



April 12, 2015



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**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.**

**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.

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

| + denotes deceased                                  | Mass Intentions  | Meetings & Events  |
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| <i>Divine Mercy</i><br><b>Sunday</b><br><b>12th</b> | <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Abbey & Rick Lejk's Anniversary<br><b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Michael Kitson<br><i>by the family</i><br><b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> +Lisa Baldwin<br><i>by the Lauer family</i>  | 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)<br>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)<br>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)   |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>13th</b>                        | <b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Dorothy Storer<br><i>by the Tran &amp; Nguyen families</i>   | 4:00 p.m. Gym in use<br>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)<br>6:00 p.m. Dance Group (Gym)  <br>Classrooms 1 & 2 in use<br>7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room)  <br>Legion of Mary (Conference room) |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>14th</b>                       | <b>7:00 a.m.</b> +John Charles Comstock<br><i>by Vicki Davey</i><br><i>Adoration following Mass</i>  | 10:00 a.m. Ceramics<br>10:30 a.m. CSS (Classrooms 1 & 2)   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>15th</b>                     | <i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i><br>5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b><br>+Bud Niemer<br><i>by Virginia Doman</i>  | 9:00 a.m. Science (All rooms)<br>9:00 a.m. Ceramics<br>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Café)<br>7:00 p.m. Fraternus Meeting (Classroom 1 & 2)  <br>CSS (Library)   Scouts                          |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>16th</b>                      | <b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Drew Alderman<br><i>by the family</i>   | 7:00 p.m. Gym in use   |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>17th</b>                        | <b>8:30 a.m.</b> +Paul Tonon<br><i>by The Diocesan Association of Permanent Deacons</i>  | 9:00 a.m. Home School (All rooms)<br>4:00 p.m. Gym in use<br>7:00 p.m. Café, Kitchen & Church  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>18th</b>                      | 3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i><br><b>4:30 p.m.</b> +Dorothy Storer<br><i>by the Graves family</i>  | 9:00 a.m. Ceramics   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use<br>10:30 a.m. Retreat (Café)<br>1:30 p.m. Gym in use<br>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)<br>6:00 p.m. Gym in use                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>19th</b>                        | <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family<br><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of John Hetzell<br><i>by Janet Chapman</i><br><b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b><br>Sister Joseph Petrill &<br>the Intentions of the<br>Daughters of St. Paul<br><i>by Aleanne &amp; Kevin Kennelly</i> | 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)<br>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)<br>2:00 p.m. Café in use   Gym in use  <br>Baptism (Church)   |

*Who indeed is the victor over the world  
 but the one who believes  
 that Jesus is the Son of God?  
 -- 1 John 5:5*

Please consider sharing 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.*



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! This is a day of extraordinary grace for the Church as all the faithful who attend Mass today, receive Holy Communion, go to confession within 20 days, and offer prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, may receive a plenary indulgence for the remission of sin. This special day exists because of St. Faustina, a Polish nun who received apparitions of our Lord in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Our Lord asked St. Faustina to spread a message around the world. Our Lord's message was simple: that His mercy is deeper and richer and greater than any of us can ever imagine – and that it is available to all mankind, most especially the worst of sinners.

Hopefully, all of you who were able to attend our Lenten mission several weeks ago have grown in your devotion to our Lord's divine mercy.

If you haven't done so yet, I highly encourage you to read St. Faustina's diary: *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. It records all of her mystical experiences with our Lord and His mother and repeats and clarifies in very easy and simple language the Gospel's story of God's love and mercy for us all. Truly, it's one of the Church's greatest spiritual treasures from the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Not only does it tell us of God's incredible and inexhaustible mercy, but it also tells us how to live a life of mercy – to be merciful to others – in response to God's love. In short, our Lord wants us to know that His love and mercy are greater than any sins we can ever commit. He wants us to know that He loves us no matter how great our sins may be. And He wants us to call upon Him in complete trust in order to receive His mercy, and to pass along His mercy to those around us.

