



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 9, 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.

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.	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.	Adoration Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN


+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions		Meetings & Events	
Sunday 9th	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Our parish family +Phil Kallusky <i>by Vicki Davey</i> Latin +Stephen DeMarco <i>by Val & Betty Lou DeMarco</i>	12 noon 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) Summer Arts (Gym, Café, and Classrooms 1 & 2) Latin meeting (Conference room) Summer Arts (Gym & Café)
Monday 10th	7:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Ludger Dierkes family <i>by the Navaroli family</i>	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	World Rosary (Chapel) Dance (Gym) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 11th	7:00 a.m.	+Dorothy Kelly <i>by Virginia Doman</i> <i>Adoration following Mass</i>	6:00 p.m..	Carnival meeting (Classrooms 1 & 2) Café in use
Wednesday 12th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Holy Hour</i> Latin +Frances McGreevy <i>by Michael McGreevy</i>	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Study (Classrooms 1 & 2) St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting (Conference room)
Thursday 13th	7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	+Frances McGreevy <i>by Michael McGreevy</i> <i>Confessions</i>	7:00 p.m.	33 Days Retreat (Classroom 1 & 2 & Scout room)
Friday 14th	8:30 a.m.	+Ann Hoover Self <i>by Fr. Reid</i>		
Saturday 15th <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:00 a.m. 12 noon 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Intentions of Terry Alderman Mass Latin <i>Confessions</i> Intentions of William/Lewis <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i>	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 60th Anniversary Reception (Café) Chapel closed
Sunday 16th	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	+Jerry Dugan +Frances Martini <i>by SueAnn Howell</i> Latin +Guglielmo Monaco <i>by Marcy Rothe</i>	12 noon 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) Baptism (Church)



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*Welcome to our parish family
 Thomas Vincent Lauer*


*I am the living bread that
 came down from heaven.
 -- John 6:51*



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*II: Michelle Amansec – Pedro Cortes
 22 day of August, 2015 1:30 p.m.*

*Altar flowers
 this weekend are
 in memory of
 Stephen
 DeMarco
 by Val &
 BettyLou
 DeMarco.*



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Dear Parishioners,

Our 33 days of preparation for our consecration to Jesus through Mary is nearing its completion. Next Saturday, 15 August 2015, is the day we've been preparing for! So as we come into our last week of preparation, I heartily encourage you not to give up but to persevere in your reading and prayer. The more seriously we take this consecration and the more we endeavor to give ourselves to Mary, the more efficacious our consecration will be! For those of you who are making the consecration next Saturday, you may do so after any of the Masses. The schedule for the day will be as follows:

9 a.m.:	Mass (novus ordo)
Noon:	Solemn High Mass (Latin) in the presence of Bishop Jugis
2 – 4 p.m.:	Anniversary celebration and reception
3 p.m.:	Confessions
4:30 p.m.:	Anniversary Mass

For those of you making the consecration, I highly encourage you to go to confession this week if you haven't been lately. It's always a good idea to go to confession before making the consecration. I also suggest that you do some type of fast the day before as a means of preparation.

Of course please do not forget that next Saturday is both the Solemnity of the Assumption of our Lady as well as our parish's 60th anniversary. So it is a wonderful day for us, as a parish family, to give thanks to our Lord for all of His gifts to us! I do hope you'll be able to attend Mass and the anniversary celebration and reception that day. Moreover, let us all pray that our Lord will continue blessing our parish!

Lastly, we've had some cancellations for the Fatima/Spain pilgrimage in October. So if you'd like to go, we once again have room for you! You can find information on our parish website, or contact me directly.

In the love of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
772 registered families

July 26, 2015	10,944.00
Weekly Budget:	14,842.31
YTD Total:	61,138.85
YTD Budget:	59,753.84
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	1,385.01

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www.StAnnCharlotte.org



Christ makes it quite clear that he expects us to be different. One of the ways he expects us to be different is by

practicing stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

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 **August 15th-16th and September 5th-6th and September 19th-20th.**

Volunteers are needed to help at **Merrywood Retirement** with crafts, and other projects for the residents to do. If interested please call Ellen Rowlen at 704-654-7713.

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.

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.

In this Gospel the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God. During the hot summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Help the St Vincent de Paul Society bring them respite and hope.



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

*Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal by **Sharing God's Gifts** and blessings. Your contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal is a way of serving our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.*

DSA 2015

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	88,846.00
Received:	71,776.00
Donors:	197

Endowments for St. Ann's 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.



