



May 8, 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.

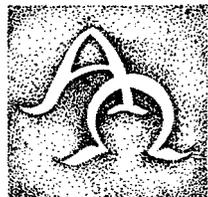
Liturgical Schedule
(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

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

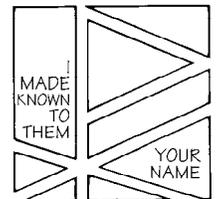
Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Mass in the Extraordinary Form: 12:30 p.m.	Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) Friday: 8:30 a.m.	Adoration Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 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 8th	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	+Bertha Lejk & Theresa Csordas <i>by the Lejk family</i> All mothers of St. Ann parishioners Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. 12 noon	Faith Formation (School) May Crowning Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
Monday 9th	7:00 a.m.	+Gordon L. Reid <i>by the John Grant family</i>	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Gym in use World Rosary (Chapel) Dance (Gym) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Stewardship Committee Meeting (Library) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 10th	7:00 a.m.	+Gordon L. Reid <i>by Gerri Hillis</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	10:00 a.m.	Ceramics
Wednesday 11th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Holy Hour</i> Latin +Gordon L. Reid <i>by Kristen Welborne</i>	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ceramics Play (Gym, Café & Scout room) Parish Council Meeting (Café) Scouts St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (Conference room) Fidelis (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2) CSS (Library)
Thursday 12th	7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Intentions of Veronica & Luiz Cortes <i>by Gerri Hillis</i> <i>Confessions</i>	9:30 a.m.. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Conference room in use Divine Mercy Study (Scout room) Choir/Schola (Church) Fraternal (Gym)
Friday 13th	8:30 a.m.	Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m.	Classroom 1 & 2 in use
Saturday 14th	3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	<i>Confessions</i> +Bob Brewer <i>by Joan & Carl Edwards</i>	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Carmelites (Church & All rooms) Ceramics Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Home school (Gym) Reception (Café & Kitchen)
Sunday 15th	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	+Stella Nawrot <i>by the Mike Terry family</i> +Paul Kreeb <i>by Richard Flanagan</i> Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. 12 noon 12:30 p.m.	Café & Gym in use Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) Homeless Ministry (Kitchen)



*"I am the Alpha and the Omega,
 the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
 -- Revelation 22:13*





Dear Parishioners,

A Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers in the parish: biological, adoptive, or spiritual! May our Lord reward you for your dedication to your children, and may He continue to give you the wisdom and courage necessary to live out your vocation with charity and joy. And may our dear Lord bless all of our expectant mothers in the parish!

As we celebrate this beautiful day in honor of all mothers, let us not forget the mother of us all in the order of grace: the Blessed Mother! The month of May is traditionally set aside in honor Our Lady, and so I encourage you to practice some special devotion to her this month (e.g., praying the Rosary each day). Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary not only draws us closer to her, but it always has the wonderful effect of drawing us closer to Her Son as well.

This month, as part of our Year of Mercy celebration, we are focusing on the virtue of **zeal**. As we come to the end of the Easter Season and prepare for Pentecost (which will be next Sunday), let us pray that the Holy Spirit will set each of us on fire with this virtue. Along with diligence, zeal is a virtue that opposes the vice of sloth. It consists in the fervor for salvation (whether our own or that of others) out a love for God, and it expresses itself by the spreading of the Faith, the sanctification of souls, and by making God better known. As we consider how lukewarmness toward God and the mysteries of our Faith has become so common amongst Christians today, zeal is more important than ever!

For our work of mercy, I ask you to practice the corporal work of mercy of **visiting the sick**. One of the feast days that we celebrate this month is the Feast of the Visitation, which recalls the time when the Blessed Virgin Mary – newly pregnant – goes to visit her elderly cousin Elizabeth, who is also miraculously pregnant. In this act of charity we are reminded of how we can be an encouragement to those who are suffering. Most of us have a friend or loved one who is suffering with some type of illness or difficult medical condition, so this month let's try to visit them or perform some act of charity for their benefit.

United with Mary,

Fr. Reid

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

Your Stewardship of Treasure
720 registered families

April 17, 2016	13,566.94
Weekly Budget:	14,938.46
YTD Total:	681,591.05
YTD Budget:	627,415.32
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	54,175.73
Loan Balance:	601,844.53

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.

Give Electronically at
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:	68,262.50
Received:	48,717.28
Donors:	183

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.

“**Whatever you do...**” This song retells the Gospel message in Matthew 25:35-40; and reiterates the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It also beautifully reminds us what the ministries supported by the DSA do for thousands of our brothers and sisters across western North Carolina.

Adoration Coordinator is needed! Please call the parish office if you are interested in helping in this wonderful 33 hour Adoration for our parish. A *great Stewardship Commitment!*

Check out our website: 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.



How much time have you spent this week in prayer for others and for the work of the Church?

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, May 10th for Sunday, May 15, 2016
- Tuesday, May 17th for Sunday, May 22, 2016
- Tuesday, May 24th for Sunday, May 29, 2016
- Tuesday, May 31st for Sunday, June 5, 2016



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A mother’s love is eternal. Honor Mom this Mother’s Day with a special gift to an endowment in her honor. For more information visit our website at www.charlottediocese.org/giving and follow the link to planned giving

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!