One of the ways that we can all put divine mercy into action in our lives is through our new stewardship program. While the goal of most stewardship programs is to increase gifts of time, talent, and treasure (which we hope to do!), my ultimate hope is that our stewardship program will make us all more deeply aware of the dangers of selfishness and self-centeredness and give us all a greater willingness to serve others. I also hope that our stewardship program will lead us all to be even more grateful to our Lord for His many gifts to us.

Hopefully this past week you received in the mail my letter and a brochure explaining our new stewardship program. This week you will receive another mailing, which will include a brochure that briefly describes all of the different ways you can be involved in our parish, as well as a commitment brochure by which you can indicate how you will make a personal commitment of time, talent, and treasure to St. Ann's. Next Sunday we will take a few minutes during Mass to complete these commitment brochures. If you'd like to fill it out before Mass, please do so and bring it with you. Otherwise, we will have blank commitment brochures available at Mass. Please give prayerful consideration this week to how you can share God's love and mercy with others and give thanks to Him by making a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to our parish.

In gratitude for your love and generosity,

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**  
772 registered families

Give Electronically at  
[www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org)

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>March 29, 2015</b>       | <b>14,910.00</b> |
| Weekly Budget:              | 14,842.31        |
| YTD Total:                  | 572,381.62       |
| YTD Budget:                 | 578,850.09       |
| <b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b> | <b>-6,468.47</b> |

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Collection: 4,451.00



Currently, our offertory is **6,468.47 lower** than what we've budgeted for at this point in the fiscal year. Please be as generous as possible!

Our Stewardship Effort begins this weekend. At all Masses this weekend, you will hear from our parishioner, Craig Lewis about his personal experiences with stewardship. Please continue to give prayerful thought to your commitment of time, talent and treasure to the Church and the community.

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first & third weekends of every month: The next collection is the weekend of **April 18th-19th and May 2nd-3rd and 16th-17th.**

Thank you to all! Thank you for all the donations, the workers, the drivers. The *Easter dinners* were truly a huge success! Everyone deserves a pat on the back!! Thank you.

**Endowments for St. Ann Parish:**

Did you know that we have an endowment for both our parish & our school? These funds, established in 1999 for the parish & 2000 for the school, are for the general & pastoral needs of our parish & school & were established through the generosity of donors in our parish. If you would like to learn more about our endowment funds & 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).

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Second Sunday of Easter

*There are no small gifts in the eyes of our Lord. A bequest of any size is an ultimate expression of stewardship and expresses your appreciation for all you have been given.*



Pay It Forward With Hope,  
Give Back With Gratitude

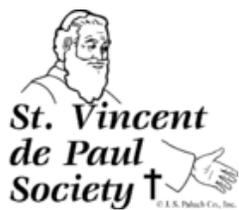
Just a reminder! If you have not yet made your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal please consider doing it this week. As good stewards, we are all called to **Share God's Gifts**. Please be generous in your sharing.

**DSA 2015**

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| DSA Goal: | 84,180.35 |
| Pledged:  | 71,222.00 |
| Received: | 44,132.00 |
| Donors:   | 144       |

**Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:**

Tuesday, April 14th for Sunday, April 19, 2015  
Tuesday, April 21st for Sunday, April 26, 2015



*In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Give peace to the poor and hungry through your gift to the poor box.*

The Altar flowers this weekend are in celebration of Abbey & Rick Lejk's anniversary.



## COMING EVENTS MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

**Men's Club meeting is TODAY, Sunday, April 12th** beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. All men of the parish are encouraged to come!



The final *Gaudium Musicae* concert for Season five is set for **April 26th at 4:00 p.m.** The exciting program from the

**Winthrop University World Percussion Ensemble** includes drums from Africa and the Middle East, sure to end our 2014-15 concert series with a bang!

Listeners will have an opportunity to meet the performers at the reception following this hour-long concert. Single concert tickets are \$30 for families, \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org) or at the parish office.

Sponsors are needed for the concert. Contact the parish office at 704-523-4641 ext. 221 for information.

