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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 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) 10:00 a.m. Dance (Gym) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
Monday 13th	7:00 a.m. +Rosa Perez Guarderas <i>by Adolfo Carrion</i> 8:30 a.m. Latin Intentions of Dorita Pineiro <i>by the Palanos family</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) 6:30 p.m. Stewardship meeting (Library) 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 14th	7:00 a.m. +Lee Hannigan <i>by the Colin 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)
Wednesday 15th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Theresa Noader <i>by the Laurell family</i>	4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Café) Scouts Fraternal (Gym) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2)
Thursday 16th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Genevieve & Fred White <i>by the Sanctis family</i> 5:30 p.m. Confessions	9:30 a.m. Conference room in use 10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use Catholic Studies (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church) 6:30 p.m. Servers (Church) Royal Road (Café) 7:00 p.m. Catholic Studies (Classrooms 1 & 2)
Friday 17th	7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of Hal Sigmon <i>by the Blake family</i> 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Patty & Jim Rapp <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 12:30 p.m. Home School St. Patrick (Classrooms 1 & 2) 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour of Reparation (Church) 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday 18th	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. +William Alyta <i>by Ken Alyta</i>	8:30 a.m. Home School (Gym) 9:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use
Sunday 19th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Laurell siblings <i>by Sarah & Benjamin Laurell</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Chris & David Longo <i>by Fr. Reid</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our Parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) Dance (Gym) 9:10 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Home School (Gym) Italian Group (Café)



Dear Parishioners,

Beginning this weekend and continuing throughout the week, our parish is hosting an **exhibition on the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta** (“Mother Teresa”). A 72-panel display is set up in the back of the Cafeteria of the Allen Center that will be open for viewing throughout each day this week (March 11-17), and it includes relics of Mother Teresa. Please make the time to stop by and see this exhibit. Many of us remember what an amazing example of holiness and a witness to the sanctity of all human life that Mother Teresa was. During this season of Lent when we should be striving to be more selfless in our giving, let us turn to her for inspiration and ask that, through her intercession, each of us may become more selfless and willing to take care of those less fortunate than ourselves.

This coming Friday, 17 March 2017, our parish will be responsible for providing people to pray outside of *A Preferred Woman’s Health Center* at 3220 Latrobe Drive as part of the annual **40 Days for Life** campaign. We still need volunteers who are willing to pray for one hour between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. You can sign up after Mass today or by contacting our Respect Life Coordinator, Peg Sorge, at: 646-761-0650 or lcookie.momster@gmail.com.

Also, please don’t forget that every Friday during Lent we are having a **Holy Hour of Reparation** at 6 p.m., followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 7 p.m. These holy hours of reparation are a great way that we can please our Lord with our desire to make up for our own sins and those of the whole world. These prayers also help us to grow in contrition for our sins and give us a greater trust in our Lord’s mercy. The spiritual effects of the Stations of the Cross are growth in the virtue of courage and the willingness to share more closely in our Lord’s redemptive suffering and death. So please join us for these devotions!

Lastly, our parish has been chosen for a contest to determine America’s most beautiful church. Modeled after the NCAA’s March Madness, the contest is called “Church Madness”, and it features 64 churches from around our country. You can vote for our parish by going to the *Art and Liturgy* blogspot at: www.artandliturgy.com. Be sure to vote for us!

May our Lenten sacrifices continue to bear good fruit in all our souls,

Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Your Stewardship of Treasure
726 registered families

February 26, 2017	15,467.87
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	563,754.59
YTD Budget:	538,461.70
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	25,292.89
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

*Prayer and reflection, particularly during this penitential season, strengthens our devotion, and awareness of the gifts God has bestowed upon us. How will we address our responsibility as Stewards of our Faith through the process of planned giving? We urge you to visit our website at www.charlottediocese.org/giving follow the link to **Planned Giving.***



DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2017

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Diocesan Support Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity. If you did not turn in your completed pledge envelope during today's Mass, you may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the Parish Office or go to www.charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.

2017 DSA Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	37,559.70
Received:	23,952.20
Donors:	68

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:
Monday March 13th for Sunday, March 19, 2017
Tuesday, March 21st for Sunday, March 26, 2017
Tuesday, March 28th for Sunday, April 2, 2017
Thursday, March 30th or Sunday, April 9, 2017

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org

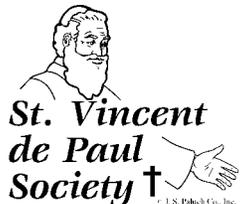
Check out our website: StAnnCharlotte.org, and go to the **prayers/devotion section under "Resources."** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we encourage everyone to pray the **"Prayer for Religious Liberty"** with the recent attacks on our religious freedoms there are several prayers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



If we give according to God's principles, God will give back to us. The young man, who gave his loaves and fishes to help feed the multitude, didn't have to go without dinner.

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

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him." Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to care for our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.



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

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

St. Ann's and the Charlotte Latin Mass Community will celebrate the **Feast of St. Gregory the Great today, 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.



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.



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".

SERVICE



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WEDDING BANNERS

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

Are you listening? "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Peter, James, and John went up on a mountain with Jesus, where they saw him in his glory. As they fell prostrate in fear, Jesus touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." (Mt 17:5) May we, too, set aside our fear, listen, and follow the Lord.

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.

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.

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

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!*

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.



MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



Our parishioners: Paul Cecil, Jeanne Goymerac, Patricia Phillips, Ben Conrad, Helen Norton, and Nancy West. *Our friends and family:* Virginia

Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), William Sirignano (grandfather of Aaron Condon), Jennifer Arnold and Mary Regester (friends of Nancy Tota), Tom Storer, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), Peggy Ballew (sister of Gerri Hillis), 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.



Share God's Merciful Love a 5-CD Bundle. Just \$11 per bundle when you buy at least 5 bundles.

That's **only \$2.20 a CD—a 50% discount off the retail price!** Offer expires August 1 or while supplies last. Featuring Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Tim Gray, Fr. Chris Alar, Vinny Flynn, and Fr. Michael Gaitley. \$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 12th-March 19th**

March 12th	2nd Sunday of Lent - 1st class
March 13th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 14th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 15th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 16th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 17th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 18th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 19th	3rd 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.

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.

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

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.

Retrouvaille: a program for couples experiencing stress in their marriages. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, even those in deep misery. **For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on September 16th** call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at The Cathedral of St. Patrick on Friday, March 17th, Mass at 6:00 p.m. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Mass and reception following with Traditional Irish Food, Entertainment & Family Fun in the Family Life Center. The cost: (Pay at the door, cash or checks accepted) \$4-Children, \$6-Adults, \$20-Family (4 or more).

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! 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.

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.

Trafficking today is a continuation of the Transatlantic Slave Trade with the sophistication of technology making the buying and selling of persons convenient and globally efficient. SUPPORT US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.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.

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. For information: www.charlottestpatsday.com.

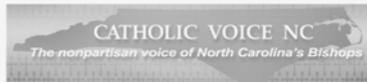
Join **MiraVia at its 17th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament "Links FORE! Life" on Monday, May 22nd at The Golf Club at Ballantyne in Charlotte, N.C.** Beverages, lunch and dinner included. Register by May 12. Cost per player is \$130. MiraVia, Inc. is a Catholic non-profit maternity and after-care 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.

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.

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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.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.