



November 27, 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.*

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

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 27th	8:00 a.m. +Frank Duff <i>by the Legion of Mary</i> 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin +Ray Filz <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
Monday 28th	7:00 a.m. +Bob Dziewisz <i>by Amy & Kurt Herkurt</i> 8:30 a.m. Latin Intentions of Fr. Jason Christian <i>by the family</i>	1:30 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (Classrooms 1 & 2 & Scout room) 3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use 4:30 p.m. Servers (Church) Classroom 1 in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance Group (Gym) Classrooms in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 29th	7:00 a.m. +Peter Carlevatti <i>by Joan & Dave Story</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use 1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Royal Road (Café) 6:30 p.m. Conference room in use 7:30 p.m. Back of Café in use
Wednesday 30th	<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	4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 6:00 p.m. Schola/Choir (Church) 7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Library) Scouts Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) Fraternalus (Gym)
Thursday 1st	7:00 a.m. Intentions of David Gallagher <i>by Suzanne & Mike Terry</i> & boys 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i>	10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 7:30 p.m. Scouts (Gym)
Friday 2nd	7:00 a.m. Latin +Joseph Kalista III <i>by the Balman family</i> 8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (Classrooms 1 & 2 & Scout room)
Saturday 3rd	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. +Gordon Reid <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Cleaning the Church 11:00 a.m. Cafe in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Sunday 4th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Molli Richwagen <i>by the Songco family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of John Frances Lauer <i>by the family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) Café & Kitchen in use 11:30 a.m. Family Fellowship Potluck (Café) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Men's Club (Café & Kitchen)

"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." -- Matthew 24:44



Dear Parishioners,

As we enter in the season of Advent, let us strive to do so prayerfully! Historically Advent is a penitential season (which is why we use the color violet at Mass), but it's also a time of prayerful reflection so that, by our prayer and penance, we might be fully ready for the Lord's coming. Culturally, the whole notion of prayerful and penitential preparation during this time of year has been lost, and instead the period of time from Thanksgiving to Christmas is a time of parties, excess, and celebration. As it is well nigh impossible to avoid the anticipatory Christmas celebrations of this time of the year, my best suggestion is to do your best to carve out a little extra prayer time amidst the hustle and bustle of the season. I also heartily suggest that you fast from something during Advent, just as we do in Lent. By making the effort to fast and pray a little more in this busy season, we will both please God and be better prepared for our Lord's coming at Christmas!

Speaking of prayer and fasting, I want to invite all of you to join me in a special novena to Our Lady from November 30 – December 8. This past September at the Eucharistic Congress, Bishop Jugis consecrated our diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. So once again I am going to consecrate our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at the 7 p.m. Mass. In preparation for this, I ask you to consider fasting from something you enjoy (as you would during Lent) and praying the following Novena Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary each day from November 30th – December 8th:

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially that our parish may be consecrated to your Immaculate Heart. We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

In so many ways I believe our country is at a turning point, and thus it's so important for people of faith to pray for our country that we may once again become a godly nation. And there's no better way to do that than to place ourselves under the protection and guidance of our country's patroness: Mary Immaculate. After the 7 p.m. Mass on December 8th, I will pray the consecration prayer for our parish, and I will also offer some special prayers for our nation. Then we will have Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until Midnight. Please join us for this special celebration in honor of Our Lady and for the sake of our country.

In hopeful expectation of our Lord's coming,
Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure

738 registered families

November 13, 2016	21,174.82
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	318,869.07
YTD Budget:	307,692.40
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	11,176.67

Loan Balance: 518,295.70

Hurricane Matthew Relief:	1,854.00
All Souls:	1,671.00
All Saints:	2,161.00

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www.StAnnCharlotte.org

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2016 *Living each day on purpose, intentionally shaping our daily interactions and decisions out of love of God and neighbor insures that we will be ready "on the day the Lord will come."*

2016 DSA

DSA Goal:	87,197.00
Pledged:	92,307.04
Received:	85,834.34
Assessment Balance:	1,362.66
Donors:	215

Your generosity to this collection will help both diocesan and religious order priests who serve us so faithfully. Thank you for your generosity.

Priests Retirement:

Goal:	31,689.00
Received:	29,487.20
Due:	2,201.80

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.

Stewardship Opportunity: There is a very important volunteer positions coming open in our parish that we need to fill: *Chairman of the Carnival Committee* . The Carnival Chairman oversees the Carnival Committee in planning and executing all the details of this major parish event. If you are interested in this volunteer position, please call Fr. Reid at 704-523-4641, ext. 222.

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 **December 3rd-4th and December 17th-18th and January 7th-8th and January 21st-22nd.**



"Be generous, sharing what you have." (1 Timothy 6:18).

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. -- USC of Catholic Bishops

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.



