



April 3, 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.

<b>Sunday Mass Schedule</b> Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; <b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form:</b> 12:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday Masses</b> Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) Friday: 8:30 a.m.	<b>Adoration</b> Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b> Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
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## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

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<b>Divine Mercy Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Michael Kitson <i>by the family</i> <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> Intentions of Logan Lewis <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) 11:30 a.m. Procession to the Divine Mercy statue 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 p.m. Men's Club (Café & Kitchen)
<b>Monday 4th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Dorothy Storer <i>by the Rothe family</i> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Missa Cantata</b> Intentions of the Missionaries of Charity	Mary's Sons Kneeler (Chapel) 4:30 p.m. Church in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance (Gym)   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room)   Legion of Mary (Conference room)
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Shannon Tannence <i>by Darlene &amp; Derek Gray</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	Mary's Sons Kneeler (Chapel) 10:00 a.m. Ceramics 1:00 p.m. CSS (Scout room) 6:30 p.m. Conference room in use 7:00 p.m. Mothering With Grace (off campus)   Bible Timeline (Scout room)
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Holy Hour</i> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> +Kitty Somer <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	Mary's Sons Kneeler (Chapel) 9:00 a.m. Ceramics 7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2)   Scouts   CSS (Library)
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Steven Rapsis <i>by Marion Rapsis</i> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions</i>	10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 7:00 p.m. Fraternal (Gym)
<b>Friday 8th</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	8:30 a.m. Home School (All Rooms) 12:30 p.m. Chapel in use 6:00 p.m. Gym, Café, & kitchen in use
<b>Saturday 9th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions</i> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Intentions of Anthony & Jennifer Sanctis <i>by the family</i>	8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms) 9:00 a.m. Ceramics   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions for Abbey & Rick Lejk's Anniversary <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> Intentions of Cynthia Mazelin <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)



*Once I was dead,  
but now I am alive forever and ever.  
-- Revelation 1:18a*





Dear Parishioners,

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! This is a day of extraordinary grace for the Church as all the faithful who attend Mass today, receive Holy Communion, go to confession within 20 days, and offer prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, may receive a plenary indulgence for the remission of sin. This special day exists because of St. Faustina, a Polish nun who received apparitions of our Lord in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Our Lord asked St. Faustina to spread a message around the world. Our Lord's message was simple: that His mercy is deeper and richer and greater than any of us can ever imagine – and that it is available to all mankind, most especially the worst of sinners. Hopefully, this extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy is helping you grow in your devotion to our Lord's divine mercy.

If you haven't done so yet, I highly encourage you to read St. Faustina's diary: *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. It records all of her mystical experiences with our Lord and His mother and repeats and clarifies in very easy and simple language the Gospel's story of God's love and mercy for us all. Truly, it's one of the Church's greatest spiritual treasures from the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Not only does it tell us of God's incredible and inexhaustible mercy, but it also tells us how to live a life of mercy – to be merciful to others – in response to God's love. In short, our Lord wants us to know that His love and mercy are greater than any sins we can ever commit. He wants us to know that He loves us no matter how great our sins may be. And He wants us to call upon Him in complete trust in order to receive His mercy, and to pass along His mercy to those around us.

Speaking of mercy, as we continue celebrating this Jubilee Year of Mercy, this month we will focus on the **virtue of Faith**, which is the natural outgrowth of the Paschal Mysteries of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Seeing all that our Lord has done to save us from our sins and procure for us eternal salvation should naturally lead us to a deeper and more abiding faith in Him! As for our work of mercy this month, we will focus on the spiritual work of **instructing the ignorant**. April is often a month when people receive the various Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion), and so it is an appropriate time for us to focus on this beautiful work of mercy. As we do, let us keep in our prayers all of the young people in our parish who will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion in the next month.

In the Risen and Merciful Lord,

A handwritten signature in dark 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*

<b>March 13, 2016</b>	<b>21,799.22</b>
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	602,637.12
YTD Budget:	552,723.02
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>49,914.10</b>
 <b>Mission Donations:</b>	 <b>286.00</b>

Check out our website: [StAnnCharlotte.org](http://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.



*In the area of treasure, some Christians choose the biblical norm of giving 10 percent of their treasure. Some, because of circumstances, give more than that. Others might start at two, three or four percent, and work upward.*

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 **April 2nd-3rd and April 16th-17th and May 7th-8th and May 21st-22nd.**

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](http://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!

