



December 27, 2015



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**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.

**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.*

<p><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><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><b>Adoration</b>          Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.          Holy Hour:          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><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**

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<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Mike Mullen <i>by Gerri Hillis</i> <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> Intentions of the Rosamond family <i>by Marcy</i>	9:20 a.m. Baptism (Church) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
<b>Monday 28th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Fr. Jack Billar <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	4:00 p.m. Gym in use 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)
<b>Tuesday 29th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Sister Marie Jeanette <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics
<b>Wednesday 30th</b>	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Holy Hour</i> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>English</b> Intentions for St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones	7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2)   Scouts   CSS (Library)
<b>Thursday 31st</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> +Frances McGreevy <i>by Michael McGreevy</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Parish Office Closed</i></p>
<b>Friday 1st</b> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Intentions for all parish families who help other families <b>10:15 a.m.</b> <i>Confessions</i> <b>12 noon</b> <b>Latin</b> Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Parish Office Closed</i></p>
<b>Saturday 2nd</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions</i> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Ceramics   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 5:00 p.m. Gym in use
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Bebe Baeten <i>by Baeten &amp; Schrum families</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Fr. Reid <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> In Thanksgiving <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)



*Beloved, we are God's children now;  
 what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
 -- 1 John 3:2a*





Dear Parishioners,

As we come to the end of another year and celebrate this beautiful feast day in honor of the Holy Family, I want to thank all of you, the St. Ann's parish family, for all you have done this past year. With my father's illness, the commuting back and forth to Indiana, and Dad's death in late October, not to mention the extra work that the mural and starting several new ministries has entailed, this has been a difficult for year for me personally. I realize that I have not been as available to you this year as I would normally like to be, nor have I always been in the greatest of moods. As I ask your forgiveness for my shortcomings and failures of this past year, I also want to sincerely thank you for being such a wonderful parish family. You have given me so much love and support in my

time of need, and I am truly indebted to you.

While this has been a difficult year for me, it's been a wonderful year for our parish on many levels. We have added to the beauty of our parish with our new mural, which would never have come to fruition without your generosity. We've also started several new ministries that have already borne much fruit in our parish. Both of our newly formed youth groups: *Fraternus* and *Fidelis* are thriving, and our new Hospitality Committee has been a tremendous help for all of our parish celebrations. We also cannot overlook the efforts of our Stewardship Committee, under whose initiatives we've seen a hearty growth in the time, talent, and treasure being given to St. Ann's! Many thanks for giving so generously to our parish!

I am also so very grateful for your generosity and many kindnesses to me. Every year I am so touched by your gifts and acts of charity toward me. I am most especially thankful for your prayers. Please be assured of my earnest and grateful prayers for all of you this Christmas Season!

Please bear in mind that Friday, 01 January 2016, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and it is a holy day of obligation. We will have Masses on Thursday, 31 December 2015, at 6 p.m. (English), and Friday, 01 January 2016 at 9 a.m. (English) and noon (Latin). Once again this year I will be offering confessions from 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us for one of these Masses!

Wishing you a joyous and blessed new year,  
Fr. Reid

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**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
728 registered families

<b>December 13, 2015</b>	<b>20,050.00</b>
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	380,079.13
YTD Budget:	358,523.04
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>21,556.09</b>
Religious Retirement:	4,106.00

**Give Electronically at**  
**[www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org)**



Pay It Forward With Hope,  
Give Back With Gratitude

Only a few weeks left to fulfill your DSA pledge. Our ministries and our parish are counting on you. If you have not yet contributed, you can make a one-time donation online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa).

Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own needs.

**DSA 2015**

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	93,326.50
Received:	86,656.12
Donors:	207

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:	36,197.46

**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).

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 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.



*In our daily lives, we manage our family and work responsibilities. But to become occupied with these important matters to the exclusion of the need of others*

*outside our home or work, is a mistake we could carry into eternity.*

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 **January 2nd-3rd, and January 16th-17th, and February 6th-7th.**

*Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. Thank you for your gifts to the poor.*



**Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:**

- Tuesday, Jan. 5th for Sunday, January 10, 2016
- Tuesday, Jan. 12th for Sunday, January 17, 2016
- Tuesday, Jan. 19th for Sunday, January 24, 2016
- Tuesday, Jan. 26th for Sunday, January 31, 2016

*December 27, 2015  
Holy Family*

*As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, let us take time to reflect on our Church family and how we can show our gratitude through a planned gift for our parish.*





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*Welcome to our parish family  
Landan Attix Kresak*

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

### Gaudium Musicae

"The Joy of Music"

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 and classrooms 1 and 2**. Contact Sr. Mary Raphael, [rmmaryraphael@gmail.com](mailto:rmmaryraphael@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.



**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](mailto:stannMWG@gmail.com). Go to [www.motheringwithgrace.org](http://www.motheringwithgrace.org) for more details about the ministry of *MWG*.



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### 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 6<sup>th</sup> (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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lorellegrant@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars! **Parish Lenten Mission**  
**February 13th-16th, 2016.**

Preached by: Opus Sanctorum Angelorum

You are invited! The **Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat** is coming. 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**. The materials are offered on the [formed.org](http://formed.org) which St. Ann Catholic Church offers to all parishioners. With the materials offered online you can sign up for this class and download all the materials. Please contact Heidi Clark at [hclark12@carolina.rr.com](mailto:hclark12@carolina.rr.com), 704-504-5948 or Eve Smith [evesmith1974@yahoo.com](mailto:evesmith1974@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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!

