



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 6, 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 6th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Russell Lewis <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Katherine Marshall <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) 2:30 p.m. Café in use 6:30 p.m. Men's Club (Café & Kitchen)
Monday 7th	7:00 a.m. +Terry McGreevy <i>by Michael McGreevy</i>	4:30 p.m. Gym in use Church in use 4:45 p.m. Church closed 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) RCIA (Scout room)
Tuesday 8th <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:00 a.m. +Dorothy Storer <i>by Mary Ann Wolff</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i> 12:10 p.m. Intentions of Mary Margaret Lewis <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> 7:00 p.m. Missa Cantata Intentions of Pat Jordan <i>by Amy Herkert</i>	Parish Office Closed
Wednesday 9th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin +Marion Kaslikwski <i>by Marcy</i>	7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) Fraternus (Gym) Scouts CSS (Library) St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting (Conference room)
Thursday 10th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Henry Hoyt <i>by Steven & Trista Bremer & family</i>	10:00 a.m. The Bible Timeline (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Schola/Choir (Church) School (Gym & Café)
Friday 11th	8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Home-school (All rooms) Both Cry Rooms in the Church in use 10:00 a.m. Ceramics 12:30 p.m. Children's Prayer Time (Chapel)
Saturday 12th	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. +Dorothy Storer <i>by the Tran-Nguyen family</i>	8:00 a.m. Carmelites 9:00 a.m. Ceramics Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) 2:30 p.m. Café in use 3:30 p.m. Gym in use
Sunday 13th	8:00 a.m. +Thomas Bradley <i>by Nancy & Lou Picciola</i> 10:30 a.m. +Helen Buening <i>by St. Ann parish</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) Latin Group (Conference room) 3:00 p.m. Café in use



Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday, 08 December 2015, we will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, the patronal feast of our country. We will offer Masses at 7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. (English), and a 7 p.m. *Missa Cantata* (Latin). This is a *holy day of obligation*, so please make every effort to go to Mass that day. Following the 7 p.m. Mass will be our annual **Night for Life** with adoration from 8 p.m. – midnight. As we’ve done in years past, we will have a **Holy Hour of Reparation** for all sins against life from 11 p.m. – midnight. Please come pray with us and help make reparation for these terrible offenses to our Lord!

Also, December 8th is opening day of the extraordinary **Jubilee Year of Mercy** that I’ve mentioned several times from the pulpit in the past 6 weeks. Our Holy Father has stated that he hopes this year will be “a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God. It is indeed my wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective.”

To this end, a **Jubilee Indulgence** is being to all who have the desire of experiencing God’s mercy, “which comes to meet each person in the Face of the Father who welcomes and forgives, forgetting completely the sin committed.” “To experience and obtain the Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door, open in every Cathedral or in the churches designated by the Diocesan Bishop, and in the four Papal Basilicas in Rome, as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion.... It is important that this moment be linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy. It will be necessary to accompany these celebrations with the profession of faith and with prayer for [the Pope] and for the intentions that [he] bear[s] in [his] heart for the good of the Church and of the entire world.”

The Holy Father is also asking for a renewal of the practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy during this year. The Holy Father states, “The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us. Each time that one of the faithful personally performs one or more of these actions, he or she shall surely obtain the Jubilee Indulgence.”

Over the next few weeks, I will be providing suggestions for how we, as a parish, can celebrate this extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. There are tremendous graces available to us during this special year, and I hope we can make good use of them by seeking to receive God’s mercy for our sins, by practicing works of mercy with others, and by giving God thanks for His mercy.

In the mercy of Jesus,

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
728 registered families

November 22, 2015	12,548.85
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	330,472.31
YTD Budget:	313,707.66
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	16,764.65

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org



Pay It Forward With Hope,
Give Back With Gratitude

DSA 2015

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	93,061.50
Received:	84,596.12
Donors:	205

Thanks to your generous support we have exceed our goal for our 2015 Priest Retirement Collection! We will not be taking up a December collection for Priest Retirement - please disregard the envelope. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Priest Retirement:

Assessment:	28,055.62
Received:	35,473.82

December 6, 2015
2nd Sunday of Advent

You can make a significant gift to our parish that will cost you nothing during your lifetime. Consider including our parish as a beneficiary in your will.



