please visit our website www.discovermacs.org or call the MACS Admissions Office at 704-370-3273.

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.

Register for Preschool Now! St. Vincent de Paul Preschool still has room for 2- and 3-year-old children in our faith-based, half day program for the 2016-2017 school year. For information contact Mary Helen or Sonya at mhcushing@charlottediocese.org or 704-644-4656.

YOUNG ADULTS

Diocese of Charlotte Young Adult Ministry invites college students to connect with Diocesan Sponsored Catholic Campus Ministry. There are **Catholic Campus Ministry** programs at over ten colleges in our diocese. **Check out www.catholicconcampus.com to see what's available.** Contact Sister Eileen Spanier, GNSH at espangnsh@aol.com 704-717-7104 or Mary Wright, Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry.

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion: **Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats** create a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. For information please contact: Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251; jackie.childers1@gmail.com.

Nature Family Planning. Couple to Couple League: A Natural Family Planning three class series will be taught for the **Winter 2017: January 21st, February 18th and March 18th**. All classes are Saturdays from 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Hack home, in North Charlotte. 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. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704- 548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

Teams of Our Lady (www.teamsofourlady.org) is an international Catholic movement of small groups of married couples focused on strengthening their marriages by enriching their relationship with Christ and their spouse. Please contact Tom and Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@me.com for further information.

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Let us learn to accept each other and Christ in our marriages. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is February 3-5, 2017 in Myrtle Beach, SC.** For information: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Lifeline for Marriage: **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital disillusionment and misery. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on **February 17, 2017** call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.



EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Register today for **Family Honor’s Pilgrimage to Poland, March 28-April 6, 2017**. See sites significant in the life of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Maximilian Kolbe. Walk through Old Town Warsaw and Krakow, pray at Auschwitz, visit Czestochowa and the ‘Black Madonna’ and marvel at the Divine Mercy image. Pilgrimage Spiritual Director is Rev. James LeBlanc, Vicar for Family Life for the Diocese of Charleston, SC. Call Canterbury Pilgrimages: 1-800-653-0017 for details or visit www.FamilyHonor.org. **Registration deadline is December 30th**. Flight leaves from Charlotte-Douglas International Airport.

One Child, One hour Once a week. **If you would like to volunteer at Quail Hollow Middle School to improve and help children improve their literacy skills**, please call Elena Brown 7th grade Language Arts Teacher at 980-343-3620 or elena.f.brown@gmail.com. It would be Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 3:15 p.m. to work one-on one with a child.

Not all persons experience loving families and receive multiple gifts. **REMEMBER** those who are bought and sold as commodities for greed and pleasure. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)



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"America you are beautiful and blessed. The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life". - Pope John Paul II

All St. Ann’s women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women’s Group Morning Reflection Monday, January 9th**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection to follow. Our guest speaker is *Fr. Cory Catron*. Evening Reflection **Tuesday, January 17th** at Holy Trinity Middle School chapel at **6:30 p.m.** with our guest speaker is *Fr. Joseph Matlak*. Morning Reflection **Monday, February 13th**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection to follow. Our guest speaker is *Fr. John Michalowski*. Registration for these events is on our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org. Signup for our newsletter. Find us on Facebook and Twitter for event information.

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Christmas is about God’s love for us. Jesus comes to be one with us, embracing humanity as we are. The incarnation shows us that we do not have to hide our thoughts, feelings, questions, and struggles. God is with us in all times and seasons of our lives.

Christmas is about God’s mercy. Jesus’ very name means “God saves.” In Christ, we know that no sin is beyond forgiveness, no action is beyond redemption.

Christmas is about God’s compassion. The birth of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem shows us the depths of Christ’s oneness with the poor and vulnerable. “Bethlehem” means “house of bread.” From the very moment of Jesus’ birth, we are shown that he is the Bread of Life, for all.

Christmas is more than a day or a season. Christmas is about a way of life. Knowing the depths of God’s love for us in this Christmas time, we stretch ourselves to live as Christ’s people, every day.

REMINDERS

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. Thank you!

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.*

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

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.

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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.

*The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.*

— John 1:5