



# ST. ANN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 17, 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.

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

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<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Elizabeth DeHority <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> +Maggie Harris <i>by Darlene &amp; Derek Gray</i>	9:00 a.m. Baptismal Preparation class 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Pictorial Photography sessions (Classrooms 1 & 2)
<b>Monday 18th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of James Luker <i>by the family</i>	5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance Group (Gym)   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Conference room)
<b>Tuesday 19th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Joe Pfaff <i>by Mike and Suzanne Terry &amp; family</i> <i>Adoration following Mass</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics 4:30 p.m. Gym in use 6:00 p.m. Café in use 7:00 p.m. Gym in use
<b>Wednesday 20th</b>	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Novus Ordo (English)</b> +Armando Aravjo <i>by Darlene &amp; Derek Gray</i> <i>Celebrant: Fr. Dan Oswald</i>	9:00 a.m. Science (All rooms)   Testing (Library) 7:00 p.m. Scouts
<b>Thursday 21st</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Poor Souls closest to heaven <i>by the Carter family</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> <i>Celebrant: Fr. Dan Oswald</i>	7:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym)
<b>Friday 22nd</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Kimberly Carrier <i>by Father Reid</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics 1:00 p.m. Home School (Scout room)
<b>Saturday 23rd</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Pro-Life Mass 3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Intentions of Marina Grant <i>by Jeannie &amp; John Grant &amp; family</i>	9:00 a.m. Ceramics   Scout room in use 10:00 a.m. Pictorial Photography sessions (Classrooms 1 & 2) 11:00 a.m. Respect Life meeting (Café) 1:30 p.m. Wedding (Church)
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Josie & Andrew Sanctis <i>by the Sanctis family</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> Intentions of Christopher Ford <i>by Pat &amp; Jim Klass</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Pictorial Photography sessions (Classrooms 1 & 2)

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.*

*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.*  
 -- Mark 16:16



Dear Parishioners,

As we come to the end of the Easter Season and move into Ordinary Time, we have many beautiful feast days to celebrate. Today in our diocese and in many dioceses throughout our country, we are celebrating our Lord's Ascension into Heaven, although traditionally the Lord's Ascension is celebrated on a Thursday – 40 days after Easter, which we did with the special Latin Mass this past Thursday night. Of course, the Season of Easter will end next Sunday with Pentecost. But after Pentecost we will celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday, followed by Corpus Christi, and then on Friday, 12 June 2015: The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by the Immaculate Heart of Mary the following day.

As is our custom, we will once again celebrate **40 Hours** this year in anticipation of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. 40 Hours will begin on Thursday, 04 June 2015, with a Latin Mass at 7 p.m., and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until noon on Saturday, 06 June 2015. I hope many of you will take the opportunity to spend an hour with our Eucharistic Lord to thank Him for His many graces. As always, we will have our annual **Corpus Christi procession** after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, 07 June 2015. *I invite all of our First Communicants this year to come dressed in your First Communion suits and dresses and help lead the procession.*

Celebrating Corpus Christi and 40 Hours is an important event for our parish each year, so please consider taking one of the half hour adoration time slots during our 40 Hours Devotion. This 40 Hour period of Adoration is a time for us to render homage and praise to our Lord for the great gift of the Eucharist, and to thank our Lord for His many blessings to us. And there are many graces that are poured out upon all who reverently participate. As we celebrate 40 Hours this year, I ask you especially to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially amongst the young people of our parish.

On another note, I am forming a new ministry at St. Ann's to help maintain our **website**. Currently, we are in the process of overhauling our parish website. As the new website will incorporate many more pictures and videos, I am looking for parishioners who are willing to take pictures and create videos of various parish events with which we can regularly update the website. For our younger parishioners, this could be a great way to earn service hours. If you are interested in helping, please contact me (704-523-4641, ext. 222)!

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "D".

Fr. Reid

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<b>May 3, 2015</b>	<b>14,711.97</b>
Weekly Budget:	14,842.31
YTD Total:	645,987.41
YTD Budget:	653,061.64
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>-7,074.23</b>

**Capital Needs Collection 1,496.00**

Currently, our offertory is **7,074.23 lower** than what we've budgeted for at this point in the fiscal year. Please be as generous as possible!