**In addition** to sponsors and ticket holders, **we need volunteers** for set up, ticket sales and clean up. Set up begins immediately after the 12:30 p.m. Mass disperses, and clean up begins half-way through the reception. If you have an hour (or six!) to give us on Sunday, April 26th, please call the parish office and let us know.

**New Pictorial Directory!** Sign up for your family portrait today. Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app & online directory. **The dates for photography will be May 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>.** All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today. We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. *Thank you for your participation, and smile!* Go to the following link to make an appointment. <http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2210129629?schedule=stannscatholicchurch>

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

**Fraternus meeting is Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.** in classrooms 1 & 2. All middle school boys & men of the parish are invited to attend!

**Fraternus Ranch: Take the Challenge:** St. Ann's is eligible to attend the annual Fraternus Summer Ranch, which takes place in the North Georgia Mountains from **June 7th-12th.** The week promises to be filled with adventure such as whitewater rafting, but will ultimately be a spiritually challenging and formative event, with Fr. Quinn Mann and Fr. Brian Doerr in attendance along with priests, seminarians, and Fraternus Brothers from around the country. Open to ages 11-111 (youth and adults). Sign up today at [fraternus.net](http://fraternus.net), and use the promo code **NEWCHAPTER** to get a \$50 discount. Spaces are limited so sign up today.



*Our parishioners:* Mabel O'Neill, Gerry Dugan, Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Larry Guethlein, Bob Brewer, Helen

Norton, Rocco Patane, Kathy Graves, Georgia Lewis, and Don Baker. *Our friends & family:* Marlowe Regan (niece of MaryAnn Conrad), William Sirignano (grandfather of Aaron Condon), Bryan Williams, Jennifer Arnold & Mary Regester (friends of Nancy Tota), Marsha Bergmann (sister-in-law of Maryann & Ben Conrad), Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), Tom Storer, Dylan Patterson Sprance (nephew of Ed & Sindi Reynolds), Josh Duncan, Marjorie Ayd (mother of Cecilia Balman), Jeremy Scharpenberg (son-in-law to Jan & Mike Colin), Sara Lathan (neighbor to Robina & Bart Walker), Joel Rivera, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), and Sandra & Frank Tamplin, Claire Yodzis (daughter-in-law of Mary Margaret & Joe Yodzis, Anna Lamb, & Laura Niemer Shack (daughter of Pat Niemer). *Incarcerated:* Adele Ceouse. *Our servicemen & servicewomen:* Lance Corporal Joseph Fanning USMC & PFC John Michael Fanning USMC, Lt. JG Grace Portigue, USN.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER?** St. Ann's Prayer Group, 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.

**Ceramics** will meet on **Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 a.m. & Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.** All are invited to come & join this group! Great fun & very creative! Meets lots of new parishioners.

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

**Fellow Brothers & Sisters in Christ:** Our Blessed Mother wants active & 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. Millions of members around the world have formed themselves into a Legion to perform works of spiritual & corporal works of mercy as part of the church's evangelizing mission. **Our Lady of Fatima praesidium meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center.** Come see what we're about & how you can help. For more information please contact Benjamin Laurell by email [bclaurell@gmail.com](mailto:bclaurell@gmail.com) or by phone: 704-975-0242.

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

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

**Babysitting** will be offered the last Thursday of each month during confession times on **Thursdays, 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).

**St. Ann Scouting programs. Cub Pack 162:** 1st through 5th grade boys. Activities: introduction to citizenship, service & family camping. Boys progress in rank by grade. Contact Walter at 704-301-8864. **Boy Scout Troop 162:** Rank Advancement based on learned skills, merit badges, service & leadership, leading to the Eagle Scout award. Contact: Rip Farris, Scout Master at 704-699-6464 or [ripray@mac.com](mailto:ripray@mac.com).

**The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration's** store - St. Joseph Monastery Gift Shop – Many new products in stock, including Catholic tee shirts and a new line of uniquely beautiful hand cast bronze medals and jewelry. We have many great gifts for those coming into the Church this Easter, as well as Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation items. Also available are items crafted by the Nuns, including rosaries, chaplets, decorated candles, pouches and more. The gift shop is open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The store is located at 3452 Willow Oak Road (behind St. Ann's Church). The phone number is [704-999-6054](tel:704-999-6054).

