



January 1, 2017



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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.

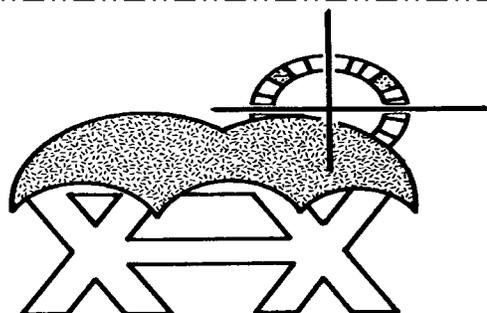
**Liturgical Schedule**  
*(Changes in the schedule noted inside)*

**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**

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Fred Bena by the Balman family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Robin & Vanessa Delmer by the Spain family <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Our parish family	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
<b>Monday 2nd</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> In thanksgiving by Virginia Doman	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Thomas Kemble by the family <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Classroom 1 in use <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Conference room in use <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Back of Café in use
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Holy Hour <b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Garrett Kemble by the family	<b>4:00 p.m.</b> Classroom 1 in use <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Catholic Scripture Studies (Library)   Scouts   Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2)   Fraternus (Gym)
<b>Thursday 5th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Bill Alyta by Sallie & Kim Catalano <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Confessions	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room)   Classroom 1 in use <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Choir/Schola (Church) <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Scout (Gym)
<b>Friday 6th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. Latin</b> +Marty Schless by the Christian family <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Merrill Callen by the Nobers family	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Catholic Classic Enrichment (Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room & Ceramic room) <b>2:00 p.m.</b> Classrooms 1 & 2 are in use
<b>Saturday 7th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> Confessions <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Our parish family	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Classroom 1 in use
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Keith Helms by Andrea & David Miller <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Robert Carmazzi by the Tonon family <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> +Harold Reidfisher by Mike FitzGerald	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Faith Formation (School)   Adult Faith Formation (Classrooms 1 & 2)   Kitchen, Café & Gym in use <b>11:30 a.m.</b> Family Fellowship Potluck (Café, Kitchen & Gym) <b>12 noon</b> Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)



Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.  
-- Luke 2:19





Dear Parishioners,

A blessed and happy new year to all of you! And thank you for all your many Christmas gifts and goodies. Once again I will be spending January shedding all the weight I gained at Christmas from all the good stuff I received! Truly, Fr. Barone and I sincerely appreciate all of your gifts and expressions of affection. Being the pastor of St. Ann's is a wonderful blessing, and I'm so grateful to all of you for making this parish such a happy assignment for me.

I am also very grateful to all who helped with our Christmas Masses last weekend. I'm especially grateful to our servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, musicians, sacristans, ushers, and all who helped clean and decorate the church. This was a memorable Christmas for me not simply because of our new statue of the Infant of Prague, but because our liturgies were so beautiful. I'd like to extend a very special thank you to the Kennedy and Walsh families for providing hot chocolate after our Midnight Mass! It was a delicious treat!

It is no coincidence that the Church marks the first day of the new year with a Marian feast day. As she is both the Mother of God and the Help of Christians, let us call upon her maternal love for help and protection this coming year. Trusting in her power to intercede for us in our every need, let us rest secure in the knowledge that our Lady will always direct us toward her Son's most holy will.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you in 2017!

-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**  
*728 registered families*

<b>December 18, 2016</b>	<b>13,448.37</b>
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	397,625.20
YTD Budget:	384,615.50
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>13,009.70</b>
<b>Loan Balance:</b>	<b>504,437.20</b>

# Happy New Year!

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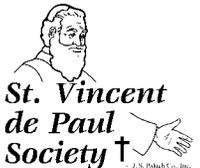
Check out our website: [StAnnCharlotte.org](http://StAnnCharlotte.org), and go to the **prayers/devotion section under "Resources."** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we encourage everyone to pray the **"Prayer for Religious Liberty"** with the recent attacks on our religious freedoms 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 **January 7th-8th and January 21st-22nd and February 4th-5th.**



