



January 29, 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>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

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Sunday 29th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Felicity & Dorothy <i>by Marcy & Jeff</i> 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin +Paul Tonon <i>by the family</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
Monday 30th	7:00 a.m. +Jerry Abshire <i>by the Orso family</i> 8:30 a.m. Latin Intentions of Danielle Mathis <i>by Michelle & James Blake</i>	1:30 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use 4:30 p.m. Classroom 1 in use Servers (Gym) 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 31st	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Sister Agnes Cousins <i>by Suzanne & Mike Terry & boys</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. Pro-Life meeting (Conference room) 7:30 p.m. Back of café in use
Wednesday 1st	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin +Patricia Nash <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i>	4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 5:00 p.m. Café & Kitchen in use 7:00 p.m. Latin Class (Café) Scouts Catholic Scripture Studies (Library) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2)
Thursday 2nd	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Katherine T Lauer <i>by the family</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i>	10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) Classroom 1 in use 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) Men's Club (Kitchen)
Friday 3rd	7:00 a.m. Latin +Florencio & Conchita Mortel <i>by the Andersen family</i> 8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 3:00 p.m. Attic Sale set up (Café) Men's Club (Kitchen)
Saturday 4th	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. +Rudy Banzuela <i>by Roweena Llamas</i>	8:00 a.m. Attic Sale (Café) Men's Club (Kitchen) 9:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Sunday 5th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of G. Ryan Spain <i>by the Spain family</i> 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin +Brian Lauer <i>by the Lauer family</i>	<i>Wings & Ribs</i> 9:00 a.m. Café & Kitchen in use Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) Faith Formation (School) 11:30 a.m. Family Fellowship Potluck (Kitchen, Café & Gym) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." -- Matthew 5:3



Dear Parishioners,

Hopefully you noticed in last week's bulletin that we are in the process of saving money for a **new tabernacle**. While our current tabernacle has served us well since the very earliest days of our parish, it is worn and scratched – and not quite as nice a home for our Eucharistic Lord as I would like. Moreover, I would very much like to have a gold-gilded tabernacle that fits in better with our mural. Our goal is to raise \$40,000, of which we already have \$15,000. To this end, I ask you to join me in praying to the Infant of Prague for our new tabernacle. For those of you who would like to donate, you may drop a check in the office or in the offertory, or you may make a contribution on the online giving page of our website.

If you've ever wondered why the Catholic Church uses Latin as her official language, and why the Church recommends that Latin have a prominent place in the liturgy, Fr. Barone will be offering a talk this Wednesday, 01 February 2017, at 7 p.m. to explain! The Latin language is not simply a relic from the Roman Empire into which the Church was born nearly 2,000 years ago. It's a language that is uniquely suited for the liturgy – all of which Fr. Barone will explain for us. A light dinner will be served that evening, so while admission is free, please sign up if you plan to attend by visiting the Charlotte Latin Mass Community website: <https://charlottelatinmass.org>

Our next **Gaudium Musicae** concert will soon be upon us. On Sunday, 26 February 2017, at 4 p.m. we will host the *Gate City Camerata*, a faculty-student ensemble from UNCG. They will be performing traditional and contemporary chamber pieces. Tickets may be purchased on our website or at the door, and there will be a wine reception that follows the concert. As always, we are looking for 4 families to provide \$250 sponsorships to help cover our costs for these beautiful events.

If you're still pondering the **pilgrimage to Ireland** in June, there are just 10 spots left! The pilgrimage will focus on many of the great Catholic sites in this land of saints and scholars, as well as famous historical sites! For more information go our website. You can also call me directly at: (704) 523-4641, ext. 222 or email the office. The cost for the trip is \$3,888.