*Please help with the day-to-day perishable & non-perishable items needed by the Poor Clares, sign up at this link:* <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AEA923A57-essential1/10089521>.

Or go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) & click on "find a sign up". Enter the email address: [nuns@stjosephmonastery.com](mailto:nuns@stjosephmonastery.com) & click on the sign up link. *Your donations are greatly appreciated.*

### 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.*

**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. Subscribe to our group at [holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Questions call Melissa Lewis at 704-287-8112.

**Teams of Our Lady** ([www.teamsofourlady.org](http://www.teamsofourlady.org)) is an international movement of small groups of Catholic couples who wish to deepen their marriage as Christ intended come together monthly to share a meal, share their Catholic Faith and encourage one another through prayer and study. For more information please contact Tom and Danielle Mathis at 704-541-0858 or [tmathis3@me.com](mailto:tmathis3@me.com).

Do you love Jesus? Do you want to learn how to love Him more deeply? Do you want Him to transform your life & the lives of your family & 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.**



**Lighthouse Catholic Media:** Your \$3 donation per CD will help to bring in more of these great talks on the Beauty of the Catholic Faith. Want to get the Newest & Never before Released CD sent to the yourself or a loved one? Go to: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub) & enter St. Ann's Promo Code: 33769 so St. Ann's gets the credit.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION



### *St. Ann's School News*

As our school continues to expand, we welcome St. Ann parishioners to become a part of our school community as well as our Church community. We offer a strong, faith-based curriculum as well as an expanded academic curriculum. Are you planning for the future education of your children? We offer grades PK (4-year-olds), TK, K-5<sup>th</sup> grade & a Learning/ Language Stimulation Program. Call for additional information 704-525-4938 or stop to take a tour.

**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).

**St. Vincent de Paul Preschool Registration:** Fall 2015 registration, for children ages 2-5, has begun for St. Vincent de Paul Preschool. If your child would benefit from a faith-based, developmentally appropriate program, please call Mary Helen or Sonya at 704-644-4656 or email [preschool@st.vincentdepaulchurch.com](mailto:preschool@st.vincentdepaulchurch.com) to schedule a tour or for more information. ***New for 2015-2016: A TK class will be offered for 5-year-old children who need extra development time.*** Register early to reserve your child's place; classes are filling quickly and waiting lists have been started. Registration forms may be found at [www.stvincentdepaulchurch.com/preschool](http://www.stvincentdepaulchurch.com/preschool).

The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) **Catholic Schools Special Needs Program.** This program – Providing an Appropriate Academic Catholic Education (PACE)-will be at Our Lady of Assumption School (OLA) at 4225 Shamrock Rd. The PACE Program is designed for students in 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades who have been identified as having a specific learning disability in the areas of reading & writing & who need a small, self-contained setting in order to achieve on grade level in all academic subjects. The goal of the program is to remediate significant weaknesses so that students can return to the general education classroom. Contact Kathleen Miller at 704-370-3355 or Allana Rae-Ramkissoon at 704-531-0067.

**Homeschooling 2015-2016:** Catholic Classical Enrichment is a weekly home school program at St. Ann's for children in PK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Engaging a child's natural ability for memory work, the elementary program seeks to help parents to develop a Catholic and classical foundation of knowledge for their homeschooled child(ren). Additionally, Catholic Classical Enrichment offers weekly lessons in Sacred Music and Art. Beginning this fall, CCE is adding a middle school component to the program, which provides instruction in Latin, History and Writing. **Registration for the 2015-2016 academic year is open for St. Ann's parishioners. Any remaining spots will become available to non-parishioners beginning Monday, April 27th.** Questions or requests for registration forms may be sent to Kathleen Lewis at [Lewisfamily555@gmail.com](mailto:Lewisfamily555@gmail.com).

