



ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 17, 2016



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St. Ann's Parish Mission
 St. Ann Parish seeks the salvation of souls through the redemption of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in and through the divinely instituted Holy Catholic Church. We invite all to receive God's love as we give of ourselves in compassionate service.

Liturgical Schedule
(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

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.

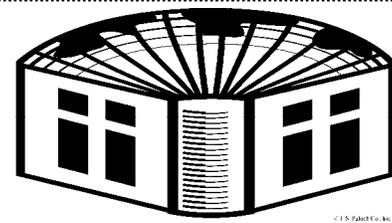
THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

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| <p>Sunday 17th <i>Stewardship Sunday</i></p> | <p>8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.</p> | <p>+Alton Marvin Faires <i>by the Sanctis family</i> Intentions of the Duncan family <i>by Rachel Fruit</i> Latin Our parish family</p> | <p>9:00 a.m. 12 noon 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Faith Formation (School) Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) Baptism (Church) Play Practice (Gym) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use</p> |
| <p>Monday 18th</p> | <p>7:00 a.m.</p> | <p>+Dolores Rothe <i>by Jan & Mike Colin</i></p> | <p>4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Church in use World Rosary (Chapel) Dance (Gym) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 19th</p> | <p>7:00 a.m.</p> | <p>+Gordon L. Reid <i>by the John Grant family</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i></p> | <p>10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Ceramics CSS (Scout room) Café in use Bible Timeline (Scout room)</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 20th</p> | <p><i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p><i>Holy Hour</i> Latin +Helen Hall Shoemaker <i>by Virginia Doman</i></p> | <p>9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Ceramics Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2) Scouts CSS (Library)</p> |
| <p>Thursday 21st</p> | <p>7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.</p> | <p>+Gordon L. Reid <i>by Teresa & Deacon Tom Sanctis & Family</i> <i>Confessions</i></p> | <p>10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Divine Mercy Study (Scout room) Choir/Schola (Church) Fraternus (Gym)</p> |
| <p>Friday 22nd</p> | <p>8:30 a.m.</p> | <p>Intentions of Fr. Christopher Gober <i>by Fr. Reid</i></p> | <p>5:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Play Practice (Gym & Café)</p> |
| <p>Saturday 23rd</p> | <p>9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Pro Life Mass <i>Confessions</i> Intentions of Will Nobers <i>by Cynthia & John Nobers</i></p> | <p>9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Ceramics Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Baptism (Church) Play Practice (Gym & café)</p> |
| <p>Sunday 24th</p> | <p>8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Our parish family +Nick O'Daniel <i>by Rachel Fruit</i> Latin Intentions of Joseph Brakefield <i>by Matthew Brakefield</i></p> | <p>12 noon</p> | <p>Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> |

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*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth." -- Acts 13:47b*





Dear Parishioners,

Today is **Commitment Sunday** for our **Stewardship Program**. Hopefully you all received the letter in the mail this week with the brochure detailing our various parish ministries, as well as the commitment card. If you are unable to turn in your commitment card at Mass this weekend, you may drop it by the office at any time or put it in the collection basket next Sunday.

I'm very grateful to all of you who are making a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to our parish. Last year we saw a wonderful increase in the amount of volunteer time given by our parishioners, and many of our ministries have been flourishing in the past year. We also saw a noticeable increase in our Sunday offering, which has been quite helpful. I'm also hopeful that you are making efforts to increase and deepen your prayer lives. Let's all be confident that our efforts to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us will aid each of us as we pursue holiness of life.

As we consider stewardship of our personal time, talent, and treasure, I also ask that we all exercise a more vigilant stewardship of the goods of this parish. So often as I walk our parish buildings and grounds, I find trash strewn about (especially the wrappers and sticks from the suckers we give out on Sundays!), furniture moved around and not returned to its proper place, lights left on when rooms are unoccupied, and parish property not given the proper respect. Please remember that this is *your* parish. All that we have here is because of your generosity! So please, let's all take better care of our parish resources. Little things like putting up the kneelers after praying, putting back any furniture you've moved around after using it, or picking up any litter you see helps to make our parish facilities and grounds more inviting for everyone.

One last thing to consider re: stewardship: *Forward in Faith, Hope, and Love*. Three years ago our parish participated in this diocesan campaign to provide much needed funds for the priests retirement fund, educational programs, and endowments to help the poor and needy in our diocese. A portion of the funds we raise are returned to the parish, and we've been using these funds to retire the debt on the church. Currently we owe about \$600,000 on our mortgage, but we will only be able to pay this off if everyone keeps up with their pledge to this diocesan campaign. So please be sure to honor your pledge. If you cannot fulfill your pledge, please contact the diocesan finance office or me. As always, thank you so much for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
720 registered families

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| March 27, 2016 | 13,800.00 |
| Weekly Budget: | 14,938.46 |
| YTD Total: | 632,082.53 |
| YTD Budget: | 582,599.94 |
| YTD Surplus/Deficit: | 49,482.59 |
| | |
| Easter Donations: | 6,296.00 |
| Easter Flower Donations: | 704.00 |
| Good Friday/Holy Land: | 2,143.00 |
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| Seminary: | 4,403.00 |

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



Every one of us is talented in some way. Stewardship encourages us to use any talent we have to benefit an individual, the Church or the community.

