



January 3, 2016



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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)*

*Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.*

**Parish Office Hours**

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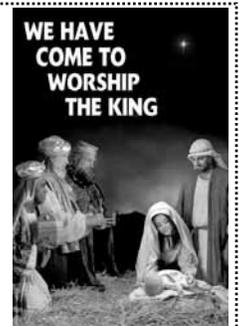
**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN**

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<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Bebe Baeten by Baeten & Schrum families <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Fr. Reid <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> In Thanksgiving by Virginia Doman	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
<b>Monday 4th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist by the Craig Lewis family	4:00 p.m. Gym in use 4:30 p.m. Church in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance (Gym)   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room)   Legion of Mary (Conference room)
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> In thanksgiving for the family by Elisabeth Kudawoo <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics 1:00 p.m. CSS (Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Mothering With Grace (Library)   Bible Timeline (Scout room)
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> <b>No Holy Hour &amp; No 6:00 p.m. Mass</b>	6:30 p.m. Café in use 7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2)   Scouts   CSS (Library)
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Rev. Paul Chaplain by Darlene & Derek Gray	10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 7:00 p.m. Fraternal (Gym)
<b>Friday 8th</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Private Intentions by Fr. Reid	8:30 a.m. Home school (All rooms & Cry rooms) 10:00 a.m. Ceramics 12:30 p.m. Chapel in use
<b>Saturday 9th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> Confessions <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Intentions of Sister Judy Monahan	9:00 a.m. Ceramics   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Roma Eidson by the Sullivan family <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> Intention of Herb Thurlow by Vicki Davey	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)



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*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
 Your light has come,  
 the glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
 -- Isaiah 60:1*





Dear Parishioners,

In this new year set aside by the Church to celebrate our Lord's mercy, our parish is going to focus on practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, while also striving to grow in the virtues. In his letter announcing the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** and the plenary indulgences that can be gained in this year, Pope Francis asked for a renewal of the practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy during this year. The Holy Father wrote: "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." Thus, each month of this Jubilee Year we will focus on one or two of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, as well as a particular virtue that we will strive to

develop. In this first month of the year, we will focus on the virtue of **humility**, and our work of mercy will be **forgiving all injuries**. Throughout the course of this month, I invite you to practice the virtue of humility and to strive earnestly to forgive anyone who has hurt you.

Humility is the virtue that recognizes our total dependence on God, and thereby opposes the vice of pride. Saints have referred to it as the root of all virtue because without humility, none of the other virtues can flourish. Humility is not a matter of thinking about yourself in a low way, but a matter of not thinking about yourself at all. Through the virtue of humility we become receptive to God's grace, and many of the obstacles that block us from God are thereby removed. In this way humility helps to prepare us for Heaven. While humility is not the greatest virtue, it is the necessary seed that enables all the other virtues to grow.

In this month of January we see humility extolled most especially in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we celebrated as the Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and whose humility we see in all the great feasts of this Christmas Season. We all see it embodied in January saints such as St. Thomas Aquinas (January 28<sup>th</sup>) and St. Paul, whose conversion (which we honor on January 25<sup>th</sup>) required great humility.

As regards **forgiving all injuries**, it seems appropriate that as we begin this jubilee year in which we are seeking God's mercy, we should begin by offering mercy to those who have hurt us. A good spiritual exercise is to think of all those who have hurt you, and then to offer some special prayers for each of them at Adoration. Remember that forgiving others is an act of the will more than it is a feeling. We can choose to forgive, even if we are still struggling with feelings of anger. Oftentimes it is necessary to make many acts of the will to forgive those who have hurt us before we begin to "feel" like we've forgiven them. Doing acts of penance or making sacrifices for those who have hurt us can also bring us the grace of forgiveness.

In the joy of our merciful Christ Child,  
Fr. Reid

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
728 registered families

<b>December 20, 2015</b>	<b>20,202.25</b>
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	400,281.38
YTD Budget:	373,461.50
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>26,819.88</b>

**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:	87,770.24
Donors:	207

Thanks to your generous support we have exceed our goal for our 2015 Priest Retirement Collection! Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**Priest Retirement:**

Assessment:	28,055.62
Received:	36,620.82

**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.



*The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My*

*time in prayer? My participation in my parish community? My generosity?*

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 we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.*

**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

*January 3, 2015  
Epiphany of the Lord  
Make passing on your Catholic heritage your first resolution of the New Year. Your planned gift to our parish makes you an eternal steward of our Church.*

**For more information visit our website at**  
**[www.charlottediocese.org/giving](http://www.charlottediocese.org/giving)**

**and follow the link to planned.**



## 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 Raleigh-based duo Little Windows for a concert on **Friday, January 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** followed by a lively party for all ticket holders in the Allen Center café, featuring live Irish music by Diarmuid O'Sullivan and Friends. Advance tickets can be purchased online at [www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org) until January 19, 2016 at the regular Gaudium Musicae concert rate \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and \$30 for families per concert. Children 12 years old and under are free. After January 19th, tickets sold at the parish office and at the door will be \$20 for adults, \$12 for students and \$60 for families. *Take advantage of the savings and buy your tickets early!*

As part of our parish stewardship, please consider helping out. *Sponsors and volunteers are needed!* If you would like to offer a monetary gift OR an in-kind donation of food for the party OR lodging rewards for a hotel to put up our Irish guests, 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, [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.

