



September 20, 2015



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Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

St. Ann's Parish Mission

St. Ann Parish seeks the salvation of souls through the redemption of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in and through the divinely instituted Holy Catholic Church. We invite all to receive God's love as we give of ourselves in compassionate service.

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

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Sunday 20th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Eric Meyer <i>by Vicki Davey</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Jerry Volz <i>by Mary & Aaron Condon</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) 11:00 a.m. Gym in use 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Monday 21st	7:00 a.m. +Ashley Apple <i>by Carol Zella</i>	4:30 p.m. Church in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance (Gym) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 22nd	7:00 a.m. Intentions of David Sanctis <i>by the family</i> <i>Adoration following Mass</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics 1:00 p.m. CSS (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Café in use 7:00 p.m. The Bible Timeline (Scout room)
Wednesday 23rd	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin +Chip Nelson <i>by Vicki Davey</i>	7:00 p.m. Parent meeting for First Communion (Café) Scouts Fidelis (Gym) & Classrooms 1 & 2 CSS (Library)
Thursday 24th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Father Ronald J. Farrell <i>by Mary and Aaron Condon</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i>	10:00 a.m. The Bible Timeline (Scout room) 6:30 p.m. MOP meeting (Library) 7:00 p.m. Fraternalus (Gym) Boy Scouts (Café)
Friday 25th	8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Father Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Home school (All rooms) Both Cry Rooms in Church in use 10:00 a.m. Ceramics 12:30 p.m. Children's Prayer time (Chapel) 3:00 p.m. Set-up for Carnival (Parish Grounds) 6:00 p.m. Wedding (Church)
Saturday 26th	9:00 a.m. Pro-Life Mass 3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Owen Getty <i>by Suzanne and Mike Terry and family</i>	8:00 a.m. Carnival Set-up (Parish Grounds) 10:00 a.m. Carnival (Parish Grounds) 6:00 p.m. Carnival Clean-up (Parish Grounds)
Sunday 27th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Deceased members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society <i>by Marilyn Gallagher</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +James Gooley <i>by Sallie and Kim Catalano</i>	10:00 a.m. Donuts & Coffee (Plaza) 12 noon Catechetical lunch (Café) Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)

WEDDING BANNERS

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III: Tyler Adcock-Samantha Alschlager
 25 September, 2015 6:00 p.m.





Dear Parishioners,

For the past few weeks we've discussed the *indissoluble, intimate, and exclusive* nature of marriage, as well as the *procreative* and *unitive* goods of marriage. These truths teach us that marriage is for life, and that it is ordered both toward the procreation of children and growth in holiness through the mutual self-giving of the husband and wife. Additionally, because Holy Matrimony is one of the sacraments of the Church, it is ordered toward our salvation!

At the very heart of marriage, of course, is the *marital act*. For a man and woman to be married in God's eyes (and those of the Church) requires the ability to enter into this beautiful union of life and love. The marital act is truly sacred, beautiful, and dignified, and therefore it should not be degraded, perverted, mocked, or made less than what it really is. According to God's plan and design, the marital act both symbolizes and effects a covenantal commitment between a man and his wife in which they give themselves to each other wholly and without reserve, the fruits of which are children and the unitive good. Therefore, those who enter into the marital act must be open to these goods.

While most married couples are open to the unitive good of growing together in love and holiness, many married couples are not as open to the procreative good of children. Exacerbating this lack of openness to children is the widespread availability of contraception, which promises the pleasure of the marital act without the responsibility of children that naturally flows from it. Our Catholic Faith has always taught that intentionally rendering the marital act sterile through contraception (or sterilization or withdrawal) is gravely immoral because it is a deliberate violation of God's design for the marital act, stripping it of one its essential qualities. Intentionally sterilizing the marital act removes God and His desire for new life from the marital embrace, rendering the act sterilized of both its fruitfulness and its sacredness.

