



December 4, 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		
+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 4th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Molli Richwagen <i>by the Songco family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of John Frances Lauer <i>by the family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Adults Faith Formation (Classrooms 1 & 2) Café & Kitchen in use 11:30 a.m. Family Fellowship Potluck (Café) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Men's Club (Café & Kitchen)
Monday 5th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Russell Lewis <i>by the family</i> 8:30 a.m. Latin Intentions of Darren Bailkey <i>by Suzanne & Mike Terry & boys</i>	1:30 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (Classrooms 1 & 2 & Scout room) 3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use 4:30 p.m. Servers (Church) Classroom 1 in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance Group (Gym) Classrooms in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 6th	7:00 a.m. +Katherine Marshall <i>by Virginia Doman</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use 1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) 2:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Party (Classrooms 1 & 2) 6:00 p.m. Royal Road (Café) 7:00 p.m. Mothering with Grace (Library) 7:30 p.m. Back of Café in use
Wednesday 7th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Joseph Brakefield <i>by Suzanne & Todd Brakefield</i>	1:00 p.m. School party (Café & Gym) 4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Library) Scouts Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) Fraternalus (Gym)
Thursday 8th <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</i>	7:00 a.m. Intention of Robert & Marjorie Ayd's Anniversary <i>by the Balman family</i> 12:10 p.m. Our parish family 5:30 p.m. Confessions 7:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Mary Margaret Lewis <i>by the family</i> <i>Adoration after Mass until 12 midnight</i>	6:00 p.m. Parish Office Closed Choir/Schola (Church)
Friday 9th	7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of Michael Carlson <i>by Suanne & Mike Terry & boys</i> 8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)
Saturday 10th	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. +Martha Fusz <i>by Deacon Tom & Teresa Sanctis</i>	8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms) 9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use
Sunday 11th	8:00 a.m. +Randy Wooten <i>by Cecilia Balman</i> 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin +Bill Craig <i>by Cindy & Joe Lawton</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Adults Faith Formation (Classrooms 1 & 2) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Italian Group (Café)



Dear Parishioners,

I do hope many of you are praying the **Novena to Our Lady** in preparation for our **parish consecration** on December 8th. In this period of transition for our country, we need the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for us more than ever. That's precisely why I wish to consecrate our parish once again to her Immaculate Heart.

As I mentioned last Sunday, we will pray the prayer of consecration after the 7 p.m. Latin Mass on December 8th, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. We will then have adoration until midnight to pray for our country and to make reparation for the sins of our nation, especially the sin of abortion. As December

8th is a *holy day of obligation*, please make sure to attend Mass that day. We'll have Masses in English at 7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m., and a Latin Mass at 7 p.m.

This coming week our artist for the new mini-murals will be in town to take precise measurements of the niches and to complete the creative process of designing the details of the murals! Please pray that this process goes smoothly. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, we have the money to begin the first mini-mural, but we still need to raise another \$75,000 before we can begin the second mini-mural. As you plan your year-end giving, please consider giving to this project!

Lastly, this year for Christmas our parish is getting a very special gift: a small shrine dedicated to the **Infant of Prague**. This past September I had an opportunity to spend a couple of days in Prague en route to an ordination in Rome, and while there I procured a replica of the Infant that we will enshrine in the Narthex. Assuming that the shrine is completed on time, we will bless our new statue at the Midnight Mass of Christmas!

I've had a devotion to the Infant of Prague for a few years now, and I've prayed several novenas to Him for various things in our parish (including the procurement of funds for our apse mural). As the Infant has always been generous in granting my prayer requests for St. Ann's, it seems very appropriate that we should honor Him. If anyone would like to memorialize our new shrine for the Infant of Prague, you may do so for \$10,000. Please contact me directly.

In joyful expectation of our Infant King's coming,

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
738 registered families

November 20, 2016	15,044.71
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	333,913.78
YTD Budget:	323,077.02
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	10,836.76
Loan Balance:	518,295.70

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www.StAnnCharlotte.org



Only one month left to fulfill your DSA pledge. Our ministries and our parish are counting on you. If you have not yet contributed, you can make a one-time donation

online at www.charlottedioocese.org/dsa. Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own needs.

2016 DSA

DSA Goal:	87,197.00
Pledged:	94,007.04
Received:	87,759.34
Donors:	217

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:	32,985.20

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95% of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious." a donor writes. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious and give to those who have given a lifetime.