*In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!” During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the poor box you say “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.*



**Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:**  
 Tuesday, April 5th for Sunday, April 10, 2016  
 Tuesday, April 12th for Sunday, April 17, 2016  
 Tuesday, April 19th for Sunday, April 24, 2016  
 Tuesday, April 26th for Sunday, May 1, 2016

**Give Electronically at**  
[www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org)

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2016** *On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember the words of Jesus, “whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me.”*

**2016 DSA**

DSA Goal:	87,197.00
Pledged:	55,675.02
Received:	32,793.02
Donors:	130

**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](mailto:jmsmith@charlottediocese.org).



*April 3, 2016  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
 As we repent of our sins and strengthen our devotion, we can also reflect on our responsibility to be stewards of our faith through a bequest gift that will continue the good work of our parish.*

**Stewardship Appreciation!**

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

## COMING EVENTS 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](mailto:stannMWG@gmail.com). Go to [www.motheringwithgrace.org](http://www.motheringwithgrace.org) for details about the ministry.



**Latin Mass Introduction Class.** Father Reid will be teaching a Latin Mass Introduction class for all parishioners on **Wednesday April 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Allen Center cafeteria. It will be preceded by the regular Low Mass at 6:00 p.m. and a light dinner will be served by the Charlotte Latin Mass Community. The class is open to newcomers and regulars alike and will cover topics such as the role of the priest during the Mass, the different parts of the Mass, and its symbolism. **While the event is free, an RSVP is greatly appreciated by April 12th** [info@charlottelatinmass.org](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org).

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/](http://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.

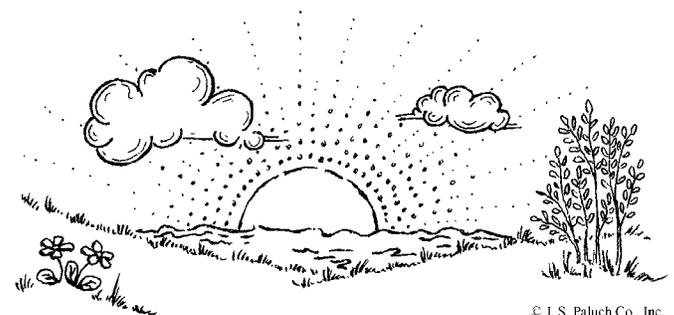
**Mary's Sons** is an apostolate established by lay Catholics in our diocese. Their mission is to promote prayer, support and love for our priests. They also support Eucharistic Adoration, 40 hours Devotions and Holy Hours for an increase in Vocations. **Mary's Sons has purchased personal kneelers for the two men who will soon be ordained priests, Deacon Cory Catron and Deacon David McCanless.** The kneelers are on a "prayer pilgrimage" to the parishes in our diocese. **St. Ann's will host the kneelers April 4th-6th. They will be located in the Chapel.** You are invited to come and say a prayer on the kneelers for Deacons Catron and McCanless. The kneelers will be presented to them as gifts upon their ordination on June 18, 2016.

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

**Meatloaf Sunday is 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 4:30 p.m. vigil, 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, Sunday evening, 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.*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [holyfamilypaygroup-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:holyfamilypaygroup-subscribe@yahoo.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](mailto:smaryraphael@gmail.com) for information. Contact Mrs. Angela Williams, [angiegirl67@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mmlewis28@yahoo.com).



**MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN**



*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), 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.



Fr. Michael Gaitley shares the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St.

Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced. 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/](http://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](mailto: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 April 3rd through April 10th

April 3rd	Low Sunday - 1st class
April 4th	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred) - 1st class
April 5th	St. Vincent Ferrer - 3rd class
April 6th	Feria - 4th class
April 7th	Feria - 4th class or Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3rd class
April 8th	Feria - 4th class
April 9th	Our Lady on Saturday - 4th class
April 10th	2nd 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](mailto:charlottelatinmasscommunity@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:katherinetlauer@gmail.com) or 704-898-7323.

