



April 19, 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.

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

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Sunday 19th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. Intentions of John Hetzell <i>by Janet Chapman</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Sister Joseph Petrill & the Intentions of the Daughters of St. Paul <i>by Aleanne & Kevin Kennelly</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Café in use Gym in use Baptism (Church)
Monday 20th	7:00 a.m. +John Charles Comstock <i>by Vicki Davey</i>	4:00 p.m. Church in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance Group (Gym) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 21st	7:00 a.m. Helen Shoemaker Hall <i>by Virginia Doman</i> <i>celebrant, Fr. Comandini</i> <i>Adoration following Mass</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics 10:30 a.m. CSS (Classrooms 1 & 2) 6:00 p.m. Café in use
Wednesday 22nd	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin +Alfred Noyes <i>by Darlene & Derek Gray</i>	9:00 a.m. Science (All rooms) 9:00 a.m. Ceramics 3:00 p.m. Church in use 7:00 p.m. CSS (Library) Scouts
Thursday 23rd	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Stephen Grant <i>by the family</i> <i>celebrant, Fr. Comandini</i>	7:00 p.m. Gym in use
Friday 24th	8:30 a.m. +Frances Gross <i>by the Alderman family</i> <i>celebrant, Fr. Comandini</i>	9:00 a.m. Home School (All rooms) 4:00 p.m. School Using Café, Gym & Kitchen
Saturday 25th	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Sharon Reid <i>by Fr. Reid</i> <i>celebrant, Fr. Comandini</i>	8:30 a.m. Chapel in use Library in use 9:00 a.m. Ceramics Classrooms 1 & 2 in use School Using Café, Gym & Kitchen
Sunday 26th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. Intentions of John Hetzel <i>by Janet Chapman</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Cora Uselman Marconi <i>by Vicki Davey</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 4:00 p.m. Gaudium Musicae Concert (Church)

*You alone, O LORD,
 bring security to my dwelling.
 -- Psalm 4:9*

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,

Next Sunday, 26 April 2014, at 4 p.m., we will be having our last ***Gaudium Musicae*** concert for this season. Performing for us will be the award-winning **Winthrop University World Percussion Ensemble**. It should prove to be an exciting show, and as always we will have a nice reception after the concert. So please plan to join us! Tickets are available on our parish website or at the door.

I also want to give you an update on our **mural**. The day after Easter I traveled to Peoria, IL, to visit with our artists and to check on the mural's progress. At this point the artists have painted about 2/3 of the mural, and we've finalized the design for the other 1/3 of the mural. I must say that I am quite pleased with their work, and I hope you will be too!

However, as we met and discussed various details of the mural, we decided to revamp a rather large section of it – which pushes back the delivery date of the mural. We had originally planned to have the mural installed before the 4th of July. However, with the changes that we're making, it's more probable that the mural will not be delivered and installed until the middle of August. If progress continues now along our new timeline, we will try to have the mural installed so that we can bless it at Mass on 15 August 2015, which is our parish's 60th anniversary! I will keep you abreast of our progress.

Lastly, as I mentioned last Sunday, today is **Commitment Sunday** for our **Stewardship Program**. Hopefully you all received the letter in the mail this week with the brochure detailing our various parish ministries, as well as the commitment card. If you are unable to turn in your commitment card at Mass this weekend, you may drop it by the office at any time or put it in the collection basket next Sunday. I'm very grateful to all of you who are making a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to our parish, and I'm hopeful that our efforts to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us will aid each of us as we pursue holiness of life.

Yours in Jesus and Marcy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" at the end.

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
772 registered families

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org

April 5, 2015	11,283.00
Weekly Budget:	14,842.31
YTD Total:	583,664.62
YTD Budget:	593,692.40
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	-10,027.78
Easter:	5,400.00
Easter flowers:	526.00
Seminary & Education Collection:	3,392.00



This is Stewardship Commitment Sunday. Please return your time, talent and treasure cards at Mass

today. If you did not bring them to Mass today, please bring them next week or mail them to the parish office this week.

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 and June 6th-7th and 20th-21st.**

Currently, our offertory is **10,027.78 lower** than what we've budgeted for at this point in the fiscal year. Please be as generous as possible!



Pay It Forward With Hope,
Give Back With Gratitude

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Diocesan Support Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity.

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.

DSA 2015

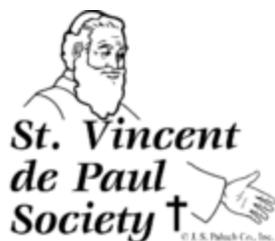
DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	71,222.00
Received:	44,132.00
Donors:	144

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, April 21st for Sunday, April 26, 2015
- Tuesday, April 28th for Sunday, May 3, 2015
- Tuesday, May 5th for Sunday, May 10, 2015

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn

because we encounter the risen Christ within us. Have you considered the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the St Vincent de Paul Society?



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Third Sunday of Easter
Giving through an endowment means your gift does not stop as endowments exist in perpetuity.



Pro-Life Ministry

To sign up for *respect life* email list, email Mary B. Richardson at 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).

COMING EVENTS MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

No Confessions Thursday, April 23rd.



The final *Gaudium Musicae* concert for Season five is set for next **Sunday 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 or at the parish office. Sponsors are needed for the concert. Contact the parish office at 704-523-4641 ext. 221 for information.

We need volunteers for set up, ticket sales and clean up. Set up begins immediately after the 12:30 p.m. Mass, and clean up begins half-way through the reception. Call the parish office if you are available to volunteer.