Married couples express their lifelong commitment to one another with more than words. With the marital act being the sign of a couple's covenantal commitment and a means of renewing their nuptial vow to give of themselves fully to one another (and to receive each other fully), we can see that contraception introduces a lie into this intimate form of marital communication. When married couples suppress their fertility through contraception (or sterilization), they are no longer giving themselves fully to one another, and the marital act thus becomes less marital in nature! Marital love (and thus the marital act), *by its nature*, is meant to be fruitful, and to suppress one's fertility not only robs the marital act of its procreative quality, it also erodes the unitive quality such that the mutual self-giving love of the couple suffers. Both the procreative and unitive goods of marriage rely upon the marital act to bring them about. If a married couple damages the marital act by rendering it infertile, this damaged marital act will also be less effective in bringing about its unitive good. Many studies show that couples who are always open to the procreative good are statistically much more likely to stay married and avoid divorce.

While married couples must not do anything to suppress their fertility, they are not required to have as many children as possible. Rather, married couples are called to be prudent yet generous stewards of their fertility. For grave reasons (such as serious financial, physical, psychological, or responsibilities toward other family members) a married couple may avoid conceiving through abstinence or by engaging in marital intimacy only during the wife's naturally infertile time in her cycle. Doing so does not change the nature of the marital act because there is no deliberate suppression of fertility, but rather only a cooperation with the body as God so magnificently designed it!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure

738 registered families

September 6, 2015	14,942.01
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	157,976.34
YTD Budget:	149,384.60
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	8,591.74

Capital Needs:	1,733.00
Debt:	1,175.00

Priest Retirement:	
Assessment:	28,055.62
Received:	15,878.82
Due:	12,176.80

Coffee & Donuts after Mass on Sunday, September 27th. The parish will host coffee & donuts in the plaza after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by & visit with your fellow parishioners.

Check out our website: StAnnCharlotte.org, and go to the prayers/devotion section under “Resources.” We encourage everyone to pray the “Prayer for Religious Liberty” with the recent attacks on our religious freedoms there are several prayers and novenas on the website.

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org



Christian Stewardship trains us to become aware that God is the ultimate giver of the gifts we have. To give to God should be “from the top” –

not what may be left over.

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 **September 19th-20th and October 3rd-4th and October 17th-18th.**



September 20, 2015
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Don't cancel life insurance policies you no longer need. By naming our parish as a beneficiary you can provide ongoing support for our work.

Stewardship and/or service hours opportunities: Help is needed to watering the potted plants around the church campus and Activity Center. If interested contact, Chris at ccb43@earthlink.net or 704-241-2577.

In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” Your gift for the poor will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.



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.



Pay It Forward With Hope,
Give Back With Gratitude

We are able to provide education for our seminarians thanks, in part, to your donations to the DSA. There's still time to give! You can donate online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa or by returning the pledge form that you received in the mail.

DSA 2015

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	89,817.00
Received:	75,232.00
Donors:	197

The dedicated priests who served us in the past now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. **Our parish has been assessed \$28,055.62 for the priests' retirement and benefits plans.** This amount is slightly less than two times the regular weekend offertory. Please be as generous as you can in this second collection, which will be taken in our parish this weekend.

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.

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Sept. 22nd for Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015
- Tuesday, Sept. 29th for Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015
- Tuesday, October 6th for Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015
- Tuesday, October 13th for Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

RCIA is Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Scout room. Anyone interested in the teachings of the Catholic faith are invited to attend these classes. If you know of anyone wanting to become Catholic please let them know about the classes or have them call the parish office.

The St. Ann's Parish **Fidelis** Chapter for young ladies ages 11-18. **Next meeting is Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.** Contact Sr. Mary Raphael, rmmaryraphael@gmail.com. To register email Mrs. Angela Williams, angiegirl67@yahoo.com. Registration is \$20 per family per year.

Fraternus meets **weekly on Thursdays** in the gym at **7:00 p.m.** Middle school, high school boys and adult men of the parish are invited to attend. Next meeting is **Thursday, September 24th.**

 Season subscription tickets are now on sale online for the *Gaudium Musicae* concert series! The series of four concerts opens

Sunday, October 18th at 5:00 p.m. with a lively performance by East Carolina University's Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival touring ensemble, *ECU Next Gen on the Road*. This group of faculty, student, alumni and guest artists cap a weekend of mentoring local youth musicians on the St. Ann's campus with a full two-hour concert. After the show, the audience will have an opportunity to meet the performers at a hearty reception on our plaza. Tickets may be purchased online at www.StAnnCharlotte.org. Season subscriptions for all four concerts (October 18th, November 8th, January 22nd, & February 28th) are the best arts bargain in town at \$40 for adults, \$25 for students and \$100 for families.