Endowments for St. Ann's Parish:

Did you know that we have an endowment for both our parish and our school? These funds, established in 1999 for the parish and 2000 for the school, are for the general and pastoral needs of our parish and school and were established through the generosity of donors in our parish. If you would like to learn more about our endowment funds and 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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II: Zachary Johnson-Emily Lindsey
19 December, 2015 1:30 p.m.

Check out our website: StAnnCharlotte.org, and go to the **prayers/devotion section under "Resources."** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we are 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.

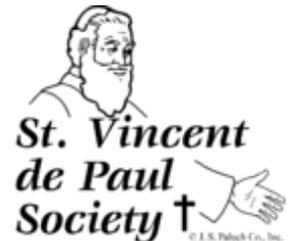


Some of the obstacles that keep us from "making a straight path" for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from

embracing stewardship as a way of life. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives and let go of the selfishness and greed that keep us from following God's will.

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month: The next collection is the weekend of **December 5th-6th, December 19th-20th, January 2nd-3rd, and January 16th-17th.**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. If you know a family who needs assistance contact the St Vincent de Paul Society so that together we can help the suffering and poor celebrate Christmas.



Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:
Monday, Dec. 7th for Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015
Monday, Dec. 14th for Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015
Wednesday, Dec. 16th for Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015
Tuesday, Dec. 22nd for Sunday, January 3, 2016



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Welcome to our parish family
Lana Kemble
Lawrence James Billarant
Louis Timothy Spisso

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

The St. Ann's Men's Club **Christmas Tree Sale** is on now! Come by and be the first to get the freshest tree of the season.



Angel Tree for Christmas: St. Ann's is sponsoring an angel tree to benefit the new Stanton Healthcare Charlotte Center for Women and MiraVia. Tags are hanging on a tree in the narthex with the items they wish to receive. Please consider taking a tag and placing your gift under the tree for others in need to enjoy this Christmas. Do not wrap any gifts but attach the tag that you take to the package you return. **We need all gifts turned on no later than Sunday, December 20th.** If you cannot bring them to the church on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of Advent, you may turn them into the office during regular business hours during the week.

St. Ann's Annual Attic & Bake Sale will be Saturday, February 6, 2016 As you are cleaning out closets and toy boxes to make room for new Christmas presents, please remember to save your items for the Annual Attic & Bake Sale at St. Ann's Church on Saturday, February 6th (Super Bowl Saturday). We accept *clean* used and/or new clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, linens, furniture, yard items, electronics, computers, books and any other items you need to get rid of. **We will also need volunteers starting around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5th to help set up the cafeteria in the Allen Center, price items and on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to help cashier and carry out items.** Middle and High School age kids can get service hours by helping us. We also need bakers to bake items for the Bake Sale. Any questions, please call Lorelle Grant at 704-357-0732 or email me at lorellegrant@gmail.com.

 The *Gaudium Musicae* concert series brings Irish songs, tunes, poetry, and story to St. Ann's with a traditional *Airneal*. Irish guitarist and singer Daithi Sproule joins the Raleigh-based duo Little Windows for a concert on **Friday, January 22, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** followed by a lively party in the Allen Center café. Tickets can be purchased online at www.StAnnCharlotte.org. Tickets per concert are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and \$30 for families per concert. *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.