## 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.** The 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).

**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).

**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.

**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](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@yahoo.com](mailto:holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoo.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.

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

**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.

## Mary, Mother of God



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## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) are accepting applications for new students for the 2016-17 school year at all schools and for all grades. **The Early Admission Round ends January 15<sup>th</sup> for high school applicants, and January 31<sup>st</sup> for PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade applicants.** Please visit the MACS website at [www.macs-schools.com/macs/admissions/applications](http://www.macs-schools.com/macs/admissions/applications) for applications and more admissions information. For school locations and additional information, call the MACS Admissions Office at 704-370-3273 or visit our website [www.macs-schools.com](http://www.macs-schools.com).

**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).

## LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the Week of December 27th through January 3rd

December 27	Sunday within the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
December 28	Holy Innocents - 2nd class
December 29	5th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
December 30	6th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
December 31	7th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
January 1	Octave Day of Christmas - 1st class
January 2	Saturday of Our Lady - 4th class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
January 3	Holy Name of Jesus - 2nd 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 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 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.



**Lighthouse Catholic Media: Confirmation: The Sacrament of Evangelization and Martyrdom.** Today there is oftentimes a misconception of what the Sacrament of Confirmation is actually for or how it affects our lives. In this talk, Dr. Brant Pitre invites us to better understand the tremendous graces and calling received through this sacrament. He points to various passages in scripture which provide a historical foundation and, through bold witness, challenges us to willingly surrender our lives to Christ. Dr. Brant Pitre is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LAY our \$3 donation per CD will help to bring in more of these great talks on the Beauty of the Catholic Faith. **Go to: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub) and enter code: 33769.**

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.**

## 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).

As we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas let us live in his love in all we do, especially in our marriage relationship. For more information call 704-315-2144 or visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>.

**Stress in Your Marriage?** Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. This program has helped many couples experiencing such difficulties. 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).

**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: [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org). Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

## 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.catholiccampus.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:espangnsh@aol.com) 704-717-7104.

### 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).

**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).

## 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).



### Jubilee Year of Mercy December 27, 2015

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Imagine: three New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year; December 8, the Jubilee Year of Mercy; this coming Friday, the New Year 2016. In today's Gospel, after three days of anguish, Mary tells Jesus how desperately she and Joseph have been searching for him. Mary could be speaking for the whole human race. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2016, let our New Year's resolution be to live the Jubilee Year of Mercy by being for others, as Mary was, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**Charlotte Catholic High School** wrestling team needs 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>.

**Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG)** invites all women of St. Ann's to the January Morning Reflection on **Monday, January 11th at 9:00-11:30 a.m.** at St Vincent de Paul Church, 6828 Old Reid Rd., Charlotte, 28210. Fr. Casey Coleman, is our guest speaker. Register on the website: [www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org](http://www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org). Find us on [www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup](http://www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup) and Twitter: [@CCWG\\_CLTDiocese](https://twitter.com/CCWG_CLTDiocese).

**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)***

**St. Gabriel's Men's Club having its first Oyster Roast and Winter Music Jam on Saturday Evening, January 23, 2016.** Oysters, Low Country Boil, Peel and Eat Shrimp and Refreshments are on the menu for adults, hot dogs burgers will be available for children. We are making tickets available for ordering online: [stgabesoysterroast.eventbrite.com](http://stgabesoysterroast.eventbrite.com). We are hoping for a large pre sell of tickets online for 2 reasons: Oysters are perishable, we will not have a weather date after all, the event will move to the school cafeteria. We are hoping for a big turnout and don't want to run out of food or space. It will be outdoors in a heated tent if too cold.

**6th Annual Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference will be Saturday, February 27, 2016.** Details available at [www.clctmc.org](http://www.clctmc.org).

**Carolina Catholic Chorale: Orchestral Mass on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> the Feast of the Epiphany at St Thomas Aquinas 7:00 p.m.** The Carolina Catholic Chorale will sing Mozart's *Spetzen-Messe* in a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form. (The Mass is open to the public at no charge). For more information on the Chorale, please see: <http://carolinacatholicchorale.weebly.com/>

**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).

**Diocese of Charlotte official Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome, Siena, Assisi and Nettuno:** Walk through the Doors of Mercy! Join your Diocesan family on a once-in-a-lifetime **Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome, Siena, Assisi, and Nettuno**, 10-days, **October 12-21, 2016**. Only \$3,299 from Charlotte (CLT), plus \$650 in airport taxes, security fees, and current fuel surcharges, as well as \$150 in tips. Under the spiritual direction of Fr. Michael Kottar of St. Mary Help of Christians Parish in Shelby and Fr. Carmen Malacari of Holy Spirit Church in Denver. Please visit [www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Charlotte](http://www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Charlotte) to download the brochure and registration form. For more information contact Mrs. Jean Judge at 704-487-7697 or send an email to [jmjudge@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jmjudge@charlottediocese.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.*



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**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.