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In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Please help St Vincent de Paul Society bring respite and hope to the elderly and you will bring them faith and hope.

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Aug. 11th for Sunday, August 16, 2015
- Tuesday, Aug. 18th for Sunday, August 23, 2015
- Tuesday, Aug. 25th for Sunday, August 30, 2015
- Tuesday, Sept. 1st for Sunday, September 6, 2015

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

33 Days To Morning Glory Retreat: Join us Thursdays at **6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** in classrooms 1 and 2 **finishes August 13th.** For information, contact Heidi Clark at 704-504-5948 or hclark12@carolina.rr.com.

60th Anniversary Reception!

St. Ann's will host Bishop Jugon on **Saturday, August 15th at 12 noon** for a *Latin High Mass* in honor of the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and the *60th anniversary of the founding of our parish.* A reception will follow in the Activity Center café from 2-4 pm.

Please note if you are dropping off food for the reception the cafeteria and kitchen will be open at 11:00 a.m.

Your assistance is needed, please sign up to bring food for the reception: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0544A8AF29A4F94-anniversary1.

A **three-part series of talks** with the focus on prayer and its relationship to the active life. Topics will include mental prayer, liturgy and the liturgical life, and Marian prayer. We will focus on what the Bible, the Catechism, and the saints have to teach us about these vital topics.

Wednesdays, August 12th and August 19th at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms 1 & 2 with our *seminarian Peter Ascik*.



The St. Ann's **Red Cross Blood Drive is Sunday, August 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** If you have never

given blood before this is a good time to start! If you're an old pro, please sign up!

Please sign up for the blood drive by going to redcrossblood.org or contact Chris Brunhuber at 704-241-2577. Thank you!

Catholic Scripture Study: Isaiah. This coming Fall we will be doing an afternoon session of Gail Buckley's Catholic Scripture Study for those who want an afternoon session of this great study, Isaiah. The Study will include a series of 28 videos with Father Mitch Pacwa as the presenter/lecturer. Each of Father Pacwa's presentations will be preceded by a lively group discussion. This is a 26 week study and it does require a commitment. **This will begin Tuesday afternoon September 15, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. and it will run through May 17, 2016.** If you are interested in doing the study at this time contact Heidi Clark, 704-504-5948 or email

Catholic Scriptures Study: The Book of Isaiah. Classes start on **Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.** in the classrooms 1 & 2 in the Allen Center. Please contact Maryrose Turner at 704-641-8922 or turner.maryrose@yahoo.com.

All men of the parish interested in the **Knights of Columbus**, leave your name and contact information at the parish office.



First Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Allen Center library (2nd

floor). *MWG* is an international ministry that seeks to help mothers grow in holiness through their vocation. Each meeting we prayerfully reflect on a specific virtue &, with a gospel meditation & group discussion, we encourage & inspire one another. Childcare is not available, but infants are always welcome. Our upcoming meetings are **Tuesdays, September 1st & October 6th.** You're welcome to attend meetings on a regular basis or occasionally. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at stannMWG@gmail.com if you plan to attend a meeting or have any questions. Go to www.motheringwithgrace.org for more details about the ministry of *MWG*.

The Carnival is Coming...

Saturday, September 26th!

Mark your calendars & invite your family, friends & neighbors to the Carnival.

We need of *Sponsors* for games or rides. There are several **corporate packages** available, *logos needed by tomorrow, August 10th.* We need everyone's help to make this a success.

Carnival **Volunteer** Sign-ups are open on SignUpGenius, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544a8af29a4f94-carnival>. *Carnival Question:* contact Chris Brunhuber at **704-241-2577** or ccb43@earthlink.net.

Mark your calendars, Saturday, September 26th!

In **September**, St. Ann's Parish will begin a **Fidelis** Chapter for young ladies ages 11-18, interested in seeking holiness through devotion to our Lady and growth in authentic femininity as highlighted by the teachings of Pope John Paul II. Weekly meetings will include a discussion on the role of the Blessed Mother in the life of the Church and as the role-model for every young woman, a fun recreational activity, and Compline and the Litany of Loreto. **Meetings will take place on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Allen Center.** For information, contact Sr. Mary Raphael at srmmaryraphael@gmail.com. To register email Mrs. Angela Williams at angiegirl67@yahoo.com. Registration is \$20 per family per year.



MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

St. Gerard's Meals Ministry. Mission: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinetlauer@gmail.com. *Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, pray for us.*

No Ceramics now through Saturday, August 22nd.

