



January 31, 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 31st	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Felicity & Dorothy <i>by the Rothe family</i> 10:30 a.m. +James Galimberti <i>by Allen Tate Realtors</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	10:00 a.m. Kitchen and Café in use 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 1:30 p.m. Church in use 4:00 p.m. Gaudium Musicae “Airneal” Concert & Reception/Shindig (Church and Café)
Monday 1st	7:00 a.m. +Dennis Pratt <i>by Darlene & Derek Gray</i>	4:00 p.m. Gym in use 4:45 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) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 2nd	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Katherine Theresa Lauer <i>by the Lauer family</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	1:00 p.m. CSS (Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) Mothering with Grace (Library)
Wednesday 3rd	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin +Larry Stewart <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i>	10:00 a.m. Visitation (Church) 10:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 11:30 a.m. Funeral (Church) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout (Café) 7:00 p.m. MOP (Conference) CSS (Library) Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2) Scouts
Thursday 4th	7:00 a.m. +James Ruiz <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. Fraternal (Gym)
Friday 5th	7:00 a.m. 1st Friday Latin Mass 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Chris & David Longo <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	8:30 a.m. Home school (All rooms & Cry rooms) 12:30 p.m. Chapel in use 3:00 p.m. Attic & Bake Sale Setup (Café)
Saturday 6th	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Trista & Steven Bremer <i>by the Rothe family</i>	8:00 a.m. Attic & Bake Sale until 2:00 p.m. (Café) 9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation (Church) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Sunday 7th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Patricia Wokety <i>by Nancy & Robin West</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Brian Lauer <i>by the Lauer family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) 8:30 a.m. Gym in use 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. -- 1 Corinthians 13:13



Dear Parishioners,

In my homily on January 1st I proposed three new year's resolutions as a means of honoring our Lord, His Immaculate Mother, and for growing in holiness. They were: 1) commit to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week, 2) observe the 9 First Fridays devotion, and 3) observe the 5 First Saturdays devotion. As both the first Friday and Saturday of February are this coming week, I warmly encourage you to observe these devotions.

The **9 First Fridays devotion** was borne out of the apparitions of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. This devotion reminds us that our Lord desires us to make reparation for sin – both our own and those of others.

There are 2 requirements for completing this devotion: 1) Receive Holy Communion on 9 consecutive 1st Fridays of the month, and 2) to receive these Holy Communion in honor and in reparation to our Lord's Sacred Heart. In order to help you make it to Mass, I will be offering a **7 a.m. Latin Mass on the 1st Fridays of each month** this year (in addition to our regularly scheduled 8:30 a.m. Mass in English). Please come to one of these Masses and receive Holy Communion in honor of our Lord's Sacred Heart. Keep in mind that we have Confessions each Thursday night from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. to help you prepare to receive Holy Communion worthily.

The **5 First Saturdays devotion** came from an apparition of the Virgin Mary in 1925 to Sr. Lucia, one of the 3 children of Fatima who received the apparitions of Our Lady in 1917. Our Lady asked for this devotion as a means of making reparation for the sins committed against her. The requirements for the 1st Saturday devotion are: going to confession within a few days before or after the 1st Saturday, receiving Holy Communion on the 1st Saturday, praying 5 decades of the Rosary on the 1st Saturday, and spending at least 15 minutes in meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary (in addition to simply reciting it). All of this must be done for 5 consecutive 1st Saturdays of the month with the intention of making reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

As most of you know, in two weeks a group from our parish will be headed to Warangal, India, for our **annual mission trip**. Per our usual we will be working with the Missionaries of the Poor. In lieu of the list of items the MOP brothers normally ask us to bring, they have asked us to bring cash to help pay for school tuitions for the poor children they serve. If you would like to help, you may drop off your donation at the office, give them to me directly, or make a donation via our parish website. If you write a check, please make it out to St. Ann with "MOP" in the memo line.

Our **Gaudium Musicae** concert that was snowed out on January 22nd has been rescheduled for this weekend. The concert will be Sunday, 31 January 2016, at 4 p.m. Please come! And don't forget our annual Attic and Bake Sale next Saturday, February 6th! Our second graders will be making the First Reconciliation that same morning, so please pray for them.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
728 registered families

January 17, 2016	14,543.00
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	476,042.01
YTD Budget:	433,214.18
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	42,827.83
Combined Mission:	4,275.00

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org



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."

2015 DSA Final Report

DSA Goal:	84,180.35
Pledged:	93,531.50
Received:	89,320.24
Donors:	207

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 31, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Planned giving provides an opportunity to give a gift that forever perpetuates our Catholic faith. Keep the candle burning with an endowment gift to our parish.

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Feb. 2nd for Sunday, February 7, 2016
- Tuesday, Feb. 9th for Sunday, February 14, 2016
- Tuesday, Feb. 16th for Sunday, February 21, 2016
- Tuesday, Feb. 23rd for Sunday, February 28, 2016

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



"For your heart will always be where your riches are." (Matthew 6:21)

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 **February 6th-7th and February 20th-21st and March 5th-6th and March 19th-20th.**

Stewardship Appreciation!