With gratitude,
Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
726 registered families

January 15, 2017	15,115.00
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	467,971.96
YTD Budget:	446,153.98
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	21,817.98
Loan Balance:	490,548.68
Tabernacle Goal:	40,000.00
Donations Received:	15,175.00
Tabernacle Balance:	24,825.00
Mini Mural #2 Goal:	75,000.00
Donations Received:	21,355.00
Mini Mural #2 Balance:	53,645.00

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Jan. 31st for Sunday, February 5, 2017
- Tuesday, Feb. 7th for Sunday, February 12, 2017
- Tuesday, Feb. 14th for Sunday, February 19, 2017
- Tuesday, Feb. 21st for Sunday, February 26, 2017

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.



Stewardship is God's invitation to a way of life. It helps us to overcome our selfishness and love of things.

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org

Planned giving provides an opportunity to give a gift that forever perpetuates our Catholic faith. Keep the candle burning with an endowment gift to our parish.



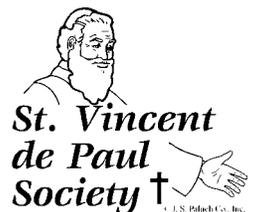
Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month: The next collection weekends are **February 4th-5th and February 18th-19th and March 4th-5th and March 18th-19th.**

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2017

Your Every Act Should be Done With Love...

2017 DSA Goal:
97,137.00

In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness. In 2016 St Ann St Vincent de Paul helped more than 80 families or individuals with food, utilities and rent through your generous donations.



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

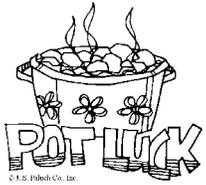
Endowments for St. Ann's Parish:

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.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Annual Attic Sale, Saturday, February 4th. 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.** We accept clean used and/or new clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, baby items, linens, furniture, yard equipment, electronics, computers, books and any other items you no longer need. The storage container is in the parking lot outside the back doors of the cafeteria. Please make sure you carry your items all the way to the back of the container to leave room for other items to be easily placed inside. **We also need baked items to be dropped off Friday night between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** Any questions, email Lorelle Grant at lorellegrant@gmail.com or call 704-357-0732.



Our Parish Family Fellowship Potluck is Sunday, February 5th 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: **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!**

Agatha bread blessing Sunday February 5th after 12:30 p.m. Latin Mass: To commemorate the Feast of St. Agatha, Father will be blessing bread. All parishioners are welcome to bring any kind of bread to be blessed. Leave bread on the table in the narthex before 12:30 p.m. Mass. After the blessing, the Latin Mass Community will serve homemade Agatha bread along with hot apple cider and hot chocolate while the Men's Schola and Cantate Domino Latin Choir will lead everyone in a traditional wassailing song to mark the official close of the Christmas season. *All are welcome to attend.* For more information, please contact Chris Lauer at info@charlottelatinmass.org.

The delicious Men's Club Super Bowl Babyback Ribs and Angelo's Wings will be available next Saturday and Sunday, February 4th and 5th.

Discounted pre-paid order forms will be available after Masses this weekend. The pre-paid order forms are *due TODAY, January 29th.* All earnings support charities within our parish and local community.

Latin Mass Class – Why Latin? All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend this class at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1st in the café. Father Jason Barone will explore the importance of Latin, as the church's official language and its beauty. The presentation will answer many questions including: *How did Latin become the Church's language? Why does the Church still use Latin? How is Latin uniquely suited for the Mass?* Class will be preceded by 6:00 p.m. Latin Mass in the church and a light dinner will be served by the Charlotte Latin Mass Community. The event is free, an RSVP is greatly appreciated for headcount purposes by Monday January 30th. **To RSVP, please contact: Chris Lauer, info@charlottelatinmass.org.** ***Also Wednesday, February 1st is the Vigil of the Feast of Candles (Candlemas). After the class Father Barone, has agreed to bless candles with an ancient blessing. *Attendees are invited to bring candles to the class to be blessed.*



"Feed yourselves and Feed the homeless." **St. Ann's Saturday** at Hawthorne's Pizza, 4100 Carmel Rd, 28226, is **Saturday, February 25th.**

Please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 25th, tell your server you are from St. Ann Catholic Church and the parish receives 15% of the sales. *All proceeds will support St. Ann's Homeless Ministry.*



The third concert of the *Gaudium Musicae* concert series is **4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 26th,** 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 2nd 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.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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. 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.*

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

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.

