



March 19, 2017



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**St. Ann's Parish Mission**  
 St. Ann Parish seeks the salvation of souls through the redemption of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in and through the divinely instituted Holy Catholic Church. We invite all to receive God's love as we give of ourselves in compassionate service.

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

**Parish Office Hours**  
 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

<p><b>Sunday Mass Schedule</b>          Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m.          8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.;  <b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form:</b> 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Weekday Masses</b>          Monday: 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form),          Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m.          Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form)          Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Adoration</b>          Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.          Holy Hour:          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b>          Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m.          Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN		
+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of the Laurell siblings <i>by Sarah &amp; Benjamin Laurell</i></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Chris &amp; David Longo <i>by Fr. Reid</i></p> <p><b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Our parish family</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 &amp; 2)  </p> <p>9:10 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Dance (Gym)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Home School (Gym)   Italian Group (Café)</p>
<b>Monday 20th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of the Dreyer family <i>by Colleen Dreyer</i></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Margaret A. Lauer <i>by the family</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Classroom 1 in use   Servers (Church)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Classrooms in use   Dance Group (Gym)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room)   Legion of Mary (Conference room)</p>
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Mark Tonon <i>by the Diocesan Association of Permanent Deacons</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (chapel)</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Music (Church)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Royal Road (Café)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Scout room in use</p>
<b>Wednesday 22nd</b>	<p><i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i></p> <p><b>5:00 p.m. Holy Hour</b></p> <p><b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Melissa Lewis <i>by the Lewis-Spain family</i></p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym)   Fidelis (Classrooms 1 &amp; 2)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Scouts</p>
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Fr. Jack Biller <i>by Virginia Doman</i></p> <p><b>5:30 p.m. Confessions</b></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use   Catholic Studies (Scout room)</p> <p>6:00 p.m.. Choir/Schola (Church)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Catholic Studies (Classrooms 1 &amp; 2)</p>
<b>Friday 24th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Dee Christian <i>by the family</i></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Laura Hogan <i>by Fr. Reid</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Holy Hour of Reparation (Church)</p> <p>7:00 p.m.. Stations of the Cross (Church)</p>
<b>Saturday 25th</b>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. Pro-Life Mass</b></p> <p><b>3:00 p.m. Confessions</b></p> <p><b>4:30 p.m.</b> Our parish family</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms in use</p>
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Jerry Dugan <i>by the family</i></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Rosa Perez Guarderas <i>by Adolfo Carrion</i></p> <p><b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of the Reagan family <i>by the family</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Ministry Leaders (Classrooms 1 &amp; 2)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Café in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Home School (Classrooms 1 &amp; 2)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Carnival Meeting (Classrooms 1 &amp; 2)</p>



Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned last Sunday in my homily, I do plan for our parish to continue supporting the mission in Warangal, India, we started visiting last year. To this end, I ask you to consider making the India mission part of your Lenten almsgiving. In fact it is a Catholic tradition for people to donate as alms from whatever money they would have spent on what they've given up for Lent. If you'd like to drop a check in the collection, just make it out to St. Ann with "India" in the memo line. You can donate on our website as well (look for "Missionaries of the Poor"). Also, all the money that is put in the poor boxes in the narthex during Lent will be given to the India mission. I'd very much like to make another donation to them in the Easter Season to help them with their needs.

I am grateful to all of you who prayed outside the abortion mill this past Friday as part of the 40 Days for Life Campaign. It's important that we witness to the value of every human life and pray for an end to abortion in this way. Our presence helps to deter women who are considering abortion, and our prayers help to save lives. As always, we will have our monthly Pro-Life Mass this coming Saturday, 25 March 2017, at 9 a.m. Please join us!

