



March 13, 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.

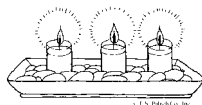
Liturgical Schedule
(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

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

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 13th	<p>8:00 a.m. +Joseph Schwartz <i>by Andre McElveen</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. +James Galimberti <i>by the Allen Tate Realtors</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family</p>	<p>Daylight Saving time begins</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive (Café & Kitchen)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Latin Mass Group Meeting (Conference room)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Café in use</p>
Monday 14th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Jack Nobers <i>by Cynthia & John Nobers</i></p>	<p>4:30 p.m. Gym in use</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Dance (Gym)</p> <p>7:00 a.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)</p>
Tuesday 15th	<p>7:00 a.m. +Christopher Micklon <i>by Darlene & Derek Gray</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Ceramics</p> <p>1:00 p.m. CSS (Scout room)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Café in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) Library in use</p>
Wednesday 16th	<p><i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i></p> <p>5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Latin +Susan Kennelly Donaldson <i>by Linda & Mark Crabbe</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Ceramics</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2) Scouts CSS (Library)</p>
Thursday 17th	<p>7:00 a.m. +John Patrick Liddy <i>by Suzanne & Mike Terry & boys</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym)</p>
Friday 18th	<p>8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Father Reid</i></p> <p>5:50 p.m. <i>Holy Hour of Reparation</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Stations of the Cross</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Home school (All rooms, Cry rooms & Choir loft)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Chapel in use</p>
Saturday 19th	<p>3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p> <p>4:30 p.m. Intentions of Josie & Andrew Sanctis <i>by the family</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Annual Service Day (Parish Grounds) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Ceramics</p> <p>12 noon Service Day Lunch (Café & Kitchen)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p>
Palm Sunday 20th	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Suzanne & Mike Terry & boys <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Our parish family</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Margaret Anne Lauer <i>by the Lauer family</i></p>	<p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen)</p>



I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. -- Philippians 3:8





Dear Parishioners,

Next Saturday, 19 March 2016, is our annual **St. Ann Service Day!** Every year we gather as a parish family for a day of work to spruce up our parish property and facilities. There's plenty of work to be done, so we can use all the help we can get. Our service day will take place from 9 a.m. – noon, and you can sign up for specific jobs by going to: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca9a72caa8-stanns. We will have a luncheon catered by the Men's Club and our Hospitality Committee at noon, so please join us.

You'll also notice that our statues have once again been covered with violet shrouds as we near the end of Lent. Prior to Vatican II the last two weeks of Lent were known as Passiontide, the time in which we focus very specifically on our Lord's passion and death. The purpose of veiling the statues is not decorative. We do this as a way to enhance our fasting as we prepare for Holy Week. Specifically, the veiling of statues is a way to *visually* fast because it helps us to concentrate on the essential elements of Christ's work of redemption. Veiling is meant to clear away any distractions so that we might focus on Jesus who calls us through the cross to a life of holiness. The veils will remain in place until Holy Saturday.

This coming week several of us from the parish will be traveling to Hanceville, Alabama, for our Lenten pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. We will be visiting with our beloved Poor Clares while we are there. Please pray for our safe travel!

Many thanks to all of you have donated to the **Diocesan Support Appeal**. If you have not yet given, you do so at point during the year. You can do so simply by visiting our website: <http://www.stanncharlotte.org/home/giving/#DSAsection>

Feel free to drop off your pledge envelopes at the office or simply to put them in any Sunday collection. Many thanks for your generosity!

In Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "D".

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure

720 registered families

February 21, 2016	10,553.00
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	553,911.29
YTD Budget:	507,907.64
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	46,003.65

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2016**

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Diocesan Support Appeal as a way of

saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity. You may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the Parish Office or go to www.charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.

2016 DSA

DSA Goal:	87,197.00
Pledged:	16,465.00
Received:	8,609.00
Donors:	49

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.



*March 13, 2016
5th Sunday of Lent
Lent provides an opportunity to strengthen our devotion to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It can also be a time to consider a planned gift that will strengthen the future of our parish.*

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.



Giving of our time, talent and treasure mainly involves a change of attitude about giving. It's important to think in terms of giving in gratitude to God, of considering how blessed we are, of using our gifts and talents for the good of others.

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

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 **March 19th-20th and April 2nd-3rd and April 16th-17th.**

The next meeting for **St. Vincent de Paul Society is Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference room.** If you are interested in helping with the society please attend this meeting, all are invited.



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!