*"Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others."*

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 **May 16th-17th and June 6th-7th and 20th-21st.**



*Pay It Forward With Hope,  
Give Back With Gratitude*

*Your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal is shared with the educational, multicultural, vocational, housing, and social service ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity.*

**DSA 2015**

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	78,552.00
Received:	54,392.00
Donors:	175

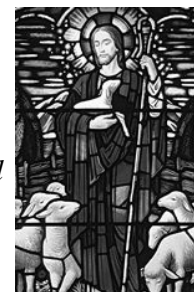
*Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples... and now through us. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts and into the hearts of those who are poor.*



**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).

May 17, 2015  
7th Sunday of Easter  
*There is no greater satisfaction than knowing that your personal property and accumulated wealth will be shared exactly as you personally desire. Whether your estate is large or small... you should make certain it will be properly distributed to those you love. If you wish to remember our parish, this can be done when you prepare or update your will.*



**Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:**  
Tuesday, May 19th for Sunday, May 24, 2015  
Tuesday, May 26th for Sunday, May 31, 2015  
Monday, June 1st for Sunday, June 7, 2015

**WEDDING BANNERS**

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*III: Sarah Martin-Joshua Hackman  
23 of May, 2015 1:30 p.m.*

*I: Melissa McMahan-Adam Wassmuth  
6 of June, 2015 1:00 p.m.*

**BAPTISMS**

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*Welcome to our parish family  
Sidney Marie Redd*

## COMING EVENTS MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

Last meeting of the **Men's Club** until August will be **Sunday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m.** Come eat dinner and enjoy the evening.

**Fraternus** meets **weekly on Thursdays** in the gym at **7:00 p.m.** Middle school, high school & adult men of the parish are invited to attend.

**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. We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. *Thank you for your participation, and smile!* **Saturday, May 23rd 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. & Sunday, May 24th 12:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** Go to the following link to make an appointment. <http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2210129629?schedule=stannscatholicchurch>. **1-877-896-9667x325 call today.**

**Mary's Sons** is an apostolate established by lay Catholics in our diocese. Their mission is to promote prayer, support and love for our priests through daily prayer, sacrifices, and supporting monthly Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours in our parishes for an increase in vocations and for the sanctification of our priests. As part of their support program for our seminarians, Mary's Sons has purchased personal kneelers for each of our soon to be ordained priests, Deacon Casey Coleman and Deacon Santiago Mariani. The kneelers are on a "prayer pilgrimage" to parishes in our diocese. **St. Ann will host the kneelers from Tuesday, June 16th at 7:30 a.m. through Wednesday, June 17th at 5:00 p.m. They will be located in the Chapel.** You are invited to come and say a prayer on the kneelers for Deacons Coleman and Mariani. The kneelers will then be presented to them as gifts upon their ordination on June 27, 2015.

### Pro-Life Ministry

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

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

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to attend Mass and Holy Hour for the end to abortion on **Saturday, May 23rd**. Mass is at **9:00 a.m.**, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction will be at approx. 10:45 a.m. Some people, will pray the rosary, led by Fr Reid, at the abortion mill, or you can stay in the Church for the Holy Hour. Follow, there will be a reception and meeting for all people currently active in or interested in involvement in Respect Life activities in the parish. 11:00 a.m. in the Cafe. Please call Mary Richardson with questions. 704-595-7974.

The next **Baptismal Preparation** class is **today, May 17th at 9:00 a.m.** Call the parish office for details.

**Belmont Abbey College Scholarship:** St. Ann's proudly offers a \$2,500 scholarship to a registered parishioner attending Belmont Abbey College for the 2015-2016 academic year. Applications consist of two essays. Application information can be obtained by contacting Karl Kaufmann at [karl.f.kaufmann@gmail.com](mailto:karl.f.kaufmann@gmail.com). **Completed applications are due by Monday, June 8, 2015.**

**Stewardship Opportunity! St Ann Summer Catechesis scheduled for June 22nd-26th**, is looking for young-at-heart adults and energetic teen helpers (rising 6th grade and up) willing to share their talents and love for Christ with children of our parish (ages 4 - rising 5th graders)! All talents and time commitments welcomed! Please contact Danielle Mathis at [tmathis3@me.com](mailto:tmathis3@me.com) for more info or to sign up.

**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. 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:** Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Larry Guethlein, Bob Brewer, Helen Norton, Rocco Patane, Kathy Graves, Georgia Lewis, and Dorothy Jameson. **Our friends & family:** Marlowe Regan (niece of MaryAnn Conrad), William Sirignano (grandfather of Aaron Condon), Bryan Williams, Jennifer Arnold & Mary Register (friends of Nancy Tota), Marsha Bergmann (sister-in-law of Maryann & Ben Conrad), Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), Tom Storer, Josh Duncan, Sara Lathan (neighbor to Robina & Bart Walker), Joel Rivera, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), and Sandra & Frank Tamplin, Anna Lamb, Aaron Brickner, Lisa Dixon Collins (sister of Steve Dixon), Fred Basil., and Akeyla Ramey. **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.