As many of you know, March 19 is traditionally celebrated as the Solemnity of St. Joseph. However, because today falls on a Sunday, his feast is moved to tomorrow, March 20. Because this feast is a solemnity, Catholics are dispensed from their Lenten fasting for the day. The same is true for Saturday, March 25, when we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

In the love of Christ,  
Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
726 registered families

<b>March 5, 2017</b>	<b>19,264.64</b>
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	583,019.23
YTD Budget:	553,846.32
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>	<b>29,172.91</b>
<b>Loan Balance:</b>	<b>462,681.29</b>
<b>Tabernacle Goal:</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>
Donations Received:	17,185.00
Tabernacle Balance:	22,815.00
<b>Mini Mural #2 Goal:</b>	<b>75,000.00</b>
Donations Received:	22,430.00
Mini Mural #2 Balance:	52,570.00

*The Lenten season brings us closer to our faith, and living the life Christ modeled. We can respond to Christ's love and generosity by making a planned gift that secures His Church, into the future, through our parish.*



**[www.charlottediocese.org/giving](http://www.charlottediocese.org/giving) follow the link to Planned Giving.**



Your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal is shared with the educational, multicultural, vocational, housing, and social service ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity. You may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the Parish Office or go to [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa) to make a gift online.

<b>2017 DSA Goal:</b>	<b>97,137.00</b>
<b>Pledged:</b>	<b>40,129.70</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>24,372.20</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>74</b>

*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

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

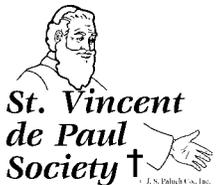
Check out our website: [StAnnCharlotte.org](http://StAnnCharlotte.org), and go to the **prayers/devotion section under "Resources."** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we encourage everyone to pray the **"Prayer for Religious Liberty"** with the recent attacks on our religious freedoms there are several prayers and novenas on the website.



*Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us and express thanks to Him by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.*

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 this weekend: **March 18th -19th and April 1st-2nd.**

*In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work." Your almsgiving is doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus.*



**Endowments for St. Ann's Parish:**

Did you know that we have an endowment for both our parish and our school? These funds, established in 1999 for the parish and 2000 for the school, are for the general and pastoral needs of our parish and school and were established through the generosity of donors in our parish. If you would like to learn more about our endowment funds and how you can make a contribution, contact Judy Smith in the Foundation for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte at 704-370-3320 or at [jmsmith@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jmsmith@charlottediocese.org).

**Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:**

- Tuesday, March 21st for Sunday, March 26, 2017
- Tuesday, March 28th for Sunday, April 2, 2017
- Thursday, March 30th or Sunday, April 9, 2017
- Tuesday, April 4th or Sunday, April 16, 2017

**COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S**

The Baptismal Preparation Class is **today, March 19th at 9:10 a.m.** in the Scout room.

Each year St. Ann's supports local homeless shelters and agencies by providing **Easter meals** to those in need. Your donation of boneless hams and desserts is needed to help ensure each person gets a meal on Easter Sunday. Monetary donations will also be accepted. **If you would like to volunteer to help with meal preparation and/or delivery on Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, please contact Robina Walker at [robina.walker@gmail.com](mailto:robina.walker@gmail.com). Desserts and hams can be dropped off at the parish office Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> during office hours. Also on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> by 9:00 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex the weekends of April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> for those who can donate a ham or dessert or would like to volunteer.**

**Doors of Mercy, Spring Catholic Scripture Study:** You are invited to join us in our Thursday Morning Catholic Scripture Study, Doors of Mercy, beginning **Thursday Morning, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Scout Room of the Allen Center.** We will be learning and exploring God's Plan of love and mercy from Adam and Eve to us today. Our study will be led and explained by Father Kirby, pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish in South Carolina. The study is also accompanied by a beautiful DVD presentation that was filmed on location in Rome, Italy and the Holy Land. The study will run for eight weeks and the Student Participant's manual costs \$25.00. **There will be a table set up after all Masses on the weekend of April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to take your orders.** For further information, you may email Heidi Clark, [hclark12@carolina.rr.com](mailto:hclark12@carolina.rr.com). Please plan to join us in this beautiful and powerful study of God's Divine Mercy.



**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](mailto:bkresak@gmail.com) if you can help with set-up and clean-up. **Let's put to work our Stewardship of talent and time!**



*"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".

