



December 11, 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><b>Sunday Mass Schedule</b>          Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m.          8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.;  <b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form:</b> 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Weekday Masses</b>          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><b>Adoration</b>          Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.          Holy Hour:          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b>          Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m.          Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
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## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

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<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Randy Wooten <i>by Cecilia Balman</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> +Bill Craig <i>by Cindy &amp; Joe Lawton</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Adults Faith Formation (Classrooms 1 & 2) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Italian Group (Café)
<b>Monday 12th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Dominic Piccola <i>by the Balman family</i> <b>8:30 a.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Jeremy Christian <i>by the family</i>	1:00 p.m. Library in use 4:30 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Dance Group (Gym)   Classrooms in use 6:30 p.m. Stewardship (Library) 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room)   Legion of Mary (Conference room)
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Edward Dennehy <i>by the Balman family</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) 7:30 p.m. Back of Café in use
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> <b>5:00 p.m. Holy Hour</b> <b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Nora FitzGerald <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i>	4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Library)   Scouts   Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2)   Fraternus (Gym)   St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting (Conference room)   Mothering with Grace meeting (Ceramic room)
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Florence Doman <i>by Virginia Doman</i> <b>5:30 p.m. Confessions</b>	10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 7:30 p.m. Scout (Gym)
<b>Friday 16th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. Latin</b> +Rev. Mr. John Green <i>by the Christian family</i> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	
<b>Saturday 17th</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b> Rorate Mass <b>3:00 p.m. Confessions</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 1:00 p.m. Gym & Café in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Virginia O'Connell <i>by Paula &amp; Marvin Schrum</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Artura Francisro Averhoff <i>by Lucy &amp; Bert Rodriguez</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> +Antonio Castellano <i>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Salvatore Dupepro</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Adults Faith Formation (Classrooms 1 & 2) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)   Homeless Ministry (Kitchen)

*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*



Dear Parishioners,

I am so very grateful to all of you who participated in the Novena to Our Lady in preparation for the consecration of our parish to her Immaculate Heart last Thursday night. As Advent is a season of hope and expectation, let us indeed hope and expect that the Blessed Virgin Mary will always provide a special protection for our parish. Let us trust as well that Mary will always intercede with her Son to procure for us every grace we need to get to Heaven!

I'm also grateful to all of you who have been helping with the Angel Tree. We had many more requests for help than usual this year, but I'm very confident in your generosity! Thanks to all of you who are helping the poor and needy through this stewardship project. Please remember that all unwrapped gifts should be brought (with the Angel Tree tag) to the parish on or before next Sunday, 18 December 2016.

As I mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin, this year for Christmas our parish is getting a very special gift: a small shrine dedicated to the **Infant of Prague**. Assuming that the shrine is completed on time, we will bless our new statue at the Midnight Mass of Christmas! As the Infant has always been generous in granting my prayer requests for St. Ann's, it seems very appropriate that we should honor Him.

This coming Saturday, 17 December 2016, we will have our annual **Rorate Mass** at 6:30 a.m. This votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes its name from the first words of the Introit: "*Rorate coeli, desuper et nubes pluant justum,*" which is translated: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just." What is special about this Mass is that it is celebrated early in the morning using only candlelight, a reminder that the world was in darkness before the coming of the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ. As the Mass is offered, and the dawn begins to break, the Church – through the prayers of this Mass – expresses her deep longing for the coming of the Messiah in the darkness of our fallen world. It is thus a Mass that is so wonderfully suited to the Advent theme of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Christ Child.

I realize that 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday is a bit early, but I promise that this Mass will be worth getting up for! So please come and join us as we anticipate the dawning of the Son of God at Christmas.

In hopeful expectation of our Lord's coming,  
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**

*738 registered families*

<b>November 27, 2016</b>	<b>12,324.00</b>
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	346,237.78
YTD Budget:	338,461.64
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>7,776.14</b>

**Loan Balance: 518,295.70**

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

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2016** Only a few weeks left to fulfill your DSA pledge. Our ministries and our parish are counting on you, and thank you for your support. If you have not yet contributed, you can make a one-time donation online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa). Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own use.