If you have asked for a Mass to be said and have not sent in your stipend, please remember mail it or drop it in the collection basket. Thank you.

Stewardship Appreciation!
It is our goal to receive a pledge form from every active household in our parish.

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org



April 17, 2016
4th Sunday of Easter
There are no small gifts in the eyes of our Lord. A bequest of any size is an ultimate expression of stewardship and expresses your appreciation for all you have been given in your lifetime.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2016 Your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal is shared with the educational, multicultural, vocational, housing, and social service ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your 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.

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!

2016 DSA

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| DSA Goal: | 87,197.00 |
| Pledged: | 61,428.00 |
| Received: | 36,656.00 |
| Donors: | 149 |

Today we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us. Your gift to the poor will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.



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.

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month: The next collection weekends are **April 16th-17th, May 7th-8th and May 21st-22nd.**

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Meatloaf Sunday is TODAY, April 17th. Feed the homeless from your oven. Take your favorite meatloaf recipe and turn it into a 2-3 lb. entree. **Drop your foil-wrapped and fully-cooked meatloaf off at the tables in front of church any time before the 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses and the Homeless Ministry will do the rest.** Your meatloaf will become the *pièce de résistance* of dinner for 125+ women and children at the Center of Hope, tonight, April 17th. Thank you!

"Feed yourselves and Feed the homeless." **St. Ann's Saturday** at Hawthorne's Pizza, 4100 Carmel Rd, 28226, is **Saturday, April 30th**. 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.*

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, May 3rd**. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at stannMWG@gmail.com. Go to www.motheringwithgrace.org for details about the ministry. NOTE: There are NO meetings in June or July. Next meeting after May 3rd is August 2nd.

The next **Baptismal Preparation class** will be **Sunday, June 12th at 9:10 a.m.** Call the parish office to sign up for this class: 704-523-4641.

Save These Dates! **St Ann Summer Catechesis 2016 will be held June 13th-June 17th**. Details to come!

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. **The Concert dates are Sundays:** October 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.; November 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.; February 26, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.; and April 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

St Ann's Carnival Committee is preparing for the 2016 carnival. We are in *need* of a few new committee chairpersons. Along with being the largest fundraiser in the parish, the **carnival** also provides one of our greatest opportunities for fellowship for all of our parishioners. If you are interested in becoming part of the carnival committee, please contact Chris Brunhuber at 704 241-2577 or ccb43@earthlink.net.

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

Special study for our parish! Beginning **Thursday, April 21st at 10:00 a.m.** in the Scout Room! *Divine Mercy*, the second greatest story ever told, by Michael Gaitley. This is a 10-week study, and it is on FORMED! Please e-mail hclark12@carolina.rr.com if you are interested!

The Carolina Catholic Chorale & Orchestra will sing Antonio Caldara's *Mass in A* in a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at St. Ann's for the Solemnity of the Ascension on **Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.** The Mass is open to the public at no charge. This is the first time in centuries that this Mass will have been sung as no known printed music is available and it has by been recreated from old manuscripts by Thomas Savoy, the Chorale's Director. For information on the Chorale, please see: <http://www.carolinacatholicchorale.com/>

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Tuesday, April 19th for Sunday, April 24, 2016
 Tuesday, April 26th for Sunday, May 1, 2016
 Tuesday, May 3rd for Sunday, May 8, 2016
 Tuesday, May 10th for Sunday, May 15, 2016

The Diocese of Charlotte has announced the exciting news that it will establish a college seminary. St. Joseph Seminary will have its first class of seminarians in the Fall semester of 2016. The seminarians will live in community in the former St. Joseph Monastery on St. Ann Campus, while attending classes at Belmont Abbey College. We invite all parishioners to pray for our young men and to aid in the support of this endeavor. **We have set up a SignUp Genius for items needed at the seminary. You may drop off the items at the parish office from now until August 22nd.** Please mark the items as Seminary items. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0544AEA62AA4FA7-seminary

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.*

Catholic Scripture Study: *The Book of Isaiah*. Classes are **Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.** Contact Heidi Clark, 704-504-5948 or email hclark12@carolina.rr.com. Classes are **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** Contact Paula Schrum at 704-641-0365 or pbschrum@gmail.com.