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:
Wednesday, March 16th for Sunday March 27, 2016
Tuesday, March 29th for Sunday, April 3, 2016
Tuesday, April 5th for Sunday, April 10, 2016
Tuesday, April 12th for Sunday, April 17, 2016

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

We are gathering cards and notes of well-wishes for the Poor Clares which we will give to them during our upcoming pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. If you wish to send them a card or note, *place it in the basket located in the Narthex by end-of-day today, March 13th.*



"Feed yourselves and Feed the homeless." **St. Ann's Saturday** at Hawthorne's Pizza, 4100 Carmel Rd, 28226, is **Saturday, March**

26th. All parishioners, please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 26th, 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.*

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. On **April 5th** we will have a Mom's Night Out, at the Cheesecake Factory. Please RSVP to be included. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 3rd.** Details will follow. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at stannMWG@gmail.com. Go to www.motheringwithgrace.org for details about the ministry.

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-June 17th.** Details to come!

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

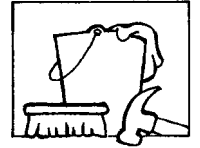
The **Gaudium Musicae** Season Seven has been announced, details are on the website: www.StAnnCharlotte.org/Gaudium-Musicae-2/. Buy your Season Seven Subscription tickets now: \$100 for families, \$40 for adults, \$25 for students. Single concert tickets are also available online and at the parish office. This is the best entertainment bargain in town! Volunteers and sponsors are needed; contact the parish office for details: 704-523-4641.



St. Ann's Blood Drive is TODAY, March 13th. We need donors. To give blood, come to the Café. Volunteers, go to the Café and ask for Chris Brunhuber at 704-241-2577 Thank you!

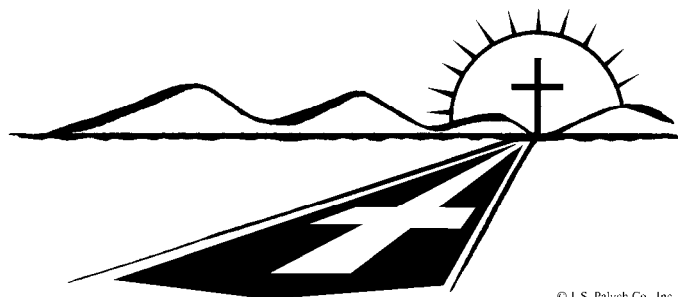
NEXT Saturday, March 19th the **St. Ann's Annual Service Day** begins at **9:00 a.m.-12 noon.**

SERVICE



Go to this sign-up genius link for the list of jobs and supplies to bring: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca9a72caa8-stanns. Join us in sprucing up the campus inside and out! We will wrap up the morning with lunch catered by the Men's Club and Hospitality Committee. **Bakers Needed:** two dozen home-baked cookies or brownies for our Firemen to be dropped off Thursday or Friday, March 17th or 18th.

St. Ann's Easter Meals Preparation. Each year St. Ann's supports local homeless shelters and agencies by providing Easter meals to those in need. Your donation of boneless hams and desserts is needed to help ensure each person gets a meal on Easter Sunday. Monetary donations will also be accepted. **If you would like to volunteer to help with meal preparation and/or delivery on Saturday March 26th,** please contact Robina Walker at robina.walker@gmail.com. **Desserts and hams can be dropped off at the parish office Monday March 21st-Wednesday, March 23rd during parish office hours or on Saturday March 26th by 10:00 a.m.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex this weekend, *March 12th* and next weekend, *March 19th* for ham and dessert donations and meal assembly volunteers.



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 evsmith1974@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.

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

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.

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.

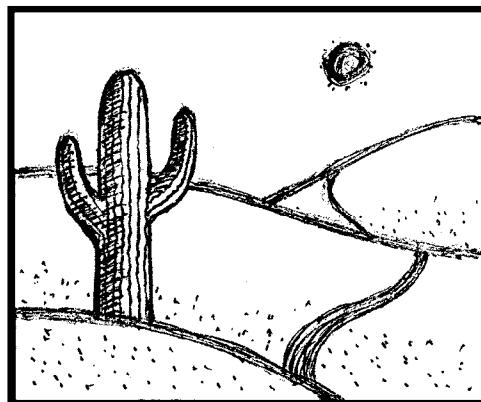
Ceramics are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-12noon. Call the parish office for more details.

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.

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.

IN THE DESERT



I MAKE A WAY

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



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Our parishioners:
 Rick Lejk, 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), Mark Weems (of Little Windows), and Peggy Ballew (sister of Gerri Hillis).

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., Ensign Hayley Derscheid, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey Derscheid.



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.**

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.