**2016 DSA**

DSA Goal:	87,197.00
Pledged:	94,007.04
Received:	87,759.34
Donors:	217

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:	34,403.20

Retirement Fund for Religious! Your gift works for the elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support this week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious and give to those who have given a lifetime.



*December 11, 2016  
3rd Sunday of Advent  
You can make a significant gift to our parish that will cost you nothing during your lifetime. Consider including our parish as a beneficiary in your will.*

Check out our website: [StAnnCharlotte.org](http://StAnnCharlotte.org), and go to the **prayers/devotion section under "Resources."** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we encourage everyone to pray the **"Prayer for Religious Liberty"** with the recent attacks on our religious freedoms there are several prayers and novenas on the website.

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 17th-18th and January 7th-8th and January 21st-22nd.**

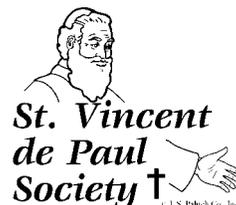


*Some of the obstacles that keep us from "making a straight path" for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from embracing stewardship as a way of life. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives and let go of the selfishness and greed that keep us from following God's will.*

**Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:**

- Tuesday, Dec. 13th for Sunday, December 18, 2016
- Friday, Dec. 16th for Sunday, December 25, 2016
- Tuesday, December 20th for Sunday, January 1, 2017
- Tuesday, January 3rd for Sunday, January 8, 2017

*Take up the ministry of Jesus. Don't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. Give a gift to St Vincent de Paul Society so the poor can know the good news of Jesus.*



**Endowments for St. Ann's Parish:**

Did you know that we have an endowment for both our parish and our school? These funds, established in 1999 for the parish and 2000 for the school, are for the general and pastoral needs of our parish and school and were established through the generosity of donors in our parish. If you would like to learn more about our endowment funds and how you can make a contribution, contact Judy Smith in the Foundation for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte at 704-370-3320 or at [jmsmith@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jmsmith@charlottediocese.org).

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

The next Baptismal Preparation Class is **Sunday, January 15, 2017 in the scout room at 9:10 a.m.**

**Angel Tree Giving** - There is 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 18<sup>th</sup>.**



**Our Parish Family Fellowship Potluck** is Sunday, **January 8, 2017 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: **February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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](mailto:bkresak@gmail.com) if you can help with set-up and clean-up. Let's put to work our Stewardship of talent and time!**

*"Feed yourselves and Feed the homeless."* **St. Ann's**

**Saturday** at Hawthorne's Pizza, 4100 Carmel Rd, 28226, is **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.** Please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.*



**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](http://www.stanncharlotte.org) or contact the St. Ann Parish Office (704-523-4641, ext. 221, or [stanncharlotte@charlottediocese.org](mailto:stanncharlotte@charlottediocese.org)).

**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!*

**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](mailto:lorellegrant@gmail.com).



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](http://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.

## 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 Peg Scheible at [1cookie.momster@gmail.com](mailto:1cookie.momster@gmail.com).

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

**St. Gerard's Meals Ministry.** Mission: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or [katherinetlauer@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dvmfidelis@gmail.com). To register, contact Mrs. Angela Williams, [angiegirl67@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:evesmith1974@yahoo.com) or phone: 704-280-4850.

**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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and **Thursdays from 10:00–11:30 a.m.** in the Scout room through Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have other questions, please email Heidi Clark, [hclark12@carolina.rr.com](mailto:hclark12@carolina.rr.com).