Dive into the Ocean of God's Great Mercy. You are invited! The **Consoling the Heart of Jesus** Retreat is coming. You may have participated in Father Michael Gaitley's 33 Days to Morning Glory; a Consecration to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, or through St. Louis de Monfort's, True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Take the next step of Consecration to the Sacred Heart with the Retreat **Consoling the heart of Jesus**. There will be just 15 pages of reading and 4 questions to ponder weekly. It is a simple yet deeply profound journey. This 10 week retreat, using Father Michael Gaitley's DVD presentations, retreat book and materials will be **offered January 7, 2016 through March 10, 2016 on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Ann's in classrooms 1 and 2. Registration and signups will only be this weekend of December 5th and 6th, 2015!** Legion of Mary Members will be available after All Masses for this purpose. We are asking you now to check your calendars to see if you will be able to make this 10 week commitment. There will be NO signups or registrations before or after the designated weekend! Space is limited and this is first come first served! This is a serious commitment and you are asked to think and pray on it. The kit is \$15.00 and the book is \$5.00.



First Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Allen Center library (2nd floor). Childcare is not available, but infants are always welcome. Our next meetings are **Tuesday, January 5th and February 2nd.** Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at stannMWG@gmail.com. Go to www.motheringwithgrace.org for more details about the ministry of *MWG*.

We've now got some great on-line resources available to every member of our parish through a new program called **Formed**. In order to access these resources, go to: www.formed.org and click on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the homepage. You will be taken to page where you can enter a parish code to get access to the resources. **Our parish code is: Y6ZQ8M.** If you forget the code, you can always get it by calling our parish office. Once you've logged in under our parish code, you can create your personal profile and login. Our parish is paying an annual fee for this service, so please make use of this terrific resource!

The St. Ann's Parish **Fidelis** meets **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms 1 and 2.** Contact Sr. Mary Raphael, srmaryraphael@gmail.com for information. To register contact Mrs. Angela Williams, angiegirl67@yahoo.com.

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. Contact Byron at byco43@yahoo.com for information.

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.*

Fr. Reid invites **all members of the Angelic Warfare Confraternity** to come and pray our daily prayers together **first Thursday of each month after Confession at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.** Our prayers are beautiful and when prayed together are more powerful bringing many blessings to our membership and community.

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

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.

Babysitting will be offered the last Thursday of each month during confession times from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** by Melissa Lewis. Call Melissa at 704-287-8112 or email her at mmlewis28@yahoo.com.

St. Ann Cub Scout Pack 162 meets every first and third Wednesday's in the Allen Center café 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join Scouts! For information call Walter Kurtz 704-301-8864 or email wtkurtz@gmail.com.

Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Our Blessed Mother wants active and 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. **Our Lady of Fatima praesidium meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center.** Contact Eve Smith email evsmith1974@yahoo.com or phone: 704-280-4850.

IN NEED OF PRAYER? St. Ann's Prayer Group consists of volunteers who love to pray to God. In Jesus name they pray for healings, conversions, whatever the request. Call Nancy 803-389-5530 or email your request to stannprayers@comporium.net.

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

RCIA classes are on 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 have them call the parish office.

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 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.

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.

Ceramics is open **Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.** All are invited to come. Lots of molds available! It's time to think about making Christmas gifts: a Nativity set, statues, and more molds are available in our ceramic room. Stop by and check out our selections.

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

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

YOUNG ADULTS

Diocese of Charlotte Young Adult Ministry. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter please contact Mary Wright, Director of Campus and 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.**

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.catholicconcampus.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.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

Do you love Jesus? Do you want to learn how to love Him more deeply? Do you want Him to transform your life and the lives of your family and 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.**



Our parishioners:
Sarah Miller, Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Larry Guethlein, Helen Norton, Rocco Patane, Kathy and

Dave Graves.

Our friends and family: Ron York (brother-in-law of Carol Kuhn), Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), William Sirignano (grandfather of Aaron Condon), Bryan Williams, Jennifer Arnold and Mary Register (friends of Nancy Tota), Marlowe Regan (niece) and Marsha Bergmann (sister-in-law of Maryann and Ben Conrad), Tom Storer, Josh Duncan, Sara Lathan (neighbor to Robina and Bart Walker), Joel Rivera, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), and Frank Tamplin, Yolanda and Hector Viscarra (parents of Susy Langlinois), Don Cole (friend of Derek Gray), and Mark Weems (part of the Irish group coming in January).