**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.

**Catholic Homeschool Conference is May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** The Immaculate Heart of Mary Carolina Homeschool Conference will be held at **Belmont Abbey College Dining Hall**, 100 Belmont-Mt. Holly Road on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 12noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.. Confirmed speakers include: Fr. Joseph May Brown, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Dr. Catherine Moran, Dr. Bill Thierfelder, Mrs. May Ellen Barrett, and Mrs. Melissa Savage. *Admission is free and pre-registration is not required.* Call 540-636-1946 or [www.ihmcoference.org](http://www.ihmcoference.org).

Summer will be here before we know it and with it, **St. Ann Summer Catechesis!** Mark your calendars for this year's program, "*Set Sail with the Holy Trinity featuring St Patrick*" **June 22nd-26th.** Stay tuned for more information!!

**Tuition Assistance for Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools** is available for families with severe financial needs. If you would like your children to attend Catholic schools, but are unable to afford it on your own, tuition assistance funds are available. This year funds are even being made available for other costs, such as transportation. Please contact Fr. Reid for more information.

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

A diocesan pilgrimage approved by Bishop Jugis to the **World Meeting of Families & Papal Visit on September 23-27, 2015 in Philadelphia**. Leave from Charlotte to Philadelphia via motor coach. **Note:** physical endurance will be needed for the events on Saturday & Sunday: large crowds, walking, standing, etc. Pilgrimage includes: four (4) nights' accommodations, four (4) dinners & breakfasts, half-day guided tour of Philadelphia, visit to two local shrines, World Meeting of Families Thursday & Friday, Festival of Families Celebration Saturday, Papal Mass on Sunday & Daily Mass. Mr. Henry Dennis, AAA Vacations at 800-759-8728 x13611 or [hddennis@mailaaa.com](mailto:hddennis@mailaaa.com). Or to Father Michael Kottar at St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church 704-487-7697 or [mtkottar@charlottedioocese.org](mailto:mtkottar@charlottedioocese.org). They now have a waiting list. If you are interested call Mr. Dennis, there might be enough for a send bus!

**Bishop Peter Jugis is seeking your input.** In preparation for the Synod on the Family in October of this year, comment is being sought from Catholics all over the world on the bishops' working document, the Relatio. Although this is a time-consuming request, it is also an opportunity to learn more about our great faith. **You can read the Relatio and answer the survey questions by visiting the diocesan website at [www.Charlottedioocese.org](http://www.Charlottedioocese.org)**, where there is a link to the survey on the homepage. *Please allow several hours to complete this task.*

Your invited to St. Mark's Catholic Church for Divine Mercy Weekend, today, **Sunday, April 12th** Judith Studer will speak at 1:00 p.m. Then we will go to the church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet, Reflection, Adoration, Benediction, Veneration of the relics & Blessing of Divine Mercy Images.

## YOUNG ADULTS

**Diocese of Charlotte Young Adult Ministry.** If you are interested in receiving the newsletter please contact Mary Wright, Director of Campus & Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Charlotte. 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**. Please go to [www.catholicconcampus.com](http://www.catholicconcampus.com).

**Come join the young adults of St. Peter for upcoming spiritual, social, & service events.** Check out our meetup page at: <http://www.meetup.com/St-Peters-Catholic-Young-Adult-Ministry-Charlotte-NC/> or contact Andrea McElveen at [andrea.mcelveen@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.mcelveen@gmail.com) for more information. All in their 20's & 30's are welcome!

**UNC Charlotte Campus Ministry** invites all college students to visit the Catholic Campus Ministry at UNCC Facebook.

## MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 1-3, 2015 in Greensboro, NC**. For more information go to: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

**The four stages of marriage are: Romance, Disillusionment, Misery, and Awakening.** Many marriages experience the first three stages. Those that end in divorce never make it to the fourth. Don't give up! If your marriage is suffering, please contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com), or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

