



ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 17, 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

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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
Monday 18th <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	9:00 a.m. +Father Martin Kelly <i>by Darlene & Derek Gray</i>	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 19th	7:00 a.m. +Linda Peccie <i>by the Teams of Our Lady</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	1:00 p.m. CSS (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Café in use 7:00 p.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room)
Wednesday 20th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin +Richard Storer <i>by the Rothe family</i>	6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Cafe) 7:00 p.m. Scouts CSS (Library) Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2)
Thursday 21st	7:00 a.m. +Billy Holcombe <i>by Darlene & Derek Gray</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i>	10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 6:30 p.m. Consoling the Heart of Jesus Mercy Retreat (Classrooms 1 & 2) 7:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym)
Friday 22nd	8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	8:30 a.m. Home school (All rooms & Cry rooms) 12:30 p.m. Chapel in use 1:00 p.m. Church in use 3:00 p.m. Kitchen & Café in use 7:00 p.m. Gaudium Musicae concert (Church & Café)
Saturday 23rd	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Fr. Reid <i>by Mary Ann Wolff</i>	9:00 a.m. Pro-Life Mass Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 11:00 a.m. Church closed 3:00 p.m. All Allen Center in use
Sunday 24th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Carolyn Finegan <i>by Lucie & Peter Tonon</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Helen Nobers <i>by Cynthia & John Nobers</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)



*Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.
-- Isaiah 62:2*

*The Altar Flowers this weekend
are in honor of
our Poor Clares in Alabama
by the Lejk family*





Dear Parishioners,

This coming Friday, 22 January 2016, at 7 p.m. is our next *Gaudium Musicae* concert. This month we are having a traditional *A imeál* with Irish songs, poetry, stories, and tunes. Irish guitarist and singer Daithi Sproule will be joining with the Raleigh-based duo *Little Windows* for the concert, which will be followed by a lively party in the Allen Center cafeteria. Advance tickets are available online at regular price until January 19th. Tickets sold after the 19th and at the door will be \$20 adults; \$12 students; \$60 families. All ticket holders are invited to the post-show reception and shindig, featuring Diarmuid O'Sullivan and Friends playing traditional Irish music. This is going to be a little different than our normal fare, so I hope you'll join us for what promises to be an entertaining evening!

This Friday, 22 January 2016, our country observes the 43rd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion and has led to the deaths of well over 50 million American babies in the wombs of their mothers. As we mark this solemn and sad occasion, let us pray in a particular way for the end to this shameful and horrendous practice that so offends our blessed Lord. Let us pray, too, for the healing of all those who have had an abortion, and anyone who has participated in an abortion in any way.

Lastly, as I preached about last Sunday and have been mentioning in this bulletin article, be sure to remember to practice the virtue of humility and the spiritual work of mercy of forgiving all injuries this month. To help us all learn how to forgive others, I encourage you to pray the following prayer:

O blessed Christ, my teacher, my savior, my God: You have commanded me to love others as myself. Yet it is so often easy to see the faults in others, for I see their outside and compare it against what is inside me. I have inflated my goodness and importance in my own mind, but have judged others for the smallest shortcoming, and I am filled by foolish pride.

I vow by this prayer that I will strive to follow your Word, to forgive all who have injured me, to turn loose the petty resentments and grudges that poison the world with hatred, and to overlook the faults of others; and I ask to be pardoned wherever I have done injury to my brothers and sisters, who are your beloved children even though they, like me, are sinners. And I vow, when I fall short of your commandment, to seek out and confess my wrongdoing. Forgive me, Holy Christ, and help me to ever amend my life; this I pray, with faith in the grace you have promised to the penitent sinner. Amen.

In the humility of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Reid

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
728 registered families

January 3, 2016	14,973.00
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	426,068.38
YTD Budget:	418,276.88
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	7,791.50
Solemnity:	3,611.00
Capital Needs:	1,564.00

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org

The second collection this weekend combines 5 collections into one. This International – National Combined Collection contributes toward the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Collection for the Holy Land, the Collection for the Works of the Holy Father, the Catholic Communications Campaign, and the Catholic University of America. *Please be generous to these programs.*



Pay It Forward With Hope,
Give Back With Gratitude

On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember the words of Jesus, “whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me.”

DSA 2015

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	93,506.50
Received:	89,095.24
Donors:	207

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Karris on our recent visit to your parish.

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.

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.



“Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a

cheerful giver.” (II Corinthians 9:7)

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.**

Stewardship Appreciation!

The parish wishes to recognize and thank all those who completed and renewed Stewardship in 2015. Watch for more details for 2016!

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in Him. God also gives us signs of His love and we also can respond in faith and trust. Your gift to the poor becomes a sign of God’s love and gives them a reason to believe and to trust.



Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Jan. 19th for Sunday, January 24, 2016
- Tuesday, Jan. 26th for Sunday, January 31, 2016
- Tuesday, Feb. 2nd for Sunday, February 7, 2016
- Tuesday, Feb. 9th for Sunday, February 14, 2016

*January 17, 2016
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Programs for outreach are important at our parish. Ensure the continuation of these programs by setting up an endowment now or through a bequest in your will.*



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 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.

