



April 24, 2016



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

Liturgical Schedule
(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

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

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

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 24th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Nick O’Daniel <i>by Rachel Fruit</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Joseph Brakefield <i>by Matthew Brakefield</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
Monday 25th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Sharon Reid <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	4:00 p.m. Gym 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)
Tuesday 26th	7:00 a.m. +Michael Kitson <i>by the Kitson family</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	10:00 a.m. Ceramics 1:00 p.m. CSS (Scout room) 6:30 p.m. Conference room in use
Wednesday 27th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin For St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones	9:00 a.m. Ceramics 7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2) Scouts CSS (Library)
Thursday 28th	7:00 a.m. +Michael Barnett <i>by Heidi Clark</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i>	10:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Study (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 7:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym)
Friday 29th	8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	5:00 p.m. Practice (Church) Play Practice (Gym & Café)
Saturday 30th	11:00 a.m. <i>First Communion</i> 3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. +Amelia Barnaba <i>by Tina Noll & family</i>	9:00 a.m. Ceramics Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 11:00 a.m. First Communion Reception (Café) 5:00 p.m. Play Practice (Gym & Café)
Sunday 1st	8:00 a.m. +Bernard Lavery <i>by Ann Lavery</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Carol Kuhn 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) 9:15 a.m. Practice (Church) 11:30 a.m. Café in use 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 p.m. Men’s Club (Café & Kitchen)

"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race." -- Revelation 21:3



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



*Welcome to our parish family
Patrick Matthew Fields*



Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend we will be celebrating 1st Communion! Please pray for all of the young children in our parish who will be receiving our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. Pray especially that Christ may fill their hearts and souls with a greater love for Him and deepen their faith, hope, and charity.

Last Sunday we celebrated our 2nd annual Commitment Sunday for our Stewardship Program. I am very grateful for all of you who have made commitments of time, talent, and treasure to our parish. As I mentioned last Sunday, my ultimate hope is that by being more generous and intentional in the ways we steward the gifts God has given us, we can help combat the culture of selfishness and self-entitlement that plagues our culture. I also hope that our stewardship efforts will help us be more grateful to God for His many gifts to us.

While each of us is called to individual stewardship efforts, our parish at large is also committed to stewardship. Currently, we tithe a percentage of our offertory that we use for charitable outreach both here in Charlotte and abroad. Additionally, through our various ministries and outreach programs (e.g. St. Vincent de Paul Society, Homeless Ministry, etc.) we provide thousands of volunteer hours to helping the needy. Most importantly, we as a parish give God 33 hours/week of dedicated prayer and worship through Eucharistic Adoration. If you're looking for a way to increase your prayer time with God, please become one of our regular adorers. Adoration takes place in the chapel every Tuesday from 8 a.m. – Wednesday at 5 p.m.

As we are focusing on stewardship efforts right now, I'd like to give you an update on our efforts to pay off our church mortgage. As you all know, 3 years ago we participated in the diocesan capital campaign: *Forward in Faith, Hope, and Love*. While most of the money from this campaign is being used to fund important diocesan initiatives, a percentage of the monies raised is given back to the parishes for their own use. With the money we've been receiving, we've been paying off our church mortgage. We also used some of the funds to help pay for the mural. Currently, we owe ~\$600,000 on the mortgage. If everyone who has made a pledge to the FFHL campaign fulfills his or her pledge, we will retire our debt in the next 3 years. However, it's important that everyone who made a pledge fulfill it if we are to meet this goal. So please honor your pledge as you are able so that we can be a debt-free parish!

As always, I am humbled by and grateful for the generosity of this parish. With the funds we've received in the Sunday offertory this year that are in excess of what we budgeted for, we've been able to make some much-needed improvements and repair some things around our campus. May our Lord look kindly on this parish because of your generosity.

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure

720 registered families

April 3, 2016	15,058.81
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	647,141.34
YTD Budget:	597,538.40
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	49,602.94
Capital Needs:	2,520.00
Debt Elimination:	1,570.00

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.



Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others.

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 24, 2016
5th Sunday of Easter
Giving through an endowment means your gift does not stop as endowments exist in perpetuity. Thank you for considering a gift to our parish endowment.

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.”*

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

DSA Goal:	87,197.00
Pledged:	66,012.50
Received:	41,298.39
Donors:	170

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.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “I give you a new commandment: love one another... This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” In the month of April, through your gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Society brought love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting more than 15 families.



Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:
Tuesday, April 26th for Sunday, May 1, 2016
Tuesday, May 3rd for Sunday, May 8, 2016
Tuesday, May 10th for Sunday, May 15, 2016
Tuesday, May 17th for Sunday, May 22, 2016

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 30th-May 1st, May 21st-22nd, June 4th-5th.**

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Special study for our parish began last Thursday, *Divine Mercy, the second greatest story ever told*, by Michael Gaitley. Join us this Thursday, April 28th for the rest of the 10-week study in the Scout room. It's on FORMED.org as well. The cost is \$20.00. Email hclark12@carolina.rr.com for information.

