



January 8, 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

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 8th	<p>8:00 a.m. +Keith Helms <i>by Andrea & David Miller</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. +Robert Carmazzi <i>by the Tonon family</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin +Harold Reidfisher <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Adult Faith Formation (Classrooms 1 & 2) Kitchen, Café & Gym in use</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Family Fellowship Potluck (Café, Kitchen & Gym)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p>
Monday 9th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Melissa Venant <i>by Rosa Venant</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Latin +Mary Therese Gardner <i>by the Balman family</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (Upstairs Allen Center rooms)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Severs (Church)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Dance Group (Gym)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)</p>
Tuesday 10th	<p>7:00 a.m. +Barbara Beebe <i>by Barbara Williams</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Scout room in use</p>
Wednesday 11th	<p><i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i></p> <p>5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Latin +Kent Williams <i>by Barbara Williams</i></p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Café) Scouts Catholic Scripture Studies (Library) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) Fraternus (Gym)</p>
Thursday 12th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Danielle Mathis & family <i>by Russell Leis family</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Conference room in use</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) Classroom 1 in use</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Scout (Gym)</p>
Friday 13th	<p>7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of William Grant <i>by the Grant family</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (Upstairs Allen Center rooms)</p>
Saturday 14th	<p>3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p> <p>4:30 p.m. +Sister Aloysius Shoemaker RSM <i>by Virginia Doman</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Gym & Café in use</p>
Sunday 15th	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Christine & Brett Corbly & family <i>by Amy & Kurt Herkert</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Our parish family</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Sue Aurora <i>by the Brower family</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Adult Faith Formation (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>9:10 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen)</p>

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. -- Matthew 2:11b



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend Fr. Paul Wildrotler from **Food for the Poor** is here for their annual appeal to our parish. Food for the Poor is one of the largest hunger relief organizations in our country, and they do great outreach in the developing world. As it is part of our duty as Catholics to care for the poor, I'm always glad to welcome this organization into our parish. Please welcome Father into our parish!

Our annual mission trip is fast approaching (February 12-26, 2017), and once again this year representatives from our parish and I will be traveling to Warangal, India, to work alongside the Missionaries of the Poor in their mission. We will be working with folks suffering with leprosy and AIDS, including the boys at the Divine Mercy orphanage whose educational expenses we are sponsoring, and all of whom are HIV+.

The MOP brothers in India have many, many needs, and I like for our parish to be as generous as we can in helping them. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible contribution for our mission trip, you may write a check (payable to St. Ann with "MOP" in the memo line) or at the on-line giving page of our website (look for "Mission Trip") under the Donation section. Cash gifts are especially helpful, and these can be given directly to me or dropped off in the office.

I am grateful to all of you who helped purchase Christmas gifts for our poor friends in India. Our angel tree helped us raise over \$6000 that we were able to send over there! My goal for our mission trip is to raise \$20,000 for the brothers' needs. Thank you for your generosity.

And once again, I must thank you for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts I've received this year. You are always so generous to me, and I'm so grateful for your love and affection. I've tried to write thank you notes to everyone, but occasionally I receive a gift without a card indicating whom it's from. This year on Christmas Eve I received a nice bottle of Drambuie after the 4:30 Mass that evening, but I forgot who gave it to me! To that particular benefactor, many thanks...especially from my priest friends who've helped themselves to it!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure

728 registered families

December 25, 2016	18,500.22
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	416,125.42
YTD Budget:	400,000.00
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	16,125.42
Loan Balance:	504,437.20
Christmas:	19,130.00
Christmas Flowers:	848.00
2017 Calendars:	610.00

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.

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.**

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org



The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time? My talent? My treasure?

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2016

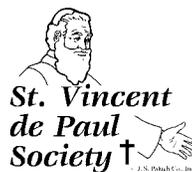
Did you know that the diocesan Office of Faith Formation supports the efforts of our parish catechists? The DSA provides funding for those services! If you

have not yet made a gift, you can donate online at 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

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.



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.

*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*

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Jan. 10th for Sunday, January 15, 2017
- Monday, Jan. 16th for Sunday, January 22, 2017
- Tuesday, Jan. 24th for Sunday, January 29, 2017
- Tuesday, Jan. 31st for Sunday, February 5, 2017

*Once again, science supports the pro-life position, including the fact that abortion harms women.
The serious mental health implications of abortion is biological fact---not religious dogma!*



*Don't put off planning your estate...
for we know not the day nor the hour.
Good stewardship means that we
look ahead and make provisions for
our family, our loved ones and our
Church.*

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



Our Parish Family Fellowship Potluck is TODAY, January 8th 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 if you can help with set-up and clean-up. *Let's put to work our Stewardship of talent and time!*

St. Ann's Men's Club is hosting a social at Sir Edmond Halley's in the back of Park Road Shopping Center TODAY, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested email stannmen@gmail.com. The Men's Club will pay for appetizers. All men of the parish are invited to attend! We look forward to seeing you later!

