



February 26, 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 26th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Paulette Ensrude <i>by Cecilia Balman</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Patricia Sanctis <i>by Rev. Mr. Tom & Teresa Sanctis</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Loretta Yelanich <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Café and Kitchen in use 4:00 p.m. Gaudium Musicae Concert (Church)
Monday 27th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Deacon Christian Cook <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i> 8:30 a.m. Latin Intentions of Grace Mathis <i>by mom & dad</i>	1:30 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use 4:30 p.m. Homeschool (Kitchen & Cafe) Servers (Church) 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms in use Dance Group (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Conference room) RCIA (Scout room)
Tuesday 28th	7:00 a.m. +Rosa Perez Guarderas <i>by Adolfo Carrion</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i>	10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use 4:30 p.m. Homeschool (Kitchen & Gym) 5:00 p.m. Taco Tuesday School (Café) 6:00 p.m. Music (Church) 7:00 p.m. Conference room in use
Wednesday 1st Ash Wednesday	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of the Rosamond family 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Thomas Mathis <i>by mom & dad</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 7:00 p.m. +Margaret Ashton <i>by Suzanne & Mike Terry & boys</i>	4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 7:00 p.m. Scouts Fraternalus (Gym) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2)
Thursday 2nd	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Joseph Grant <i>by the Grant family</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i>	10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use Catholic Studies (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 6:30 p.m. Server Training (Church) 7:00 p.m. Catholic Studies (Classrooms 1 & 2)
Friday 3rd	7:00 a.m. Latin +Coledonia & Soledad Calapatis <i>by the Andersen family</i> 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Scott Bruno <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour of Reparation (Church) 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday 4th	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. +Fr. Reid's Grandparents <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use 2:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use
Sunday 5th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Rosa Perez Guarderas <i>by Adolfo Carrion</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Rebecca Sigmon <i>by the Blake family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) Respect Life Meeting (Conference room) 9:10 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission (Church)



Dear Parishioners,

I am ever grateful for your prayers during our India mission trip. Your fellow parishioners and I have had an amazing time serving the poor alongside the good brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor. Not only have we been feeding and caring for the poorest of the poor in this region (many of whom are suffering from HIV/AIDS and leprosy), our parish has been able to provide funds to do some much-needed repairs around the brothers' compound. In particular, some of the funds you've provided are going to be used to repair a broken cistern that will greatly help in the brothers' efforts to collect and store potable water for themselves and those whom they serve. Please keep us in prayer as we are traveling home while

you are at Mass this weekend!

This coming Wednesday, 01 March 2017, is **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of Lent. While not a holy day of obligation, it is a wonderful day to come to Mass, and I encourage you to do so. We will have Masses Wednesday at 7 a.m. (Latin), 8:30 a.m., and 7 p.m.

As Lent is a penitential season, Holy Mother Church has certain requirements for fasting and abstinence from meat during Lent. Specifically, for Catholics in the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops states that: "the age of fasting is from the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth." The requirements for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Every person from age of 18 until 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal a full meal.

Beginning this Friday, March 3rd, and continuing throughout the Fridays of March, we will have a **Holy Hour of Reparation** beginning at 6 p.m. before **Stations of the Cross** at 7 p.m. Please join us as we make reparation for our own sins and those of the whole world. I have every confidence that these spiritual exercises are not only good for our souls, but also pleasing to our Lord.

Lastly, don't forget the **Gaudium Musicae concert** this Sunday (2/26/17) at 4 p.m. It will feature *The Gate City Camerata*, who will provide an exciting concert of traditional and contemporary chamber works performed by faculty and student musicians. Please join us!

Keeping you all in prayer,
Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
726 registered families

February 12, 2017	21,554.80
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	533,636.31
YTD Budget:	507,692.46
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	25,943.85
Loan Balance:	476,630.06
Tabernacle Goal:	40,000.00
Donations Received:	17,025.00
Tabernacle Balance:	22,975.00
Mini Mural #2 Goal:	75,000.00
Donations Received:	22,430.00
Mini Mural #2 Balance:	52,570.00



Planned giving provides an opportunity to give a gift that forever perpetuates our Catholic faith.

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

By now you should have received a letter or postcard from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support of the **Diocesan Support Appeal**. Please give prayerful consideration to how you will respond by filling out your pledge and mailing it this week.



Loving God, You call us to a life of service, entrusting to us the mission of making your name and your love known.

2017 DSA Goal: 97,137.00

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, Feb. 28th for Sunday, March 5, 2017
- Tuesday, March 7th for Sunday, March 12, 2017
- Tuesday, March 14th for Sunday, March 19, 2017
- Tuesday, March 21st for Sunday, March 26, 2017

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org

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.



*“... everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”
(Luke 14:33)*

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.

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 **March 4th-5th and March 18th-19th and April 1st-2nd.**

Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father knows all that we need, and so we need to let tomorrow take care of itself as today has troubles enough of its own. Your gifts to St Vincent de Paul Society have helped many families get through a tough time.