## 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](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.

**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](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 Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation items. Also available are items crafted by the Nuns, including rosaries, chaplets, decorated candles, pouches & more. **The gift shop is open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** The store is located at 3452 Willow Oak Road, behind St. Ann's Activity Center. The phone number is 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@yahoo.com](mailto:holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoo.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](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).

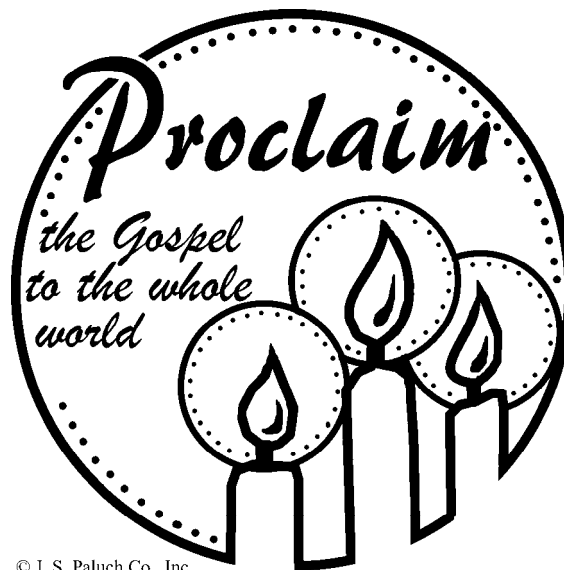
**St. Vincent de Paul Preschool Registration:** Fall 2015 registration, for children ages 2-5, has begun for St. Vincent de Paul Preschool. If your child would benefit from a faith-based, developmentally appropriate program, please call Mary Helen or Sonya at 704-644-4656 or email [preschool@st.vincentdepaulchurch.com](mailto:preschool@st.vincentdepaulchurch.com) 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.

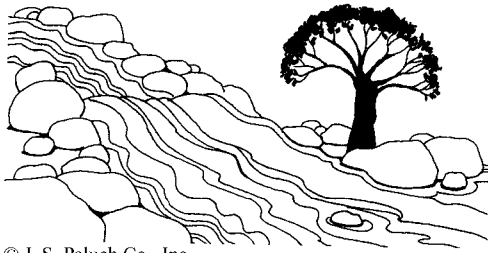
**Homeschooling 2015-2016:** Catholic Classical Enrichment is a weekly home school program at St. Ann's for children in PK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Engaging a child's natural ability for memory work, the elementary program seeks to help parents to develop a Catholic and classical foundation of knowledge 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 are now available to non-parishioners.** 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 Home school Conference is May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** The Immaculate Heart of Mary Carolina Home school 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).



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## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**The Free Estate Planning Seminar** will be offered on **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Catholic Diocese Pastoral Center, 1123 South Church Street in Charlotte from 7:00 to 8:30pm.** Light refreshments will be served. Contact Judy Smith at [jmsmith@charlottdioocese.org](mailto:jmsmith@charlottdioocese.org) or 704-370-3320 to register and reserve your free take home materials or for more information. Attorney Christian Cherry with Grier Furr & Crisp will present legal information. Mr. Cherry is an estate planning attorney with a concentration including wills, estates, trusts, and probate. His presentation will include an open question and answer period. Information on planned giving, bequests and Catholic teaching on end of life issues will also be provided by the planned giving office.

## YOUNG ADULTS

**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 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> at Belmont Abbey College.** The cost is \$100.00. Check the website: [www.charlottdioocese.org/vocaations/quo-vadis-days](http://www.charlottdioocese.org/vocaations/quo-vadis-days) or call Fr. Christopher Gober, Director of Vocations: 704-370-3327.

**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.** 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!

## MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Today is Ascension Sunday and we are reminded that Jesus is on his throne. Do we allow him to reign over our lives? Do we reflect this in our marriage relationship? Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. **The next weekends are July 31st-August 2nd in Chapel Hill, NC and November 6th-8th in Atlantic Beach, NC .** Early sign up is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost their sense of closeness and are living more like roommates. **Retrouvaille** teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulty, disillusionment, or deep misery in their marriage. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@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: [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org). Our dates for our Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: **June 12th-15th (English) in Charleston Area.** Call Christy 803-554-6088 or [grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:grace4healing@gmail.com). This is the time. Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

**FREE Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course** (with intro.) will be offered in **Charlotte at St. Matthew Catholic Church on Saturday, May 30th.**

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 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@charlottdioocese.org](mailto:bnadcock@charlottdioocese.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](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

