



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 31, 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

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 31st	8:00 a.m. +Marie Gildae <i>by the Lejk family</i> 10:30 a.m. +Raymond Motley <i>by Sue Ann Howell</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Caiden Hughes <i>by Darlene & Derek Gray</i>	11:00 a.m. Café & kitchen in use 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
Monday 1st	7:00 a.m. +Dorothy Storer <i>by Mary Tran</i>	11:00 a.m. Summer Arts (Classrooms 1 & 2 & Scout room) 3:00 p.m. Summer Arts (Choir loft) 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance (Gym) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 2nd	7:00 a.m. +Vincent C. Nguyen <i>by the Nguyen family</i> <i>Adoration following Mass</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics 6:00 p.m. Café in use
Wednesday 3rd	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin +James Odem <i>by Darlene & Derek Gray</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics 1:00 p.m. Summer Arts (Classrooms 1 & 2 & Scout room) 4:00 p.m. Summer Arts (Café, gym, Classrooms 1 & 2 & Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Scouts
Thursday 4th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Veronica Cortes <i>by Luis Cortes</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 7:00 p.m. Latin <i>40 Hours Adoration following Mass</i>	
Friday 5th	<i>40 Hours Adoration continues</i> 8:30 a.m. Intentions for Fr. Reid's Anniversary	5:00 p.m. Cursillo (All rooms)
Saturday 6th	<i>40 Hours Adoration until 12 noon</i> 3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Sindi & Ed Reynolds <i>by Terry & John Alderman</i>	1:00 p.m. Cursillo (All rooms) Wedding (Church)
Sunday 7th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Lynda & Jim Transue <i>by Tina Miller</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Frederick Rolfe <i>by Darlene & Derek Gray</i>	Cursillo (All rooms) Corpus Christi Procession following 10:30 a.m. Mass 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)

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.*

Let's be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:





Dear Parishioners,

Please do not forget that we will be celebrating the Feast of **Corpus Christi** with **40 Hours of Adoration** and a Eucharistic procession this coming week. In the old calendar the Feast of Corpus Christi falls on the Thursday following Holy Trinity Sunday (which is today), whereas in the new calendar it is celebrated on the Sunday following Holy Trinity Sunday. We will observe the Feast of Corpus Christi under both calendars, beginning our 40 Hours with a *Missa Cantata* this Thursday, 4 June 2015 at 7 p.m., with our 40 hours of exposition commencing afterwards. Eucharistic Adoration will continue through Friday and end on Saturday, 06 June 2015 at 11 a.m. with Benediction. As has become our parish custom, we will have a Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. *All of our 1st communicants are invited to come in their dresses and suits to be a part of procession.*

As we move into the summer months, I'd like to try something that many of you have asked for at the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass. In many parishes the first Mass on Sunday is a "quiet" Mass, i.e., without musical accompaniment. Many of you who attend the 8 a.m. Mass have asked if we could make our 8 a.m. Mass a quiet Mass as well. Because music is an important part of Mass (and because we are blessed with a wonderful music ministry here at St. Ann's), I am not willing to make this a permanent change. However, beginning on 14 June 2015, I'd like to make the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass a quiet Mass – but only for the summer months.

Every summer we pare back our music at all the Masses in order to give our musicians a break, especially after the great amount of work and effort they put into Lent and the Easter Season. When our music ministry starts back up in full swing after Labor Day, our cantors will resume providing music at the 8 a.m. Mass. Whether or not we make the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass a quiet Mass every summer is something we will consider based on your input. So for those of you who regularly attend the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, feel free to give me your thoughts on this matter *after* we've lived with this change for a few weeks. Again, nothing is set in stone with this decision!

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
772 registered families

May 17, 2015	16,567.53
Weekly Budget:	14,842.31
YTD Total:	685,282.26
YTD Budget:	682,746.26
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	2,536.00
Ascension:	2,388.00

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www.StAnnCharlotte.org



Pay It Forward With Hope,
Give Back With Gratitude

On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember the words of Jesus, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."

DSA 2015

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	81,127.00
Received:	57,497.00
Donors:	179

As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. Thank you for your gifts to the poor box.



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.

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of god is the heart of a mother.
-St. Therese of Lisieux



Stewardship of time, talent and treasure faces certain obstacles: greed, selfishness, irresponsibility and a lack of trust.

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 **June 6th-7th and June 20th-21st and July 4th-5th.**

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:
Monday, June 1st for Sunday, June 7, 2015
Tuesday, June 9th for Sunday, June 14, 2015
Tuesday, June 16th for Sunday, June 21, 2015
Tuesday, June 23rd for Sunday, June 28, 2015

May 31, 2015
Most Holy Trinity
We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have made bequests to the parish. Their gifts help us continue the work of the Church for future generations.



WEDDING BANNERS
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III: Melissa McMahan-Adam Wassmuth
6 of June, 2015 1:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



*The Altar flowers this weekend
are in memory of
Marie Gildae
by the Lejk family*

Registration for Summer Catechesis is now open!

Dates are **June 22-26th 9:15 a.m.-12noon**. 4 year olds to rising 5th graders are invited to attend. If interested, please fill out a registration form as well! Forms can be found on the St Ann website under Parish Community. When complete, please turn in to the parish office. *We still need energetic teens to volunteer.* Contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@me.com for more information.

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.

Stewardship opportunity! A new parishioner needs a ride to 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturdays from the South Park area. If you are able to assist, call the parish office. Thank you.

Stewardship and/or service hours opportunities:

Help is needed to watering the potted plants around the church campus and Activity Center during the summer months. If interested contact, Chris at ccb43@earthlink.net or 704-241-2577.