The next Baptismal Preparation class is **today, January 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the Scout room.**



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*.

St. Ann's Annual Attic & Bake Sale will be Saturday, February 6, 2016, Super Bowl Saturday.

We accept **clean** used and/or new clothing, shoes, house wares, 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 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 need bakers to bake items for the Bake Sale. Questions, call Lorelle Grant at 704-357-0732 or email lorellegrant@gmail.com.

All St. Ann's parish members are invited to a *Legion of Mary sponsored Pre-Lenten Silent Retreat* on Saturday, February 6th at 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This will be a day of reflection, lectures, confession, and adoration held at St Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 818 McGowan Rd., Shelby, NC. RSVP by Friday, January 29th via email to Eve Smith at evesmith1974@yahoo.com or call 704-280-4850.

Candles will be blessed at the **7:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, February 2nd.** If you would like to have your candles blessed by Fr. Reid please bring them to the narthex **by Monday, February 1st** and place in the basket/box labeled for candles. Please label you candles as well with your family name on your candles.

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

Mark your calendars for our next **Red Cross Blood Drive! March 13th beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

CORRECTION....Save Theses Dates!! *St Ann Summer Catechesis 2016 will be held June 13th-June 17th.* More information to follow!

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

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

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

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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

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

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

Catholic Scripture Study: *The Book of Isaiah.* Classes are Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. and will run through May 17, 2016. 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.

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.

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.

No Ceramics from January 18th through January 30th.

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

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!

You can become the disciple
Christ wants you to be.
Stewardship is a way of life at St. Ann's.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the Week of January 17th through January 24th

January 17th	2nd Sunday after Epiphany - 2nd class
January 18th	Feria - 4th class or St. Prisca - 4th class
January 19th	Feria - 4th class or Sts. Marius, Martha, Audifax & Abachum - 4th class or St. Canute - 4th class
January 20th	Sts. Fabian & Sebastian - 3rd class
January 21st	St. Agnes - 3rd class
January 22nd	Sts. Vincent & Anastasius - 3rd class or (USA) Votive Mass for Peace - 2nd class
January 23rd	St. Raymond of Peñafort - 3rd class
January 24th	Septuagesima Sunday - 2nd class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 pm, Wednesdays at 6 pm, 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?

E-mail charlottelatinmasscommunity@gmail.com.



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MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



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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.



Dr. Timothy Gray is the president of the Augustine Institute and is

a well-known scripture scholar and Catholic speaker. With his eloquent style and polished delivery, Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of sacred scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle but instead really frames the entire mosaic of scripture. 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.**

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

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 17, 2016 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary, whom Catholic tradition names "Mother of Mercy," at Cana intercedes with her Son to show mercy toward the bridal couple: "Son, they have no wine." But he does more! Jesus' transformation of water into wine is a "sign" (John's term for "miracle") that God's marriage with the whole human race has begun in Jesus' person and

ministry, a marriage that will be consummated on the cross: "It is finished"--we are saved! But before Jesus acts, Mary instructs the servers to prepare the way for Jesus' miracle of mercy: "Do whatever he tells you." During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Mother Church, like Mother Mary, instructs us to share the Spirit's manifold gifts--some of which Paul lists in today's second reading--in generous service to the human family. Thus we prepare the way for Jesus' new miracles of mercy, transforming life's sometimes stagnant water into the refreshing wine of God's mercy.

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

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat for women and men to begin their healing journey. For information, please contact Shelley Glanton at 828-230-4940/ sglan1234@aol.com or Jennifer Ganser at 336-209-2161/ jmganser@charlottediocese.org, or visit: 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>.

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 or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) invites all women of St. Ann's to the February Morning Reflection 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

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.

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@charlottedioocese.org.

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

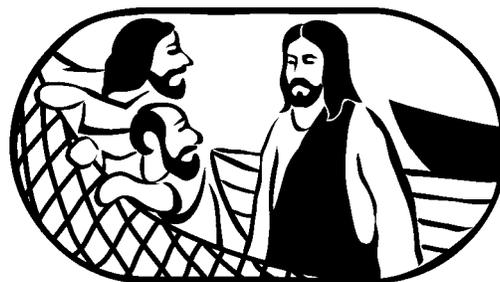
30th Annual Spring Fling Wednesday, March 27th at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory and Tuesday, May 17th at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

Support Room At The Inn and have a chance to win \$5000 cash! We are selling raffle tickets \$100 each. Drawing will be during our Mardi Gras Silent Auction on **Tuesday February 9th from 5:30pm-8pm at Marshall Free House, Battleground Ave, Greensboro.** Need not be present to win. To purchase tickets go to www.RoomInn.org. We are also in need of silent auction items. Please contact Marianne 336-391-6299 mdonadio@roominn.org if you would like to help.

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.

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

Low gluten hosts are available at Holy Communion for those who need them. To receive a low gluten host, go to the eagle lectern after everyone else has received Holy Communion.

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

Let's be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:



*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.**

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!

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.

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.*

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.*

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.

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