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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 23rd	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Rachael & Eric Barna <i>by Fr. Reid</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Reynolds siblings <i>by Sarah & Benjamin Laurell</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family</p>	<p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p>
Monday 24th	<p>7:00 a.m. +Lucia Triana <i>by Lucy Bert</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Latin Intentions of Joseph McCarthy <i>by the McCarthy family</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Classroom 1 in use Servers (Church)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Classrooms in use Dance Group (Gym)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)</p>
Tuesday 25th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Sharon Reid <i>by Fr. Reid</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m.. (chapel)</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Music (Church)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Conference room in use</p>
Wednesday 26th	<p><i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i></p> <p>5:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Ceramics</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use Kitchen & café in use</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Scouts</p>
Thursday 27th	<p>7:00 a.m. +Michael Kitson <i>by the Kitson family</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Confessions</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 in use Doors of Mercy (Scout room)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church)</p>
Friday 28th	<p>7:00 a.m. Latin +Margaret Hill <i>by the Titman family</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment—Middle School (All rooms)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Rehearsal (Church)</p>
Saturday 29th	<p>3:00 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Our parish family</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Ceramics Classrooms 1 & 2 in use</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Café & kitchen in use</p> <p>11:00 a.m. First Communion (Church)</p>
Sunday 30th	<p>8:00 a.m. +Bernard Lavery <i>by Ann Lavery</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. +Rosa Perez Guarderas <i>by Adolf Carrion</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin +Margaret Starkey <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Café in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p>

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." -- John 20:29b



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! This is a day of extraordinary grace for the Church as all the faithful who attend Mass today, receive Holy Communion, go to confession within 20 days, and offer prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, may receive a plenary indulgence for the remission of sin. This special day exists because of St. Faustina, a Polish nun who received apparitions of our Lord in the 20th century. Our Lord asked St. Faustina to spread a message around the world. The message from our Lord was simple: that God's mercy is deeper and richer and greater than any of us can ever imagine – and that it is available to all mankind, most especially the worst of sinners.

The result of St. Faustina's labors on our Lord's behalf is a 600-page book called *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. It's a diary that records all of her mystical experiences with our Lord and His mother that repeats and clarifies in very easy and simple language the Gospel's story of God's love and mercy for us all. Truly, it's one of the Church's greatest spiritual treasures from the 20th century, and I encourage you to read it. Not only does it tell us of God's incredible and inexhaustible mercy, but it also tells us how to live a life of mercy – to be merciful to others – in response to God's love. In short, our Lord wants us to know that His love and mercy are greater than any sins we can ever commit. He wants us to know that He loves us no matter how great our sins may be. And He wants us to call upon Him in complete trust in order to receive His mercy, and to pass along His mercy to those around us. So let us all put divine mercy into action in our lives!

Speaking of mercy, this coming week many of our young parishioners will be receiving Sacraments! Please be sure to pray for our young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Jugis on Wednesday, 26 April 2017 at 5 p.m. As well, please pray for our First Communicants, who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 29 April 2017 and Sunday, 30 April 2017. *Because of Confirmation, there will be no 5 p.m. Holy Hour or 6 p.m. Latin Mass this Wednesday.*

Lastly, on Monday, 24 April 2017, yours truly will be featured on *The Journey Home*, a television show on EWTN that details the stories of people who've converted to Catholicism. The show airs on Monday at 8 p.m. It will be repeated early on Tuesday morning at 1 a.m., and then again on Friday, 28 April 2017 at 1 p.m. on EWTN. I hope you enjoy it.

May God's Divine Mercy be upon us all,
Fr. Reid

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Your Stewardship of Treasure
726 registered families

April 9 2017	23,153.87
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	669,753.54
YTD Budget:	630,769.42
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	39,274.12
Loan Balance:	448,702.29
Tabernacle Goal:	40,000.00
Donations Received:	27,285.00
Tabernacle Balance:	12,715.00
Mini Mural #2 Goal:	75,000.00
Donations Received:	27,685.00
Mini Mural #2 Balance:	47,315.00



Stewardship of time, talent and treasure is chiefly a way to deepen our spiritual life, not a way to increase our giving, although living out stewardship results in both.

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: **May 6th-7th and May 20th-21st and June 3rd and 4th.**

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.

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org



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.

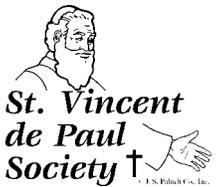
2017 DSA Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	76,204.70
Received:	58,159.59
Donors:	135

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

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.

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Spread your sign of peace beyond your fellow parishioners at Mass with a gift to the poor box.