*The Blessed Virgin Mary was the model steward with her unqualified, "yes" and complete trust in God's will. When I put God first in my life, everything else falls into place.*

*Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart.*



### 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).

*Make passing on your Catholic heritage your first resolution of the New Year. Your planned gift to our parish makes you an eternal steward of our Church. For more information visit our website at [www.charlottediocese.org/giving](http://www.charlottediocese.org/giving) and follow the link to planned giving.*



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



*Some day you, or someone you know, will be helped because of a DSA-funded ministry. It is never too late to make a contribution. You can donate online at*

*[www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa) or by returning the pledge form that you received in the mail.*

### 2016 DSA

DSA Goal:	87,197.00
Pledged:	99,032.04
Received:	93,566.84
Donors:	218

*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*

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:	34,717.20

### Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, January 10th for Sunday, January 15, 2017
- Tuesday, January 17th for Sunday, January 22, 2017
- Tuesday, January 24th for Sunday, January 29, 2017
- Tuesday, January 31st for Sunday, February 5, 2017

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



**Our Parish Family Fellowship Potluck** is next 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 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](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!**

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

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

**Saturday** at Hawthorne's Pizza, 4100 Carmel Rd, 28226, is **Saturday, January 28th.** 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.*



**St. Ann's Annual Attic Sale, Saturday, February 4, 2017.** Many hands are needed, from young to old, to make this annual attic sale a success. *We will need lots of volunteers* starting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3rd to help set up tables in the cafeteria, empty out the storage container, organize and help price items. Help is needed on Saturday, February 4th at 7:30 a.m. to help cashier, keep the tables organized, and carry items to people's vehicles. The sale ends between 2:00-3:00 p.m.

*America was founded upon the "self-evident truth" that all humans are endowed with the unalienable right to Life. Yet a baby is aborted every 23 seconds in the U.S. Over 4,000 babies are aborted every day. About 60 million babies have been aborted since the decision of Roe v Wade in January 1973. Abortion is truly "America's holocaust".*

**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](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.

**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)).

## 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.

### PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

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

**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 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 noon we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. John Eckert, Pastor of Sacred Heart 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).***

Join Father Barone on a **Procession for Life** on **January 14, 2017 at the Charlotte Catholic High School chapel** Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. followed by one decade of the Rosary. The Rosary will continue in cars as we travel to pray on the sidewalk at the abortion facility at 700 E. Hebron Street. Eucharistic Adoration will be continuing in the chapel for those who are not able to join on the sidewalk. The group praying on the sidewalk will return to the chapel after about 30-40 minutes of prayer and the event ends with Benediction.

If you have any questions or ideas for the Pro-Life Ministry at St. Ann's, contact Peg Sorge at 646-761-0650 or [1cookie.momster@gmail.com](mailto:1cookie.momster@gmail.com).

**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).

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](mailto: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](mailto:mmlewis28@yahoo.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** this week. Contact Eve Smith email [evesmith1974@yahoo.com](mailto:evesmith1974@yahoo.com) or phone: 704-280-4850.

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



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**MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN**



*Our parishioners:* Paul Cecil, Jeanne Goymrac, Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Helen Norton, and Nancy West.

*Our friends and family:*

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, call Nancy Picciola at 803-389-5530 or email [stannprayers@comporium.net](mailto:stannprayers@comporium.net).



Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology present *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*

In this beautifully filmed 12-part series based on Scott Hahn's bestselling book *Hail, Holy Queen*, Matthew Leonard explores Catholic teaching about Mary, exposing the misconceptions and illuminating the Mary from Sacred Scripture that everyone should know personally. \$3 donation per CD. Go to: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub) and enter code: **33769**.

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!

