



February 14, 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

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

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 14th	8:00 a.m. For the Success of the Parish Mission Trip 10:30 a.m. +Patricia Wokety <i>by Nancy & Robin West</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	8:30 a.m. Gym in use 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Latin Group (Café) 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission (Church)
Monday 15th <i>President's Day</i>	9:00 a.m. Intentions of Deacon Tom Sanctis <i>by the family</i>	7:00 p.m. Parish Office Closed Parish Mission (Church)
Tuesday 16th	7:00 a.m. +Father Joseph Raynak <i>by Virginia Doman</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. Parish Mission (Church) Bible Timeline (Scout room)
Wednesday 17th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin +Bob Brewer <i>by Cathy & Larry Agler</i>	7:00 p.m. Parish Mission & Reception (Church, Kitchen & Café) Scouts CSS (Library)
Thursday 18th	7:00 a.m. +Bob Brewer <i>by Cathy & Larry Agler</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) Basketball
Friday 19th	8:30 a.m. Intentions of Heidi Clark 7:00 p.m. <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	8:30 a.m. Home school (All rooms & Cry rooms) 12:30 p.m. Chapel in use 5:30 p.m. Basketball (Gym) Fish Fry (Café) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Saturday 20th	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. +Mrs. Glass <i>by the Rothe family</i>	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 5:30 p.m. Basketball (Gym)
Sunday 21st	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Eli Solanus Mueller <i>by Sharon & Eric Kucia</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Confraternity of St. Peter <i>by the Lauer family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen)

Abstinence is required on all Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Milk, eggs and fish are permissible. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids as well as pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt. **Fasting** is required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means having only one normal-sized meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal one full meal. No snacks are permitted on these days. Catholics from the age of 18 through 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids and pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt. Children are not required to uphold Lenten fasting and abstinence practices, but they are encouraged to abstain from meat on Fridays. Moreover, encouraging children to make small sacrifices may build a foundation for a faith-filled adulthood. Ash Wednesday is 46 days before Easter, but Lent is 40 days long, because Sundays are not counted as days of Lent. (adapted from *Our Sunday Visitor*).



Dear Parishioners,

Our **Parish Mission** begins this weekend! This year we are blessed to have Fr. Wolfgang Seitze of *Opus Sanctorum Angelorum* (“Work of the Holy Angels”) giving us a mission on the angels, our Lady, and the Cross. His talks will be Sunday – Wednesday evening this week at 7 p.m. Confessions will be available each night. Moreover, we will have a reception after the final talk on Wednesday evening. As part of the mission, Fr. Seitze will explain to us how we can consecrate ourselves to our guardian angel. Please plan to attend!

Please remember to keep in your prayers all of us who are traveling to India for our annual **parish mission trip**. We will be working with the Missionaries of the Poor in the city of Warangal, where they run an apostolate for orphaned children and adults suffering from AIDS and leprosy. Please pray for our safe travel and that we can all remain healthy on the trip. Please pray as well that our Lord will fill our hearts with a deep and abiding charity so that we may serve well all whom we encounter. I am very grateful to all who have donated to the trip! We will return on the afternoon of February 27.

Please remember that we will be making a **parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament** in Hanceville, Alabama, March 14-16, 2016. The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is the new home of our Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, and in addition to visiting the Shrine and its environs, we will also have a chance to visit with the Poor Clares. The total cost of the trip is \$180, which includes transportation, lodging, and 5 meals. There is a Holy Door located at the Shrine for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, so this pilgrimage will be a good opportunity to obtain the Jubilee Year indulgence. For more information, contact Lucie Tonon at: lucietonon123@gmail.com

Once again this year the Men’s Club will be holding a **Lenten Fish Fry** this Friday (2/19). All proceeds will go to support our Homeless Ministry! If you came last year you know how tasty their fish was, so please come again this Friday before Stations of the Cross.

Lastly, our seminarian intern, Davis Crawford, has decided to take a step back from serving in the parish and discerning priesthood. However, he will remain a member of St. Ann’s. Please keep Davis in your prayers as he continues to discern God’s will for his life. Pray as well for all the young men and women in our parish who are discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. With so many young people in our parish, there are bound to be more vocations coming from St. Ann’s!