*November 27, 2016
1st Sunday of Advent
The Thanksgiving holiday is a perfect time to consider how we will use the many gifts God has given us. Thank you for considering how you can remember our parish with a planned gift through your estate.*

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, November 29th for Sunday, December 4, 2016
- Tuesday, December 6th for Sunday, December 11, 2016
- Tuesday, December 13th for Sunday, December 18, 2016
- Friday, December 16th for Sunday, December 25, 2016
- Tuesday, December 20th for Sunday, January 1, 2017

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord. Your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Tree Sales Have Begun! Christmas

Tree Sales are today, November 27th 9:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m. Tomorrow, Monday, November 28th through Friday, December 2nd 3:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. The final days will be Saturday and Sunday, December 3rd and 4th 9:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m. **We need help with tree sales.** This is the Men's Club largest fundraiser of the year and help is greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in volunteering, email stannmen@gmail.com. *Thank you!*



Angel Tree Giving - There will be an angel tree located in the Narthex with Christmas Angels to supply a variety of needs of the poor this Christmas. Recipients include MiraVia, Stanton Healthcare Center for Women and Missionaries of the Poor in India. If you take a tag from the tree, please return the item, unwrapped, along with the angel tag, and place it under the tree. **Please have the gifts under the tree no later than the 4th Sunday in Advent, December 18th.**



Our Parish Family Fellowship Potluck is next **Sunday, December 4th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the cafe/gym.** Bring a covered dish(es) to share. We want the entire parish to attend and get to know their St. Ann's

neighbors! Potlucks will be monthly, mark your calendars for the following Sundays: **January 8th, February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, and May 7th.** Each potluck will be themed and a few icebreakers for adults and children. *It will be a great celebration for St. Ann families and we hope to see everyone there!* **Please email Brenda at bkresak@gmail.com if you can help with set-up and clean-up. **Let's put to work our Stewardship of talent and time!**

Pilgrimage to Ireland: June 12-23, 2017: Enjoy a spectacular trip to Ireland with first class accommodations with Fr. Timothy Reid. Trip highlights include Knock, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in 1879, as well as sites associated with St. Patrick. The trip will also include visits to Dublin, Cork, the Ring of Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, and Glendalough. Departures from Charlotte from \$3888/person. For a brochure, please visit the St. Ann's website: www.stanncharlotte.org or contact the St. Ann Parish Office (704-523-4641, ext. 221, or stanncharlotte@charlottediocese.org).

Bethlehem wood craving will be visiting our parish December 3rd & 4th on behalf of the Catholic Christian family of the Holy Land. The Christian of Bethlehem district have earned a living by carving olive wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. With a decrease of visitors, it was difficult to support their families. We are bringing their work to you. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian. We gladly accept all major credit cards.

Adult Faith Formation: Interested in deepening your faith, growing in prayer, coming to know Christ in a way that will help you live your Christian beliefs with greater purpose and satisfaction? **Join us on Sundays in classrooms 1 and 2 from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.** (a time which is set to allow parents with children in religious education to attend as well) to view and discuss Symbolon, a high quality, visually stunning and thoroughly engaging DVD series produced by the acclaimed Augustine Institute and narrated by Edward Sri. There is no cost for this class and no registration; we will be serving coffee and engaging fellowship and you are welcome to drop in at any time, choosing to attend a single session or joining us for everyone, as you may desire. *Come enrich your Sunday by making it a more deliberate celebration of Christ!*



The third concert of the *Gaudium Musicae* concert series is **4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 26, 2017, featuring Gate City Camerata,** UNC Greensboro's

elite faculty-student ensemble, presents traditional and contemporary chamber works. Listeners will have an opportunity to meet the performer at the reception following this full-length concert. Single concert tickets are \$30 for families, \$12 for adults, and \$8 for students. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.StAnnCharlotte.org.

Volunteers and sponsors are needed; contact the parish office for details: 704-523-4641 x221.

The last concert of the season is April 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. St. John's Passion by J.S. Bach, presented by the Firebird Alliance, featuring the NC Baroque Orchestra, VOX, and members of the Wingate University Choir.

St. Ann's Annual Attic Sale Coming Soon! As you are cleaning out your closets, garages, storage spaces and toy boxes to make room for items that may be received at Christmas, remember to save them for our **2017 Attic Sale to be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017.** We will again have a storage container 2 weeks ahead of time for items to be dropped off. More details to follow soon. Any questions can be emailed to Lorelle Grant at lorellegrant@gmail.com.

"It is the right of every pregnant women to give birth...and the right of every child to be born." Birthright International

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.*

All men of the parish interested in the **Knights of Columbus**, leave your contact information at parish office.