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.**

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the Week of March 13th through March 20th

March 13th	Passion Sunday - 1st class
March 14th	Feria of Passion Week - 3rd class
March 15th	Feria of Passion Week - 3rd class
March 16th	Feria of Passion Week - 3rd class
March 17th	Feria of Passion Week - 3rd class
March 18th	Feria of Passion Week - 3rd class
March 19th	St. Joseph - 1st class
March 20th	Palm Sunday - 1st class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., and on select feast days. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

“The observance of Lent is the very badge of the Christian warfare. By it we prove ourselves not to be enemies of the cross of Christ. By it we avert the scourges of divine justice. By it we gain strength against the princes of darkness, for it shields us with heavenly help. Should mankind grow remiss in their observance of Lent, it would be a detriment to God's glory, a disgrace to the Catholic religion, and a danger to Christian souls. Neither can it be doubted that such negligence would become the source of misery to the world, of public calamity, and of private woe.” - Pope Benedict XIV, 1741

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.

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.

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: espangsh@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.



Jubilee Year of Mercy March 13, 2016, Fifth Sunday of Lent

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy's theme, took place the last time today's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. "Jesus' attitude is striking," Francis declared. "We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: 'Neither do I condemn you' " (John 8:11). Francis continued: "God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God's] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us . . . understands us . . . waits for us . . . does not tire of forgiving us" if we return 'with a contrite heart' (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus' raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those "raised" from the "death" of sin, Jesus defines the community's "mission of mercy"-- "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

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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>.

Marriage Help **Retrouvaille** has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information 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. 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 **Hickory at St. Aloysius Catholic Church** at Saturday, **March 19th, from 1:00-5:00 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, go to ccd.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 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_CLTDiocese

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.

The 20th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held in Uptown Charlotte on **Saturday, March 19th**. The parade steps off at 11:00 a.m. at Tryon and 9th St & marches down Tryon St. to 3rd St. Our Grand Marshal is Ireland's Ambassador to the U.S., Anne Anderson. The Charlotte Goes Green Festival will take place in Uptown Charlotte on Saturday March 19th from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. It is located on Tryon St. between 3rd and Stonewall St. The festival is free and features live Irish music, Irish dancers, Irish and other vendors, children's amusements and lots of food and beverages. There is no admission fee. Come join us where everyone is Irish for the day! For more information: www.charlottestpatsday.com.

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.

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.

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@charlottedioocese.org.

Lenten Penance Services

St. Thomas Aquinas on Monday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.
St. John Neumann on Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 p.m.
St. Gabriel on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.

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

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. 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. 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.

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.

The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey college is having its **Super Spring Sale now through April 30th. Everything is on Sale!** Our Biggest Sales Event EVER! Save 10% off all regular price items. Save 20%, 50%, and 75% off select items while supplies last. Contact us at 704-461-5100 or catholicshoppe@bac.edu.



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@charlottedioocese.org, 704-370-3336.

Run, Walk, or Roll Your Way to Room at the Inn! Join our nonprofit team online to race and raise! The Human Race will take place on **Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Greensboro Coliseum**. There is a competitive 5K race route and a non-competitive short distance walking route. Friendly pets and strollers are welcome. Sponsor our team by donating pennies, nickels, dimes, or dollars! To register or donate, visit our team webpage at thehumanrace.kintera.org/roomattheinn. Additionally, visit our webpage to learn more about our programs at www.roominn.org. Please contact Kathleen at 336-207-3785 or kcurran@roominn.org with any questions or if you have a cash donation.

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.*

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*).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

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

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

*Please to be mindful of our Lord's presence whenever you are in the church. **Making sure to genuflect whenever you pass before the tabernacle, maintaining a prayerful silence in the church, dressing modestly and silencing cell phones** are practices that we would all do well to follow—not simply out of respect for our Lord, but for the benefit of our fellow parishioners as well.*

As you come into the church, please keep in mind that we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Also make sure to lock your cars and trucks. Either keep your personal items with you in church or lock them in your trunk. *This is for your safety.*

To All Parents with Infants and Small Children

One of the most beautiful blessings of our Parish is that we have so many babies and small kids! While all children are most welcome in the church, please keep in mind that the acoustics in our church are excellent, which means that their voices carry. If your children cry or scream during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, please be sensitive to those around you by taking your child to one of our cry rooms. *The cry rooms are reserved for families with small children. Everyone else is requested to sit in the church.*

To those in the Cry Rooms for Mass

Please remember that these rooms are an extension of the church itself. Therefore, please be as reverent as possible during Mass. These rooms exist to help you train your children how to attend Mass properly; thus, they should not be used as play rooms. While everyone who uses the cry rooms expects them to be a bit noisier than the church, disruptive games or toys are better left at home. Moreover, conversations in the cry rooms should be kept to a minimum during Mass. *Thank you for your consideration.*

Outdoor Speakers

We have outdoor speakers for those whose small children are too loud for the cry rooms or narthex. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners if your children are making a lot of noise.