



April 10, 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

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Sunday 10th	8:00 a.m. Intentions for Abbey & Rick Lejk's Anniversary 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin 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) Café in use
Monday 11th	7:00 a.m. +Gordon L. Reid <i>by Joan Dratch</i>	4:00 p.m. Play Practice (Classrooms 1 & 2) Gym in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance (Gym) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Library) 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 12th	7:00 a.m. +Lisa Baldwin <i>by the Lauer family</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics 1:00 p.m. CSS (Scout room) 4:00 p.m. Play practice (Classrooms 1 & 2) 6:15 p.m. Carnival Committee Meeting (Café) 7:00 p.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room)
Wednesday 13th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin +Gordon L. Reid <i>by the John Grant family</i>	9:00 a.m. Ceramics 5:00 p.m. Play Practice (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2) Scouts CSS (Library) Latin Mass Intro Class (Café) St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (Conference room)
Thursday 14th	7:00 a.m. +Katherine Campbell <i>by the O'Brien family</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i>	9:30 a.m. Conference room in use 10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 7:00 p.m. Fraternalus (Gym)
Friday 15th	8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	4:00 p.m. Play Practice (Gym)
Saturday 16th	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. +Gordon L. Reid <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	8:00 a.m. Play Practice (Gym) 8:30 a.m. Retreat (Café, Library, & Scout room) 9:00 a.m. Ceramics Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 10:30 a.m. Retreat (Church) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Sunday 17th	8:00 a.m. +Alton Marvin Faires <i>by the Sanctis family</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Duncan family <i>by Rachel Fruit</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) Play Practice (Gym) 3:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."-- Revelation 5:12



Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday we celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday, a day in which we honor our Lord's great mercy for all of us, most especially for the greatest of sinners. One of the ways that we can all put divine mercy into action in our lives is through our new stewardship program. While the goal of most stewardship programs is to increase gifts of time, talent, and treasure (which we hope to do!), my ultimate hope is that our stewardship program will make us all more deeply aware of the dangers of selfishness and self-centeredness and give us all a greater willingness to serve others. I also hope that our stewardship program will lead us all to be even more grateful to our Lord for His many gifts to us and to be generous with those gifts.

Last week you received in the mail a letter and a brochure explaining our stewardship program. This week you will receive another mailing, which will include a brochure that briefly describes all of the different ways you can be involved in our parish, as well as a commitment brochure by which you can indicate how you will make a personal commitment of time, talent, and treasure to St. Ann's. Next Sunday, 17 April, we will take a few minutes during Mass to complete these commitment brochures. If you'd like to fill it out before Mass, please do so and bring it with you. Otherwise, we will have blank commitment brochures available at Mass. Please give prayerful consideration this week to how you can share God's love and mercy with others and give thanks to Him by making a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to our parish.

Once again this summer the diocesan Office for Vocations will be offering *Quo Vadis Days* for all young men who are rising freshmen in high school through seniors in college. The five-day camp will take place at Belmont Abbey College from June 13 – 17 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.

Additionally, the diocese is offering a similar retreat for young women who are rising freshmen in high school to rising freshmen in college. This first annual *Duc In Altum Days* will take place at Belmont Abbey College from June 27 – July 1. This retreat is designed to instruct young women in authentic femininity after the role model of Mary Immaculate, and open their hearts to feminine vocations as wives and mothers, consecrated religious, and consecrated lay faithful.

Further information and registration forms for both camps can be found on-line at: www.charlottediocese.org/vocations. If anyone is in need of financial assistance to attend these camps, please let me know.

In gratitude for your love and generosity,

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
720 registered families

March 20, 2016	15,645.41
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	618,282.53
YTD Budget:	567,661.48
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	50,621.05

Mission Donations: 3/13/2016	286.00
Mission Donations: 3/20/2016	346.00
Total:	732.00



Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. Your contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal is a way to show mercy to our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus. 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:	61,428.00
Received:	36,656.00
Donors:	149

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.



April 10, 2016
3rd Sunday of Easter

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of all those who have included us in their will with bequest gifts to our parish.

Stewardship Appreciation!

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

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org

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.



The Altar Flowers this weekend is in celebration of **Abbey & Rick Lejk's Anniversary.**



Stewardship opens an avenue of thought that allows us to give without always questioning what we will get in return.

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 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** 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 this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord!" Have you considered the call to "help The poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the St Vincent de Paul Society?



Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:
 Tuesday, April 12th for Sunday, April 17, 2016
 Tuesday, April 19th for Sunday, April 24, 2016
 Tuesday, April 26th for Sunday, May 1, 2016
 Tuesday, May 3rd for Sunday, May 8, 2016

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

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 café. 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.



"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**. Details will follow. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at stannMWG@gmail.com. Go to www.motheringwithgrace.org for details about the ministry.

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.

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

St Ann's Carnival Committee will hold their first meeting in preparation for the 2016 carnival, on **Tuesday April 12th in the Allen Center café at 6:15 p.m.** 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. We are in *need* of a few committee chairpersons along with folks to work alongside existing chairpersons. If you are interested in becoming part of the carnival committee, please attend the meeting or 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!