December 4, 2015
2nd Sunday of Advent
The spirit of giving is alive at Christmas.
Make that spirit last with a planned gift to our parish.

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.

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 **December 3rd-4th and December 17th-18th and January 7th-8th and January 21st-22nd.**



We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge as Christians is to make good use of those gifts.

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Dec. 6th for Sunday, December 11, 2016
- Tuesday, Dec. 13th for Sunday, December 18, 2016
- Friday, Dec. 16th for Sunday, December 25, 2016
- Tuesday, December 20th for Sunday, January 1, 2017

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Call St Vincent de Paul Society so that together we can help.



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@charlottedioocese.org.



Welcome into parish family

Michael D'Allura
Jacob Thomas Ritter
Linus Jeffrey Bremer

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



Last Day to get Your Tree! Christmas Tree Sales are today, December 4th from 9:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m. *Thank you!*
Men's Club Meeting tonight 6:00 p.m.



Our Parish Family Fellowship Potluck is TODAY, December 4th 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: **January 8th, 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!*

Angel Tree Giving - There is an angel tree located in the Narthex with Christmas Angels to supply a variety of needs of the poor this Christmas. Recipients include MiraVia, and Missionaries of the Poor in India. If you take a tag from the tree, please return the item, unwrapped, along with the angel tag, and place it under the tree. **Please have the gifts under the tree no later than the 4th Sunday in Advent, December 18th.**

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing! **Give the Blessed Mother honor by spending time with her son in adoration from 8:00 p.m.-12midnight on December 8th, Feast Day of Mary's Immaculate Conception.** In 1854, Pius IX made the infallible statement, "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin." This advent, spend some time with our Lord and pray for all pregnant women that they recognize and accept the gift of life within them. If you can't join us in prayer, please offer acts of kindness towards pregnant women as a gift to your blessed mother.

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 Peg Scheible at 1cookie.momster@gmail.com.

Bethlehem wood craving will be visiting our parish this weekend December 3rd & 4th on behalf of the Catholic Christian family of the Holy Land. The Christian of Bethlehem district have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. With a decrease of visitors, it was difficult to support their families. We are bringing their work to you. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian. We gladly accept all major credit cards.

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.

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. More details to follow soon. Any questions can be emailed to Lorelle Grant at lorellegrant@gmail.com.

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.

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.



"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.*

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).

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.



Mothering With Grace at St. Ann's: Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 6th at St. Ann's**. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at stannMWG@gmail.com. For ministry details visit www.motheringwithgrace.org.

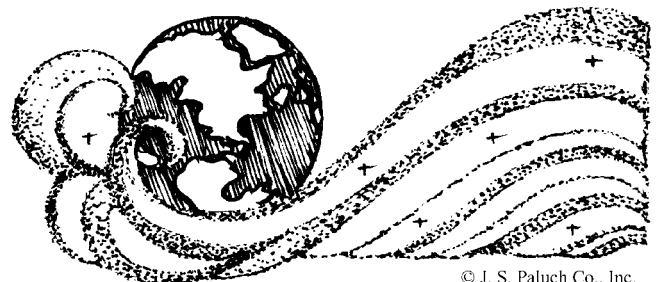
The men of the Latin Mass Community at St. Ann's organize a men's fellowship called *Liturgy & Fraternity* most 3rd Wednesdays.

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@yahoogroups.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.

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



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MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



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

West.

Our friends and family: Ron York (brother-in-law of Carol Kuhn), Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), William Sirignano (grandfather of Aaron Condon), Jennifer Arnold and Mary Register (friends of Nancy Tota), Tom Storer, Janet Cuccinello, 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, cal Nancy Picciola at 803-389-5530 or email stannprayers@comporium.net.



7 Secrets of Divine Mercy by Vinny Flynn:
 In this compelling and timely book, best-selling

author Vinny Flynn draws from Scripture, the teachings of the Church, and the *Diary* of St. Faustina to reveal the heart of Divine Mercy. He offers an invitation and a road map so that Divine Mercy, the overflow of love from the Holy Trinity, can transform your life. \$3 donation per CD. **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.**

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of December 4th-December 11th**

December 4th	2nd Sunday of Advent - 1st class
December 5th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
December 6th	St. Nicholas - 3rd class
December 7th	St. Ambrose - 3rd class
December 8th	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 1st class
December 9th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
December 10th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
December 11th	3rd Sunday of Advent - 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. More questions? Email: info@charlottelatinmass.org. For Latin Mass news, please 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.

