



March 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. +Jerry Dugan <i>by the family</i> 10:30 a.m. +Rosa Perez Guarderas <i>by Adolfo Carrion</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of the Reagan family <i>by the family</i>	9:00 a.m. Ministry Leaders Meeting (Classrooms 1 & 2) Back of Café in use 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 1:30 p.m. Café in use 2:00 p.m. Home School (Classrooms 1 & 2) 4:00 p.m. Carnival Committee Meeting (Classrooms 1 & 2)
Monday 27th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Genevieve & Fred White <i>by the Sanctis family</i> 8:30 a.m. Latin +Mark Tonon <i>by the Diocesan Association of Permanent Deacons</i>	1:30 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use 4:30 p.m. Classroom 1 in use Servers (Gym) 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms in use Dance Group (Gym) 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 28th	7:00 a.m. +Michele Rose <i>by the Palanos family</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) 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Conference Room in use
Wednesday 29th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin For St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones	9:00 a.m. Ceramics 4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 6:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) 7:00 p.m. Scouts
Thursday 30th	7:00 a.m. +Robert Tuner <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> 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 31st	7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of Liz & Frank Blake <i>by the Blake family</i> 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Sarah Wilson <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 1st	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. +Jerry & Shawn Dugan <i>by the family</i>	8:00 a.m. Home School Testing (Library) 9:00 a.m. Ceramics Classrooms in use 10:00 a.m. First Communion\Reconciliation Retreat (Café)
Sunday 2nd	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Rosa Perez Guarderas <i>by Adolfo Carrion</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Helen & George Reagan <i>by the Reagan family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) Faith Formation (School) Respect Life Meeting (Conference room) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Scouts (Classrooms 1 & 2) Music (Café) 4:00 p.m. Gaudium Musicae Concert (Church)



Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned last Sunday in my announcements, this year St. Ann's is going to offer the **Sacred Triduum** of Holy Week in both English and Latin! The Triduum, which is really three liturgies in one, includes the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night, the Good Friday celebration of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. On Holy Thursday we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and follow Jesus into the Garden to watch with Him as He prepares for His crucifixion. We honor and live with Jesus anew His passion and death on Good Friday. And then on Holy Saturday night and Easter morning we rejoice in His resurrection from the dead. The English Novus Ordo Triduum will take place as normal here in our parish church, while the Latin Mass Triduum will take place simultaneously in the chapel of Charlotte Catholic High School. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more information.

We are offering a Holy Hour of Reparation at 6 p.m. each Friday of Lent, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. However, on Friday, 07 April 2017, we will have **Tenebrae** instead at 7 p.m. Normally our Tenebrae occurs on the evening of Good Friday. But because we are offering the Sacred Triduum in two locations (and thus our musicians will be spread out), we have decided to move it up a week. Please join us on 07 April for what is also a beautiful event.

Our final **Gaudium Musicae** concert of this season is quickly approaching. It will take place next Sunday (02 April 2017) at 4 p.m., and it should be magnificent! We are hosting Vox, Charlotte's mixed-voice semi-professional choir, who are performing Johann Sebastian Bach's *St. John Passion*. If you've not heard it, it's an extraordinary piece of music that truly embodies the spirit of Lent – so please come and enjoy!

Please keep all of those who are preparing for Easter Sacraments in your prayers. This Sunday our catechumens from the RCIA class will be undergoing their 2nd Scrutiny. The scrutinies are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of those preparing to enter the Church so that all that is upright, strong and good may be strengthened and nourished within them (*RCIA*, #141). The three scrutinies, which date back to the early Church, are the last bits of preparation for those seeking to enter Her through baptism, but they are also a beautiful reminder to all of us of the need for self-examination and repentance. As we move into this last half of Lent, let us all be sure that we are well prepared for the glories of Easter by making a good confession.