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

Father Reid has asked the **Legion of Mary to lead a Catholic Scripture Lenten Study** during Lent. We will be leading "Lent: The Road to Redemption, Cycle A". This is a **six-week study** that will begin **Thursday, March 2nd** and it will end **Thursday, April 6th**. There will be BOTH a morning session, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., and an evening session, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. This study was written by Mike Aquilina and the DVD narrative is by Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J. **The student participant work book will cost \$18.50. Please make checks payable to St. Ann Catholic Church.**

The third concert of the *Gaudium Musicae* concert series is **4:00 p.m. TODAY, 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 at the door. *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.

St. Ann Parish Lenten Mission
 "Why Be Catholic? The Wounds of Christ"
Sunday, March 5th—
Wednesday, March 8th 7:00 p.m.
 Each evening followed by Confession.
 A reception will follow Wednesday night Mission.
This Mission is given by
Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap.

We will be hosting the **Saint Teresa of Calcutta Exhibit from Saturday-Friday, March 11th-17th** It will be located in the back of the cafe behind the divider. There are seventy-two panels in this exhibit. There will be relics to see and the Missionaries of Charity will provide prayer cards and miraculous medals which will have been blessed for all who attend this exhibit. **More information to follow in the coming weeks.**



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

WEDDING BANNERS
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I: Katie Mantie-Joseph Egbers
 17 March 2017
 St. Patrick Catholic Church Charleston, SC

Mark your calendars for our next **Parish Service Day: April 8th 8:00 a.m. with lunch at 12 noon.** "Many hands make light work".



Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.
 -- Isaiah 49:15



Our Parish Family Fellowship Potluck Grand Finale is Sunday, May 7th 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! 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!**

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 every Wednesday and Saturday
from 9:00 a.m. –12noon. All are invited!!*

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

Spiritual Adoption is coming to St. Ann's! Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a new born baby. As an expression of that love, St. Ann's announces an adoption program for young and old! Starting on March 1st, our parish family will have the opportunity to "spiritually adopt" a child who is newly conceived. Unfortunately, not all babies make it to birth due to miscarriage, premature birth or tragically, abortion. These are the babies you will be asked to "adopt" by simply praying for him or her daily. Adopt a child by picking up pledge cards in the back of the church. Return the portion on the side. Your respect life committee will be walking with you to give you some encouragement along the journey. And hopefully, a few surprises too! Every parent needs a few pleasant surprises, especially our St. Ann spiritual parents!

It is suggested that you name the child for who you will be praying which will remind you that, although you may never meet this little one in this life, you truly are praying for a specific child who needs prayers.

Please watch the bulletin for updates on the baby's development which will end in early December when we will celebrate the "births" of our spiritually adopted babies. Millions of babies are in desperate need of YOUR prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you? Can't commit to spiritual adoption at this time, please watch for the opportunity to give our spiritually adoptive parents a baby shower in October which will benefit Mira Via. Join your respect life committee and share in our efforts to support all life - cradle to grave. Have a passion that the respect life group isn't addressing, please join us!

Dates to Remember:

March 1st - Spiritual Adoption begins

March 5th - Next Respect Life meeting after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass

March 17th - March for Life, St. Ann hosts from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - watch for sign up soon.

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.

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 Regester (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.

The repose of the soul of Louis Pagan who died February 17, 2017

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.



A Video Program by Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for Biblical

Theology. *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. **Use code: 33769 when you go to:** www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub.

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

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of February 26th-March 5th**

February 26th	Quinquagesima Sunday - 2nd class
February 27th	St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows - 3rd class
February 28th	Feria - 4th class
March 1st	Ash Wednesday - 1st class
March 2nd	Thursday after Ash Wednesday - 3rd class or Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3rd class
March 3rd	Friday after Ash Wednesday - 3rd class or Sacred Heart of Jesus - 3rd class
March 4th	Saturday after Ash Wednesday - 3rd class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
March 5th	1st Sunday of Lent - 1st class

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

Latin Mass Classes available online: Recordings of the Latin Mass classes on the website with handouts. If you missed a class or want to watch again, visit www.StAnnCharlotte.org and click the Latin Mass section, and scroll to the Latin Mass class. For questions regarding future classes, 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.

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

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic Classical Enrichment Registration Opens March 6th! Catholic Classical Enrichment (CCE) is a weekly homeschool program at St. Ann's for children in PK through 8th grade. Engaging a child's natural ability for memory work, the elementary program seeks to help parents to develop a Catholic and classical foundation of knowledge for their homeschooled child(ren). Additionally, Catholic Classical Enrichment teaches Sacred Music and Art. Our middle school component builds on the elementary foundation with rigorous coursework in Latin, History, Writing, and Art. Registration for the 2017-2018 academic year begins on Monday, March 6th for St. Ann's parishioners. *Any remaining spots will become available to non-parishioners beginning Monday, March 19th.* Questions or requests for registration forms may be sent to Kathleen Lewis at ccejmj@gmail.com.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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 class 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.** 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**. For information: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact 704-315-2144 or applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org.

Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost the sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. **Retrouvaille** teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Come experience Solemn Vespers while reflecting on the **Seven Last Words of Christ** this Lenten season during **Sunday evenings at the Cathedral of St. Patrick**. What a powerful way to enter into the passion of our Lord as He teaches us even with his final words and last breath from "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do...to...It is finished." **The Lenten Series begins on March 5th at 6:00 p.m.**

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Elder Ministry and St. Gabriel Catholic Church Hosting a FREE Fit & Strong Exercise Class beginning on Monday, March 13th from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Class is limited to the first 26 registrants. Additional names will be put on a waiting list. This program includes 8 weeks of 1 1/2 hour sessions, 3 days a week. Each session consists of 1 hour of exercises, 1/2 hour of arthritis and exercise education/discussion/group problem solving. **Please register by March 5th** by contacting Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220 or email sabreakfield@charlottedioocese.org. For information about the class, please contact Linda Stewart at 704-331-4878 or email help@arthritisservices.org. Classes will take place at St. Gabriel's in the Fellowship Hall.

The 21st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held in Uptown Charlotte on Saturday, March 18th. The parade steps off at 11:00 a.m. at Tryon & 9th St & marches down Tryon St. to 3rd St. Our Grand Marshal this year is Arthur H. Fitzgerald. The Charlotte Goes Green Festival will take place in Uptown Charlotte on Saturday March 18th from 10:00am-6:00pm. It is located on Tryon St. between 3rd & Stonewall St. The festival is free & features live Irish music, Irish dancers, Irish & other vendors, children's amusements & lots of food & beverages. There is no admission fee. Come join us where everyone is Irish for the day! For information: www.charlottestpatsday.com.

Rev. Fr. Benjamin Roberts, pastor of our Lady of Lourdes in Monroe, is making a pilgrimage **to celebrate the Feast of St. Dymphna, May 14th -16th**. Pilgrims will travel to the National Shrine of St. Dymphna in Massillon, OH for her Feast Day celebration. Included are visits to the Sancta Clara monastery and adoration chapel, the home of stigmatic and mystic Rhoda Wise (whose cause for canonization opened recently), and visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption where you can pray in front of a relic of the true cross and the twelve apostles. Holy Mass offered both days. The cost is \$139 per person which includes all meals and roundtrip transportation aboard a luxury motor coach. For information and to make your reservation please email your request to stdymphna2013@gmail.com, or call Sue 704-431-2861, or Cathy 704-433-0361.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church is seeking a Communications Associate (20 hours/week) to work closely with our Communications Coordinator to develop and produce internal and external communications for the parish through the website, e-newsletters, social media and the bulletin. For job qualifications and resume submission details, visit www.stgabrielchurch.org/jobs.

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Evening Reflection Friday, March 3rd** at St. Mark Church parish hall at **7:15 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.

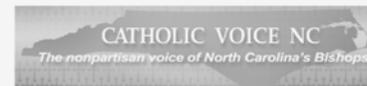
Save the date for the **7th Annual Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 4th at St. Mark Catholic Church**. The speakers are: Robert Rogers, Fr. Bill Casey and Steve Beuerlein and Bishop Jugis will join the men for Mass, Adoration, and Confession. For information: <http://CatholicMenOfTheCarolinas.org> To Register: www.rsvpbook.com/cltcmc2017.

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Give the Gift of Travel to Your Graduate this June! Stepping Stone Travel invite all high school Juniors and Seniors to tour Ireland **June 9-19, 2017**. Enjoy our customized 11-day tour of Dublin, Cork, Kilkenny and Galway, with stops at everywhere from the Guinness Factory to the Blarney Stone to the cliffs of the Aran Island of Inishmor. For our itinerary contact Jeremy Kuhn at jtkuhn@catholictravel.org and LIKE our Facebook page – [Stepping Stone Travel](http://SteppingStoneTravel) – for scenes from previous tours.

Come Experience the Magic of Ireland this June! All CCHS Alumni, family and friends are invited to join Jeremy and Michelle (Rogers) Kuhn (both '90) on Stepping Stone Travel's inaugural adult tour of the Emerald Isle of Ireland this **June 19-29, 2017**. Enjoy our customized 11-day tour from Dublin to Cork to Dingle to Galway, with stops at the Guinness Brewery, Newgrange, the Jameson's Distillery, the Kilkenny Medieval Mile, the Blarney Stone, the Cliffs of Moher, the Rock of Cashel, Kylemore Abbey, Clonmacnoise and many others. For our itinerary contact Jeremy Kuhn at jtkuhn@catholictravel.org and LIKE our Facebook page – [Stepping Stone Travel](http://SteppingStoneTravel) – for scenes from previous tours.

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.*

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!

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.