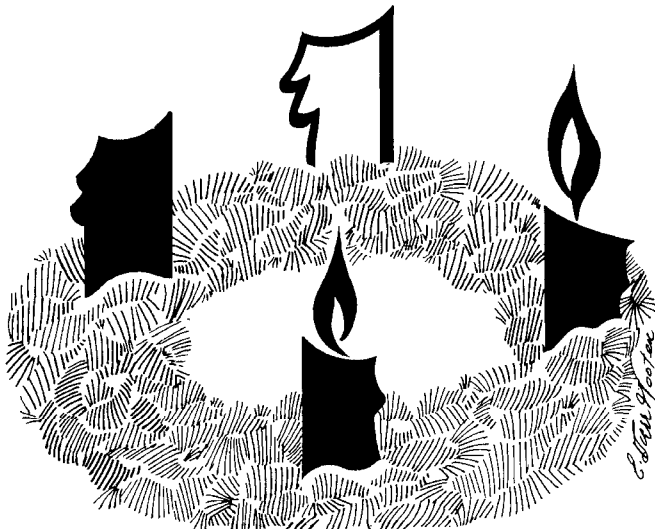
Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools Admissions Office at 704-370-3273 or visit www.discovermacs.org for information.

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.



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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.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course (Three Class Series). 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. To register and purchase class materials, go to https://register.ccli.org/class_series/10193 or search at www.ccli.org.

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.

“The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens.” Let us serve God willingly by strengthening, renewing and rekindling our marriages. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is February 3-5, 2017 in Myrtle Beach, SC.** For information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Rediscover Your Marriage: **Retrouvaille** simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Many couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. 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 web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

“And if we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?”
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Advent Penance Services

St. Vincent de Paul: Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.
 St. Peter Church: Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.
 St. Gabriel Church: Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.
 St. John Neumann: Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Ann Seniors (55 up) are invited join the St. Vincent ACES Seniors Club on **Thursday, December 8th at 12 noon** at Cedarwood Country Club, 4100 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte for our Christmas lunch with special entertainment by Erica McGee. Cost of the Christmas lunch is \$25.00. ACES information contact Peggy Gibbons at 704-588-5870 or pgibbons1@att.com.

The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College is having its **Annual Keep Christ in Christmas Sale** through **Friday, December 23rd**. Save **20% off all Advent/ Christmas items and save 25% off any single item of your choice!** Come early to special order in time for Christmas! Mention you read about us in your bulletin. Contact us at 704-461-5100 or catholicshoppe@bac.edu for more information.

Charlotte Catholic High School will be hosting a **Christmas Village on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the CCHS Cafeteria**. There will be many amazing vendors with handcrafted gifts for sale along with food, animal balloons for the kids, and other fun activities. Plan to come that day and get in some early Christmas shopping. Proceeds will benefit the Mission Trip to Jamaica for CCHS students. **Vendors are welcome too!** Table cost is \$15! Student volunteers are available. Email for a registration form: KBelciglio@charlottecatholic.com

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.

Job Opportunity: St. Luke Catholic Church in Mint Hill has a part-time job opening for a Youth Group Activity/ Events Coordinator. Please visit the St. Luke website at www.stlukechurch.net or Catholicjobs.com for more information.

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

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group** Advent Retreat **Saturday, December 10th**. Mass at St. Dorothy Church (Lincolnton) begins at **8:30 a.m.** Our retreat director is *Fr. David Miller*. Morning Reflection **Monday, December 12th**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection to follow. Our guest speaker is *Fr. Binoy P. Davis*. Registration for these events is on our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org. Signup for our newsletter. Find us on Facebook and Twitter for event information.

OLC Youth Support Group Queen City Bake Sale at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church **Saturday, December 17th from 12noon-4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Life Center. www.ourladyofconsolation.org.

The Oplatky-Christmas Wafers are in! We have plenty this year, but don't wait till the last minute to order. *The cost per wafer is \$1.00 and you state your quantity.* **New this year:** pre-packaged envelope of 3 white wafers and 1 pink wafer is available for \$5.00. Pick up is available at my house (4317 Old Saybrook Ct.) Payment must be in a check made out to "Helen Collins". To order or if you have any questions, call 704-365-1161 or email: helen892@att.net.

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 Catholic 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 12:00 p.m. we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. John Eckert, Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic 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***

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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!*

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.

Let's be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:



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.

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.*