As part of our parish stewardship, please consider helping out with this wonderful series. Sponsors and volunteers are needed for each concert. If you want to sponsor the concerts with a monetary gift or an in-kind donation of reception fare, contact the parish office at 704-523-4641 ext. 221 for information.

St. Ann Cub Pack 162 will be holding a recruiting meeting at (Roll Ten) Park Lanes on Montford Dr. **Wednesday September 23rd 3:00-5:00 p.m.** All 1st thru 4th grade boys are welcome to attend and learn about Cub Scouts. **Pack 162 meets every first & third Wednesday's in the Allen Center café 6:30-7:30pm.** Join Scouts! For information call Walter Kurtz 704-301-8864 or email wtkurtz@gmail.com.

Mission Trip to India: An informational meeting for those interested in going on the parish mission trip to India next February 14th-26th will be held on **Thursday, 24 September 2015, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library of the Allen Center.

**The Carnival is Coming...
Saturday, September 26th!**
Mark your calendars & invite
your family, friends & neighbors.



The last day *Silent Auction* items can be donated/turned in is tomorrow, **Monday September 21st**, to the parish office.

We need **Bake Goods** to *sell during the Carnival*. Calling all bakers! Cookies, Cakes, Breads, Candies, any and all treats are needed for the Bake Sale during the carnival. **Drop off Friday, September 25th 3-7 p.m. or Saturday, September 26th 8-10 a.m.** 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>. Give two hours or more of your time. Thank you!

Carnival Question: contact Chris Brunhuber at 704-241-2577 or ccb43@earthlink.net.

Check out these great *Silent Auction items*: a custom made kneeler for 2 people, a week Hilton Head, a 6 month membership to Morrison Family YMCA, Total Wine tasting class, a wrought iron park bench, Morrison Smith Jewelers gift card, various themed gift baskets, & restaurant gift cards from Ruth Chris Steak House, Panera Bread, Olive Garden, aqua e vino, Brixx Wood Fired Pizza, Trio, & more!

**You need to come to the Carnival
Saturday, September 26th, to bid on these items!**

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 **Our Study is Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. through Tuesday, April 12, 2016 and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. through April 14, 2016.** If you are interested, contact Heidi Clark, hclark12@carolina.rr.com, 704-504-5948.

Catholic Scriptures Study: *The Book of Isaiah*. Classes are on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the library in the Allen Center. Please contact Paula Schrum at 704-641-0365 or pbschrum@gmail.com.

Catholic Scripture Study: *The Book of Isaiah*. Classes are **Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. and it will run through May 17, 2016.** The If you are interested contact Heidi Clark, 704-504-5948 or email hclark12@carolina.rr.com.

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.*

Ceramics Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to come—lots of molds available!

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.

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

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.**



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 next meetings are **Tuesday, October 6th and Tuesday, November 4th.** 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*.

Conference for Mothers! All mothers are invited to attend the 2nd annual *Mothering With Grace* Conference! Come experience renewal in your vocation through inspiring talks, prayer, and Holy Mass! Featuring author Rachel Balducci with Sr. Gertrude Gillette, OSB, and celebrant Fr. Matthew Kauth. **Saturday, November 7th, 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** here at **St. Ann Catholic Church**; vendors open until 6:00 p.m. Admission \$40 (includes lunch). Advance registration required; infants welcome. First 100 Registrants receive a swag bag of free gifts! Visit www.motheringwithgrace.org to reserve your seat today!

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.** Questions call Melissa Lewis at 704-287-8112. Subscribe to our group at holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.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

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

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools welcomes interested parents and students to attend the Admission Open Houses for the 2016-2017 school year. Please call the MACS Admissions Office at 704-370-3273 or visit www.macs-schools.com for additional information. No RSVP is required to attend the Open Houses!

