



November 29, 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 align="center"><b>Sunday Mass Schedule</b>  Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m.  8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.;  <b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form:</b> 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Weekday Masses</b>  Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m.  Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form)  Friday: 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Adoration</b>  Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through  Wednesday 5:00 p.m.  Holy Hour:  Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Reconciliation</b>  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
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Frank Duff <i>by the Legion of Mary</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Colleen Condon Thames <i>by Mary &amp; Aaron Condon</i> <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> Our parish family	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
<b>Monday 30th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Dorothy Storer <i>by Mary Nguyen</i>	4:30 p.m. Gym in use   Church in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance (Gym)   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 6:30 p.m. Pro-Life Meeting (Café) 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Conference room)   RCIA (Scout room)
<b>Tuesday 1st</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Jim Gooley <i>by Kim &amp; Sallie Catalano</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Solemn High Requiem Mass +Gordon L. Reid <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics 1:00 p.m. CSS (Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Mothering With Grace (Library)
<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Holy Hour</i> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> +Josephine Peterson <i>by Tracey Peterson</i>	6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Café) 7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2)   Scouts   CSS (Library)
<b>Thursday 3rd</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Gordon Reid <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	10:00 a.m. The Bible Timeline (Scout room) 6:30 p.m. Schola/Choir (Church) 7:00 p.m. Fraternal (Gym)
<b>Friday 4th</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> 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) 5:00 p.m. Chapel closed 6:00 p.m. Married 20-Something's Event (Dolce Ristorante)
<b>Saturday 5th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions</i> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Intentions of John F. Lauer <i>by the Lauer family</i>	9:00 a.m. Servers (Church)   Ceramics   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Russell Lewis <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i> <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> +Katherine Marshall <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:30 p.m. Café in use 6:30 p.m. Men's Club (Café & Kitchen)

*I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. -- Jeremiah 33:15*



Dear Parishioners,

Today begins the beautiful season of Advent, our period of prayerful and penitential preparation for the great feast of Christmas. As we enter into what is a busy time of year from a secular perspective, let us take time to truly prepare for the coming of our Lord. I encourage you to meditate silently on the rich mysteries of our faith that unfold before us this time of the year, especially by going to Adoration. I also encourage you to go to confession. By trying to live in the true spirit of Advent rather than giving in to all the pressures of the secular world, we will be better disposed to greet that new morning of faith that Christ's coming heralds.

As part of your Advent preparation, I want to encourage you to pray the "**Christmas Prayer**," which is to be prayed 15 times/day, from November 30<sup>th</sup> until Christmas Day. While this prayer can be prayed for any intention, I encourage you to pray it for any loved ones who may be away from God or the Church:

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.*

Also, I invite you to attend a very special Mass this Tuesday, 01 December 2015, at 7 p.m. I will be offering a **Solemn High Requiem Mass** for the repose of the soul of my father. The music for the Mass will be Cristobal Morales' Requiem, which is a gorgeous piece of music that is perfect for such a solemn event. I am particularly happy that my mother will be in attendance on Tuesday evening.

Lastly, in this weekend following Thanksgiving it is important for us as a parish to give thanks for the many blessings showered upon our community. Of course we are grateful for our new mural and the beauty of our church. But more importantly we should give thanks for our beautiful Catholic faith, through which God endeavors to save us and draw us closer to Himself. May we always live in a manner worthy of the promises of Christ!

In joyful anticipation of the Christ Child's coming,

Fr. Reid

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
738 registered families

<b>November 15, 2015</b>	<b>23,168.00</b>
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	317,923.46
YTD Budget:	298,769.20
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>19,154.26</b>

**Give Electronically at**  
**www.StAnnCharlotte.org**



Pay It Forward With Hope,  
Give Back With Gratitude

**DSA 2015**

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	92,162.00
Received:	83,442.00
Donors:	205

**Our assessment for the Priest Retirement is \$28,055.62.** Those who were unable to give last week may still put a contribution in the regular collection any time. There are additional envelopes available in the parish office for those who did not receive one in the mail.

**Priest Retirement:**

Assessment:	28,055.62
Received:	33,102.82

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.