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

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@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, srmaryraphael@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.

Pro-Life Ministry

Join us every **Sunday at 12 noon** in the chapel for the Respect Life Rosary. All are welcome.

St Ann's will have a **Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m.**

Questions about the St. Ann's Pro-Life Ministry, contact Andy Zorichak at azorichak@yahoo.com.



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*Welcome to our parish family
Barrett Elizabeth Furtick
William Joseph Conner*



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*I: Angelique Pimentel - Victor Muraco
7 May 2016 1:30 p.m.*

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), Jennifer Arnold and Mary Regester (friends of Nancy Tota), Tom Storer, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), Peggy Ballew (sister of Gerri Hillis), and Douglas Edge.
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.



The Three Stages of the Interior Life: Join Matthew Leonard as he walks through the three stages of the spiritual life, helping you progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written about by St. Teresa of Avila. With humor and concrete examples, this presentation is sure to aid you in your journey to becoming a saint. **Currently available for the special price of \$1.25 each when bought in cases of 25 books!** Purchase individual copies from \$3.55 each. 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 stannprayers@comporium.net or call Nancy Picciola 803-389-5530.

LATIN MASS CORNER

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

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| April 17th | 3rd Sunday after Easter -2nd class |
| April 18th | Feria -4th class |
| April 19th | Feria -4th class |
| April 20th | Feria -4th class |
| April 21st | St. Anselm -3rd class |
| April 22nd | Sts. Soter & Caius -3rd class |
| April 23rd | Saturday of Our Lady -4th class St. George-4th class |
| April 24th | 4th Sunday after Easter -2nd class |

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

Latin Mass Q&A:

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

Questions? E-mail

charlottelatinmasscommunity@gmail.com.

Do you love Jesus? Do you want to learn how to love Him more deeply? Do you want Him to transform your life and the lives of your family and friends? Read His Word every day. The daily Mass readings are the very voice of God speaking to us. Meditate on His Word for just 15 minutes with the help of our *One Bread One Body* booklets, a guide to the daily Scriptures **found in the North Vestibule with other helpful resources.**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Ann Home School Group liaison is Katherine Lauer. To contact Katherine for information on Home School katherinetlauer@gmail.com.

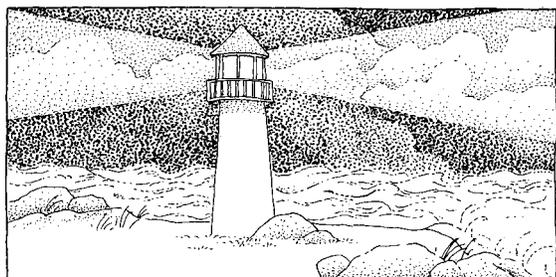
The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) are accepting applications for new students for the 2016-2017 school year at all schools and for all grades. Visit the MACS website at www.macs-schools.com/macs/admissions/applications for applications and more admissions information. For school locations 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.

Register for Preschool Now! St. Vincent de Paul Preschool still has room for 2- and 3-year-old children in our faith-based, half day program for the 2016-2017 school year. We offer a developmentally appropriate curriculum, while always focusing on the knowledge that we are all God's children. For information or to schedule a tour, please contact Mary Helen or Sonya at mhcushing@charlottediocese.org or 704- 644-4656.

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.



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MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

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: rachelvineyard.org. Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

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.

Free Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Courses will be offered in in Charlotte at St. Matthew Catholic Church, **April 30th**, from 1:00p.m.- to 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 ccdoc.org/nfp or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, 704-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org.

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 next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are **April 29th-May 1st** in Chapel Hill, NC and **November 4th-6th** in Atlantic Beach, NC in. Early sign up is recommended. For information visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. This program has helped many couples experiencing such difficulties. For information or to attend the program beginning with a **weekend on September 16th** call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvailleenc@msn.com or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) invites all women of St. Ann's to the upcoming CCWG events: (1) **April Evening Reflection** is on **Monday, April 18th at 7:00-9:00 p.m.** at St. Gabriel Church. Our guest speaker is Father Jason Barone. (2) The **CCWG Family Rosary** will be **Friday, May 6th at 7:30-9:30 p.m.** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. (3) **May Morning Reflection** is on **Monday, May 9th 9:00-12 noon** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Our guest speaker: Fr. Elie Mikhael. **Registration for all of the events is on our website:** www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org. Find/Like us on www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup and follow us on Twitter: @CCWG_CLTDioecese

Special Event Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30 -9:00 p.m. in Biss Hall of St Peter Catholic Church Hiking Group Invites You to Celebrate Our National Parks! Join us for an entertaining evening with author Danny Bernstein to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, Danny Bernstein visited 71 park units in the Southeast. She will share stories from her forthcoming book, *Forests, Alligators, Battlefields: My Journey through the National Parks of the South*. **RSVP <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848abab2ba3fd0-southern>**

Catholic Conference Center Celebrates Secretaries on **Friday, May 6th 10:0 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** at Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. In honor of Administrative Professionals Day we are presenting a program to give secretaries and administrative professionals a day of spiritual renewal and rest. Cost is \$40.00 per person and includes lunch. Call Cathy Webb at 828-327-7441 by *Monday, May 2nd* or via email: info@catholicconference.org.