MACS Elementary Schools hold Open House at each individual campus at the following times: **Sunday, October 11th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. & Tuesday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m.-12noon**

- Saint Matthew Catholic School (TK-5) at 11525 Elm Lane
- Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School (PK-8) at 4225 Shamrock Drive
- Saint Ann Catholic School (PK, TK-5) at 600 Hillside Avenue
- Saint Gabriel Catholic School (K-5) at 3028 Providence Road
- Saint Patrick Catholic School (K-5) at 1125 Buchanan Street
- Saint Mark Catholic School (K-8) at 14750 Stumptown Road, Huntersville

Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School (6-8): Sunday, October 18th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. & Tuesday, October 20th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at 3100 Park Road.

Charlotte Catholic High School (9-12): Sunday, October 25th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road.

Christ the King Catholic High School (9-12): Sunday, October 11th from 2:00-4:00p.m. at 2011 Crusader Way, Huntersville.

Pro-Life Ministry

Join us **every Sunday at 12 noon** in the chapel for the Respect Life Rosary. All are welcome. Questions about the St. Ann's Pro-Life Ministry, contact Andy Zorichak at azorichak@yahoo.com.

Pro-Life Mass on Saturday September 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. What better way to start off Carnival day at St Ann's by receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion!

There have been 386 babies saved in Charlotte this year as a direct result of the soldiers on the sidewalk, There are many wonderful stories, see Cities for Life Charlotte on Facebook for a few. As I have said before, and will not stop saying, the babies saved, and teen-age and adult souls saved did not happen from an empty sidewalk. **40 Days for Life Campaign starts September 23rd-November 1st.** Check out the 40 Days for Life website for more details.

Save the Date! St. Ann's will be participating in the **National Life Chain: Sunday, October 4th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Mark your Calendars!

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



Our parishioners: Verne Pauline W. Williams, Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Larry Guethlein, Helen Norton, Rocco Patane, Kathy & Dave Graves, & Pauline Williams. *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, Akeyla Ramey, Michael Keaton, Haleigh Keaton, Mark Weems and Joseph Yodzis (by Mary Margaret Yodzis), Yolanda & Hector Viscarra (parents of Susy Langlinois), 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. Grace Carlson, USN. Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC.

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.**

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 stannprayers@comporium.net or call Nancy Picciola 803-389-5530.

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.**

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 www.catholiccampus.com.**

Are you a **college student**? The **parent of a college student**? There are Catholic Campus Ministry programs at over ten colleges in our diocese. Check out www.catholiccampus.com to see what's available. Feel free to contact Sister Eileen Spanier, GNSH, and the campus minister for the Charlotte Area, with any questions: espangnsh@aol.com 704-717-7104.

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 Lindsey Westphal at lindseymwestphal@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.

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@charlottediocese.org.

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

The second reading tells us, "the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you to practice these traits in your marriage. **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.

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.

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who are struggling with problems in their marriage. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a problem. Others are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. These couples sometimes consider the **Retrouvaille** program their final option. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at retrouvaillenc@msn.com, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat for women and men to begin their healing journey. **The next retreat is in the Charlotte area October 9th-11th.** For information, please contact Shelley Glanton at 828-230-4940/ sglan1234@aol.com or Jennifer Ganser at 336-209-2161/ jmganser@charlottediocese.org, or visit: rachelsvineyard.org. Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

A Free Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course (with intro.) 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 marital sexuality, 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: Couple to Couple League:

Sympto-Thermal Method: A Natural Family Planning three class series will be taught for the **Fall, 2015: October 23rd, and November 20th**. All classes are Saturdays from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. 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

Diocesan Anniversary Celebration: If you are celebrating your Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this year, this is the last week to contact our church office if you wish to be included in the celebration. **The Mass will be held on Sunday, October 18th at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Mass begins at 2:00 p.m.** and will be followed by a reception. Names must be in this week, so don't delay, call today!

St. Philip Neri Church in Fort Mill, SC currently has two job openings: Bulletin/Website Editor & Receptionist/Assistant to Director of Faith Formation. Please refer to the SPN website (www.saintphilipneri.org) for complete job descriptions that may be accessed through links positioned near the bottom of the homepage. Consideration will only be given to resumes that are electronically submitted to both SPNJobOpenings@carolina.rr.com and stphilipneri@comporium.net.

