



January 10, 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)

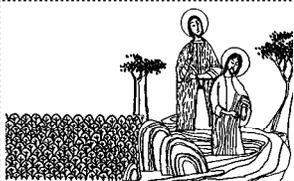
*Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.*

Parish Office Hours

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

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 10th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Roma Eidson <i>by the Sullivan family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intention of Herb Thurlow <i>by Vicki Davey</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Latin Group (Conference room) 6:30 p.m. Men's Club (Café & Kitchen)
Monday 11th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Rosa D'Mour <i>by the Sullivan family</i>	4:00 p.m. Gym in use 4:30 p.m. Church closed 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance (Gym) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Stewardship Committee meeting (Library) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 12th	7:00 a.m. +Sister Aloysius Shoemaker RSM <i>by Virginia Doman</i> <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. Bible Timeline (Scout room)
Wednesday 13th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Darlene & Derek Gray	7:00 p.m. Parish Council (Café) Scouts Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2) CSS (Library) St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting (Conference room)
Thursday 14th	7:00 a.m. +Linda Peccie <i>by the Blais family</i>	9:30 a.m. Conference room in use 10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 7:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym)
Friday 15th	8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	8:30 a.m. Home school (All rooms & Cry rooms) 10:00 a.m. Ceramics 12:30 p.m. Chapel in use
Saturday 16th	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Joseph Anthony Lauer <i>by the Lauer family</i>	9:00 a.m. Ceramics Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Catholic Heritage Lecture Series (Church & Café) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Sunday 17th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Chris & David Longo <i>by Fr. Reid</i> 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Darlene & Derek Gray	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (School) 9:30 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) 3:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use



*He saved us through the bath of rebirth
 and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
 -- Titus 3:5*





Dear Parishioners,

Beginning this week we have a new seminarian intern for the parish: Davis Crawford. You may have noticed Davis in the past several months serving as the Master of Ceremonies at our Sunday Masses. Davis graduated from Belmont Abbey College last month, and he has been accepted into the seminarian program for the diocese. As Davis is our parishioner, the diocese has asked St. Ann's to take him on as an intern for the next several months as a means of preparing for seminary. Davis will be serving in a variety of capacities in the parish, so please take the time to get to know him and to pray for him.

We've been blessed to have several young men from our parish enter the seminary over the past few years. Of course priestly vocations do not grow on trees! They are cultivated by the constant prayers of faithful Catholics. Every Wednesday evening our 5 p.m. Holy Hour is offered for vocations from our parish to the priesthood and religious life. Please join us on Wednesday evenings to pray for even more vocations from our parish, or devote your Holy Hours during our 33 hours of Adoration each week for an increase in vocations!

In last week's article I mentioned that we are devoting this month of the Year of Mercy to practicing the **virtue of humility** and the **spiritual work of forgiving all injuries**. One great way to practice humility is by praying *The Litany of Humility*:

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed, deliver me Jesus. From the desire of being loved, deliver me Jesus. From the desire of being extolled, deliver me Jesus. From the desire of being honored, deliver me Jesus. From the desire of being praised, deliver me Jesus. From the desire of being preferred to others, deliver me Jesus. From the desire of being consulted, deliver me Jesus. From the desire of being approved, deliver me Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated, deliver me Jesus. From the fear of being despised, deliver me Jesus. From the fear of suffering rebukes, deliver me Jesus. From the fear of being calumniated, deliver me Jesus. From the fear of being forgotten, deliver me Jesus. From the fear of being ridiculed, deliver me Jesus. From the fear of being wronged, deliver me Jesus. From the fear of being suspected, deliver me Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. That others may be esteemed more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. That in the opinion of the world others may increase and I may decrease, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. That others may be chosen and I set aside, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. That others may be praised and I unnoticed, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. That others may be preferred to me in everything, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

Please don't forget that our next **Gaudium Musicae** concert is Friday, 22 January, at 7 p.m. We will be hosting an evening of Irish songs, poetry, and stories! Come join us.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
728 registered families

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org

December 27, 2015	10,814.00
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	411,095.38
YTD Budget:	388,399.96
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	22,695.42
Christmas Offering:	15,335.00
Christmas Flower Offering:	1,247.00

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



Your first responsibility is to take care of your needs and the needs of your family – not necessarily all their wants. In

looking at what we need versus what we want, we end up placing material things and money in their proper perspective.

As part of the diocesan combined collections program, the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Church in Africa, Catholic Home Missions, and the United States Mission Collection have been combined into one second collection. That **collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend**. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level. This week you should receive a letter from our Chancellor and Vicar General, Msgr. Mauricio West with an informative brochure. Please take the time to read through the brochure and become more familiar with the good work done by each of these organizations. The envelope for this collection is part of your parish envelope packet.

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 16th-17th, and February 6th-7th and February 20th-21st.**



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



After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words “you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased”.