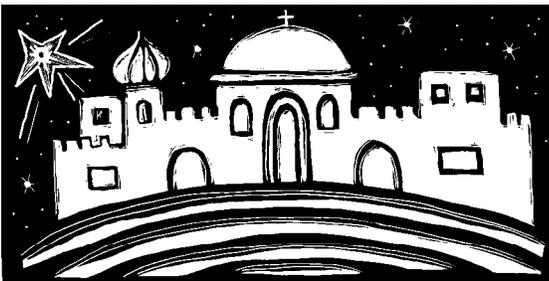
You are invited! The **Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat** is coming. This 10 week retreat, using Father Michael Gaitley's DVD presentations, retreat book and materials will be offered **January 7, 2016 through March 10, 2016 on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Ann's in classrooms 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.

**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).



**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*.

Mark your calendars! **Parish Lenten Mission**  
**February 13th-16th, 2016.**  
Preached by: Opus Sanctorum Angelorum



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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.

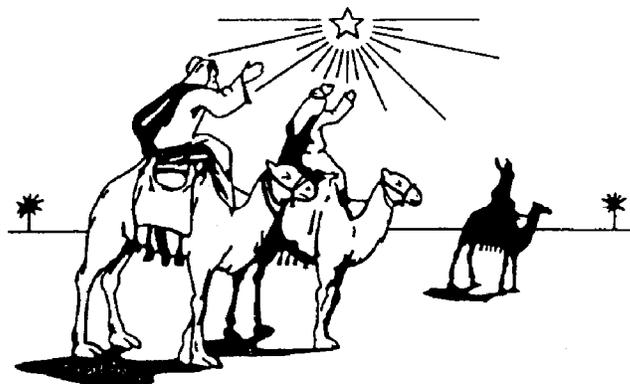
**Holy Family Playgroup:** Building relationships with mothers and children of all ages in the parish, provides support and a catholic environment for socialization and play. **Playtime is usually Friday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at various locations during the school year.** Questions? Call Melissa Lewis at 704-287-8112 subscribe to our group at [holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@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.

**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.



## 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 January 3rd through January 10th

January 3	Holy Name of Jesus - 2nd class
January 4	Feria of Christmastide - 4th class or (USA) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - 4th class
January 5	Feria of Christmastide - 4th class or St. Telesphorus - 4th class
January 6	Epiphany of the Lord - 1st class
January 7	Feria after Epiphany - 4th class or Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3rd class
January 8	Feria after Epiphany - 4th class
January 9	Saturday of Our Lady - 4th class
January 10	The Holy Family - 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 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.



**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>.

Marriage Help: **Retrouvaille** has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. 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).

### 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).

### YOUNG ADULTS

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

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



### Jubilee Year of Mercy

**January 3, 2016**

The Epiphany of the Lord

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Epiphany celebrates God's mercy shining on the magi from a guiding star. Their kingdoms were far from Jerusalem, their religions far from God's covenant with Israel. At first the star led the magi to Jerusalem, where they could "recalculate" their quest with the help of God's own "GPS," the Jewish scriptures.

How challenging and humbling for the magi to discover that they would find the world's Messiah not in a palace but with a poor couple in an insignificant village. That's where God's mercy, shining in the star, led the magi to worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Today the magi invite us to "recalculate" our life's journey during this Jubilee Year--to follow the star of God's mercy along the way of humble love, to discover a renewed personal relationship with Jesus ourselves and so become "guiding stars" leading other seekers to find Jesus, too.

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## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



**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/>

**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)***

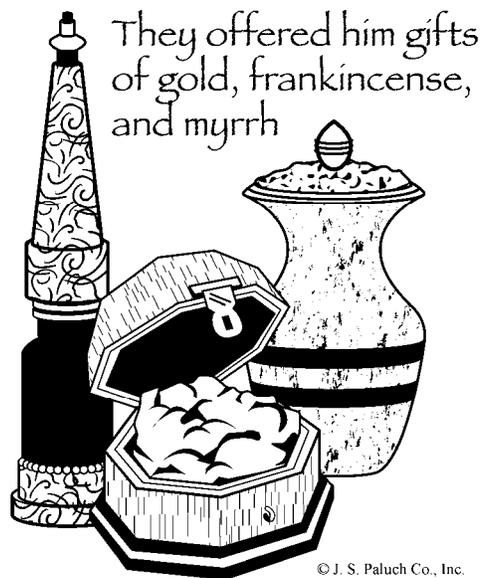
**St. Gabriel's Men's Club having its first Oyster Roast and Winter Music Jam on Saturday Evening, January 23, 2016.** Oysters, Low Country Boil, Peel and Eat Shrimp and Refreshments are on the menu for adults, hot dogs burgers will be available for children. We are making tickets available for ordering 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.clcmmc.org](http://www.clcmmc.org).

**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

**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.