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
728 registered families

January 31, 2016	13,519.00
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	501,486.51
YTD Budget:	463,092.26
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	38,494.25

St. Vincent de Paul Collection: 5,546.00

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2016 By now you should have received a letter or postcard from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support of the Diocesan Support Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to how you will respond by filling out your pledge and mailing it this week.

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.

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



*February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent*

There are no small gifts in the eyes of our Lord. A bequest of any size is an ultimate expression of stewardship and demonstrates your appreciation for the gifts you have received.

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Feb. 16th for Sunday, February 21, 2016
- Tuesday, Feb. 23rd for Sunday, February 28, 2016
- Tuesday, March 1st for Sunday, March 6, 2016
- Tuesday, March 8th for Sunday, March 13, 2016

Father Frank Iacona, C.M.F. of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish **next weekend** to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

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.



Lent calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving...to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure, using our gifts for the

building of the Kingdom.

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

In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying “Give, and gifts will be given to you, a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured in your lap....” When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts and into our lives.



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

Our **Parish Lenten Mission** begins **TODAY** through **Wednesday, February 14th-17th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the church. Preached by: Opus Sanctorum Angelorum



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 meeting is **Tuesday, March 1st**. On **April 5th** we will have a Mom's Night Out. Details will follow. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at stannMWG@gmail.com. Go to www.motheringwithgrace.org for details about the ministry.

Year of Mercy Lenten Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of The Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Come, join us **March 14th-16th** as we travel where Mother Angelica was called to her mission.

Opportunities for Mass, Confession, Adoration, prayer, growth, sharing meals in a beautifully inspiring setting near the Monastery Home of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration. Take time to get away for a while to be with the One who Loves us! Registration forms available in back of church and in the parish office. Our parish has first priority though February 22nd, but space is limited. For more information, email Lucie Tonon: lucietonon123@gmail.com.



The **St. Men's Club** will host a **Lenten Fish Fry**, **this Friday, February 19th**. If you remember last years Fish Fry was the best! *All proceeds from this event will be contributed directly to the Homeless Ministry.* Come by for dinner before the Stations of the Cross this Friday.



"Feed yourselves and Feed the homeless." **St. Ann's Saturday** at Hawthorne's Pizza, 4100

Carmel Rd, 28226, is **Saturday, February 27th**. All parishioners, please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 27th, 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.*



The final concert of the *Gaudium Musicae* concert series begins at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February**

28, 2016, featuring the **UNC School of the Arts Chamber Music Festival Orchestra**. Listeners will have an opportunity to meet the performers at the reception following this hour-long concert. Single concert tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and \$30 for families. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.StAnnCharlotte.org or at the parish office. Contact the parish office at 704-523-4641 ext. 221 for information.

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

The next **Baptismal Preparation** class will be **Sunday, April 10th** at **9:00 a.m.** in the Scout room.

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

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



St. Ann's Blood Drive is **Sunday, March 13th**. We need donors and volunteers. To give blood, Sign up at redcrossblood.org. To volunteers, contact Chris Brunhuber at 704-241-2577 or ccb43@earthlink.net. Chris can

also sign you up as a donor. Thank you!

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.-3:00 p.m. 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.

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

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.

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

*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
-- Romans 10:8*

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, smaryraphael@gmail.com for information. Contact Mrs. Angela Williams, angiegirl67@yahoo.com to register. **No meeting February 17th; will resume February 24th.**

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 Tuesday, February 16th.

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

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.

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



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*Welcome to our parish family
Welcome Jayden Antonio Flores*

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the Week of February 14th through February 21st

February 14th	1st Sunday of Lent - 1st class
February 15th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
February 16th	Feria - 3rd class
February 17th	Ember Wednesday of Lent - 2nd class
February 18th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
February 19th	Ember Friday of Lent - 2nd class
February 20th	Ember Saturday of Lent - 2nd class
February 21st	2nd Sunday of Lent - 1st 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.catholiccampus.com. Are you a college student?

The parent of a college student? There are Catholic Campus Ministry programs at over ten colleges in our diocese. Check out www.catholiccampus.com 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



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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, Joel Rivera, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), and Frank Tamplin, Yolanda and Hector Viscarra (parents of Susy Langlinais), and Mark Weems (of Little Windows).