DSA 2015

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	93,326.50
Received:	87,770.24
Donors:	207

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Jan. 12th for Sunday, January 17, 2016
- Tuesday, Jan. 19th for Sunday, January 24, 2016
- Tuesday, Jan. 26th for Sunday, January 31, 2016
- Tuesday, Feb. 2nd for Sunday, February 7, 2016

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.

*January 10, 2016
Baptism of the Lord
Don’t put off planning your estate...for we know not the day nor the hour. Good stewardship means that we look ahead and make provisions for our family, our loved ones and our Church.*



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 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.

Catholic Heritage Lecture Series: Saturday, January 16, 2016 at St. Ann Catholic Church at **9:00 a.m.** Low Mass (Extraordinary Form) offered by Father Jason Barone. Talks in the Café of the Allen Center immediately following Father Jason Barone: "Latin: Pride of Place in a Catholic Education" and Dr. Patrick Wadden: "Medieval Lives". Questions? Contact Kathleen Lewis Lewisfamily555@gmail.com.

Fidelis, 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 for information. To register contact Mrs. Angela Williams, angiegirl67@yahoo.com.

Fraternus meets **weekly on Thursdays** in the gym at **7:00 p.m.** Middle school, high school boys and adult men of the parish are invited to attend. Contact Byron at byco43@yahoo.com for information.

St. Ann's Annual Attic & Bake Sale will be Saturday, February 6, 2016, Super Bowl Saturday. Please save any toys and other items listed below for this sale. We accept **clean** used and/or new clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, linen, furniture, yard items, electronics, computers, books and any other items you want to get rid of. We cannot accept large TV's. **We will also need volunteers starting around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5th to help set up the cafeteria, 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, call Lorelle Grant at 704-357-0732 or email lorellegrant@gmail.com.

The next Baptismal Preparation class is Sunday, **January 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the Scout room.** Call the parish office to sign up for this class.



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, February 2nd and March 1st.** Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at stannMWG@gmail.com. Go to www.motheringwithgrace.org for more details about the ministry of *MWG*.

We have 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 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!

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

"Save These Dates!! *St Ann Summer Catechesis 2016 will be held June 6th - June 10th.* More information to follow!

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Our Blessed Mother wants active and auxiliary members to join her Legion. Assist in waging war against the enemy by winning souls for the Crucified Christ! Join a nearly 100-year-old lay apostolate movement founded on a profound devotion to Our Lady. **Our Lady of Fatima praesidium meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center.** Contact Eve Smith email 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, 704-504-5948.

The **Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat** is a 10 week retreat, using Father Michael Gaitley's DVD presentations, retreat book and materials and is offered **now through March 10th on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in classrooms 1 and 2.** The materials are on the formed.org. Please contact Heidi Clark at hclark12@carolina.rr.com, 704-504-5948 or Eve Smith evesmith1974@yahoo.com with any questions.

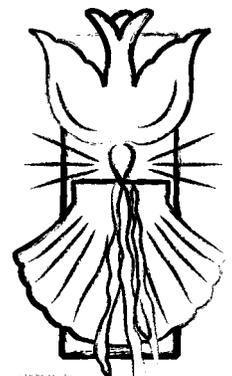
Holy Family Playgroup: Building relationships with mothers and children of all ages in the parish, provides support and a catholic environment for socialization and play. **Playtime is usually Friday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at various locations during the school year.** Questions? Call Melissa Lewis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

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

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 or call Nancy Picciola 803-389-5530.



LATIN MASS CORNER

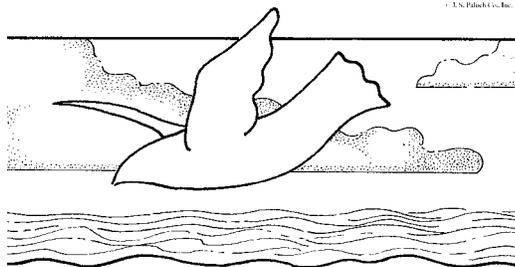
Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the Week of January 10th through January 17th

January 10th	The Holy Family - 2nd class
January 11th	Feria of the 1st Sunday after Epiphany - 4th Class
January 12th	Feria of the 1st Sunday after Epiphany - 4th Class
January 13th	Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord - 2nd Class
January 14th	St. Hilary - 3rd Class
January 15th	St. Paul, the First Hermit, Confessor - 3rd Class
January 16th	St. Marcellus I, Pope & Martyr - 3rd Class
January 17th	2nd Sunday after Epiphany - 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. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

Latin Mass Q&A:

What do the Classes in the above calendar mean? The Class is the level of importance or solemnity (1st-4th) associated with that day's Saint or commemoration. A 1st Class Feast Day are some Sundays and major solemnities or feasts like Christmas, or the Immaculate Conception, etc. Questions? Email charlottelatinmasscommunity@gmail.com.



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.



Beyond Belief: Following Christ Today Fr. Mike Schmitz tackles some of the most difficult topics in the Church today with humor, clarity, and theological truth. In this talk, he challenges us to not settle for mediocrity and to allow Christ to change our lives. Fr. Mike goes on to explain that once we are changed by the love of Jesus, then together we can change the world. Your \$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 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.**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

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 and January 31st for PreK-8th grade applicants.** Please visit the MACS website at 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.