MiraVia (formerly **Room At The Inn**) announces our Sixteenth Annual Charity Golf Tournament - "Links FORE Life" on **May 23rd at The Golf Club at Ballantyne**. Tournament registration is \$130/golfer. Check-in

begins at 10:00 a.m. with tee-off at 11:00 a.m. Guests will enjoy a tasty lunch provided by The American Burger Company and dinner from Plate Perfect Catering. Pre-registration is required. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, visit our website at www.mira-via.org/news-and-events or email marypaulforsyth@mira-via.org. Spaces are limited. **Please register by May 13th!**

Crusader Tennis Camps at Belmont Abbey College: Players of all levels, ages 6-18 are invited to take part in fun, affordable and virtue-building tennis camps this summer at Belmont Abbey College. Visit www.CrusaderTennisCamps.com or contact Head Coach Mike Salomon at crusadertenniscamp@gmail.com or call 202-460-0031 visit www.abbeyathletics.com.

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.

Saint John Paul II called the Eucharist the "Source and Summit" of Catholic life. Plan to spend a day in special worship during the eleventh **Eucharistic Congress of the Diocese of Charlotte, September 9 & 10, 2016** at the Charlotte Convention Center. Visit www.GoEucharist.com for more information.

Free Estate Planning Seminar Tuesday, April 26th.

Do you have a valid will and do you know if it needs to be updated? Are you interested in learning more about how to coordinate estate planning within your overall financial plan and provide security for your family and loved ones? These and other questions will be addressed at a free seminar on estate planning in Charlotte. Attorney Christian Cherry with Grier Furr & Crisp will present legal information. Mr. Cherry is an estate planning attorney with a concentration including wills, estates, trusts, and probate. His presentation will include an open question and answer period. Information on planned giving, bequests and Catholic teaching on end of life issues will also be provided by the planned giving office. **The seminar is Tuesday, April 26th at the Catholic Diocese Pastoral Center from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served. Contact Judy Smith at jmsmith@charlottedioecese.org or 704-370-3320 to register.

His Excellency, Bishop Peter J. Jugis, will celebrate a **Mass for U.S. military personnel on Monday, May 30, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Charlotte.** The Mass and rosary (to be recited at 10:30 a.m.) will be offered for all military personnel who have died and for those who are now serving. All military personnel are invited and encouraged to come in uniform. Photos of those who have died or who are now serving in the military will be displayed in the Cathedral. To include your service member, preferably in uniform, please mail a color or black/white photocopy of them with their name and military rank on the back of the photocopy to Nancy Weber, Office of the Bishop, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203 to be received no later than May 23, 2016. **(Please do not send original photographs as they will not be returned.)**

Attention all Catholic young men, rising high school freshman through college age men. The diocesan Office for Vocations will be offering **Quo Vadis Days a five-day camp will take place at Belmont Abbey College from June 13th-17th** and will be an opportunity for the young men to grow in their faith, consider their own vocation as a Catholic man, and delve into the meaning and mystery of the priesthood. The cost is \$150.00. Visit the website: www.charlottedioecese.org/vocations. Or contact Fr. Gober at 704-370-3327.

Faithful, Servant Leadership Institute is June 19th-25th. A weeklong Catholic Leadership experience for mature high school students. Daily Mass along with sports options each day including horseback riding, riflery, swimming, rugby, and many more. Practice the skills you need to succeed in life and grow in holiness. **Register today while space is available!** <http://education.charlottedioecese.org/youth-ministry/youth-services/faithful-servant>.

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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!

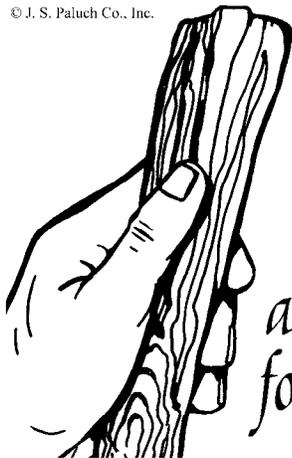
33 Hours of Adoration. Adoration begins Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. through Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. *All are welcome.* Adorers: please share your contact information with those who adore during your **Adoration hour**. If you can't make it, call the others to make sure someone is visiting Our 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.