Charlotte Lay Dominicans: You are invited to consider joining us on our journey to God in the footsteps of St. Dominic de Guzman as **lay Third Order members of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans)**. The Four Pillars of the Dominican Order are: Prayer, Study, Community, and Apostolate. Fr. Matthew Kauth is our Spiritual Advisor. We meet each month at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Charlotte. Visit our website for more information on the Dominican charism and how to contact us: charlottelaydominicans.org.

Tuesday, October 15th at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Fr. Frank O'Rourke will talk on "Keeping the Flame of Faith Alive in Our Hearts...Stories that Inspire". The cost is \$12 per person includes lunch. The checks are payable to Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte. Contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220 or email sabreakfield@charlottedioocese.org.

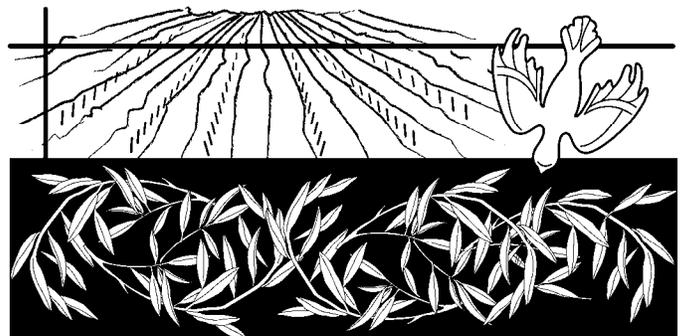
Get Your Tickets Now! Thomas International Center invites you to the Third annual *Spirit of St Nicholas Ball* with this year's special keynote speaker **His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke** Morning Panel Discussion at 9:30 on Saturday, **December 5, 2015.** *The Natural Moral Law, the Church & the World Today* Come, be a part of this historic event! **Registration & ticket information:** call 919-395-5990 or marychobbs@gmail.com.

The **Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, TN,** are holding their next *Jesu Caritas Weekends* on **October 2nd - 4th, and March 11-13, 2016.** Their next *Vocation Retreats* will be **January 6-10, 2016, and May 25-29, 2016.** For more information contact: Sr. Peter Marie at 615-256-0147 or vocation@op-tn.org.

A Day of Reflection on Tuesday, November 3rd at St. James Catholic Church in Hamlet, NC. Our Presenter is Sr. Mary Hugh Mauldin, RSM, MA. The title will be "God in My Life – My Life in God" The check-in begins at 10:00 a.m. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is at 12:10 p.m. The afternoon session begins at 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$7 per person. Contact Sandra Breakfield, Program Director Elder Ministry at 704-370-3220 or email sabreakfield@charlottedioocese.org.

MiraVia (formerly Room At The Inn) a non-profit, Catholic maternity and after-care program, cordially invites you to attend its **21st Annual Fundraising Banquet, "Witness For Life," on Thursday, October 22nd in the Crown Ball Room at the Charlotte Convention Center.** We welcome guest speaker, Austin Ruse, president of C-Fam (Center for Family & Human Rights), a participant in every major UN social policy debate since 1997 and ardent defender of the dignity of the human person. Our annual banquet generates about 30% of our operating funds for the year and helps us provide material and emotional assistance to pregnant mothers and children in need. Reserve your seat today at www.miraviabanquet21.eventbrite.com. For more information, to make reservations, or to host a table of eight to ten, please contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@me.com or info@mira-via.org by **October 10, 2015. Reservations are free, but REQUIRED.**

PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD: Care for Our Common Home: Join Fr. Pat Hoare for a reading and discussion group on the Holy Father's recent encyclical *Laudato Si!* Both a morning and an evening session will be offered to accommodate busy schedules! The discussion will occur in three parts: **September 24th: Chapters 5 and 6. The Morning Session will meet from 10:00-11:30 a.m. The evening session will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Both sessions will meet in the Parish Hall of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.** It is recommended that you read the chapters for the week's discussion prior to the meeting time, if possible. Copies of the encyclical are available for purchase in the Parish Bookstore and through the Faith Formation office. All are welcome! Call Jennifer Noto, Communications Chair, St. John Neumann Catholic Church 704-507-8251.



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.*