Stewardship is an extension of our spiritual life where we give in gratitude to God for what we have already received.

In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values. The St Vincent de Paul Society assists families by providing food, and help with rent and utility bills.



Online resources available to every member of our parish through a new program called **Formed**. This website includes a variety of free resources, including books, movies, podcasts, etc. for people of all ages. Go to: **www.formed.org** and click on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the homepage. Enter **Our parish code: Y6ZQ8M**, to get access to the resources. Call the parish office with questions. Once you've logged in, create your personal profile and access the programs. Our parish is paying an annual fee for this service, so please make use of this terrific resource!

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



AIRNEAL RESCHEDULED. Due to the inclement weather, the third concert in our *Gaudium Musicae* season is **TODAY, January 31st at 4:00 p.m.** Irish guitarist and songwriter **Daihi Sproule** joins the acclaimed Durham-based duo *Little Windows*, for an authentic Irish airneal--an afternoon of Irish tunes, stories, and poetry, plus Appalachian tunes descended from the Irish. Following the concert, meet the artists at our shindig in the Allen Center cafe featuring food from *Sir Edmund Halley's Restaurant* plus Irish music from local Celtic Session musicians from the *Irish Society of Charlotte*. Remaining tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for students, and \$60 for families. Children 12 years old and under are free. **TODAY'S SPECIAL:** Buy tickets for today's concert AND the *Gaudium Musicae* season finale on February 28th, featuring the **UNC School of the Arts Chrysalis Chamber Music Institute** festival ensemble, for one discounted price this weekend only: \$30 for adults; \$15 for students; and \$75 for families--for both shows! Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend and at the door, beginning at 3:00 p.m. **today.** After this weekend, prices for the final concert return to \$12 for adults, \$8 for students, and \$30 for families. Children 12 years old and under are free. *Sponsors are needed!* If you would like to sponsor, contact the parish office: 704-523-4641.

Men's Club Super Bowl Babyback Ribs, Angelo's Wings and Complete Dinners will be available next weekend, February 6th-7th. Discounted pre-paid orders are on sale today, January 31st, after all Masses. All earnings support charities within our parish and local community. The Men's Club needs some extra hands. Volunteers contact Jaime McCabe at sentryus@live.com or John Heckmueller at johnnyheck@hotmail.com.

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.

NEW this year we have a storage container for *early* drop off Attic Sale items. The container is in the parking lot behind the Activity Center (Poor Clares parking lot). If you **need** to drop off items early, please contact Lorelle Grant or the parish office for instructions on accessing the container.

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

Save These Dates! **St Ann Summer Catechesis 2016 will be held June 13th-June17th.** More information to follow!

Mark your calendars: **St. Ann's Carnival will be Saturday, September 24th!** Details to follow!

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 Mass on the 2nd.



Mothering With Grace meets the **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 details about the ministry.

Join us for our **Parish Lenten Mission Sunday-Wednesday, February 14th-17th at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Preached by: Opus Sanctorum Angelorum



"Feed yourselves and Feed the homeless." **St. Ann's Saturday** at Hawthorne's Pizza, 4100 Carmel Rd, 28226, is the last Saturday of every month. Join us **Saturday, February 27th.** All parishioners, please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 30th, tell your server you are from St. Ann Catholic Church and the parish receives 15% of the sales. All proceeds will support our Homeless Ministry at St. Ann's.

Lenten Pilgrimage: Come get away for a short while and spend time with our Lord and other fellow parishioners as we travel to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. **Mark your calendars for March 14-15-16.** Details and sign up information will be in next week's bulletin and on the website. Space is limited.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 19th** the **St. Ann's Saturday Service Day, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon.** The sign-up genius will be out soon. Watch of more details.

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. 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Ceramics will be closed until February 16th.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the Week of January 31st through February 7th

January 31st	Sexagesima Sunday - 2nd class
February 1st	St. Ignatius of Antioch - 3rd class
February 2nd	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2nd class
February 3rd	Feria - 4th class or St. Blaise - 4th class
February 4th	St. Andrew Corsini - 3rd class or Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3rd class
February 5th	St. Agatha - 3rd class Sacred Heart of Jesus - 3rd class
February 6th	St. Titus - 3rd class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
February 7th	Quinquagesima 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 all Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas, or the Immaculate Conception, etc. Questions? E-mail charlottelatinmasscommunity@gmail.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.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.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



Our parishioners:
Sarah Miller, Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Larry Guethlein, Rocco Patane, Kathy and Dave Graves.

Our friends and family: 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, Joel Rivera, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), and Frank Tamplin, Yolanda and Hector Viscarra (parents of Susy Langlinais), 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.

The repose of the soul of: Amelia Barnaba parishioner, who died Thursday, January 21, 2016.



Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have made it clear that Divine Mercy is at the very center of the Christian faith. Enter into the Year of Mercy with the best selling author, Vinny Flynn, as he shares his 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy, and Christ's message of love for each of us, and for the whole 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.**

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.