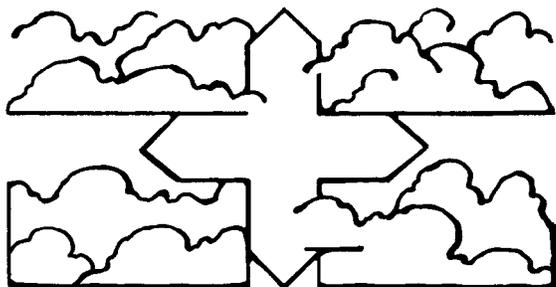
**The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS)** are accepting applications for new students for the 2016-2017 school year at all schools and for all grades. Visit the MACS website at [www.macs-schools.com/macs/admissions/applications](http://www.macs-schools.com/macs/admissions/applications) for applications 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](http://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](http://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 [mhushing@charlottediocese.org](mailto:mhushing@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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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

**Teams of Our Lady** [www.teamsofourlady.org](http://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](mailto:tmathis3@me.com).

We are called to be a resurrection people and reflect God's love and mercy in our own lives and relationships with others 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>.

Rediscover Your Marriage: **Retrouvaille** simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Many couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:hackhouse@bellsouth.net).

**Free Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Courses** will be offered in Winston-Salem at Holy Family Catholic Church, **April 9th**, and 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 more information, go to [ccdoc.org/nfp](http://ccdoc.org/nfp) or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or [bnadcock@charlottediocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:sglan1234@aol.com) or Jennifer Ganser at 336-209-2161/ [jmganser@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jmganser@charlottediocese.org), or visit: [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org). Sponsored by the Respect Life Program, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte.

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**Society of Catholic Social Scientists**, Spring Conference: "The Catholic Ethic in the Earthly City." **Saturday, April 9th at Belmont Abbey College 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.** Free and open to the public.

**Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG)** invites all women of St. Ann's to the April Morning Reflection on **Monday, April 11th at 9:00-11:30 a.m.** at St. Patrick Cathedral. Our guest speaker Father Patrick Winslow. Register on the website: [www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org](http://www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org). Find us on [www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup](https://www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup) and Twitter: @CCWG\_CLTDioecese



**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](http://www.mira-via.org/news-and-events) or email [marypaulforsyth@mira-via.org](mailto:marypaulforsyth@mira-via.org). Spaces are limited. **Please register by May 13th!**

**30th Annual Spring Fling** Tuesday, **May 17th** at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

**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>.

St. Mark Catholic Church is pleased to announce the beginning of an **Alzheimer's Respite Ministry**. We would like to invite members of your congregation to participate. If you have any questions, please call Janet Urban Young at Heart Alzheimer's Respite Coordinator 704-948-3558

Let your Catholic Voice be heard. Receive email alerts from the Bishops. Join Catholic Voice NC. [CatholicVoiceNC.org](http://CatholicVoiceNC.org). No membership fees.



Let your Catholic Voice be heard. **Join Catholic Voice North Carolina, [CatholicVoicenc.org](http://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](mailto:dwhains@charlottedioecese.org), 704-370-3336.

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.

"Why Beauty Matters, Not Just in Art but in Faith and Society" The Cuthbert Allen Lecture 2016, to be delivered by **Dana Gioia 8:00 p.m., April 6th at Belmont Abbey College**. Dana Gioia is an award-winning poet, writer, and critic. This lecture is open to all and admission is free, but please register online at <https://alumni.belmontabbeycollege.edu/cuthbertallen>.

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](mailto:catholicshoppe@bac.edu).

**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. Sponsor our team by donating pennies, nickels, dimes, or dollars! To register or donate, visit our team webpage at [thehumanrace.kintera.org/roomattheinn](http://thehumanrace.kintera.org/roomattheinn). Additionally, visit our webpage to learn more about our programs at [www.roominn.org](http://www.roominn.org). Contact Kathleen at 336-207-3785 or [kcurran@roominn.org](mailto:kcurran@roominn.org).



Save The Date! **Our Charlotte Diocese Eucharistic Congress will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 9th & 10th.** This spiritually unifying event brings together thousands of Catholics from across the diocese and southeast for spiritual talks, music, prayer, and fellowship - all centered around the Most Blessed Sacrament. All ages welcome!

**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](http://www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Charlotte) to download the brochure and registration form. For information Mrs. Jean Judge at 704-487-7697 or [jmjudge@charlottedioecese.org](mailto:jmjudge@charlottedioecese.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](http://charlottelaydominicans.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](http://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.