**Fortnight For Freedom: There** will be a **Religious Liberty March and Prayer Vigil** on **June 26<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin the march at the parking lot at 1524 Palmer St. Charlotte, NC at **11:30 a.m.** Instructions prior to marching will begin at 11:15 a.m. The march will include Fr. Michael Kottar pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Shelby, NC preaching at Trade and Tryon Streets followed by the *Litany for Religious Liberty*. Then we will pray the *Rosary* and the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* in front of the Federal Courthouse at 401 W. Trade Streets. Questions e-mail: [religiousliberty@windstream.net](mailto:religiousliberty@windstream.net) or call Tina at 704-301-2531 and visit [www.marchforlifecharlotte.org/relib.html](http://www.marchforlifecharlotte.org/relib.html)



MiraVia (formerly *Room At The Inn*) announces our fifteenth Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Brunch - "**Links FORE Life**". **Tomorrow, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at

**Cedarwood Country Club**, we will have something for everyone! The brunch will feature a spiritual reflection with Abbot Placid Solari, Chancellor of Belmont Abbey College. Tickets are \$30/person. Golf tournament registration is \$130/golfer. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. both events kick-off at 11:00 a.m. Brunch guests will be finished by noon. Pre-registration is required for both events. Website at [www.mira-via.org](http://www.mira-via.org), call Mary Paul Forsyth at 704-525-4673 ext. 13, or email [marypaulforsyth@mira-via.org](mailto:marypaulforsyth@mira-via.org).

**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](http://www.Charlottediocese.org)**, where there is a link to the survey on the homepage. ***Please allow several hours to complete this task.***

**Open your heart and home to a Catholic exchange student from Spain and Germany for the coming 2015-2016 school year.** Volunteer host families for the coming school year, one or two semesters, starting in August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. ***It is not too early to apply.*** For information please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 800-467-8363 or visit our web site at [www.emfusa.org](http://www.emfusa.org).



Mark Your Calendars!  
September 11th & 12th  
Eucharistic Congress  
[www.goeucharist.com](http://www.goeucharist.com)

The **St. Matthew Catholic Church Peace and Justice Ministry** is offering an **Immigration Forum** today, **May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** Please prayerfully consider participating in this event. For information, email Bruce Mlakar at [BruceMlakar@gmail.com](mailto:BruceMlakar@gmail.com).

St. Matthew Catholic Church is hosting an **educational program** entitled **Understanding Adolescent Substance Abuse. Two meetings are offered on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m.**

St. Matthew Catholic Church invites all physicians, nurses and nurses' aides to join the **Divine Mercy Healthcare Apostolate**. If you feel the call to be a Divine Mercy Healthcare Apostolate, please join us for an informational meeting on **Wednesday, May 27, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** For information, email Thomas F. Coyle MD at [tcoylemd@gmail.com](mailto:tcoylemd@gmail.com).

St. Matthew Catholic Church will offer a **St. Peregrine Healing Prayer Service on Thursday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m.** St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer and grave diseases.

**29th Annual Spring Fling on Tuesday, May 19th at St. Matthew Catholic Church.** Check in is at 9:15 a.m. and the program begins at 10:00 a.m. the closing Mass is at 2:50 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 Please contact Sandra Breakfield for more details at 704-370-3220, [sabreakfield@charlottediocese.org](mailto:sabreakfield@charlottediocese.org).

Summer is a great time for learning! **St. Matthew "yoU"niversity** is offering eight classes this summer on scripture, theology, the saints, liturgy, social justice, as well as a special retreat. If you have a thirst for more knowledge and a greater understanding of our Faith, take advantage of these wonderful educational opportunities. Classes are offered on a variety of days and times. For course descriptions and to register online with credit card payment, visit [www.stmatthewcatholic.org/summerforum](http://www.stmatthewcatholic.org/summerforum).

**2015 NC Marian Rosary Congress:** "The Family that Prays Together Stays Together". Event at **St. Mark Catholic Church. Saturday, June 13th** at 8:00 a.m. (Spanish), 10:00 a.m. (English) to 3:00 p.m. Most. Rev. Bishop Jugis will be our main celebrant. Fr. Pedro Nuñez, and Fr. Ernesto Maria Caro. Registration is \$10 by May 15th, then \$15 after if tickets are still available. Mail check to Jesus Through Mary Ministry of NC, Inc. PO Box 5052, Concord, NC 28027, or pay online at [www.JesusThroughMary.org](http://www.JesusThroughMary.org). Call 1-844-937-6279 & email [alg@bestweb.net](mailto:alg@bestweb.net).

**Crusader Tennis Camps at Belmont Abbey College:** Players of all levels, ages 6-18 are invited to are invited tennis camps this summer at Belmont Abbey College. Please **visit [www.CrusaderTennisCamps.com](http://www.CrusaderTennisCamps.com) for more information** contact Head Coach Mike Salomon at [crusadertenniscamp@gmail.com](mailto:crusadertenniscamp@gmail.com) or call 202-460-0031.

## 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

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. For further information or to register, contact Terri DeLuca at [tdeLucamusic@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.*