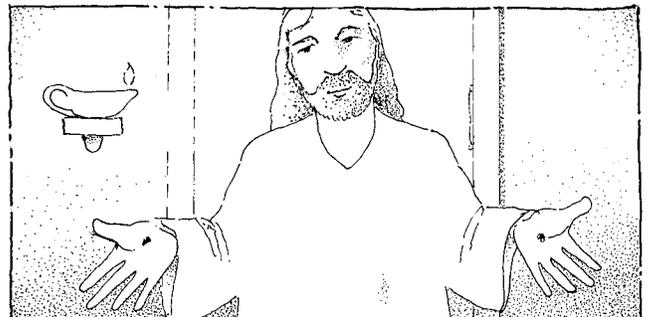


Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, April 25th for Sunday, April 30, 2017
- Tuesday, May 2nd for Sunday, May 7, 2017
- Tuesday, May 9th for Sunday, May 14, 2017
- Tuesday, May 16th for Sunday, May 21, 2017



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have included us in their will through bequests. These gifts exist in perpetuity for the work of our parish.



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COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



"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.*

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. 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.

Check out our website: StAnnCharlotte.org, and go to the **prayers/devotion section under "Resources."** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we are 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.

Do this. Be united to Christ in community. Receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord is a sacred moment of unity with Christ. It is about more than "me and Jesus," however. Our union with Christ draws us to be in communion with others.

Do this. Do this. Live Christ's mission. We are sent into the world to share Christ's presence through our loving attention and service. Christ's mission is our mission.

Do this. Christ's commission at the Last Supper is the guiding principle of our lives: "Do this in memory of me."

The next Baptismal Preparation Class is Sunday, May 7th at 9:10 a.m. Please call the parish office to register for this class.



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!*

WEDDING BANNERS
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*I: Steve Cunningham-Meghann Shell
13 May 2017 11:00 a.m.*

*I: Steve Karasek-Jasmine Wassri
13 May 2017 1:30 p.m.*



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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 meets every Wednesday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m.–12noon. All are invited!

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.

The men of the Latin Mass Community at St. Ann's organize a men's fellowship called *Liturgy & Fraternity* most 3rd Wednesdays.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

"Have no fear moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this with complete faith and confidence."

And, "Do not abandon yourself to despair, we are an Easter people and Hallelujah is our song." St. John Paul II

Come join the Respect Group ministry team! We are a diverse group of people with a desire to share the gospel of life message to others. We do this through a variety of means. We promote education on respect life issues, programs to assist pregnant women, we peacefully pray for an end to abortion along with many other things. **Currently, St. Ann's is promoting spiritual adoption. Contact information below if you would like to join this effort.** It is never too late! Join any or all the events below, we would love to welcome you to this wonderful ministry where we all grow in our respect for life.

April 28th - Feast of Gianna Berrat Molla - Patron saint of the mothers, physicians and unborn children. Attend Mass to honor this beautiful example of Catholic love.

May 7th - Monthly Meeting - after the 8:00 a.m., and 10:30 Mass a.m. Only attend one session.

May 13th - 100th year anniversary of Fatima - Join us at 7:00 a.m. for a holy hour of reparation followed by Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Join us every first Saturday from June to October to fulfill the 5 first Saturdays devotion as requested by Our Lady of Fatima! Every wonder why this is important? Join us!

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.

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 stannprayers@comporium.net.



Discover The Joy of the Gospels: Dr. Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch present an unparalleled resource

for understanding Scripture: *Ignatius Catholic Study Bibles*. You'll get to know Christ in a whole new way with comprehensive commentary, notes, and study questions. Check out our Lighthouse Media stand in the North vestibule. \$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.**

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

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of April 23rd—April 30th**

April 23rd	Low Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday) - 1st class
April 24th	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen - 3rd class
April 25th	St. Mark - 2nd class or Rogation Mass (if there is a procession) - 2nd class
April 26th	Sts. Cletus & Marcellinus - 3rd class
April 27th	St. Peter Canisius - 3rd class
April 28th	St. Paul of the Cross - 3rd class
April 29th	St. Peter of Verona - 3rd class
April 30th	2nd Sunday after Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) - 2nd 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.