**Mothering With Grace at St. Ann's:** Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ceramic room at St. Ann's**. Email Frances Liberto or April Buehler at [stannMWG@gmail.com](mailto:stannMWG@gmail.com). For ministry details visit [www.motheringwithgrace.org](http://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!*

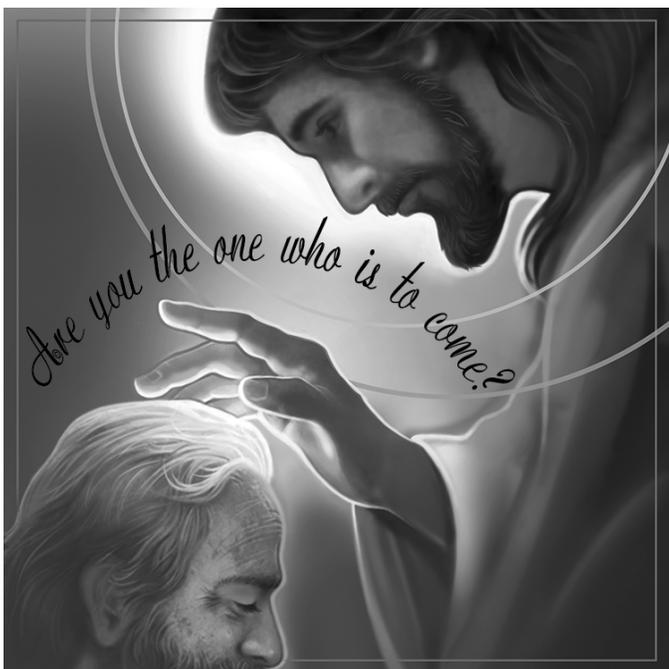
**Holy Family Playgroup:** Building relationships with mothers and children of all ages in the parish, provides support and a catholic environment for socialization and play. **Playtime is usually Friday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at various locations during the school year.** Questions? Call Melissa Lewis at 704-287-8112 subscribe to our group at [holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.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](mailto:mmlewis28@yahoo.com).

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

### **Take The Route Of Gratitude.**

*In this season in which so much attention is focused on the gifts we will give others, take time to reflect on the many gifts God has given you. Growing in gratitude for your life, relationships with family and friends, your talents and strengths, and financial resources will help you to recognize God's grace within and around you, even in the busiest of moments.*



**MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN**



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*Our parishioners:*  
Paul Cecil, Jeanne Goymerac, Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Larry Guethlein, Helen Norton, and Nancy

West.

*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, 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](mailto:stannprayers@comporium.net).



*So Help Me God* by Dr. Scott Hahn: In this dynamic talk, Dr. Scott

Hahn explains the importance of oaths, which invoke God's name and implore His assistance. He shows that oaths are also the means of transforming our personal relationship with Christ into a covenant relationship. \$3 donation per CD. **Go to: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub](http://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 December 11th-December 18th**

December 11th	3rd Sunday of Advent - 1st class
December 12th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class (USA) Our Lady of Guadalupe - 3rd class
December 13th	St. Lucy - 3rd class
December 14th	Ember Wednesday of Advent - 2nd class
December 15th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
December 16th	Ember Friday of Advent - 2nd class
December 17th	Ember Saturday of Advent - 2nd class
December 18th	4th 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](http://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](mailto: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. Questions? Email: [info@charlottelatinmass.org](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org). For Latin Mass news, visit: [www.charlottelatinmass.org](http://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](http://www.formed.org) and click on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the homepage. Enter **Our parish code: Y6ZQ8M**, to get access to the resources. Call the parish office with questions. Once you've logged in, create your personal profile and access the programs. Our parish is paying an annual fee for this service, so please make use of this terrific resource!



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## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**St. Ann Home School Group** liaison is Katherine Lauer. To contact Katherine for information on Home School [katherinetlauer@gmail.com](mailto:katherinetlauer@gmail.com).

**Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools Admissions** Office at 704-370-3273 or visit [www.discovermacs.org](http://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](http://www.target.com/tcoe).

**Register for Preschool Now! St. Vincent de Paul Preschool still has room for 2- and 3-year-old children** in our faith-based, half day program for the 2016-2017 school year. For information contact Mary Helen or Sonya at [mhcushing@charlottediocese.org](mailto: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](http://www.catholicconcampus.com) to see what's available.** Contact Sister Eileen Spanier, GNSH at [espangnsh@aol.com](mailto:espangnsh@aol.com) 704-717-7104 or Mary Wright, Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry.