*November 29, 2015*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*The spirit of giving is strongest as Christmas approaches. You can make that wonderful spirit last by giving a gift to our endowment.*



**WEDDING BANNERS**  
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*I: Zachary Johnson-Emily Lindsey*  
*19 December, 2015 1:30 p.m.*

Check out our website: [StAnnCharlotte.org](http://StAnnCharlotte.org), and go to the **prayers/devotion section under “Resources.”** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms 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.



*We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge as*

*Christians is to make good use of those gifts.*

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.**

**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](mailto:jmsmith@charlottediocese.org).

**Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:**

- Tuesday, Dec. 1st for Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015
- Monday, Dec. 7th for Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015**
- Tuesday, Dec. 15th for Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015
- Wednesday, Dec. 16th for Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015**

*As we begin Advent we are called to “wait” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Whenever the needy call on our parish for help, they are, in effect, calling on you. Your gift will help the poor celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.*



## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



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](http://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.

The St. Ann's Parish **Fidelis** Chapter for young ladies ages 11-18 meets **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the gym**. Contact Sr. Mary Raphael, [srmaryraphael@gmail.com](mailto:srmaryraphael@gmail.com) for information.

To register contact Mrs. Angela Williams, [angiegirl67@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:byco43@yahoo.com) for information.

**Are You "20 Something" And Married? We'd Love To Meet You!** Come out and enjoy fun, food, faith, friendship with Fr. Reid and other young marrieds of our parish. **Friday, December 4th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, Dolce Ristorante's front patio located at 1710 Kenilworth Ave. Questions / RSVP: Teresa: [tdsanc6@bellsouth.net](mailto:tdsanc6@bellsouth.net). By December 1st.



**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, December 1st and January 5th**. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at [stannMWG@gmail.com](mailto:stannMWG@gmail.com). Go to [www.motheringwithgrace.org](http://www.motheringwithgrace.org) for more details about the ministry of *MWG*.

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.



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 on the 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.

We've now got some great on-line resources available to every member of our parish through a new program called **Formed**. This online program includes a variety of free resources, including on-line books, movies, podcasts, and faith formation programs for people of all ages. In order to access these resources, go to: [www.formed.org](http://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!

**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. Email your request to [stannpray\\_ers@comporium.net](mailto:stannpray_ers@comporium.net) or call Nancy Picciola 803-389-5530.

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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

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

*Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor  
before the throne of God, pray for us.*

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**. If you are interested contact Heidi Clark, 704-504-5948 or email [hclark12@carolina.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:wtkurtz@gmail.com).

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.**

**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.

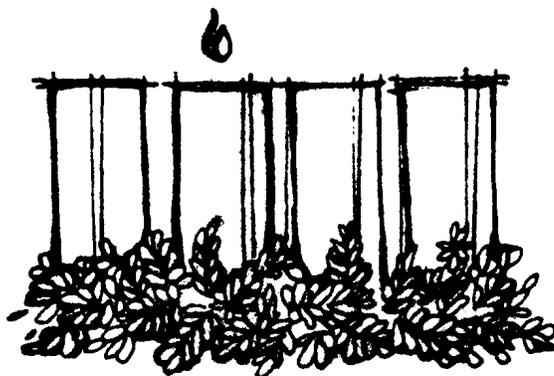
**Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ:** Our Blessed Mother wants active and auxiliary members to join her Legion. Assist in waging war against the enemy by winning souls for the Crucified Christ! Join a nearly 100-year-old lay apostolate movement founded on a profound devotion to Our Lady. **Our Lady of Fatima praesidium meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center.** Contact Eve Smith email [evesmith1974@yahoo.com](mailto:evesmith1974@yahoo.com) or phone: 704-280-4850.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

**St. Ann Home School Group** liaison is Katherine Lauer. To contact Katherine for information on Home School [katherinetlauer@gmail.com](mailto:katherinetlauer@gmail.com) or 704-898-7323.

**Support St. Ann School! Link your *Harris Teeter VIC Card*** to St. Ann School #1931 at the register or by calling 1-800-432-6111. St. Ann also earns 1% on purchases made with a Target Debit or Credit Red Card. Link yours on the Take Charge of Education website [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe).