Fidelis, for young ladies in middle and high school, meets **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms 1 and 2**. For information, contact the Daughters of the Virgin Mother, dvmfidelis@gmail.com. To register, contact Mrs. Angela Williams, angiegirl67@yahoo.com.

The World Rosary meets **Mondays at 5:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. All are invited.

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** this week. Contact Eve Smith email evesmith1974@yahoo.com or phone: 704-280-4850.



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

December 31st. Please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 31st, 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.*



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Adorers Needed! Please consider becoming an adorer Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.–Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. We need more volunteers! Call the parish office or contact Karen at rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com.

The Gospel of Luke: The Gospel of Mercy. Two studies will be at St. Ann's Parish: **Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 p.m.** in the Library through February 1st and **Thursdays from 10:00–11:30 a.m.** in the Scout room through Thursday, February 2nd. If you have other questions, please email Heidi Clark, hclark12@carolina.rr.com.



Mothering With Grace at St. Ann's: Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 6th at St. Ann's**. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at stannMWG@gmail.com. For ministry details visit www.motheringwithgrace.org.

The men of the Latin Mass Community at St. Ann's organize a men's fellowship called *Liturgy & Fraternity* most 3rd Wednesdays.

Ceramics will be meeting later in the fall. Watch for dates!

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.

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.

Prayer cards of our Statues are available in the North Vestibule. A donation of \$0.50 per card.

Take a step back. Designate time in the coming weeks to reflect on the past year. Invite your spouse or a good friend to reflect with you.

Look at your life with honesty. In what ways have your daily decisions reflected your commitment to love God, follow Jesus, and serve your neighbor?

Look ahead in hope. Make a list of ways you will live as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and share your time, faith, talents, and resources next year?

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



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Our parishioners:
Paul Cecil, Jeanne Goymerac, Abby Lejk, 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, Janet Cuccinello, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), Peggy Ballew (sister of Gerri Hillis), and Douglas Edge.

Our servicemen and servicewomen: Lance Corporal Joseph Fanning USMC, PFC John Michael Fanning USMC, Lt. Grace Carlson, USN. Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC., Ensign Hayley Derscheid, Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey Derscheid, LT. Charlie Hetzel USN, Ensign Thomas Hetzel USN, and Cadet Peter Hetzel 2nd Class USMA.

Do You Like To Pray? Or, are you in need of prayer? Receive the comfort of others praying for and with you by joining the **St. Ann Prayer Group**. This group consists of volunteers filled with the love of God and the love of prayer. In Jesus name they pray for healings, conversions, whatever the need. Pray in your home, at Mass, at Adoration, or any place you are at peace. For more information or if you would like to join, cal Nancy Picciola at 803-389-5530 or email stannprayers@comporium.net.



DOCAT and Study Guide: DOCAT is a popular adaptation of

the social doctrine of the Catholic Church that teaches young people how to build a civilization of love. DOCAT Study Guide: Help them come to an even deeper understanding with the DOCAT Study Guide. \$3 donation per CD. **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 November 27th-December 4th**

November 27th	1st Sunday of Advent - 1st class
November 28th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
November 29th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
November 30th	St. Andrew - 2nd class
December 1st	Feria of Advent - 3rd class or Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3rd class
December 2nd	St. Vivian - 3rd class or Sacred Heart of Jesus - 3rd class
December 3rd	St. Francis Xavier - 3rd class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
December 4th	2nd Sunday of Advent - 1st class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 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 Classes available online: Recordings of the Latin Mass classes on the website with handouts. If you missed a class or want to watch again, visit www.StAnnCharlotte.org and click the Latin Mass section, and scroll to the Latin Mass class. For questions regarding future classes, please contact Chris Lauer or Mike FitzGerald at info@charlottelatinmass.org.

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 most Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas. Feria is a non-feast day and readings typically revert to the prior Sunday readings. More questions?

Email: info@charlottelatinmass.org. For Latin Mass news, please visit: www.charlottelatinmass.org.

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!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools Admissions Office at 704-370-3273 or visit www.discovermacs.org for information.

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. For information contact Mary Helen or Sonya at mhcushing@charlottediocese.org or 704-644-4656.

YOUNG ADULTS

Diocese of Charlotte Young Adult Ministry invites college students to connect with Diocesan Sponsored Catholic Campus Ministry. There are **Catholic Campus Ministry** programs at over ten colleges in our diocese. **Check out www.catholicconcampus.com to see what's available.** Contact Sister Eileen Spanier, GNSH at espangnsh@aol.com 704-717-7104 or Mary Wright, Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry.



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MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion: **Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats** create a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. For information please contact: Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251; jackie.childers1@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course (Three Class Series). 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. To register and purchase class materials, go to https://register.ccli.org/class_series/10193 or search at www.ccli.org.

Teams of Our Lady (www.teamsofourlady.org) is an international Catholic movement of small groups of married couples focused on strengthening their marriages by enriching their relationship with Christ and their spouse. Please contact Tom and Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@me.com for further information.