Incarcerated: Adele Ceouse.

Our servicemen and servicewomen: Lance Corporal Joseph Fanning USMC and PFC John Michael Fanning USMC, and Lt. Grace Carlson, USN. Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC.

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.

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.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form)
Calendar for the Week of December 6th
through December 13th

Dec. 6	2nd Sunday of Advent - 1st class
Dec. 7	St. Ambrose - 3rd class
Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 1st class
Dec. 9	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
Dec. 10	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
Dec. 11	St. Damasus I - 3rd class
Dec. 12	Feria of Advent - 3rd class (USA) Our Lady of Guadalupe - 3rd class
Dec. 13	3rd Sunday of Advent - 1st Class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., and on select feast days. It has a distinct liturgical calendar listed below. Any schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.



Lighthouse Catholic Media: St. Maximilian

Kolbe and the Problem of Freemasonry: In this informative presentation, Dr. Mark Miravalle, professor of Theology and Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, uncovers the roots of Freemasonry and explains why the Catholic Church has condemned it since its inception in the 18th century. He describes the mission of St. Maximilian Kolbe and how this great saint, through the intercession of Mary, battled this movement against the Church. 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 and enter **St. Ann's Code: 33769.**

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.

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

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 and a priest/spiritual counselor) meets monthly to share a meal, prayer, scripture, and a discussion. Teams provide a solid, spiritual direction for couples through a way of life promoting growth in married love, holiness, and Christian community. If you're interested in a great opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and your spouse, contact Tom and Danielle Mathis at 704-541-0858 or tmathis3@me.com.

Today St. Paul prays for the Lord to increase our love for one another so that it may abound and he reminds us that we should live our lives to please God. Does your life and marriage reflect this? For more information call 704-315-2144 or visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>.

Lifeline for Marriage: **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital disillusionment and misery. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a **weekend on February 12-14, 2016** call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

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.

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat for women and men to begin their healing journey. 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: rachelvineyard.org. Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

Natural Family Planning: Couple to Couple

League: Sympto-Thermal Method: All classes are Saturdays 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. 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

Parish Penance Services 2015

Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. at

St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke

Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. at

St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter

Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel

Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. at

St. John Neumann

St. Ann's has Confessions every Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and every Saturday from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

6th Annual Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference will be Saturday, February 27, 2016. Details available at www.clctmc.org.

Share in The Celebration of the Holy Mass in Honor of Our Lady, La Virgen de Guadalupe! The Parish Community of Saint John Neumann invites everyone to **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. On Saturday, December 12th, at 6:00 a.m. Rosary in Spanish led by our children to Mass in Spanish will follow at 7:00AM. The rosary in English led by our children to start at 4:00 p.m. Mass will follow in English at 5:00 p.m. Any rose or flowers bought will be placed on the altar by our ushers. We invite you to come dressed in your native/ national wear! We especially encourage the children to come join us dressed for the opening procession of each Mass! After each Mass we invite everyone to our Parish Hall for fellowship, food and fun! For more information contact communications@4sjnc.org or 704-536-6520.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) invites all women of St. Ann's to the December Morning Reflection on **Monday, December 14th at 9:00-11:30 a.m.** at St Vincent de Paul Church, 6828 Old Reid Rd., Charlotte, 28210. Fr. Don Ward, is our guest speaker. In addition all women of St. Ann's are invited to the **CCWG Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 19th at 8:30-11:30 a.m.** at St Matthew Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, 28277. Father Patrick Winslow is our guest speaker. Register for one or both events on the website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org. Find us on www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup and Twitter: [@CCWG_CLTDiocese](https://twitter.com/CCWG_CLTDiocese).

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.