## 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](mailto: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](https://register.ccli.org/class_series/10193) or search at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

**Teams of Our Lady** ([www.teamsofourlady.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost the sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. **Retrouvaille** teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on February 17, 2017 call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

*The earth shall be filled  
with knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea.  
-- Isaiah 11:9*

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

### Advent Penance Services

St. Peter Church: Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
 St. Gabriel Church: Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
 St. John Neumann: Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College is having its **Annual Keep Christ in Christmas Sale** through **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](mailto: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](http://www.marchforlifecharlotte.org).**

One Child, One hour Once a week. **If you would like to volunteer at Quail Hollow Middle School to improve and help children improve their literacy skills**, please call Elena Brown 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Teacher at 980-343-3620 or [elena.f.brown@gmail.com](mailto:elena.f.brown@gmail.com). It would be Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 3:15 p.m. to work one-on one with a child.

**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](http://www.stlukechurch.net) or Catholicjobs.com for more information.

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group 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](http://www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org). Signup for our newsletter. Find us on Facebook and Twitter for event information.

**OLC Youth Support Group Queen City Bake Sale** at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church **Saturday, December 17th from 12noon-4:00 p.m.** in the Parish Life Center. [www.ourladyofconsolation.org](http://www.ourladyofconsolation.org).

**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](mailto:helen892@att.net).

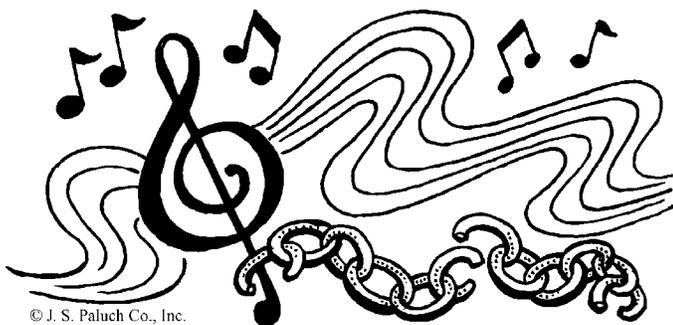
Register today for **Family Honor's Pilgrimage to Poland, March 28-April 6, 2017**. See sites significant in the life of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Maximillian Kolbe. Walk through Old Town Warsaw and Krakow, pray at Auschwitz, visit Czestochowa and the 'Black Madonna' and marvel at the Divine Mercy image. Pilgrimage Spiritual Director is Rev. James LeBlanc, Vicar for Family Life for the Diocese of Charleston, SC. Call Canterbury Pilgrimages: 1-800-653-0017 for details or visit [www.FamilyHonor.org](http://www.FamilyHonor.org). **Registration deadline is December 30<sup>th</sup>**. Flight leaves from Charlotte-Douglas International Airport.

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## 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!*

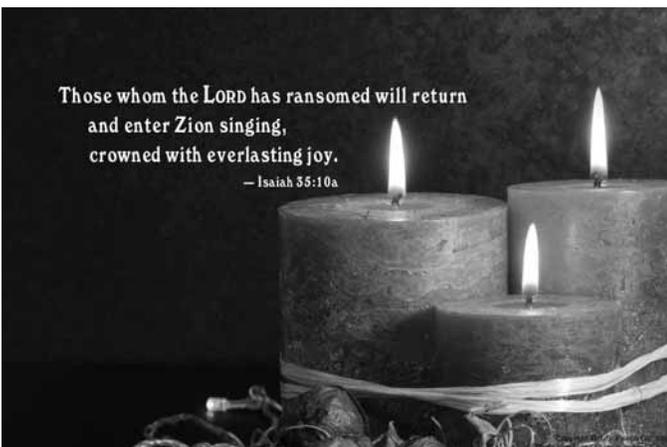
If you are approached by panhandlers on the church campus, **please do not give them money**. Instead, direct them to the parish office for financial assistance. *We have the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need. Thank you!*

**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](http://www.TheSundayMass.org).

**The Airport Chaplaincy at Charlotte Douglas Airport** offers two Masses on Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. held in the auditorium on the upper level of the main terminal above the Carolina Pit BBQ. *It is open 5:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.*



**To book a room in the Allen Center,** call Savas Mallos at 704-523-4641 x233.

**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.