"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.*** 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. We will have a storage container in the parking lot outside the back doors of the cafeteria starting 2 weeks before the sale for your items to be put into. 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.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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

*Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor
before the throne of God, pray for us.*

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

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

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

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.***

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 lcookie.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.

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

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.

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.

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.



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. **Go to:** 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 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 8th-January 15th**

January 8th	The Holy Family - 2nd class
January 9th	Feria after the Epiphany - 4th class
January 10th	Feria after the Epiphany - 4th class
January 11th	Feria after the Epiphany - 4th class or St. Hyginus - 4th class
January 12th	Feria after the Epiphany - 4th class
January 13th	Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord - 2nd class
January 14th	St. Hilary - 3rd class
January 15th	2nd Sunday after Epiphany - 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 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

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.

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 15th for High School* (9th Grade Placement Test is January 7th - registration instructions in application). *January 31st for PK-8th 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 for the application documents. For school locations and additional information please visit our website 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.

Register for Preschool Now! St. Vincent de Paul Preschool still has room for 2- and 3-year-old children in our faith-based, half day program for the 2016-2017 school year. For information contact Mary Helen or Sonya at mhcushing@charlottediocese.org or 704-644-4656.

YOUNG ADULTS

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

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: A Natural Family Planning three class series will be taught for the **Winter 2017: January 21st, 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.

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.

"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 or 704-315-2144.

Retrouvaille Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, even those in deep misery. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a **weekend on February 17th** call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

"How can there be too many children?
That is like saying there are too many flowers."
St. Teresa of Calcutta

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Carolina Catholic Chorale: Orchestral Mass for Feast of Holy Family on today, January 8th 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/>.

As part of the diocesan combined collections program, the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Church in Africa, Catholic Home Missions, and the United States Mission Collection have been combined into one second collection. **That collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.** Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level. This week you should receive a letter from our Chancellor and Vicar General, Msgr. Mauricio West with an informative brochure. Please take the time to read through the brochure and become more familiar with the good work done by each of these organizations. The envelope for this collection is part of your parish envelope packet.

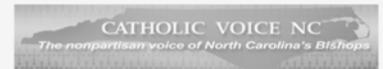
Human Trafficking Awareness month. **Learn** about human trafficking in this country and particularly in your state and area. Not all persons experience loving families and receive multiple gifts. **REMEMBER** those who are bought and sold as commodities for greed and pleasure. **US Catholic Sisters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

Connecting with everyday life: No matter how often we hear or read the Beatitudes, we are struck again by those Jesus calls blessed: The poor in spirit, those who mourn, are meek, hunger and thirst for righteousness, merciful, clean of heart, the peacemakers, those who are persecuted and insulted because of their faith in Christ. The Beatitudes stand in stark contrast to the values of the world, which prizes bravado and self-sufficiency. Today could be a good day for a guided meditation in which we invite one another to recognize and affirm the moments in which we are poor in spirit, merciful, etc. These are the values that are prized by Christ and within the Christian community.

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group** Morning Reflection **Monday, January 9th**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection to follow. Our guest speaker is *Fr. Cory Catron*. The Evening Reflection **Tuesday, January 17th** at Holy Trinity Middle School chapel at **6:30 p.m.** with our guest speaker is *Fr. Joseph Matlak*. The Morning Reflection **Monday, February 13th**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection to follow. Our guest speaker is *Fr. John Michalowski*. The Morning Reflection **Monday, March 13th**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection to follow. Our guest speaker is *Fr. Carl del Giudice*. Registration for these events is on our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org and signup for our newsletter.

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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!*

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

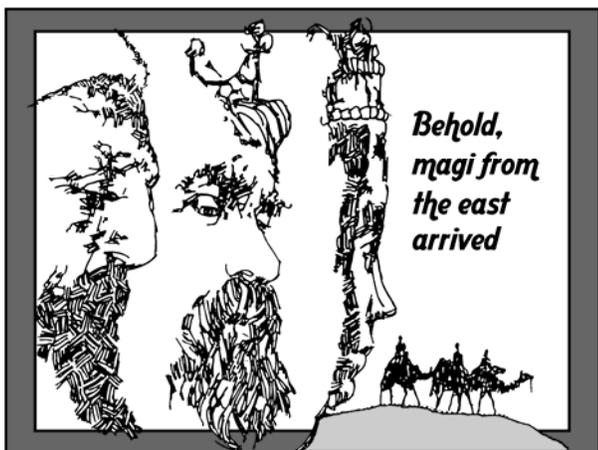
We have outdoor speakers for those whose small children are too loud for the cry rooms or narthex. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners if your children are making a lot of noise.

33 Hours of Adoration. Adoration begins Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. through Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. *All are welcome.* Adorers: please share your contact information with those who adore during your **Adoration hour**. If you can't make it, call the others to make sure someone is visiting Our Lord during that hour. *It is your responsibility to get a replacement when you will not be able to do your Adoration hour.*

IN OUR COMMUNITY

A televised Sunday Mass is now airing on ABC Family from **6:30-7:00 a.m. Sunday mornings**. Call 800-THE-MASS or www.TheSundayMass.org.

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



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