There is hope, healing & forgiveness following abortion. **Rachel's Vineyard** is a week-end retreat for women & men to begin their healing journey. Please contact Shelley, 828-230-4940 or visit: [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org). The next **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** is a post abortion healing retreat that is helpful in sorting out feelings and thoughts about an abortion experience so that healing can occur. Our dates for our Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: **April 24th-26th (Spanish) in Rock Hill Area and June 12th-15th (English) in Charleston Area**. For more information, Call Christy 803-554-6088 or Kathy 803-546-6010 or [grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:grace4healing@gmail.com). The retreat is confidential and non-judgmental. This is the time. Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

**FREE Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Courses (with intro.)** Topics to be covered include: Effectiveness of modern NFP methods, Health risks of popular contraceptives, Benefits of NFP - health, relational, & spiritual, Church teaching on responsible parenting, and...how to use NFP. For more 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@charlottedioocese.org](mailto:bnadcock@charlottedioocese.org).

**Natural Family Planning: Sympto-Thermal Method.** Three class series will be taught **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. All classes are Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12 noon 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](http://www.ccli.org). Scholarships are available. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at (704) 548-1834 or [hackhouse@bellsouth.net](mailto:hackhouse@bellsouth.net).

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Calling **All Women**, to join us on **Monday, April 13th** for the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group** Reflection at St. Vincent de Paul. We are honored to have **Abbot Placid Solari**, Chancellor of Belmont Abbey College, as our April Reflection speaker. Holy Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and fellowship to follow. Abbot Placid's Reflection "**Writing the Gospels in Our Lives**" will begin at 10:15 a.m. Please join us for all or part of the morning. For more information and to RSVP go to our website at [www.CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org](http://www.CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org) or contact **Veronica Cortes** - 704-877-1995.

**Protecting God's Children.** You may register online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org), click "registration" on the left side of the page & follow prompts. Also on the Diocese of Charlotte website under "Safe Environment". *There are many any other classes in different cities in the area. Please call the Diocese of Charlotte for details 704-370-6299.*



At current rates, about 1 in 3 women will have had an abortion by the time she's 45. Many have nowhere to turn & no one to shower them with love, so they resort to what society says is a cure for their fear: abortion. In response to the lack of charity our society gives these women, a new ministry started at St. Thomas Aquinas. Inspired by Mary our Mother who said yes to a pregnancy she didn't plan, **Mary Garden Showers** brings hope to women in crisis pregnancies through baby showers. **Our April shower will be held at St. Ann's Church on April 19th at 2:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join us for refreshments! All gifts are welcome & can be dropped off at the shower. To arrange early gift drop off, please contact us through our website [marygardenshowers.org](http://marygardenshowers.org). Visit our website to view Sierra's official registry, or search Target's website under first name: Sierra, last name: marygardenshowers.

**Alive in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group** next meeting is **Monday, April 6, 2015** at **St. Matthew Chapel at 7:30 p.m.** Email Barbara Gardner, [chlt5nc@gmail.com](mailto:chlt5nc@gmail.com).

**29th Annual Spring Fling** on **Tuesday, May 19th** at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Check for information at [ccdoc.org](http://ccdoc.org).

**29th Annual Spring Fling at The Catholic Conference on April 30th** with check-in at 9:00 a.m. The program beginning at 9:45 a.m. and the closing Mass at 2:40 p.m. with Fr. David Corrello and Fr. Ed Sheridan. Call Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220 for more information.

**Catholic Conference Center Celebrates Church Secretaries on Friday, April 24th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. This program is specifically offered for parish and church secretaries and administrative professionals. They serve one of the most important ministries in the church and are the voice and face people encounter when they call or visit the church office. The day includes times for sharing and reflection, a prayer service and special treats just for you. Cost is \$40.00 per person and includes lunch. To register, please call Cathy Webb at 828-327-7441 by Monday, April 20th or via email: [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org).

**7th Annual Bulldog 5K & Kids Fun Run:** The Holy Trinity Athletic Association is excited to announce the 7th Annual Bulldog 5K Run will take place on **Saturday, April 25th**. **The 3.1 mile run will once again begin and end at St. Matthew School.** Pre-Registration is \$25, race-day registration is \$30 for the 5K. Cost of the fun run is \$10. All pre-registered participants will receive a free t-shirt. For more information or to register, visit [www.bulldog5k.com](http://www.bulldog5k.com). Proceeds will benefit HTAA and A Child's Place.