**SERVICE**



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**Holy Week Schedule**

- Holy Thursday, April 13th: 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper  
Adoration until midnight
- Good Friday, April 14th: 12noon Stations of the Cross  
12:45 p.m. Confessions  
3:00 p.m. Passion of Christ
- Holy Saturday, April 15th: 12noon Blessing the Food (Chapel)  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
- Ester Sunday, April 16th: 8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:30 a.m. Mass  
12:30 p.m. Latin Mass

No Confessions Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday  
Church Office closed: Holy Thursday-Easter Monday

**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](mailto:katherinetlauer@gmail.com).

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

**Babysitting** will be offered the last Thursday of each month during confession times from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** by Melissa Lewis. Call Melissa at 704-287-8112 or email her at [mmlewis28@yahoo.com](mailto:mmlewis28@yahoo.com).

**Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ:** Our Blessed Mother wants active and auxiliary members to join her Legion. Assist in waging war against the enemy by winning souls for the Crucified Christ! Join a nearly 100-year-old lay apostolate movement founded on a profound devotion to Our Lady. **Our Lady of Fatima praesidium meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center** this week. Contact Eve Smith email [evesmith1974@yahoo.com](mailto:evesmith1974@yahoo.com) or phone: 704-280-4850.

**Fidelis**, for young ladies in middle and high school, meets **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in classrooms 1 and 2.** For information, contact the Daughters of the Virgin Mother, [dvmfidelis@gmail.com](mailto:dvmfidelis@gmail.com). To register, contact Mrs. Angela Williams, [angiegirl67@yahoo.com](mailto:angiegirl67@yahoo.com).

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

**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](mailto:holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

**Adorers Needed!** Please consider becoming an adorer Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.–Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. We need more volunteers! Call the parish office or contact Karen at [rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com).

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

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

**PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**

St Joseph Day - St Joseph's "yes" resulted in his being provider, protector to Mary and the foster father to Jesus. Please pray for our spiritually adopted children who need a father to provide and protect them. Prayer cards are in the back of the church.

*Thank you to everyone supporting St Ann's participation in 40 Days for Life.*

**Dates to remember:**

**March 25th** – 9:00 a.m. Pro Life Mass and Rosary at Hebron

**April 2nd** - monthly meeting after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Allen Center

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 [lcookie.momster@gmail.com](mailto:lcookie.momster@gmail.com).

*Listen to God in prayer Listen through fasting, in order to be more attentive to your hunger for God Listen by giving to those who are in need Listen by being attentive to your heart and mind throughout this season.*

**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, Jean 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](mailto:stannprayers@comporium.net).



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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**.

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

**LATIN MASS CORNER**

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of March 12th-March 19th**

March 19th	2nd Sunday of Lent - 1st class
March 20th	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Bl. Virgin Mary (transferred) - 1st class
March 21st	Feria of Lent - 3rd class or Votive Mass for Anniversary of the Coronation of the Pope (transferred) - 2nd class
March 22nd	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 23rd	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 24th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 25th	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 1st class
March 26th	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Fast and Abstinence

**Abstinence** is required on all Fridays of Lent. And on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Milk, eggs and fish are permissible. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids and pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

**Fasting** means having only one normal-sized meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal one full meal. No snacks are permitted on these days. Catholics from the age of 18 through 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt. Children are not required to uphold Lenten fasting and abstinence practices, but they are encouraged to abstain from meat on Fridays. Moreover, encouraging children to make small sacrifices may build a foundation for a faith-filled adulthood. Ash Wednesday is 46 days before Easter, but Lent is 40 days' long, because Sundays are not counted as days of Lent.  
(*adapted from Our Sunday Visitor*).

### YOUNG ADULTS

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

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

**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](http://www.discovermacs.org) for the application documents. For school locations and additional information, visit our website [www.discovermacs.org](http://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](http://www.target.com/tcoe).

*"I believe every abortion is a tragedy." Diane Abbott*

### MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion: **Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats** create a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. For information please contact: Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251; [jackie.childers1@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.childers1@gmail.com).