"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.

Get Ready to Jump into Your Faith!

St Ann Summer Catechesis, *"Parachute with The Angels and St Catherine Laboure"* will be **June 13th-17th from 9:15-12 noon** at St Ann. Registration and release forms are online at StAnnCharlotte.org or hard copies may be picked up at the parish office. **Deadline for registration is June 1st**. Young at heart adults and teen helpers (rising 5th graders and up) who are on fire for their Catholic Faith are welcome to help with our program! For information, contact Danielle Mathis tmathis3@me.com or 704-756-5756.

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!

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/>

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.

Understanding the latest document from the Vatican: Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)* which is receiving quite a bit of coverage in both Catholic and secular media. The document is complex and long, and it is the Holy Father's summary and direction to the Church, based on the two Synods on the Family that were held in 2014 and 2015. We know that it is rarely wise to rely solely on media reports on Holy Mother Church! If you would be interested in being part of parish group to read and discuss this important new document, contact Tricia at rwrxfan@yahoo.com. If there is sufficient interest, we will make more solid plans to begin a group.

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.

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 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.

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



Jubilee Year of Mercy
April 24, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Jubilee Day for Youth

This Sunday's "Youth Jubilee" previews July's World Youth Day in Krakow. Its theme from Matthew 5:7, "Blessed are the merciful," echoes Pope Francis' warning that "the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture." In countercultural witness, therefore, "the time has come," says Francis, "for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters." Jesus affirms the same in today's Gospel. "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Francis concludes, "The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love." Jesus too asserts, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Thus mercy "makes young" the Church, the world, and everyone. "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope" (Misericordiae Vultus, 10).

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Our parishioners:
Kathleen Palmer, 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 Mary Louise Calabrese, who died Monday, April 18, 2016.



In *Understanding "Our Father,"* Dr. Scott Hahn presents a unique meditation on this common prayer, leading readers to consider the wealth of meaning in this seemingly simple prayer. Relying on the Fathers and Doctors of the Church as well as Sacred Scripture, Dr. Hahn takes each of the seven petitions of the Our Father individually and draws out the implications of the prayer given to us by Christ himself. [Learn more](#) 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 24th through May 1st

April 24th	4th Sunday after Easter - 2nd class
April 25th	St. Mark - 2nd class Rogation Mass (if there is a procession) - 2nd class
April 26th	Sts. Cletus & Marcellinus - 3rd class
April 27th	St. Peter Canisius - 3rd class
April 28th	St. Paul of the Cross - 3rd class
April 29th	St. Peter of Verona - 3rd class
April 30th	St. Catherine of Siena - 3rd class
May 1st	St. Joseph the Workman - 1st class

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

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? Email: 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.

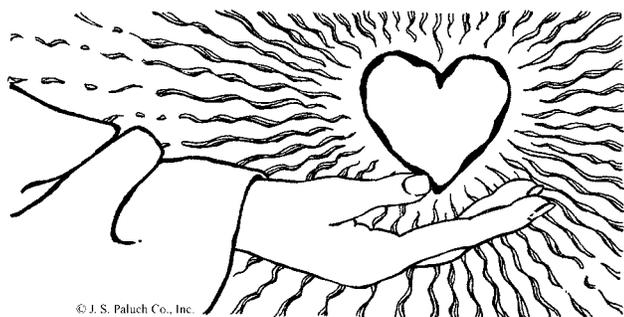
The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) are accepting applications for new students for the 2016-2017 school year at all schools and for all grades. Visit the MACS website at www.macs-schools.com/macs/admissions/applications for applications and more admissions information. For school locations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



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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, 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. 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 online and purchase class materials at www.ccli.org. Postpartum and Premenopause transition classes are also available. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for information at 704-548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

Free Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Courses will be offered 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.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health by helping spouses rediscover the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on September 16th 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: (1) The CCWG **Family Rosary** will be **Friday, May 6th at 7:30-9:30 p.m.** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. (2) **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.

Programs for children, young adults, adults and Hispanic people will be a part of the eleventh **Eucharistic Congress of the Diocese of Charlotte on September 9 & 10, 2016** at the Charlotte Convention Center. Make plans to attend. 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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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.

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!

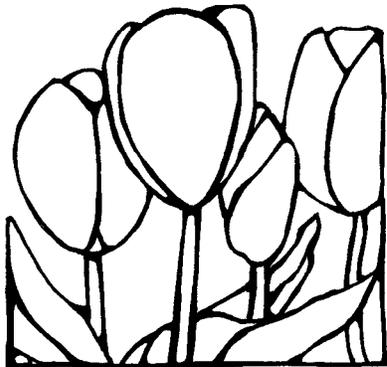
33 Hours of Adoration. Adoration begins Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. through Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. *All are welcome.* Adorers: please share your contact information with those who adore during your **Adoration hour**. If you can't make it, call the others to make sure someone is visiting Our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

**Behold, I make
all things new.**



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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.