St. Peter Catholic Church in Uptown Charlotte, in unison with our Holy Father's call for a Jubilee Year of Mercy, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday through Saturday during Advent. **The Jesuit Priests of St. Peter offer Reconciliation now through December 23rd: Weekdays 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. and Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 .pm. And Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.**

A Cathedral Christmas Concert at The Cathedral of Saint Patrick invites you to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas with a choral concert on **Friday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral. Enjoy musical selections from Francesco Durante and Marc-Antoine Charpentier, all sung by the Cathedral's adult and children's choirs. The event is free and open to the public. Join us as we celebrate the joy of the season.

Healing the Family: As the Catholic Church begins the Year of Mercy, the Cathedral of Saint Patrick will host a **special two day parish mission** on how people can heal after traumatic experiences of loss and grief. Presenter, Dr. Theresa Burke, will provide practical tips on how to open our hearts and family history to God's mercy. Dr. Burke is author and the founder of Rachel's Vineyard. The parish mission is open to all and will be held on **Saturday, December 12th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, December 13th from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Free babysitting is available and dinner will be provided as part of the sessions. For more information, visit www.stpatrick.org.

Charlotte Catholic High School wrestling team is looking for volunteers and sponsors to support their annual wrestling invitational **Holy Angels Battle at the Bo** on January 1st and 2nd, 2016 at Bojangles Arena. All proceeds from the invitational support Holy Angels, Belmont, NC. Holy Angels, a Sisters of Mercy charity providing loving and caring round-the-clock for children and adults with intellectual developmental disabilities and delicate medical conditions. For information visit: <http://bit.ly/1LmdNoo> and like us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/HolyAngelsInvitational>.

The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College is having their annual **Keep Christ in Christmas Sale now through Wednesday, December 23rd**. Take advantage of our new and approved extended hours this year: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Mention you read about us in the bulletin and **take 20% off a single item of your choice!** Call 704-461-5100. Find us on facebook to learn more about additional sales and promotions.

Oplaky Blessed Christmas Wafers: The Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the Oplatek or Christmas Wafer at your Christmas Eve Wigilia, Villis, Kucios, "Feliz Navidad" or dinner can be rekindled. **Orders for the wafers will be taken till December 23rd. Cost will be \$1.00 per wafer and you can state your quantity.** Call Helen Collins, St. Gabriel's parishioner, at 704-365-1161 or e-mail: helencollins@carolina.rr.com. Proceeds go to church charity to help a needy family this holiday season.

Advent Revival: Rev. Dr. Maurice Nutt, Director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in LA, will be giving three extraordinary nights of preaching and singing at a revival to be held here at **Our Lady of Consolation on Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.** for "I'm next in Line For My Blessing" , Mark 7 :24-30, **Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.** for: "The Sifting of the Saints" Luke 22: 31-32 and **Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.** for "You need a Hook Up" Mark 9: 14-29. Members of the Perpetual Hope Gospel choir will be leading the singing.

10th Annual March For Life Charlotte! January 15, 2016. The day will begin with a *Mass for the Unborn* at 9:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese of Charlotte. At 12:00 p.m. we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. Casey Coleman, Parochial Vicar of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Charlotte, NC will preach. Then march to the court house at 401 W. Trade St. where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives! See schedule details at www.marchforlifecharlotte.org**

REMINDERS

Let's be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:



If you are approached by panhandlers 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!*

33 Hours of Adoration

Adoration begins Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. through Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. *All are welcome.*

Adorers: please share 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.*

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.

The Airport Chaplaincy at Charlotte Douglas Airport offers two Masses on Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 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.*



All people shall see the salvation of God

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

*Please 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** and *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.**

As you come into the church, please keep in mind that we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Also make sure to lock your cars and trucks. Either keep your personal items with you in church or lock them in your trunk. *This is for your safety.*

To All Parents with Infants and Small Children

One of the most beautiful blessings of our Parish is that we have so many babies and 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.*

Outdoor Speakers

We have outdoor speakers for those whose small children are too loud for the cry rooms or narthex. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners if your children are making a lot of noise.