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ’s saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us. When you give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.



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 **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, May 12th 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, May 28th**.

All parishioners, please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 28th, 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.*

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. **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.



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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 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 rwrfan@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

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, August 2nd.** 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.

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 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@yahoo.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
May 8, 2016
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Between Ascension and Pentecost, the apostles "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women and Mary the mother of Jesus" (Acts 1:12-14). Mary's presence at the center of the disciples' circle of prayer provides "a source of comfort and strength," says Pope Francis, for Mary's "entire life was patterned after the presence of mercy made flesh." At the foot of the cross, Mary witnessed Jesus' forgiveness of his executioners, a supreme expression of the depths to which God's mercy can reach. "Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception," Francis notes. Being able to live that unconditional forgiving mercy is the grace we pray the Holy Spirit to bestow. During these days of prayer before Pentecost, in this month dedicated to Our Lady, "may the sweetness of [Mary's] countenance watch over us," Francis prays, "so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God's tenderness" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 24).

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Our parishioners:
Kathleen Palmer,
Sarah Miller, Patricia
Phillips, Ben Conrad,
Larry Guethlein, and
Helen Norton.

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

WEDDING BANNS

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*Wedding Banns: I
Deirdre Bodkin—Kevin Cosgrove
28 May 2016 1:30 p.m.*



The Logic of Being Catholic
by Dr. Ray Guarendi.
In this CD

presentation, Dr. Ray Guarendi shares his story of how logic led him home to the Catholic Church. He discovered that, contrary to his Protestant misunderstandings, the Church is coherent and never contradicts herself. Dr. Ray explains how the answers to his objections to Catholicism were both Biblical and believed by the earliest Christians. Explore the logic that led him to the fullness of truth. 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.**

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 May 8th through May 13th

May 8th	Sunday after the Ascension - 2nd class
May 9th	St. Gregory Nazianzen - 3rd class
May 10th	St. Antoninus - 3rd class
May 11th	Sts. Philip & James - 2nd class
May 12th	Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, and Pancras - 3rd class
May 13th	St. Robert Bellarmine - 3rd class
May 14th	Vigil of Pentecost - 1st class
May 15th	Pentecost Sunday - 1st class

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

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.](mailto:charlottelatinmasscommunity@gmail.com)

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 Nancy Picciola at stannpray_ers@comporium.net or call 803-389-5530.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) are accepting applications for new students for the 2016-2017 school year at all schools and for all grades. Visit the MACS website at www.macs-schools.com/macs/admissions/applications for applications and more admissions information. For school locations and additional information, call the MACS Admissions Office at 704-370-3273 or visit our website www.macs-schools.com.

Support St. Ann School! Link your *Harris Teeter VIC Card* to St. Ann School #1931 at the register or by calling 1-800-432-6111. St. Ann also earns 1% on purchases made with a Target Debit or Credit Red Card. Link yours on the Take Charge of Education website www.target.com/tcoe.

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

YOUNG ADULTS

Diocese of Charlotte Young Adult Ministry. As college students in our Diocese are returning to area college campuses we invite them (and you) to get connected with Diocesan Sponsored Catholic Campus Ministry. Go to www.catholiccampus.com. Are you a college student? The parent of a college student? There are Catholic Campus Ministry programs at over ten colleges in our diocese. Check out www.catholiccampus.com to see what's available. Feel free to contact Sister Eileen Spanier, GNSH, and the campus minister for the Charlotte Area, with any questions: espangnsh@aol.com 704-717-7104. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter please contact Mary Wright, Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Charlotte.



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: rachelsvineyard.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. 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** weekend is **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.

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 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



Be a part of the Eucharistic Congress. Volunteer! Details and sign up at www.goeucharist.com.

Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) invites all women of St. Ann's to the upcoming CCWG event: **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.**

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!**

13th Annual Drive for Hope Championship at Ballantyne Golf Club on Wednesday, June 8th. Contact Catholic Charities at ccdc.org Diocese of Charlotte. Call 704-370-3262.

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>.

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.)**

Pilgrimage to Poland in the Year of Mercy: Diocese of Charlotte and Fr. Christopher Roux October 30 - November 6, 2016 Presentation Night at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Thursday May 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** Join Fr. Christopher Roux on a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland in the Footsteps of St. Faustina and St. John Paul II. Sightseeing highlighting the cities of Krakow, Czestochowa, the enchanting highlander town of Zakopane, the early life of St. John Paul II in Wadowice, the famous Salt Mines, and sights of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Auschwitz. This affordable 8-day pilgrimage to includes roundtrip airfare from Charlotte to Poland, daily Mass at Catholic sites, a professional Catholic Polish tour escort. Call Corporate Travel Service at 313-565-8888 x 121 or 150 or visit us online at ctscentral.net for more details or reservations.

Save the Date: 30th Annual Spring Fling Tuesday, May 17th at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Contact Sandra Breakfield, Elder Ministry Program Director at 704-370-3220 or sabreakfield@charlottedioecese.org.

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.

Crusader Tennis Camps at Belmont Abbey College: Players of all levels, ages 6-18 are invited to 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.

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.