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

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](http://ccdoc.org/nfp) or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or [bnadcock@charlottediocese.org](mailto: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](http://ccdoc.org/events/icalrepeat_detail/2017/02/11/267/28/nfp-introduction-with-full-course).

**Teams of Our Lady** ([www.teamsofourlady.org](http://www.teamsofourlady.org)) is an international Catholic movement of small groups of married couples focused on strengthening their marriages by enriching their relationship with Christ and their spouse. Please contact Tom and Danielle Mathis at [tmathis3@me.com](mailto:tmathis3@me.com) for further information.

"Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Let God enhance your marriage by participating a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend is March 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

Lifeline for Marriage: **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital disillusionment and misery. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com) or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

We will be sponsoring a traditional Easter Triduum in the Extraordinary Form (Latin) at Charlotte Catholic High School during Holy Week. This is the first diocesan Latin Easter Triduum in the diocese's history. The dates and times are *Holy Thursday Mass April 13, 7pm; Good Friday Liturgy April 14, 3pm; and Saturday April 15 Easter Vigil, 8pm. All liturgies will be held at Charlotte Catholic High School chapel at 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, NC 28226.* For more information please contact Chris Lauer: [info@charlottelatinmass.org](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org) or [www.charlottelatinmass.org](http://www.charlottelatinmass.org).

### Lenten Penance Services

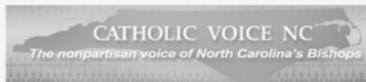
St. Thomas Aquinas: Wednesday, March 22nd 6:00 p.m.  
St. John Neumann: Tuesday, April 4th 7:00 p.m.  
St. Gabriel: Wednesday, April 5th 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church will take place at 12noon on Saturday, April 15th.** The blessing will be in both English and Polish languages.

Join **MiraVia** at its **17th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament "Links FORE! Life" on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Golf Club at Ballantyne in Charlotte, N.C.** Beverages, lunch and dinner included. Register by May 12. Cost per player is \$130. MiraVia, Inc. is a Catholic non-profit maternity and after-care program serving the greater Charlotte region. To register or learn more about the event, visit <http://bit.ly/LinksFORELife> or contact Megan Whiteside at [meganwhiteside@mira-via.org](mailto:meganwhiteside@mira-via.org).

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*Just because something happens to be legal does not make it moral, ethical or right. Abortion is perhaps one of the most dramatic examples of a situation where something is legal, but is very much a sin against God." A.L. Barry*

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) 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. The Morning Reflection **Monday, April 10th.** Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at **9:00 a.m.** with reflection & speaker *Fr. Innocent Amasiorah* to follow in the Activity Center. **Register** for all events & our monthly newsletter on website: [www.CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org](http://www.CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org).

**Registration is now open for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Fling** that will be taking place at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** and at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Charlotte on **Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.** For details contact Sandra Breakfield, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203 or call 704-370-3228, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte [sbreakfield@charlottediocese.org](mailto:sbreakfield@charlottediocese.org).

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 15<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>** take **20% off** a single regular priced item of your choice **and** take an **additional 10% off** hundreds of items already marked down! 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.

**Job Opening@ Saint Benedict Press: Saint Benedict Press** seeks an energetic **Administrative Customer Service** individual to join our exciting mission-based and rapidly growing company. If you are interested please read more: <http://www.catholicjobs.com/job/7579126811>.

**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](http://www.stgabrielchurch.org/jobs).

Rev. Fr. Benjamin Roberts, pastor of our Lady of Lourdes in Monroe, is making a pilgrimage **to celebrate the Feast of St. Dymphna, May 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>.** 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, 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. For information and to make your reservation please email your request to [stdymphna2013@gmail.com](mailto:stdymphna2013@gmail.com), or call Sue 704-431-2861, or Cathy 704-433-0361.

**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](http://www.formed.org) and click on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the homepage. Enter **Our parish code: Y6ZQ8M,** to get access to the resources. Call the parish office with questions. Once you've logged in, create your personal profile and access the programs. Our parish is paying an annual fee for this service, so please make use of this terrific resource!

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

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

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

**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.