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 today, 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 31, 2016 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rave reviews greeted Jesus' first hometown homily proclaiming a year of God's mercy, but the mood turned violent when he went on to declare that God's mercy embraces outsiders; it rejects distinctions between citizen and foreigner, acceptable and unworthy, even sinner and saint. Far from being anyone's personal possession, God's kingdom is open to

everyone, God's love unconditional, God's mercy boundless. By this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis repeats Jesus' challenge in today's Gospel to broaden our horizons until our vision matches Jesus' vision of every sinner as a potential saint, and each suffering stranger as our neighbor. Jesus, says Pope Francis, continually went beyond the law, keeping company with public sinners and even sharing meals with them to demonstrate that God's mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12). To be truly Jesus' disciples, such unconditional love and boundless mercy must also be at the center of all we say and do.

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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>.

Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost the sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. **Retrouvaille** teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For information or 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_CLTDioecese

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.

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Dymphna: You are invited to join Fr. Benjamin Roberts, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, on a 3-day pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Dymphna located in Massillon, Ohio. **The dates are March 13-March 15, 2016.** The itinerary includes Holy Mass both days, a tour of the National Shrine of St. Dymphna and veneration of her relic, see the relics of all the twelve apostles at the beautiful Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, tour an exact replica of the cave where Jesus was born just as you would see it at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, veneration according to the Byzantine Rite of a relic of the True Cross, and more! The cost is \$139.00 per person plus hotel of \$99 per night. Price includes all meals and roundtrip transportation aboard a luxury motor coach. For information or to sign up, please email StDymphna2013@gmail.com.

Let your Catholic Voice be heard. **Join Catholic Voice North Carolina, CatholicVoicenc.org.** Receive email alerts from the Bishops and react to legislation that impacts the Catholic faith. Catholic Voice NC is the non-partisan public policy voice of Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of the Diocese of Raleigh and Bishop Peter J. Jugis of the Diocese of Charlotte. This message has been approved by both bishops. Direct questions to David Hains, dwhains@charlottedioecese.org, 704.370.3336.

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.

The Sidewalk Counseling Information Seminar is being sponsored by C-PLAN of Charlotte (Catholic Pro-Life Action Network of Charlotte) on **Saturday, February 6th at St. Patrick's Cathedral from 9:15 a.m.-12noon.** The seminar will be presented by a team of local sidewalk counseling veterans and will open with a short talk on spiritual warfare on the sidewalk by Fr. Jason Barone. **Seating is limited, so please register at prolifecharlotte.org/events.** Mass begins at 8am followed by a First Saturday rosary. The seminar will start immediately after at 9:15 a.m. in the FLC, 1st floor. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact Gretchen Filz at charlotteprolifecatholics@gmail.com for more information.

Sons, Fathers, Husbands, Brothers, All Men! Join us for the **6th Annual Catholic Men's Conference**, Step up and Find Your Strength. The conference will be on **Saturday, February 27th, at St. Matthew Catholic Church from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Mass will be celebrated, confession heard, and a dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled, including Brian Pusateri, Joe McClane and Fr. Chris Alar aka; Fr. Joseph. Bishop Curlin will lead a Holy Hour reflection as well. Advance ticket price is \$35 for adults, with discounts available for seniors and students. Price includes breakfast and lunch. For registration please visit our website at www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org.

On **Holy Saturday, March 26th at Noon** in **St. Thomas Aquinas Church**, Deacon James Witulski will be blessing Easter food. This Eastern and Central European tradition is also called "**The Blessing of the Easter Baskets**," (or "**Swieconka**" in the Polish language) and will last about 30 minutes. This tradition is becoming increasingly popular among all Catholics. The Blessings will be in both the English and Polish languages. The traditional foods, such as sausage, eggs, bread, and butter in the shape of a lamb, are brought to the Church, neatly arranged in a basket. However, every person of every nationality is invited to use their imagination and include their own national foods. Children can even bring their own baskets with their own treats, including chocolate and Easter candy. Please contact Deacon James Witulski with any questions at 704-960-3704.

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

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@charlottedioecese.org.

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.

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.

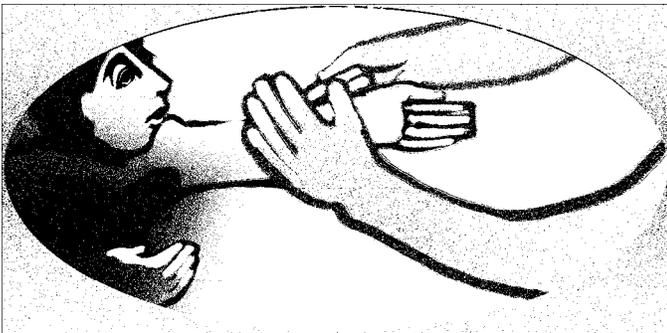
Adorers: please share your contact information with those who adore during your **Adoration hour**.

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.*



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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.