Prayerfully awaiting our Lord's Resurrection,
Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
726 registered families

March 12, 2017	19,065.50
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	602,084.73
YTD Budget:	569,230.94
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	32,853.79
Loan Balance:	462,681.29
Tabernacle Goal:	40,000.00
Donations Received:	17,535.00
Tabernacle Balance:	22,465.00
Mini Mural #2 Goal:	75,000.00
Donations Received:	22,660.00
Mini Mural #2 Balance:	52,340.00

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.



"God can multiply His favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works." (2Corinthians 9:8)

A planned gift acknowledges that we are stewards of all that God has given to us. Giving through an endowment means that your gift does not stop when you die. As you enter eternal life, so too does your gift.



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: **April 1st-2nd and April 15th & 16th and May 6th-7th.**

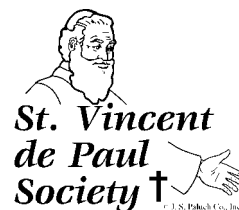
Adorers Needed! Please consider becoming an adorer Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.–Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. We need more volunteers! Call the parish office or contact Karen at rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com.



On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember the words of St. Paul, “your every act should be done with love.” 1Cor 16:14.

2017 DSA Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	42,514.70
Received:	32,227.95
Donors:	85

In today’s Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man, through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. Thank you for your help for the poor through your gift to the poor box.



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.

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, March 28th for Sunday, April 2, 2017
- Thursday, March 30th or Sunday, April 9, 2017
- Thursday, April 6th for Sunday, April 16, 2017
- Tuesday, April 18th for Sunday, April 23, 2017

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
-- USC of Catholic Bishops*

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

FREE-TODAY, March 26th, dishes, wine glasses and other entertaining items will be available to anyone interested for *free* in the back of the cafe. These are items that were previously used in catering at St. Ann but are no longer needed by the church. They will be available after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses *today*.

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 15th, please contact Robina Walker at robina.walker@gmail.com. Desserts and hams can be dropped off at the parish office Monday, April 10th - Wednesday, April 12th during office hours. Also on Saturday, April 15th by 9:00 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex the weekends of April 1st and April 8th for those who can donate a ham or dessert or would like to volunteer.**

SERVICE Sign up TODAY on our sign up genius to help at our Annual Service Day, Saturday, April 8th:
 <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca9a72caa8-annual1>

Mark your calendars for our next Parish Service Day: April 8th. Mass begins at 8:00 a.m. Work begins at 9:00 a.m. with lunch at 12 noon for all participants.



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!*

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

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



"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.



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 20th 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 8th and 9th to take your orders.** For further information, you may email Heidi Clark, hclark12@carolina.rr.com. Please plan to join us in this beautiful and powerful study of God's Divine Mercy.

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.*

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 6:00 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.

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.

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.

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

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

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:

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 1cookie.momster@gmail.com.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, **April 13th, at 7:00 p.m.:** Mass of the Last Supper. Adoration until 12midnight.

Good Friday, **April 14th, at 12noon:** Stations of the Cross. **At 12:45 p.m.:** Confessions.

At 3:00 p.m.: Passion of Christ.

Holy Saturday, **April 15th, at 12noon:** Blessing the Food (Chapel). **At 8:00 p.m.:** Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday, **April 16th, at 8:00 a.m.:** Mass, **10:30 a.m.:** Mass, **12:30 p.m.:** Latin Mass.

NO Confessions on Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday.

All liturgies will be held at St. Ann Catholic Church. *Parish Office Closed: Holy Thursday-Easter Monday.*

This is the first diocesan **Latin Easter Triduum** in the diocese's history. The dates and times are Holy Thursday Mass, **April 13th, at 7:00 p.m.;** Good Friday Liturgy, **April 14th, at 3:00 p.m.;** and Saturday, **April 15th, Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.** All liturgies will be held at Charlotte Catholic High School chapel, located at 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, 28226. For information visit www.charlottelatinmass.org.

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.