**LATIN MASS CORNER**

**Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the Week of January 1st-January 8th**

January 1st	8th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 1st class
January 2nd	Holy Name of Jesus - 2nd class
January 3rd	Feria of Christmastide - 4th class
January 4th	Feria of Christmastide - 4th class
January 5th	Feria of Christmastide - 4th class or St. Telesphorus - 4th class or Jesus Christ the High priest - 3rd class
January 6th	Epiphany of the Lord - 1st class
January 7th	Saturday of Our Lady - 4th class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
January 8th	<b>The Holy Family</b> - 2nd 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, 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).

Do you love Jesus? Do you want to learn how to love Him more deeply? Do you want Him to transform your life and the lives of your family and friends? Read His Word every day. The daily Mass readings are the very voice of God speaking to us. Meditate on His Word for just 15 minutes with the help of our *One Bread One Body* booklets, a guide to the daily Scriptures **found in the North Vestibule with other helpful resources**.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

**The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) are accepting applications for new students for the 2017-2018 school year at all schools and for all grades. *The Early Admission Round ends: January 15<sup>th</sup> for High School (9<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement Test is January 7<sup>th</sup> - registration instructions in application). January 31<sup>st</sup> for PK-8<sup>th</sup> Grades.*** Please call the MACS Admissions Office, 704-370-3273, to request an application packet or go to the MACS website at [www.discovermacs.org](http://www.discovermacs.org) for the application documents. For school locations and additional information please visit our website [www.discovermacs.org](http://www.discovermacs.org) or call the MACS Admissions Office at 704-370-3273.

**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).

**Nature Family Planning. Couple to Couple League:** A Natural Family Planning three class series will be taught for the **Winter 2017: January 21<sup>st</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>**. All classes are Saturdays from 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Hack home, in North Charlotte. Certified Sympto-Thermal Method teaching couple will help couples naturally plan for family growth in a safe, effective manner, within the Church's teaching. Sign up on-line and purchase class materials at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704- 548-1834 or [hackhouse@bellsouth.net](mailto:hackhouse@bellsouth.net).

**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.

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” Let us learn to accept each other and Christ in our marriages. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is February 3-5, 2017 in Myrtle Beach, SC.** For information: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you feel helpless to do anything about it? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health by helping spouses rediscover the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on **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).

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**Carolina Catholic Chorale: Orchestral Mass for Feast of Holy Family** on next **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at *St. Mark's Catholic Church in Huntersville*. The Carolina Catholic Choral & Orchestra will sing Antonio Caldara's *Mass in A* in a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form. This is only the second time in centuries that this Mass will have been sung as no known printed music was available and it was recreated from old manuscripts by Thomas Savoy, the Chorale's Director. For more information: <http://carolinacatholicchorale.com/>.

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.

Human Trafficking Awareness month. **Learn** about human trafficking in this country and particularly in your state and area. Not all persons experience loving families and receive multiple gifts. **REMEMBER** those who are bought and sold as commodities for greed and pleasure. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking: [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)**

*"America you are beautiful and blessed. The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life".*  
- Pope Saint John Paul II



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All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group** Morning Reflection **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection to follow. Our guest speaker is *Fr. Cory Catron*. Evening Reflection **Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** at Holy Trinity Middle School chapel at **6:30 p.m.** with our guest speaker is *Fr. Joseph Matlak*. Morning Reflection **Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection to follow. Our guest speaker is *Fr. John Michalowski*. 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.

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*Most of us will make a New Year's resolution as we begin 2017. Statistics show that most of us will not live out our resolution beyond the first few weeks of the year. We have to ask ourselves if we were if we were reasonable in what we promised to do, or if we were really all that committed to the resolution to start with! Perhaps this year, our goal should be realistic, have lasting impact on our lives, and the lives of those with whom we interact. Maybe this is the year we should focus on living and growing in faith. Faith is a gift from God, offered to each of us. Faith, too, requires an openness to the One who knows and loves us more than we know ourselves. Perhaps our resolution this year might be just this simple: let us promise to be open to Jesus. This is a resolution worth keeping!*

## 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.*



*Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.*  
— Luke 2:19

**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.