“The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens.” Let us serve God willingly by strengthening, renewing and rekindling our marriages. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is February 3-5, 2017 in Myrtle Beach, SC.** For information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Stress in Your Marriage?: **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. This program has helped many couples experiencing such difficulties. **For confidential information or to apply to attend the program with a weekend on February 17, 2017** call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

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 Pro-Life Ministry, contact Andy Zorichak at azorichak@yahoo.com.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Advent Penance Services

St. Luke Church: Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m.
 St. Vincent de Paul Church Tuesday, Dec. 6th 7:00 p.m.
 St. Peter Church: Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.
 St. John Neumann Church: Thursday, December 15th
 at 7:00 p.m.
 St. Gabriel Church: Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Young Adult Ministry presents an Advent Evening of Reflection with Father Richard Sutter on Thursday, December 1st beginning with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. Praise and worship followed at 7:00 p.m. the mission starts at 7:15 p.m. with questions following and Benediction after that. A social will take place at Bakersfield to end the evening. Call the Cathedral for details.

All adults are invited to St. Peter in uptown Charlotte on Saturday, December 3rd for an Ignatian Advent Retreat which begins at 9:00 a.m.-12noon at Biss Hall. Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848abab2ba3fd0-ignatian>. Or <http://ow.ly/pgKo3063yCw>. Or email Communications@stpeterscatholic.org

St. Ann Seniors (55 up) are invited join the St. Vincent ACES Seniors Club on **Thursday, December 8th at 12 noon** at Cedarwood Country Club, 4100 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte for our Christmas lunch with special entertainment by Erica McGee. Cost of the Christmas lunch is \$25.00. **Reservations and payment due by Sunday, November 27th** to Sue Westphal at 704-542-0315. ACES information contact Peggy Gibbons at 704-588-5870 or pgibbons1@att.com.

The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College is having its **Annual Keep Christ in Christmas Sale** from **Friday, November 25th to Friday, December 23rd**. Save **20% off all Advent/ Christmas items and save 25% off any single item of your choice!** Come early to special order in time for Christmas! Mention you read about us in your bulletin. Contact us at 704-461-5100 or catholicshoppe@bac.edu for more information.

11th Annual March For Life Charlotte! January 13, 2017. The day will begin with a *Mass for the Unborn* at 9:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. At 11:00 a.m. we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese. There may be some parking available at the parking lot, but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. At 12:00 p.m. we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. John Eckert, Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church will preach. Then march to the court house at 401 W. Trade St. where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives! See schedule details at www.marchforlifecharlotte.org.**

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group** Advent Retreat **Saturday, December 10th**. Mass at St. Dorothy Church (Lincolnton) begins at **8:30 a.m.** Our retreat director is *Fr. David Miller*. Morning Reflection **Monday, December 12th**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection to follow. Our guest speaker is *Fr. Binoy P. Davis*. Registration for these events is on our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org. Signup for our newsletter. Find us on Facebook and Twitter for event information.

The Oplatky-Christmas Wafers are in! We have plenty this year, but don't wait till the last minute to order. *The cost per wafer is \$1.00 and you state your quantity.* **New this year:** pre-packaged envelope of 3 white wafers and 1 pink wafer is available for \$5.00. Pick up is available at my house (4317 Old Saybrook Ct.) Payment must be in a check made out to "Helen Collins". To order or if you have any questions, call 704-365-1161 or email: helen892@att.net.

Job Opportunity: St. Luke Catholic Church in Mint Hill has a part-time job opening for a Youth Group Activity/ Events Coordinator. Please visit the St. Luke website at www.stlukechurch.net or Catholicjobs.com for more information.

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"You ... must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44



REMINDERS

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. Thank you!

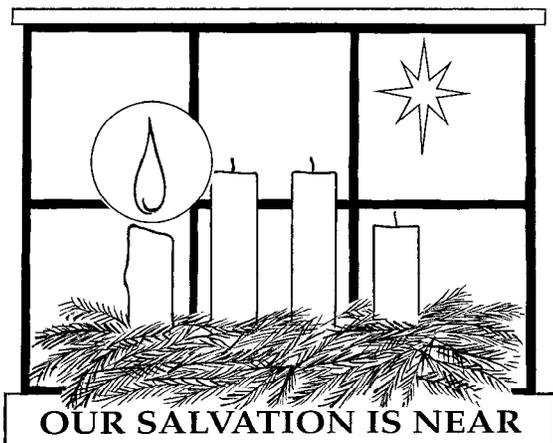
If you are approached by panhandlers on the church campus, **please do not give them money.** Instead, direct them to the parish office for financial assistance. *We have the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need. Thank you!*

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.

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:

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.