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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 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)
Monday 3rd	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Logan Richard Michael Lewis <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i> 8:30 a.m. Latin Intentions of Joseph Torres <i>by the Torres 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 (Church) 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 4th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Catherine Clare Sanctis <i>by the Sanctis 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
Wednesday 5th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Jennifer and Anthony Sanctis <i>by the Sanctis family</i>	9:00 a.m. Ceramics 4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 6:00 p.m. Fraternalis (Gym) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) 7:00 p.m. Scouts
Thursday 6th	7:00 a.m. +Kitty and Bill Sommer <i>by Virginia Doman</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) 7:00 p.m. Catholic Studies (Classrooms 1 & 2)
Friday 7th	7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of Linda Denton <i>by the family</i> 8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae (Church)
Saturday 8th	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. +Mark Tonon <i>by the Diocesan Association of Permanent Deacons</i>	8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms) 9:00 a.m. Annual Service Day (Campus) Ceramics Classrooms in use 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Gym)
Palm Sunday 9th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Abbey & Rick Lejk's Anniversary 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Jennifer and Anthony Sanctis <i>by the Sanctis family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) Faith Formation (School) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Home School (Café and Church)



Dear Parishioners,

On this 5th Sunday of Lent, we enter into a period known as “Passiontide,” which coincides with the last two weeks of Lent. This name comes from the fact that, during this time, we focus very specifically on our Lord’s passion and death as a proximate preparation for His resurrection. As part of Passiontide you’ll notice that our statues have once again been covered with violet shrouds. We do this as a way to enhance our fasting as we prepare for Holy Week. Specifically, the veiling of statues is a way to *visually* fast because it helps us to concentrate on the essential elements of Christ's work of redemption. Veiling is meant to clear away any distractions so that we might focus on Jesus who calls us through the cross to a life of holiness. The veils will remain in place until Holy Saturday.

Next Saturday, 08 April 2017, is our annual **St. Ann Service Day!** Every year we gather as a parish family for a day of work to spruce up our parish property and facilities. There’s plenty of work to be done, so we can use all the help we can get. Our service day will take place from 9 a.m. – noon, and you can sign up for specific jobs by going to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca9a72caa8-annual1> . We will have a luncheon catered by the Men’s Club at noon, so please join us.

For those of you who did the 1-year preparation for the **consecration to your guardian angel**, we are tentatively planning to have the consecration in May. Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, who led our annual Lenten mission in 2016 and taught us about the consecration to the guardian angels, will be coming to St. Ann’s to receive our consecrations. Once we have the date and time established, we will publish it in the bulletin.

As warmer weather is coming, may I encourage all of you not to give into the temptation to wear shorts, t-shirts, or flip-flops to Mass. I realize that Charlotte gets hot in the summer, but Mass is not a social or casual event; it’s not something that we should just fit into our schedule whenever it’s convenient. It’s the most important that we do each week as Catholics. So please dress with the decorum and dignity that is fitting for our sovereign Lord. I’m sure that our Lord will appreciate the extra effort on your part to do so!

Please don’t forget the **Gaudium Musicae** concert this weekend (Sunday, 02 April 2017 at 4 p.m.). We are hosting *Vox*, Charlotte’s mixed-voice semi-professional choir, who are performing Johann Sebastian Bach’s *St. John Passion*. This is an extraordinary piece of music that truly embodies the spirit of Lent – so please come and enjoy!

Lastly, please join us for **Tenebrae** this coming Friday, 07 April 2017, at 7 p.m. While we have always had Tenebrae on Good Friday in years past, we’ve moved it up a week this year to accommodate the many demands on our musicians during Holy Week. I hope you’ll join us for what is always a beautiful and prayerful event.

Prayerfully awaiting our Lord’s Resurrection,
Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
726 registered families

March 19, 2017	17,378.94
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	619,463.67
YTD Budget:	584,615.56
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	34,848.11
Loan Balance:	462,681.29
Tabernacle Goal:	40,000.00
Donations Received:	20,185.00
Tabernacle Balance:	19,815.00
Mini Mural #2 Goal:	75,000.00
Donations Received:	25,185.00
Mini Mural #2 Balance:	49,815.00

Giving through an endowment establishes a perpetual gift for the ministry of your choice. As one enters eternal life, it is reassuring to have established funding that never ceases. Visit our website at www.charlottediocese.org/giving follow the link to planned giving.



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

2017 DSA Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	62,244.70
Received:	34,893.00
Donors:	113

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.

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 ourselves to God and let Him use our talents to serve others, we will be amazed by the results. Not only will our lives be changed but so will the lives of others.

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.

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. Your gift to the St Vincent de Paul Society brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.



Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Thursday, April 6th for Sunday, April 16, 2017
- Tuesday, April 18th for Sunday, April 23, 2017
- Tuesday, April 25th for Sunday, April 30, 2017
- Tuesday, May 2nd for Sunday, May 7, 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

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.

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.**

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



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

April 29th. Please have dinner at Hawthorne's on the 29th, 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.*

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!*

— Psalm 130:1



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The last concert of the *Gaudium Musicae* concert series is **4:00 p.m. TODAY, 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 at the parish office and at the door.

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.



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!**

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

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@yahoogroups.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 lcookie.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 Register (friends of Nancy Tota), Tom Storer, Jean Storer, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), Peggy Ballew (sister of Gerri Hillis), Douglas Edge, Tom Hammond (father of Randy Hammond), and Elizabeth Kuhn. *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 stannpray_ers@comporium.net.



Can You Trust God by Dr. Tim Gray: Since the fall of humanity, we have been tempted to mistrust

the love that God the Father has for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray addresses misconceptions about God and shows why we can trust our heavenly Father, who is truly one with his Son. \$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.**

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
-- Psalm 130:1*

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of April 2nd-April 9th**

April 2nd	Passion Sunday - 1st class
April 3rd	Monday in Passion Week - 3rd class
April 4th	Tuesday in Passion Week - 3rd class
April 5th	Wednesday in Passion Week - 3rd class
April 6th	Thursday in Passion Week - 3rd class or Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3rd class
April 7th	Friday in Passion Week - 3rd class or Sacred Heart of Jesus - 3rd class
April 8th	Saturday in Passion Week - 3rd class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
April 9th	Palm 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.

Stress in Your Marriage? **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program with a **weekend on February 17th** call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

"Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death." USCCB

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.

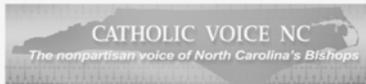
It is time for super savings at the **Annual Spring Sale** at the **Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College**. Mention you read about us in your parish bulletin and from **now to May 31st** take **20% off** a single regular priced item of your choice **and** take an **additional 10% off** hundreds of 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.

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.

Let your Catholic Voice be heard. *Receive email alerts from the Bishops.*

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*You can become the disciple
Christ wants you to be.*

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 & sign up 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.

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.

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, email your request to stdymphna2013@gmail.com, or call Sue 704-431-2861, or Cathy 704-433-0361.

Immediate Opening for Parish Receptionist: The receptionist greets parishioners and visitors in the parish office, answers phone calls, provides information, schedules Mass intentions, communicates messages to the pastor & others on the parish staff. *Qualifications include:* Bilingual: English & Spanish speaking and writing; Computer skills: Microsoft Word & Publisher; well organized; peaceful & patient disposition. *This is a part-time, hourly position.* If you are interested in applying please send your resume to Fr. Mark Lawlor: mrlawlor@charlottediocese.org or to the parish office; **Deadline: April 7th.** Questions, call Fr. Mark at: 704-554-7088, Ext 215.

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.