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!

Pro-Life Ministry

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

Helpers of God's Precious Infants Procession for Life: Our next Procession for Life will be held on **Saturday, April 16th** at St. Patrick's Cathedral. We'll have Mass at 8:00 a.m. with Fr. Roux, and afterwards our Procession for Life will begin at 9:00 a.m. at A Preferred Women's Health Center on Latrobe Dr. with Fr. Jason Barone. For information, check out charlottehelpers.com.

St Ann's will have a **Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m.** Please try to attend one or both of these upcoming events!

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

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.



Jubilee Year of Mercy April 10, 2016 Third Sunday of Easter

How appropriate today's Gospel for this Jubilee Year of Mercy, both because of the "breakfast" Jesus provides ("a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread") and the number of fish in Peter's net ("one hundred fifty-three") (John 21:11-12). Of the fish, Saint Augustine suggests that the roasted fish is the suffering Christ. Saint Gregory the Great adds that Christ lowered himself to swim in the "water" of our humanity; to be caught in the "net" of our death; to be "roasted" in his Passion on the fire of suffering. Saint Jerome claims that "one hundred fifty-three" represents the full number of known species of fish, signifying that the Church's "net" has room for all our widely diverse humanity, securing our unity-in-diversity in the hands of Peter and his successors. Having received God's mercy as "the beating heart of the Gospel," may the Church--we--"pattern [our] behavior after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception" (Misericordiae Vultus, 12). --Peter Scagnelli, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Papal quotes Copyright (c) 2015, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

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 repose of the soul of Martha Fusz, mother of Lucie Tonon, who died April 3, 2016



Now, with the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's *Lectio* series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the ancient Church's tradition of *Lectio Divina* to show you the simple steps to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. *Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God* captures in six episodes the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in His presence and resolving to live in and through His love. 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 10th through April 17th

April 10th	2nd Sunday after Easter - 2nd class
April 11th	St. Leo the Great - 3rd class
April 12th	Feria - 4th class
April 13th	St. Hermenegild - 3rd class
April 14th	St. Justin - 3rd class
April 15th	Feria - 4th class
April 16th	Saturday of Our Lady - 4th class
April 17th	3rd 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.**

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.

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 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.** 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.

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 more information, go to ccdoc.org/nfp or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 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.

Help us to support the Bishops' Initiative on marriage! Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier. For more information call 704-315-2144 or visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>.

Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost the sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. **Retrouvaille** teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) invites all women of St. Ann's to the upcoming CCWG events: **April Morning Reflection on Monday, April 11th at 9:00-12 noon**, at St Patrick Cathedral. Our guest speaker Father Patrick Winslow. The **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. The CCWG **Family Rosary** will be Friday, May 6th at 7:30-9:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Registration for all of the events is on our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org. Find us on www.facebook.com/CCWGCharlotteCatholicWomensGroup and 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>**.



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!**

Notre Dame High School was started in 1957 in Greensboro, NC. The school was located first in Southern Pines, but in 1955, the bishop decided that hospital building in Greensboro was a more central location for a Catholic high school. Notre Dame closed after the final graduating class of 1968. **Notre Dame will have a school wide reunion in September 2016 at Emerald Isle.** Contact kdowd01@att.net for more information.

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.



Let your Catholic Voice be heard. **Join Catholic Voice North Carolina, CatholicVoicenc.org.**

Receive email alerts from the Bishops and react to legislation that impacts the Catholic faith. Catholic Voice NC is the non-partisan public policy voice of Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of the Diocese of Raleigh and Bishop Peter J. Jugis of the Diocese of Charlotte. This message has been approved by both bishops. Direct questions to David Hains, dwhains@charlottedioecese.org, 704-370-3336.

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.

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>**.

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.)**

Be a part of the Eucharistic Congress – Volunteer! There are many opportunities before and during the Congress for volunteers to contribute their time and talent. Volunteer shifts are only two hours on the day of the Congress. Visit the website, www.GoEucharist.com for details and to sign up.

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.

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:



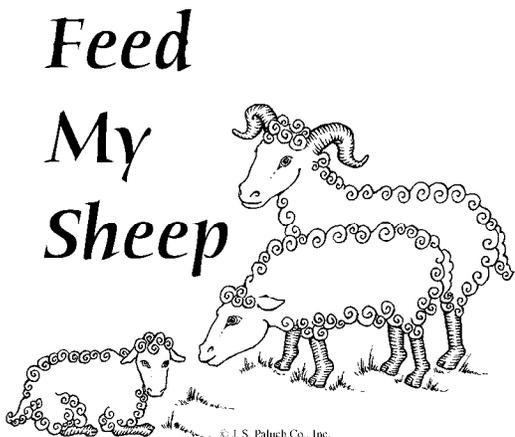
If you are approached by panhandlers on the church campus, **please do not give them money**. Instead, direct them to the parish office for financial assistance. *We have the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need.* Thank you!

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.