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.

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.

Ceramics will meet later this year. Watch for dates!

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.

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.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

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

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

*“Abortion is not a sign that women are free,
but a sign that they are desperate.”
Frederica Mathewes-Green*

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 & Young Adult Ministry.

*Learning from the saints “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)
“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.” (St. Augustine)
“Anyone who truly loves God travels securely.” (St. Teresa of Avila)
“We walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Cor 5:7)
“Faith seeks understanding.” (St. Anselm)*

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



Our parishioners: Paul Cecil, Jeanne Goymerac, 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.



Vatican II, Mercy, and You by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. In this illuminating talk, Fr. Michael Gaitley shows how

Vatican II provides a map to help us enrich our lives through faith and effectively experience the good news of God's divine mercy. \$3 donation per CD. **Use code: 33769 when you go to: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub.**

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!

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

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of January 29th-February 5th**

January 29th	4th Sunday after Epiphany - 2nd class
January 30th	St. Martina - 3rd class
January 31st	St. John Bosco - 3rd class
February 1st	St. Ignatius of Antioch - 3rd class
February 2nd	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2nd class
February 3rd	Feria - 4th class or St. Blaise - 4th class or Sacred Heart of Jesus - 3rd class
February 4th	St. Andrew Corsini - 3rd class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
February 5th	5th Sunday after Epiphany

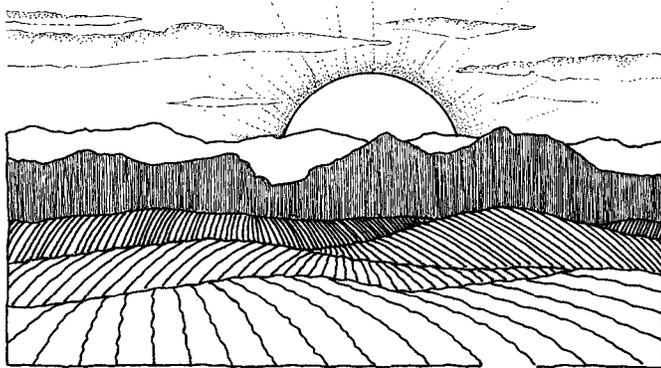
St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and on select feast days. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

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, email Chris Lauer or Mike FitzGerald at info@charlottelatinmass.org.

Latin Mass Email list: The Latin Mass Community shares updates on future Latin Masses around Charlotte, and last minute schedule changes. To sign up, email Chris Lauer at info@charlottelatinmass.org

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

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.**



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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.

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 31st for PK-8th Grades. Please call the MACS Admissions Office, 704-370-3273, to request an application packet or go to MACS website at www.discovermacs.org for the application documents. For school locations and additional information, visit our website www.discovermacs.org or call MACS Admissions Office at 704-370-3273.

St. Ann Catholic School will hold an **Open House** for prospective parents on **Thursday, February 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** This is a drop in event to provide information about our curriculum and activities and receive a tour of our school. Stop by to see our "school in action". For information, contact the school office at 704-525-4938.

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! St. Vincent de Paul Preschool has classes for 2- and 3-year-old children in their faith-based, half-day program. For information contact Mary Helen or Sonya at mhcushing@charlottediocese.org or 704-644-4656.

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.

Nature Family Planning. Couple to Couple League: Winter 2017 classes February 18th and March 18th. 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. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704- 548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

A **FREE Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course** will be offered at **St. Matthew Catholic Church in Charlotte at 1:30 p.m. on February 11th.** Topics to be covered include: Effectiveness of modern NFP methods, Health risks of popular contraceptives, Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual, Church teaching on marital sexuality, and how to use NFP. For more information, go to ccdoc.org/nfp or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org. Inquire about online options if you are unable to attend this class but still want to learn. Information Link: <http://ccdoc.org/events/icalrepeat.detail/2017/02/11/267/28/nfp-introduction-with-full-course>.