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

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

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.

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:** 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.

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and **The Bible Timeline** makes it easy. The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible Study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history, so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. The Bible Timeline has helped hundreds of thousands of people to have a better understanding of the Bible and a deeper relationship with Christ, and it will help you too. The Study will include a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. Everyone who participates will receive the Bible Timeline Chart as well as a The Bible Timeline Study Kit. The cost is \$35.00 per kit. **Our Study will begin Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m., September 15th, and run through Tuesday, April 12, 2016.** We will repeat this Bible Timeline Study on Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m.- 12 noon for those who would like a morning class. **The morning classes will begin September 17th, and run through April 14, 2016.** If you are interested, contact Heidi Clark, hclark12@carolina.rr.com, 704-504-5948.

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.

Married Couples: Teams of Our Lady (www.teamsofourlady.org) is an international movement of small groups of married couples around the diocese. Each Team (5-7 couples & a priest/spiritual counselor) meets monthly to share a meal, prayer, scripture, & a discussion. Teams provide a solid, spiritual direction for couples through a way of life promoting growth in married love, holiness, & Christian community. If you're interested in a great opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ & your spouse, contact Tom and Danielle Mathis at 704-541-0858 or tmathis3@me.com.

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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Fine Arts Festival: TODAY, August 9th the theater performance of *The Winter's Tale* at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. The performance is free, but a goodwill offering will be collected and all proceeds go to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Monroe.



St. Ann's School News

Saint Ann Catholic School is now accepting enrollment for its Pre-K (four year old) program. Saint Ann Catholic School's early childhood program focuses on the development of the whole child and is grounded in the Catholic faith. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of developmentally appropriate learning centers, beginning literacy skills and will attend the following special area classes: art, computer, music, library, PE and Spanish. For more information please contact Mrs. McKinney, principal of Saint Ann, at 704-525-4938 or Shannon Fortin, MACS Admission Director, at 704-370-3367.

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. 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. 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.

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

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Fine Arts Festival

Celebrating the Beautiful Mercy and Goodness of God

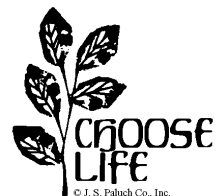
<p style="text-align: center;">Dance & Poetry night</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thursday, August 6th at 6:30pm in the St. Ann gymnasium</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Choral Concert</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Friday, August 7th at 6:30 pm in the church</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>To be followed by a reception in the cafe with a performance by our Young Children's Choir</i></p>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>PHOTOGRAPHY ART SHOW AND AUCTION</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH IN THE CAFE DURING THE RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CHORAL CONCERTS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Winter's Tale</i> <small>by William Shakespeare</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Play performances on August 8th and 9th at 6:30 pm in the St Ann gymnasium</p>

All events are free, but good will donations are accepted. All donations collected this year are for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Monroe, NC.

Pro-Life Ministry

In response to the recent Planned Parenthood exposé videos, concerned Charlotte-area Catholics are gathering to join in prayer on location at the local Planned Parenthood Charlotte office. This Rosary Rally will be **Peaceful** and **Prayerful** and family friendly. **What:** Rosary Rally at Planned Parenthood, **When:** **Friday, August 14th, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., rain or shine**, **Where:** 4822 Albemarle Rd., Charlotte, 28205, **Why:** As a public witness in support of defunding Planned Parenthood, **Who:** All area pro-life Catholics. Additional information and directions are available on back table in the narthex. Questions, contact Andy Zorichak at azorichak@yahoo.com.

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



MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



Our parishioners: Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Larry Guethlein, Bob Brewer, Helen Norton, Rocco Patane, Kathy and Dave Graves, Georgia Lewis, and

Dolores Rothe.

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 Frank Tamplin, Anna Lamb, Aaron Brickner, Lisa Dixon Collins (sister of Steve Dixon), Akeyla Ramey, Michael Keaton, Haleigh Keaton, Mark Weems and Joseph Yodzis (by Mary Margaret Yodzis), Yolanda & Hector Viscarra (parents of Susy Langlinais), Ann Conrad, and Don Cole (friend of Derek Gray).

Incarcerated: Adele Ceouse.

Our servicemen & servicewomen: Lance Corporal Joseph Fanning USMC & PFC John Michael Fanning USMC, and 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.

