



March 5, 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 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)
Monday 6th	7:00 a.m. +Mark Tonon <i>by the Rothe family</i> 8:30 a.m. Latin Intentions of SueAnn Howell	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 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms in use Dance Group (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission (Church) RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 7th	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 6:00 p.m. Music (Church) 6:30 p.m. Homeschool (Classrooms 1 & 2) 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission (Church)
Wednesday 8th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Lauren Alderman <i>by the family</i>	4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 6:00 p.m. Kitchen & Café in use 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission & Reception (Church & Cafe) Scouts Fraternus (Gym) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (Conference room)
Thursday 9th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Dee Christian 5:30 p.m. Confessions	10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use Catholic Studies (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 7:00 p.m. Catholic Studies (Classrooms 1 & 2)
Friday 10th	7:00 a.m. Latin +Lamberto & Ruperto Calapatia <i>by the Andersen family</i> 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Fred Goduti <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 3:00 p.m. Broadway (Gym & Café) 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour of Reparation (Church) 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday 11th	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. +Jack Doman <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms) 9:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use 10:00 a.m. Servers (Church) 1:00 p.m. Broadway (Gym & Café)
Sunday 12th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Reid <i>by the Balman family</i> 10:30 a.m. +Gregory Blais <i>by the Orso family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) Dance (Gym) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)

“Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death.” Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we welcome **Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap.**, who will be giving us our **annual parish mission** this week. Fr. Tuscan was professed as a Capuchin Franciscan Friar in the Province of St. Augustine in Pittsburgh, PA in 1990 and ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1997. A native of Ohio and raised in Canton, he currently serves in the Custody of St. John the Baptist in Puerto Rico, a territory his Province has served since 1930. Fr. Tuscan has served in a variety of ways as a priest, including missionary work in the remote Southern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea. As has been our custom in the past, the mission talks will take place every night at 7 p.m., beginning today (Sunday) and going through

Wednesday. Confessions will also be available every night after his talk, except for Wednesday when we will have a reception. Please join us for the talks, and please pray for Fr. Tuscan and for the success of this mission.

Beginning next weekend and going throughout the following week (March 11-17), St. Ann's will be hosting an **exhibition on the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta** ("Mother Teresa"). There will be a display set up in the Cafeteria of the Allen Center that will be open for viewing throughout each day, and it will include relics of Mother Teresa. Please make the time to stop by and see this exhibit. While in India last month, our group had the privilege of visiting the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity where Mother Teresa lived and worked. It's also where she is buried, and we offered Mass at her tomb. Personally, I was very impressed by the peacefulness and holiness of the place, even amidst the hustle and bustle of downtown Calcutta. Mother Teresa is a wonderful modern example of selfless service to the poor, so let's pray that through her intercession each of us may become more selfless and willing to take care of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you once again for your support of our mission trip to India. I am very pleased with how the Missionaries of the Poor have been using the funds we've given them in the past year. It's my hope that we can continue supporting the MOP in Warangal, India, for the next few years as their needs are great, and they do not receive much outside help like we are providing. In the coming weeks I'll try to provide more details on our work over there. It was truly a beautiful and inspiring trip.

Lastly, don't forget that during the Fridays of Lent we are having a **Holy Hour of Reparation** at 6 p.m., followed by **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 and meditate on the Passion of our Lord.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
726 registered families

February 19, 2017	14,650.41
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	548,286.72
YTD Budget:	523,077.08
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	25,209.64
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

Lent provides an opportunity to strengthen our devotion to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This may also be a time to consider a planned gift, which will strengthen the future of our parish, and keep the presence of our Faith alive for generations to come.



www.charlottediocese.org/giving - link to Planned Giving.



Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. Your contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. Next week during Mass, you may complete a pledge envelope or go to www.charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.

2017 DSA Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	33,613.00
Received:	22,973.00
Donors:	60

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, March 7th for Sunday, March 12, 2017
- Tuesday, March 14th for Sunday, March 19, 2017
- Tuesday, March 21st for Sunday, March 26, 2017
- Tuesday, March 28th for Sunday, April 2, 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.

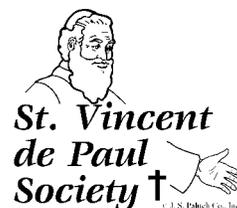


Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship with God. We are called to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our Lenten stewardship.

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.**

Lent is a time to “give alms for the poor.” If you know of a family in need, contact the St Ann St Vincent de Paul Society so together we can help them.



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

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

St. Ann Parish Lenten Mission
 “Why Be Catholic? The Wounds of Christ”
TODAY, March 5th through
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.

St. Ann's and the Charlotte Latin Mass Community will celebrate the **Feast of St. Gregory the Great on Sunday, March 12th at the 12:30 p.m. Latin Mass.** The Cantate Domino Latin Choir will sing Gregorian chants to honor the saint and veneration of St. Gregory's relics will occur after Mass along with a musical themed social. All are welcome to attend. St. Gregory is the patron saint of the Charlotte Latin Mass Community and tradition holds he codified the musical chant which bears his name. For questions contact Chris Lauer at info@charlottelatinmass.org.