Pro-Life Ministry

To sign up for *respect life email list*, email Mary B. Richardson at worthingtonmarybeth@gmail.com.

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

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.

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. **Completed applications are due by Monday, June 8, 2015.**

33 Days To Morning Glory Retreat: Thursdays beginning **July 9th from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** The participants' kit is \$20.00 without the book, "33 Days to Morning Glory" and the kit with the book is \$30.00. **Deadline for registration is June 26, 2015.** Please contact Heidi Clark at 704-504-5948 or hclark12@carolina.rr.com. The Legion of Mary members will be available after all Masses to take registrations the weekend of June 13th & 14th and June 20th & 21st.

Want to Grow In Holiness, But too Busy?

Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life, but don't have time? Looking for the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness, but don't know where to begin? In our hectic day and time, St. Pope John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa knew the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Join us on **Thursday, July 9th at 6:30 p.m. in classrooms 1 and 2**, as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and St. Pope John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30-minute video. The video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus. If you're looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for *33 Days to Morning Glory* Small-group Retreat.

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, and use the promo code NEWCHAPTER to get a \$50 discount. Spaces are limited so sign up today.

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 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 & 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@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) 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-Ramkissoon at 704-531-0067.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS



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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 are now available to non-parishioners.**

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.

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 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.

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.

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!

Blessed the people the Lord has
chosen to be his own.
(Psalm 33 (12b))

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN


Pray for ...
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Our parishioners:
Patricia Phillips, Ben
Conrad, Larry
Guethlein, Bob
... Brewer, Helen Norton,
Rocco Patane, Kathy

Graves, and Georgia Lewis.

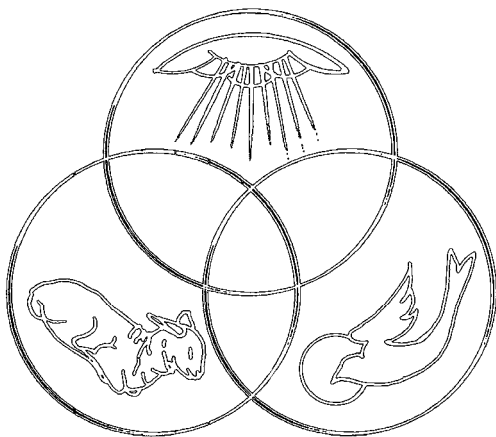
Our friends & family: Marlowe Regan (niece of MaryAnn Conrad), William Sirignano (grandfather of Aaron Condon), Bryan Williams, Jennifer Arnold & Mary Regester (friends of Nancy Tota), Marsha Bergmann (sister-in-law of Maryann & Ben Conrad), Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), Tom Storer, Josh Duncan, 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, Akeyla Ramey, Michael Keaton, Haleigh Keaton, Mark Weems and Joseph Yodzis (by Mary Margaret Yodzis), and Yolanda & Hector Viscarra (parents of Susy Langlinais).

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.

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MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

In today's gospel Jesus says, "I am with you always, until the end of the age." Bring Jesus into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **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 or 704-315-2144.

Conflict in your marriage? Is your marriage cold or filled with stress? **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even talk with their spouse. For confidential information or to apply for the next program beginning with a weekend September 25, 2015, call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at retrouvaillenc@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: rachelsvineyard.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. 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 or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities (704)-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org.

Natural Family Planning: Sympto-Thermal

Method: A Natural Family Planning three class series will be taught for the summer 2015: **June 13th, July 11th & August 15th.** All classes are Saturdays from 9:00 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. Postpartum and Premenopause transition classes are also available upon request. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704-548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

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. You can read the Relatio and answer the survey questions by visiting the diocesan website at www.Charlottedioocese.org, where there is a link to the survey on the homepage.

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. Call 1-844-937-6279 & email alg@bestweb.net.

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.** Call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org.

St. John Neumann Catholic Church announced SonFest 2015 will be June 12th from 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. & June 13th 4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. at 8451 Idlewild Road. The 5th annual carnival event is sponsored by American Burger Company & features musical acts, rides, a silent auction, family BINGO, & more. Top 40 radio hosts Maney, LauRen & Roy of Kiss 95.1 Mornings will be guest emcees on Friday evening. Father Patrick Hoare, Pastor of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, is pleased to celebrate 5 years of the community event. The weekend event features ethnic & carnival-favorite food, rides, entertainment & fun. Wristbands for unlimited rides will be available for \$15 on Friday night only. Admission is free, but tickets will be available for purchase for rides such as the Hot Dog, Way Out Swing, & Inflatable Slide as well as a variety of food and beverages. The entertainment line-up this year features 10 bands including the return of Good Courage, Waiting Hill & Bought by Blood. American Burger Company, will host six hamburger eating contests with their famous RoadStar burger. A portion of the proceeds from this year's event will benefit The Relatives, an organization of resources that helps children & youth find shelter & support. Visit http://4sjnc.org/sonfest_2015.



Mark Your Calendars!
September 11th & 12th
Eucharistic Congress
www.goeucharist.com

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.

The Free Estate Planning Seminar will be offered on **Thursday, June 4th 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@charlottedioocese.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.

Fortnight For Freedom: There will be a **Religious Liberty March and Prayer Vigil on June 26th.** 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 or call Tina at 704-301-2531 and visit www.marchforlifecharlotte.org/relib.html

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 for more information contact Head Coach Mike Salomon at 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, 4th 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 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. For further information or to register, contact Terri DeLuca at tdelucamusica@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.*