**2015 NC Marion Rosary Congress Theme: The Family that Prays Together Stays Together.** Kindly reserve your seats for this event at St. Mark Catholic Church, Huntersville on **Saturday, June 13th** from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Bishop Jugis will be our main celebrant. Our guest priests will be an EWTN speaker from New Orleans and a priest from Mexico, who has spoken on the importance and urgency of deliverance and exorcism in the priestly ministry. Call 1-844-937-6279 or go online at [www.JesusThroughMary.org/](http://www.JesusThroughMary.org/) and pay \$10 thru PayPal; \$15.00.

**Carolina Catholic Chorale: Orchestral Masses to be offered in May:** Two Solemn High Orchestral Masses in the Extraordinary Form will be offered in May with music provided by the Carolina Catholic Chorale and accompanied by the CPCC Early Music Ensemble. (Masses are open to the public at no cost) **Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m. Votive Mass of Our Lady** (Mozart's *Missa Brevis B-major*) at St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlotte. **Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Ascension of Our Lord** (Hassler's *Missa Octo Vocum*) here at St. Ann. For more information, please visit <http://carolinacatholicchorale.weebly.com/>

### Pro-Life Ministry

To sign up for *respect life email list*, email Mary B. Richardson at [respectlifestanncharlotte@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifestanncharlotte@gmail.com).

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

Pregnant and need assistance? MiraVia offers practical help for women of all ages, married or unmarried. Call 704-525-HOPE (4673)

## IN OUR COMMUNITY



**Need an attorney?** Michael J. Kitson, Attorney at Law. Practicing law in accord with Catholic Church teachings.

704-900-9985. Licensed in NC since 1996. St. Ann Parishioner;

Knight of Columbus, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

**Art Lessons:** Your child or teen's inner Picasso will come out as they learn the fundamental skills of visual art through the use of various mediums. Lessons are held in the home in an individual or group setting. Contact Juliette Lee at 704-604-7916 or [juliettelee@catholic.org](mailto:juliettelee@catholic.org) for more information.

**The Airport Chaplaincy at Charlotte Douglas Airport** offers two Masses on Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 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.*

**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).

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Best ever Pilgrimage prices Wholesale Prices / Best Values / Real Savings. All inclusive travel packages. **Shroud of Turin** see Turin, Siena, Pisa, Assisi & Rome April 22<sup>nd</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> for \$3,465. **Shrines of France:** Lourdes, Avignon, Nevers, Ars, & Paris June 12<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> for \$1,830. **Lourdes & Paris** May 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> \$1,699 these not including air. Information & prices 800-908-2378 or [info@religious-travel.com](mailto:info@religious-travel.com). [www.gobestcatholic.com](http://www.gobestcatholic.com).

### **Pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal: October 20-30, 2015**

Enjoy a spectacular trip to Spain and Portugal with first class accommodations **with Fr. Timothy Reid**. Trip highlights include Fatima, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in 1917, as well as sites associated with St. Teresa of Avila. The trip will also include visits to Salamanca, Madrid, Zaragoza (where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. James in 40 AD), Montserrat, and Barcelona. Departures from Charlotte from \$3699/person. For a brochure, visit the St. Ann's website: [www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org) or contact parish office at 704-523-4641, ext. 221, or [stanncharlotte@charlottediocese.org](mailto:stanncharlotte@charlottediocese.org).

## REMINDERS

If you are approached by a panhandler 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!

***There have been reports of car break-ins along Park Road. Lock your cars & put any items in your trunk.***

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

*I encourage you 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 & 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.*

### **To All Parents with Infants & Small Children**

One of the most beautiful blessings of our Parish is that we have so many babies & 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.*

“We are pleased to announce that we now have outdoor speakers for those whose small children are too loud for even the cry rooms or narthex. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners if your children are making a lot of noise.”

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