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.



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!**



“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.*



The last concert of the *Gaudium Musicae* concert series is **4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 2nd,** The Firebird Alliance, featuring the NC Baroque Orchestra, VOX, and members of the Wingate University Choir will perform *St. John's Passion by J.S. Bach.* 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 the parish office and at the door.

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

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”.



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

The light we have is uniquely ours. It is a reflection of Christ's light, which we are called to bear. Each of us is given particular gifts, qualities, talents, and strengths. If we do not do what we can in the world, something is missing. Darkness will not be dispelled. Christ's light will not be known. Christ's light shines brightly when we offer care and service, advocate for justice, seek peaceful solutions to conflict, generously give of resources, and stand up for what is right, true, and beautiful.
DARKNESS IS EVERYWHERE.
TURN ON YOUR LIGHT.

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: St. Ann's is faithfully praying for 26 babies conceived on March 1st. Pray for those who are praying daily for the infants and mothers. It's not too late to adopt and take part in this effort, please just contact me below.

40 days for Life: Stand with me on the street at Latrobe and be a visible peaceful, prayerful witness against abortion. **St. Ann's is responsible for Friday, March 17th from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Please contact me to sign up, see contact information below. We need committed at minimum 2 people the whole day. *St. Ann's needs you!*

Come to the Respect Life Meeting today, March 5th after the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Allen Center conference room. *Only need to attend one session.*

Future Dates:

March 17th - 40 Days for Life

April 2nd - Next Respect Life meeting

May 13th - 8:00 a.m. Mass and 100th Anniversary of Fatima

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.

“Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.” (1 Cor 4:1-5) When we speak of mystery in our Catholic faith, we are not speaking of an unsolved riddle. The mysteries of God are the truths of God’s love and mercy, the depths of which we cannot fathom. How, then, are we to be stewards of these mysteries? Through our words and actions, as “servants of Christ.” We who serve Christ do so through the ways in which we reach out to others. “You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father,” Jesus says. (Mt 5:13-16) Salt gives flavor and preserves food; even a single light pierces the darkness. When we give of ourselves in even the smallest of ways, we add the flavor of care; preserve the goodness in which all is created; bring the light of compassion. In doing so, we steward well the mystery of God’s love and mercy.

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), Douglas Edge, and Tom Hammond (father of Randy Hammond).

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. USMC 2nd Lt. Hays Hammond.

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.



New DVD Available Now! Pope Francis in His Own Words is a documentary that brings together,

for the first time, the words of Pope Francis, showing the life experiences that led him to discover God's mission for his life and that helped shape what is most important to him—the education and formation received and fostered in the family; the physical and spiritual care for all people, especially the poor; and the need for a deep faith and trust in God. Get to know the real Pope Francis, through his own words, as we follow him from his early years in Argentina, to his call to the priesthood, and to his election as Pope. Total running time: 47 minutes. \$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 March 5th-March 12th**

March 5th	1st Sunday of Lent - 1st class
March 6th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 7th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class (FSSP) St. Thomas Aquinas - 2nd class
March 8th	Ember Wednesday - 2nd class
March 9th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 10th	Ember Friday - 2nd class
March 11th	Ember Saturday - 2nd class
March 12th	2nd 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 tomorrow, 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.

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools is hiring After School Assistants for St. Ann Catholic School: Job Description: Oversee elementary school age children. Hours are 2:30-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday during the school year, no weekends. You must be 16 years' old. If interested, please call Ellen Buening at 704-370-3268.

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 mhushing@charlottediocese.org or 704-644-4656.

"And if we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

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.

Rediscover Your Marriage – **Retrouvaille** simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Many couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information 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 today, 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 today, March 5th** by contacting Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220 or email sbreakfield@charlottediocese.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.

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.

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) 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 in the Assembly Room in the Ministry Building. The Lenten Retreat **Saturday, March 18th**. Mass at Sacred Heart Church (Salisbury) begins at **8:00 a.m.** with reflection & speaker *Fr. Lucas Rossi* to follow. **Register** for all events & our monthly newsletter on website: www.CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org.

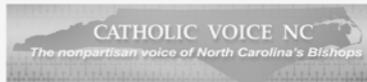
The 21st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held in Uptown Charlotte on Saturday, March 18th. The parade steps off at 11:00 a.m. at Tryon & 9th St & marches down Tryon St. to 3rd St. Our Grand Marshal this year is Arthur H. Fitzgerald. The Charlotte Goes Green Festival will take place in Uptown 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.

It is time for super savings at the **Annual Spring Sale** at the **Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College**. Mention you read about us in your parish bulletin and from **March 15th to May 31st** take **20% off** a single regular priced item of your choice **and** take an **additional 10% off** hundreds of items already marked down! This is a great opportunity to purchase RCIA, First Communion, Confirmation, and Graduation gifts. Store hours are Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Open on Thursday to 8 :00 p.m. during April and May. Please call 704-461-5100 for more information.

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.

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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.

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.