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: Confirmation: The Sacrament of Evangelization and Martyrdom. Today there is oftentimes a misconception of what the Sacrament of Confirmation is actually for or how it affects our lives. In this talk, Dr. Brant Pitre invites us to better understand the tremendous graces and calling received through this sacrament. He points to various passages in scripture which provide a historical foundation and, through bold witness, challenges us to willingly surrender our lives to Christ. Dr. Brant Pitre is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LA. 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** to give St. Ann's credit.**

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Paul instructed us – “So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love”. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament. **The next weekend is November 6th-8th in Atlantic Beach, NC.** For more information visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? **Retrouvaille** can help, as it has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment in their marriage. For confidential information or to apply for the next program beginning with a **weekend September 25th**, call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at retrouvaille@msn.com, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Rachel's Vineyard is a week-end retreat for women & men to begin their healing journey. Contact Shelley, 828-230-4940 or visit: rachelsvineyard.org. Call Christy 803-554-6088 or grace4healing@gmail.com. This is the time. Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

A **FREE Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course** (with intro.) For 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: **August 15th** 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.

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. **Go to**

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!

St. Patrick's Young Adults Ministry is open to all adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married. For more information please join us on Facebook at St. Patrick's Cathedral Frassati Fellowship or sign up to receive emails on Google Groups - search for St. Patrick's Young Adult Ministry.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Program on End of Life Issues from Medical and Ethical Perspectives: On Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Gabriel Catholic Church Ministry Center, Dr. Wes Ely, M.D., will discuss taking a practical, compassionate approach to end of life care in a free program, "End of Life Issues from Medical and Ethical Perspectives". Find program details at www.stgabrielcatholicchurch.org/end-of-life. Reservations are requested. RSVP to cesposito@stgabrielchurch.org. For more on Dr. Ely, visit icudelirium.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. 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.

Career Opportunity: The Knights of Columbus is seeking a **Field Agent** for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, contact, Christopher Mahoney, General Agent, at 919-845-5595 or via email at Christopher.Mahoney@kofc.org.

An **Introduction to Centering Prayer** on Saturday, August 22nd 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift from God. It is the opening of mind and heart - our whole being - to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. The day will include four sessions with time for prayer & reflection. We are offering a special overnight rate if you wish to arrive the night before the program. The cost is \$40.00 including lunch and overnight is \$58.00 or \$81.00 for a double. Call Cathy Webb at 828-327-7441 or info@catholicconference.org.

Men at Prayer (MAP) will meet on Wednesday, August 19th from 7:00 p.m.-8:30: p.m. at Charlotte Catholic High School Chapel on 7702 Pineville-Matthews Rd. Come and hear the inspiring message from Deacon Joe Diaz and witness from Brian Pusateri the author of "4th Day Letters". Different speakers monthly on the 3rd Wednesday. Info: <http://www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org/>.

Theresa Williams, wife of Charlotte deacon Kevin Williams, is the author of a book entitled "From Agnostic to Deacon, A Story of Hope and Conversion." She shares how his conversion came about & how a series of events changed their lives forever. If you think miracles don't happen anymore, they are living proof that God is full of surprises, life is full of possibilities, and yes, even miracles. Theresa is having a book signing **Friday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Park Road Books**, 4139 Park Road, in Charlotte. You may also read her blog at <http://fromagnostictodeacon.com/>. If you miss the book reading, her book is available at Park Road Books in paperback & on Amazon in both paperback & Kindle form.

On Sunday August 23th at 2:00 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Church will host our 4th Annual Polish Diocesan Mass in Honor of *Our Lady of Czestochowa & Pope St. John Paul II*. Polish priest Rev. Matt Nycz of Buffalo, NY will be Celebrant and Rev. Mr. James Witulski will assist as Deacon. **This Mass will be in the Polish language with the homily in both Polish and English. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation.** Confessions in Polish and English will be heard beginning at 1:00 p.m. After the Mass, the faithful will have the opportunity to venerate a 1st Class Relic of Pope St. John Paul II; a drop of his blood on his cassock from the day he was shot in 1981! Also there will be a reception with cookies, cake, pastries and other light refreshments. For additional information, please phone Mary Witulski at 704-290-6012.

Is this your year? Couples married 25 or 50 years this year will be honored at an Anniversary Mass held on **Sunday, October 18th at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Charlotte**. Mass begins at 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. Simply call the parish office to be included.

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

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.

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 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@charlottedioocese.org.

REMINDERS

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

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.*

Please be respectful of everyone's property. Watch carefully in the parking lot of people & cars. If you need assistance, come by the parish office. Thank you.

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

Let's be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:







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.

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!

*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.*