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 Richard Knechtle, who died on February 4, 2016.



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies,

retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite! 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 2016-2017 school year at all schools and for all grades. 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: February 14th First Sunday of Lent

On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis commissioned "Missionaries of Mercy," priest-confessors sent forth worldwide as "living signs of the Father's readiness to welcome those in search of [God's] pardon." In a way, though, Pope Francis challenges all of us to become "missionaries of mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 18) by living Lent in this Jubilee Year of Mercy "more intensely as a

privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (MV, 17). Francis bids us make the prophet Micah's words our own: "God . . . who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins" (Micah 7:18, 19). Having experienced God's mercy ourselves in the unconditional forgiveness of our sins, how eager we should be to invite others to know the peace of God's boundless mercy; perhaps even to experience, through our reaching out in gentle kindness and compassionate care, something of God's unconditional love for them.

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MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

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.

The Gospel today shows us that trusting in Jesus and doing what He tells us to do can make a powerful difference in our lives! For more information call 704-315-2144 or visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>.

Lifeline for Marriage: **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital disillusionment and misery. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

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** will be offered in Charlotte at St. Matthew Catholic Church, **Saturday, February 20th, from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** 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 information, 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.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) invites all women of St. Ann's to Evening Reflection on **Friday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m.** in the chapel at St. Matthew's Church. Our keynote speakers are Joe McClane and Brian Pusateri. Both presenters will be from the Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference. Also invited to the March Morning Reflection on **Monday, March 14th at 9:00-11:30 a.m.** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Our guest speaker Father Noah Carter. Register on the website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org. Find us on www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup and Twitter: @CCWG_CLTDioecese

Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry at **St. Patrick's Cathedral on 3 Friday's during Lent. Friday, February 19th, March 4th and March 18th from 5:00 -8:00 p.m.** Please support our Knights of Columbus and plan to attend.

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, email StDymphna2013@gmail.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Peter Catholic Church is Monday-Friday 11:15-11:45 a.m. and Saturdays 4:00-4:45 p.m. **The Lenten Reconciliation Service is Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m.** with confessions. For additional information, see our parish website, www.stpeterscatholic.org.

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

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.

Last Call for the Men's Conference! I would like to personally invite you to the annual **Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference that is scheduled for Saturday, February 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** There are 5 dynamic speakers including Abbot Placid Solari and Bishop Emeritus William Curlin. Mass, Adoration and Confession will also be offered. You can register at www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org. I know that you will find inspiration and encouragement to lead your family in faith. **Tom Mathis, tmathis3@me.com.**

The Women of Joy at Saint Mark present a morning retreat with Father Chris Alar, MIC, **Friday February 26th from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon** at Saint Mark Catholic Church. Father Alar is the "Father Joseph" Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. He will celebrate the Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by the morning retreat. Please don't miss this opportunity to gather with other women and learn more about the gift of Divine Mercy.

St. John Neumann will be hosting a Lenten Mission March 14th-16th. The guest homilist is **Father Bob Lombardo, CFR, Director of the Mission of Our Lady of Angels in Chicago, IL.** The theme of the Mission is "The Treasures of Our Catholic Faith" and will feature 3 evening talks at 6:30 p.m. An opportunity for individual Confession will be available on Tuesday, March 15th following the Mission. All are welcome to attend! For more information, visit www.4sjnc.org or call St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

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.

Bingo players wanted! **St. Thomas Aquinas Bingo is held every Monday evening starting at 7:00 p.m.** Come and enjoy, you might even go home a winner! For information call 704-549-1607.

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, 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. Visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Charlotte to download the brochure and registration form. For information Mrs. Jean Judge at 704-487-7697 or 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.*

Inside Sales/Parish Consultant Career Opportunity: Due to our continued rapid growth, *Saint Benedict Press* in Charlotte, seeks an energetic self-motivated inside sales individual to join our established in-house, excellence-driven team. Great benefits! Salary commensurate with experience, bonuses, vacation, paid holidays, 401K and medical insurance. See complete job details at tansbooks.com.

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.