**Saint Ann Catholic School** is excited about our upcoming **Book Fair**. An amazing selection of books, for children and adults, is headed our way! At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids as well as books of interest to parents. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to come and shop at the book fair located in the Saint Ann School Media Center. If you don't have time to stop by, check out our Book Fair Website and shop online. <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stanncatholicschool1>. The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone in the family excited about reading. It's also a great place to get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

**LATIN MASS CORNER**

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form)  
Calendar for the Week of November 29th  
through December 6th

Nov. 29	1st Sunday of Advent - 1st Class
Nov. 30	St. Andrew - 2nd class
Dec. 1	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
Dec. 2	St. Vivian - 3rd class
Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier - 3rd class or Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3rd class
Dec. 4	St. Peter Chrysologus - 3rd class or Sacred Heart of Jesus - 3rd class
Dec. 5	Feria of Advent - 3rd class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
Dec. 6	2nd 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.

**MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN**



*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 Regester (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 Langlinais), 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.  
*For the repose of the soul* of Molly Walton, mother of Diane Stocker, who died on November 15, 2015.

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



**The Right Perspective:**  
Father Mitch is a priest of the

Society of Jesus, a highly respected scripture scholar and author, a regular host of EWTN Television and Radio, and the founder and president of Ignatius Productions—a catholic teaching and media apostolate. Listen as Fr. Pacwa describes the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith while explaining the perspective that Catholics ought to have in their relation to and with God. Your \$3 donation per CD will help to bring in more of these great talks on the Beauty of the Catholic Faith. Want to get the Newest & Never before Released CD sent to the yourself or a loved one? **Go to: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub) 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](mailto:azorichak@yahoo.com).

## MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

### Married Couples: Teams of Our Lady

[www.teamsofourlady.org](http://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](mailto:tmathis3@me.com).

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. For more information call 704-315-2144 or visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>.

4 Stages of Marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three stages, but those that end in divorce never make it to the fourth stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about this vital part of marriage. Contact **Retrouvaille** if your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or 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](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://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](http://ccdoc.org/nfp) or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or [bnadcock@charlottediocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:sglan1234@aol.com) or Jennifer Ganser at 336-209-2161/ [jmganser@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jmganser@charlottediocese.org), or visit: [rachelvineyard.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:espangnsh@aol.com) 704-717-7104.

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

### Parish Penance Services 2015

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at

St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke

Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at

St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel

Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 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 to

## 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](http://www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org).

Find us on [www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup)

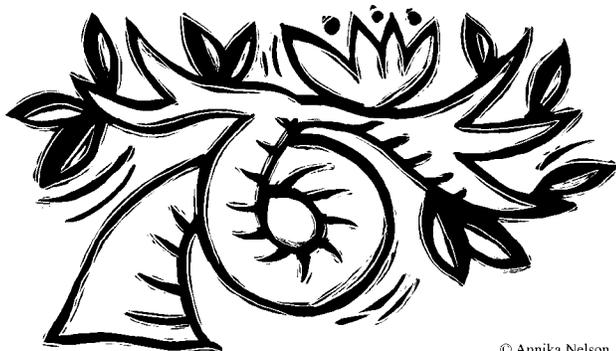
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**Charlotte Lay Dominicans:** You are invited to consider joining us on our journey to God in the footsteps of St. Dominic de Guzman as **lay Third Order members of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans)**. The Four Pillars of the Dominican Order are: 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](http://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 November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup>: Weekdays 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. and Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 .pm. And Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**On Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>,** Thomas International Center invites you to the Third annual ***Spirit of St Nicholas Ball*** at **7:00 p.m.** with this year's special keynote speaker, **His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke** Morning Panel Discussion at 9:30 a.m. *The Natural Moral Law, the Church and the World Today*. Get your tickets now! Registration and ticket info: [www.stnicholasball.com](http://www.stnicholasball.com). More information: [www.ticenter.net](http://www.ticenter.net) or call 919-395-5990 [marychobbs@gmail.com](mailto:marychobbs@gmail.com).

The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College is having their annual **Keep Christ in Christmas Sale now through Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** for: "The Sifting of the Saints" Luke 22: 31-32 and **Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.*



**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.