7 Secrets of Divine Mercy by Vinny Flynn: In this compelling and timely book, best-selling author Vinny Flynn draws from Scripture, the teachings of the Church, and the *Diary* of St. Faustina to reveal the heart of Divine Mercy. He offers an invitation and a road map so that Divine Mercy, the overflow \$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.**

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.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of March 26th –April 2nd**

March 26th	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - 1st class
March 27th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 28th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 29th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 30th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 31st	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
April 1st	Feria of Lent (<i>Sitientes</i>) - 3rd class
April 2nd	Passion 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 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.

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*).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Ann Home School Group liaison is Katherine Lauer. To contact Katherine for information on Home School katherinetlauer@gmail.com.

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) are accepting applications for new students for the 2017-2018 school year at all schools and for all grades. 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.

Do your kids need some fun and excitement this summer? **MACS Summer Camp is the answer!** June 12th – August 11th 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. A huge variety of activities and experiences for ALL kids* in a safe and stimulating environment! Fieldtrips, *Enrichment Programs/Weekly themes, Plus so much more to choose from!* 3 locations - St. Mark in Huntersville; St. Matthew and St. Patrick in Charlotte *Ages: rising Kindergartners (must be 5 years old to attend) through rising 6th grade. Cost: \$185/week 3rd child and up \$150 per week. Register Early... Camps fill up! Complete details/Registration form: Ellen Buening 704-3703268. discovermacs.org/programs. ehbuening@charlottediocese.org

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: 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.

"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 June 23rd-25th in Chapel Hill, NC. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

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 information call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." St. Therese of Lisieux

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Lenten Penance Services

St. John Neumann: Tuesday, **April 4th** at 7:00 p.m.

St. Gabriel: Wednesday, **April 5th** at 7:00 p.m.

St. John Neumann and St. Mark Catholic Churches will be sponsoring a **free Lenten Praise and Worship Experience featuring the vigil Project, and a praise and worship Concert with adoration**. St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Friday, **April 7th at 7:30 p.m.** and St. Mark Catholic Church on Saturday, **April 8th at 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.

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 **now 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! 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.

Spend an Hour with the Lord at St. Mark Monsignor Bellow Perpetual Adoration Chapel. All are welcome. All hours are open but there are needs for help: Sundays: 3:00-4:00 a.m., 4:00-5:00 a.m., and 3:00-4:00 p.m. Tuesdays: 11:00 p.m.-12midnight. Fridays: 10:00 –11:00 p.m. And Saturdays: 8:00-9:00 p.m. and 9:00-10:00 p.m. Call Celi at 704-948-0231 or celi.anatrella@stmarknc.org. Also visit stmarknc.org/adoration.

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Is something in the way? Let it go. The woman at the well unexpectedly met Jesus. He saw beyond her isolation and drew her into a profound dialogue. Jesus named the very things that separated her from others. The woman did not allow herself to be weighed down by her past, but rather, opened herself to an encounter, to understanding, to belief, to conversion. She was so moved by her experience that she left her water jar behind and ran to the village to share the good news.

The Cuthbert Allen Lecture at Belmont Abbey College. 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 30th. Dr. Stephen Barr, "Science and Christian Faith: The Myth of Conflict". In this lecture, University of Delaware physicist Dr. Stephen Barr argues that the science-versus-religion myth is based on mistaken views of history and of what science has actually discovered. Dr. Barr tells the story of Christianity and science through dramatic but little known facts and through five well known 20th century discoveries that are better explained by the Christian view of the cosmos and of human beings than by materialist philosophy. Website: tinyurl.com/cuthbertallen.

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection** on Monday, April 10th at St. Vincent de Paul Church with guest speaker Fr. Innocent Amasiorah. The Evening Reflection on Wednesday, April 26th at Charlotte Catholic High School with guest speaker Fr. Jason Barone. **Register** for all events & signup for our monthly newsletter on website: www.CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org.

Join **MiraVia at its 17th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament "Links FORE! Life" on Monday, May 22nd at The Golf Club at Ballantyne in Charlotte, N.C.** Beverages, lunch and dinner included. *Register by May 12th.* 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.

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, 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, or call Sue 704-431-2861, or Cathy 704-433-0361.

YOUNG ADULTS

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