Jesus did not come to explain away suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with His Presence.
 —Paul Claudel

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

Catholic Homeschool Conference – May 19th & 20th. The IHM Carolina Homeschool Conference will be held at Belmont Abbey College (Dining Hall), on Friday, May 19th (12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.) and on Saturday, May 20th (9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Prof. Joseph Pearce is a confirmed speaker! Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools offer several special needs programs to meet the needs of students with disabilities. The Modified Academic Program is a self-contained program for students in grades K-12 with special needs who require a modified curriculum. This program is housed at St. Ann Catholic School, Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School, and Charlotte Catholic High School. Providing an Academically Appropriate Catholic Education Program (PACE) is a self-contained program in Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School. It is designed to serve students in grades K-8 who are diagnosed with a specific learning disability in the areas of reading and writing. The Matthew Morgan program serves students with Down syndrome in Saint Patrick Catholic School. This program provides a quality, functional, faith-based education in a classroom setting to help students become self-reliant and independent. For more information about these programs contact Rebekah Ruhle, Director of Admissions at 704-370-3273 or email: RDRuhle@charlottediocese.org.

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) are accepting applications for new students for the 2017-2018 school year at all schools and for all grades. Call the MACS Admissions Office, 704-370-3273, to request an application packet, school locations, etc. or go to MACS website at www.discovermacs.org.

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.** Complete details/Registration form: Ellen Buening 704-3703268 or ehbuening@charlottediocese.org

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Catholic Charities can help men and women who have experienced abortion begin their healing journey. **Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat** creates a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. **Asheville Area: May 5th-7th. Greensboro Area: October 20th-22nd**. For information please contact either: Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251 / Jackie.childers1@gmail.com or Jennifer Ganser: 336-209-2161 / jmganser@charlottediocese.org.

Nature Family Planning. Couple to Couple League: All classes are Saturdays from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Hack home. 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 include: Effectiveness of modern NFP methods, Health risks of popular contraceptives, Benefits of NFP, Church teaching on marital sexuality, and how to use NFP. For information, go to ccdoc.org/nfp or RSVP, to Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org. Online options: <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. Contact Tom and Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@me.com for further information.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Celebrate God's love and mercy to each other by going to a **WorldWide Marriage Encounter** weekend. **The next weekends are: June 23rd -25th in Chapel Hill, NC and July 7th-9th in Greenville, SC.** Early sign up is recommended. For information visit our website: <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. This program has helped many couples experiencing such difficulties. 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

Living Healthy with Chronic Pain Classes, free and begin on Friday, April 28th at St. Luke Catholic Church. Contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220 or email sbreakfield@charlottedioocese.org. For information about the class, contact Jennifer Watson at 704-651-8971. *Class limited to the first 16 registrants.*

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.

Spring Fling Tuesday, May 16th St. Matthew Catholic Church at 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Program Closing Mass at 2:50 p.m. \$15 per person includes lunch. Pre-register by sending your name, address and payment to: Attn: Sandra Breakfield, Program Director Elder Ministry Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte 1123 S. Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203-4003. **Deadline for Registration is Monday, May 8, 2017.** For information contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220.

Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-19! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the fifth annual *Quo Vadis Days* camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. *QVD* is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. ***Quo Vadis Days will be held from June 12th-16th at Belmont Abbey College. The cost of the camp is \$150.00. Please note the change in age participation this year.***

Interested in attend, visit our website: www.charlottedioocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days or contact Father Jason Barone, Diocesan Promoter of Vocations at jkbarone@charlottedioocese.org. **For young men ages 13 and 14, we will host a Discernment Day at St. Ann's, on June 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** There is no charge for this event and registration is upon arrival.

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Evening Reflection on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m.** at Charlotte Catholic High School chapel with guest speaker Fr. Jason Barone. Our Family Rosary on **Friday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Vincent de Paul Church lead by Fr. Casey Coleman; will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and a candlelight procession with Benediction and May Crowning. Spring Reflection & Luncheon on **Monday, May 8th at 9:00 a.m.** at Cathedral of St. Patrick with guest speaker Fr. Timothy Reid. **Register** for all events & sign up for our monthly newsletter on website: www.CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org.



Did you know that it costs approximately \$35 per person to stage the Eucharistic Congress?

Your gifts to the Congress help offset the cost of this free event. Make a donation online at www.GoEucharist.com or send a check to the Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress, 1123 S. Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203.

Attend a men's retreat with Fr. Kevin Peek October 27th-29th at Casa Maria Convent and Retreat House in Irondale, AL. Fr. Peek will be preaching on "Catholic Fatherhood: Raising Saints in This Generation." For more information, go to: <http://www.sisterservants.org/schedule.php>.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS

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

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Receive email alerts from the Bishops and react to legislation that impacts the Catholic faith. Catholic Voice NC is the non-partisan public policy voice of Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of the Diocese of Raleigh and Bishop Peter J. Jugis of the Diocese of Charlotte. This message has been approved by both bishops. Direct questions to David Hains, dwhains@charlottedioocese.org, 704-370-3336.

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.