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.

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.



Jubilee Year of Mercy

January 10, 2016

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Fittingly, this Jubilee Year of Mercy is also the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for Luke's Gospel highlights God's mercy in finding the lost, healing the sick, restoring the broken, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving the sinner through Jesus' ministry. But before doing, Luke's Jesus is always praying. As practical moderns programmed to measure worth by productivity, we

instinctively appreciate the Jubilee's call to embrace the practical challenges of our baptism. But today Luke focuses not on Jesus being baptized, but on Jesus praying after baptism. So must we pray to become the disciples we are called to be, that the Spirit empower us to do what disciples are called to do. Imitating Jesus' openness to the Spirit will enable us to cooperate with the grace that transforms us into "beloved sons [and daughters] . . . in whom the Father is well pleased," living out, in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the extraordinary potential of our baptism.

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MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Natural Family Planning: Couple to Couple League:

Sympto-Thermal Method: All classes are Saturdays 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hack home, in North Charlotte. Certified Sympto-Thermal Method teaching couple will help couples naturally plan for family growth in a safe, effective manner, within the Church's teaching. Sign up on-line and purchase class materials at www.ccli.org. Postpartum and Premenopause transition classes are also available upon request. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704-548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

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 cdoc.org/nfp or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org.

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat for women and men to begin their healing journey. For information, please contact Shelley Glanton at 828-230-4940/ splan1234@aol.com or Jennifer Ganser at 336-209-2161/ jmganser@charlottediocese.org, or visit: rachelsvineyard.org. Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

Married Couples: Teams of Our Lady

www.teamsofourlady.org, is an international movement of small groups of married couples around the diocese. Each Team (5-7 couples and a priest/spiritual counselor) meets monthly to share a meal, prayer, scripture, and a discussion. Teams provide a solid, spiritual direction for couples through a way of life promoting growth in married love, holiness, and Christian community. If you're interested in a great opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and your spouse, contact Tom and Danielle Mathis at 704-541-0858 or tmathis3@me.com.

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>.

You Can Help Your Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. 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: retrouaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

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***

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. 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.

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants: Charlotte chapter invites you to attend our next *Procession for Life* hosted at the Charlotte Catholic High School chapel on **Saturday, January 30th**. We will begin with 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by prayer with Fr. Kauth at Family Reproductive Health on Hebron Rd. Those who do not prefer to join us on the sidewalk are welcomed to spiritually support us in prayer through Eucharistic Adoration happening concurrently in the chapel. The Charlotte Helpers organizes prayerful, Eucharist-centered processions at our local abortion clinics with our diocesan priests four times a year. Please join us in praying for a Culture of Life in our city. Visit CharlotteHelpers.com for more information.

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.

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. Also on **Monday, February 8th at 9:00-11:30 a.m.** at St Vincent de Paul Church for the February Morning Reflection: "We have to pray with our eyes on God not on the difficulties" and "In Prayer and with God all things are possible" by our guest speaker Father Thomas Kessler, Pastor, St. Philip the Apostle Church, Statesville. Register on the website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org. Find us on www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup and Twitter: @CCWG_CLTDiocese

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

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

REMINDERS

Let's be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:



If you are approached by panhandlers on the church campus, **please do not give them money**. Instead, direct them to the parish office for financial assistance. *We have the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need.* Thank you!

33 Hours of Adoration

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

All are welcome.

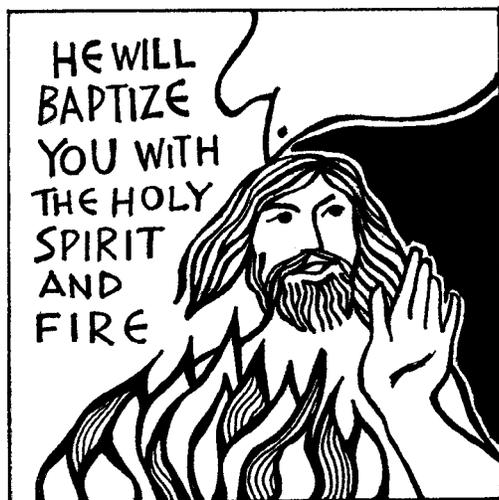
Adorers: please share your contact information with those who adore during your **Adoration hour**.

If you can't make it, call the others to make sure someone is visiting Our Lord during that hour. *It is your responsibility to get a replacement when you will not be able to do your Adoration hour.*

IN OUR COMMUNITY

A **televised Sunday Mass** is now airing on ABC Family from **6:30-7:00 a.m. Sunday mornings**. Call 800-THE-MASS or www.TheSundayMass.org.

The Airport Chaplaincy at Charlotte Douglas Airport offers two Masses on Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. held in the auditorium on the upper level of the main terminal above the Carolina Pit BBQ. *It is open 5:30 a.m.— 10:30 a.m.*



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.