Annual Servers' Mass in honor of St. Dominic Savio: A Solemn High Mass will be offered on the Feast Day of St. Dominic Savio, **Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.** for Altar Servers and their families. A statue of St. Dominic Savio, gifted to St. Ann's by funds raised by the Altar servers, will be blessed at this Mass and carried in procession after Mass. A post-Mass reception will be held in the cafeteria sponsored by the Charlotte Latin Mass Community.

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 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, & 18th. May 21st, 22nd, 23rd, & 24th.** 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>

FIAT Discernment Day with the PCPAs: All high school and college-age young women interested in learning more about our life as Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration are invited. The event will be held **Saturday, May 16th at St. Ann Catholic Church in Charlotte from 8:00 a.m. to 12noon.** The day will include Adoration, Confessions, Holy Mass, breakfast, and talks with the Sisters and Q&A time. The event is free, but those attending are asked to **RSVP** to vocations@stjosephmonastery.com by May 4th.

Sunday, May 3rd is St. Ann's 3rd Annual Service Day. There's a lot to be done inside and outside on the parish campus. Many hands are needed; there is something for all ages! **Sign Ups are online, go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4CA9A72CAA8-annual/.** If you would like to make a donation to go towards the purchase of various flowers, mulch and other materials; gift cards to Lowe's Home Improvement, Home Depot, cash and/or checks would be greatly appreciated! You can drop those off in the parish office.

The next **Men's Club meeting** is **Sunday, May 3rd** beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. All men of the parish are encouraged to come!

The next **Fraternus meeting** is **Wednesday, May 7th 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, 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) Aaron Brickner, & Lisa Dixon Collins (sister of Steve Dixon). *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 or call Nancy Picciola 803-389-5530.

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. Contact Benjamin Laurell by email 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.

Ceramics meets **Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 a.m. & Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.** All are invited to come.

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.

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.

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 & click on "find a sign up". Enter the email address: 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.

*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. Questions call Melissa Lewis at 704-287-8112.

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.

Teams of Our Lady (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.

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 & 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-5th 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.

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 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.

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 2nd-5th 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-Ramkisson 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 8th 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.

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

Catholic Homeschool Conference is May 22nd and May 23rd: 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 22nd 12noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 23rd 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.

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. Or to Father Michael Kottar at St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church 704-487-7697 or mtkottar@charlottediocese.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.Charlottediocese.org,** where there is a link to the survey on the homepage. *Please allow several hours to complete this task.*

St. Philip Neri Adult Choir, Handbell Choir and soloists will present music by Pergolesi, Saint-Saens, Franck, Nestor and Buxtehude in a concert honoring the Eucharist on **April 26th at 2:00 p.m.** The church is located at 292 Munn Rd in Ft. Mill, SC. The concert is free but donations will be accepted. Information: 803-548-7282x-249.

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.

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 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

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our 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 or 704-315-2144.

The **Retrouvaille** program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track and to examine your lives together in a constructive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at retrouvaille@msn.com, or visit the web site at 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: rachelvineyard.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. 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 or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org.

Natural Family Planning: Sympto-Thermal Method. 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. Scholarships are available. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at (704) 548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

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Calling **All Women**, to join us on **Friday, April 24th** for the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group** Reflection at St. Matthew. For more information and to RSVP go to our website at www.CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org or contact **Veronica Cortes** at 704-877-1995.

Crusader Tennis Camps at Belmont Abbey College:

Players of all levels, ages 6-18 are invited to are invited to take part in fun, affordable and virtue-building tennis camps this summer at Belmont Abbey College. Please **visit www.CrusaderTennisCamps.com** for more information and to register for the camps or contact Head Coach Mike Salomon at crusadertenniscamp@gmail.com or call 202-460-0031.

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 TODAY, 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. Visit our website to view Sierra's official registry, or search Target's website under first name: Sierra, last name: marygardenshowers.



Catholic Charities
Diocese of Charlotte

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEEK, April 26-May 2, 2015:

Catholic Charities provides programs and services

to more than 18,000 people each year. Services include: counseling, food assistance, refugee resettlement, social concerns and advocacy, pregnancy and parenting support, adoption, respect life, marriage preparation, natural family planning, elder ministry, legal immigration services, and more. In 2014 Catholic Charities distributed 418,441 pounds of food and personal care items to 15,447 people and provided food for parishes lacking resources to assist struggling families. Thank you for your support! We welcome new donors and volunteers! To receive or offer assistance, visit www.ccdoc.org. **See the April 24 issue of *Catholic News Herald* for more information.**

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.

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. 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/ 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 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Votive Mass of Our Lady** (Mozart's *Missa Brevis B-major*) at St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlotte. **Thursday, May 14th 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/>

Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-25. The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you. You are invited to attend the third annual Quo Vadis Days camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and is supported by the diocese Office of Vocations. **Quo Vadis Days will be held June 15th-19th at Belmont Abbey College.** The cost is \$100.00. Check the website: www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days or call Fr. Christopher Gober, Director of Vocations: 704-370-3327.



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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 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.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Join **St. John Neumann Parishioners on a 5-Night Cruise to the Bahamas out of Charleston, SC on Tuesday, October 6th through Sunday, October 11th**. Prices begin at \$388.02 per person and include all port fees and taxes. \$50 onboard credit per cabin and Holy Mass to be offered. Bus transportation available for an additional fee. Contact Terri DeLuca at tdelucamusic@gmail.com or call 704-774-7779.

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 or contact parish office at 704-523-4641, ext. 221, or 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.*