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.

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him." Encourage the Holy Spirit to enrich your marriage by taking part in 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 or 704-315-2144.

You Can Help Your Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a **weekend on February 17th** call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Join the **St. Vincent ACES Seniors Club on Thursday, February 9th at 11:00 a.m.** in the Activity Center for guest speaker Anthony Vecchi, Manager of The Winestore at SouthPark. We will learn about wine selection for every occasion. Cost of lunch is \$8.00/members and \$10.00/guests. *Make a reservation by Sunday, February 5th* with Sue Westphal at 704-542-0315. Information: Peggy Gibbons at 704-588-58700 or pgibbons1@att.com. Monday's Bridge Contact Mary Birch 704-845-8622. "Happy Valentine's Day" **ACES Bowling Group on Monday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m.** at Park Lanes Bowling, 1700 Montford Drive. *Christian fellowship and fun.* Contact Marty Opyrchal at 704-553-1879.

February 8th is the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita who was sold into slavery as a child. **PRAY** for all children who live in slavery and are exploited. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking www.sistersagainstrafficking.org.

The Mardi Gras 2017 silent Auction and Raffle on Tuesday, February 28th at 5:30 p.m. At the Crown at the Carolina Theatre in Greensboro, NC. All proceeds go to the Room At The Inn in Greensboro. Call 336-391-6299 or contact mdonadio@roominn.org or for more information.

Fr. Pat Hoare & Fr. Pat Cahill May 1st-10th, 2017. This 10-day pilgrimage includes cruising along the Seine in Paris, wine-tastings, touring and more! Highlights include Lisieux, the hometown of the beloved St. Therese, Normandy, Omaha beach and the American Cemetery, the iconic Mont St. Michel; Paris, including the Notre Dame, Sacre Couer, Ruc de Bac (Miraculous Medal), St. Vincent de Paul, the Lourvre, the hometown of St. John Vianney (patron of priests), St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and the Sacred Heart devotion, Nevers where St. Bernadette lies, and much more! Call Corporate Travel Service at 313-565-8888 x121, or x150 for Elizabeth, or x164 for Kendall.

*Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.*

*I know there is nothing that destroys
more life than abortion.*

*Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.*

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

*Today I commit myself Never to be silent, Never to be
passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn.*

*I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
and never to stop defending life,*

Until all my brothers and sisters are protected.

*And our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty
and justice not just for some, but for all.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Father Loyd D. Morris

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection Monday, February 13th**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection & speaker *Fr. John Michalowski* to follow.

The Evening Reflection **Friday, March 3rd** at St. Mark Church at **7:10 p.m.** with Men's Conference speakers: *Robert Rogers and Fr. Bill Casey*.

The Morning Reflection **Monday, March 13th**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection & speaker *Fr. Carl del Giudice* to follow.

The Lenten Retreat **Saturday, March 18th**. Mass at Sacred Heart Church begins at **8:00 a.m.** with reflection & speaker *Fr. Lucas Rossi* to follow.

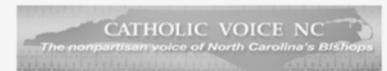
Register for events & newsletter signup on website: CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org.

Save the date for the **7th Annual Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 4th at St. Mark Catholic Church**. The speakers are: Robert Rogers, Fr. Bill Casey and Steve Beuerlein and Bishop Jugis will join the men for Mass, Adoration, and Confession. For information:

<http://CatholicMenOfTheCarolinas.org> To Register: www.rsvpbook.com/cltcmc2017.

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ARC Running: Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. meet in Freedom Park to run/walk either 1.5 or 3 miles (you choose which route!). Each week we pose challenges to those who are attending a spiritual challenge, a workout challenge, and an act of kindness challenge to work on throughout the week in hopes of bettering ourselves and our communities. It's a great opportunity to meet other like-minded individuals in the Charlotte community. If you are interested please email Maria at runningmyselftogether@gmail.com.

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.*



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.