



May 7, 2017



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

Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

Parish Office Hours

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

<p>Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Mass in the Extraordinary Form: 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Weekday Masses Monday: 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form), Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Adoration Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconciliation Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
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Dear Parishioners,

Today we are celebrating **Stewardship Sunday**. I hope that Keith Chapman's beautiful witness talk last Sunday inspired you to give careful thought to how you use the gifts God has given you. While the goal of most stewardship programs is to increase gifts of time, talent, and treasure (which we hope to do!), my ultimate hope is that our stewardship program will make us all more grateful to our Lord for His many gifts to us and to be generous with those gifts. As I mentioned at the Masses last Sunday, in addition to considering to your time, talent, and treasure, I hope you have thought about how much time and effort you'll put into prayer in the coming year.

This past week you should have received a letter in the mail asking you to think about your personal stewardship, as well as a commitment card by which you can indicate how you will make a personal commitment of time, talent, and treasure to St. Ann's. I hope you've taken the time to complete it. If not, we have blank commitment cards available for you to complete. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider how you can share God's love and mercy with others and thank Him by committing of your time, talent, and treasure to our parish. You're welcome to turn in the commitment cards at time by dropping them in the collection basket at Mass or by stopping by the parish office. Thank you for being good stewards!

Next Saturday, 13 May 2017, is the **100th anniversary of the first apparition** of Our Lady at Fatima, Portugal, to three shepherd children. As many of you know, Mary appeared 6 times to the children between May and October of 1917, on the 13th day of each month (with 1 exception). In honor of this first apparition, we will have a **Holy Hour of Reparation** this Saturday at 7 a.m., followed by Mass at 8 a.m., in response to Our Lady's call to make reparation for sins against her Immaculate Heart. I hope you can join us.

For those of you who spent last year preparing to make a **consecration to your Guardian Angel**, you should have received a letter in the mail from *Opus Sanctorum Angelorum*. Our consecration will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 25 May 2017. If you did the preparation work and did not receive a letter inviting you to make the consecration, please let me know.

Lastly, don't forget about *Quo Vadis Days* and *Duc in Altum*, the discernment retreats organized by the diocese for your young people who are discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life. *Quo Vadis Days* will take place June 12-16, 2017, while *Duc in Altum* will take place June 26-30, 2017. Both retreats will take place at Belmont Abbey College; the cost is \$150. Additionally, as we've changed the age participation this year, the diocese will host a Discernment Day for young men ages 13 and 14 here at St. Ann's on June 26 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There's no charge for this event, and registration will take place upon arrival.

If you'd like more information on the retreats, go to: www.charlottediocese.org/vocations. There you can find registration forms as well. You can also call the Office of Vocations if you need any additional materials or have any questions (704-370-3327).

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Reid

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 7th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Rosa Perez Guarderas <i>by Adolfo Carrion</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Mark Tonon <i>by Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sanctis</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) Respect Life Meeting (Conference room) Café and Kitchen in use 9:10 a.m. Baptism Preparation Class (Scout room) 11:30 a.m. Parish Fellowship Potluck (Kitchen, Café & Gym) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Monday 8th	7:00 a.m. In thanksgiving for our answered prayers <i>by Peg & Paul Sorge</i> 8:30 a.m. Latin +Raphael Surgera <i>by Peg & Paul Sorge</i>	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. Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 9th	7:00 a.m. +Hank Gransee <i>by the Grant family</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m.. (chapel)</i>	10:00 a.m. Classroom 1 in use 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Conference room in use
Wednesday 10th	<i>Adoration continues (chapel)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Spiritually Adoptive parents <i>by the Respective Life Committee</i>	9:00 a.m. Ceramics 4:00 p.m. Classroom 1 in use 6:00 p.m. Fraternal (Gym) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) 7:00 p.m. Scouts St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (Conference room)
Thursday 11th	7:00 a.m. +Fred White <i>by the Diocesan Association of Permanent Deacons</i> 5:30 p.m. Confessions	9:30 a.m. Conference room in use 10:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 in use Doors of Mercy (Scout room) 6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church)
Friday 12th	7:00 a.m. Latin +Miguel Yannuzzi <i>by Lucia Rodriguez</i> 8:30 a.m. Private Intentions <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment—Middle School (All rooms) 2:00 p.m. Home School (Café & Scout room) 5:00 p.m. Rehearsal (Church) 6:00 p.m. Rehearsal (Church)
Saturday 13th	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. +Mothers of Virginia & Jack Doman <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms) 9:00 a.m. Ceramics Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 11:00 a.m. Wedding (Church) 1:30 p.m. Wedding (Church)
Sunday 14th Mother's Day	8:00 a.m. +Bertha Lejk & Theresa Csordas <i>by the Lejk family</i> 10:30 a.m. All Mothers of St. Ann Parish 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. -- 1 Peter 2:24a

Your Stewardship of Treasure
726 registered families

April 23, 2017	12,433.50
Weekly Budget:	15,384.62
YTD Total:	697,085.54
YTD Budget:	661,538.66
YTD Surplus/Deficit:	35,546.88
Loan Balance:	448,702.29
Tabernacle Goal:	40,000.00
Donations Received:	29,795.00
Tabernacle Balance:	10,205.00
Mini Mural #2 Goal:	75,000.00
Donations Received:	28,222.00
Mini Mural #2 Balance:	46,778.00

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.



Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and 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: **May 20th-21st and June 3rd and 4th and June 17th and 18th.**

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org



Remember! The DSA funds the annual budgets of our diocesan ministries. These are the ministries that provide for the educational, vocational, multicultural, housing, and Catholic Charities outreach to the people of our diocese.

2017 DSA Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	81,449.70
Received:	63,351.26
Donors:	149

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.

Today we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and hear his words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.” Reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters through a donation to the poor box.



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

As Christian stewards, we share the belief that our Church is a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the broader community. Consider providing your financial support now to help build a strong future for the parish.
www.charlottediocese.org/giving



Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

- Tuesday, May 9th for Sunday, May 14, 2017
- Tuesday, May 16th for Sunday, May 21, 2017
- Tuesday, May 23rd for Sunday, May 28, 2017
- Tuesday, May 30th for Sunday, June 4, 2017

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.

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

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

Belmont Abbey College Scholarship: St. Ann's proudly offers a \$2,500 scholarship to a registered parishioner attending Belmont Abbey College for the 2017-2018 academic year. Applications consist of two essays. Application information can be obtained starting May 13, 2017 by contacting Karl Kaufmann at karl.f.kaufmann@gmail.com. **Completed applications are due by Tuesday, June 6, 2017.** Winner will be notified by June 16, 2017.



Our Parish Family Fellowship Potluck Grand Finale is TODAY, 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!*

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.

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

Saturday, 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.

WEDDING BANNERS

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

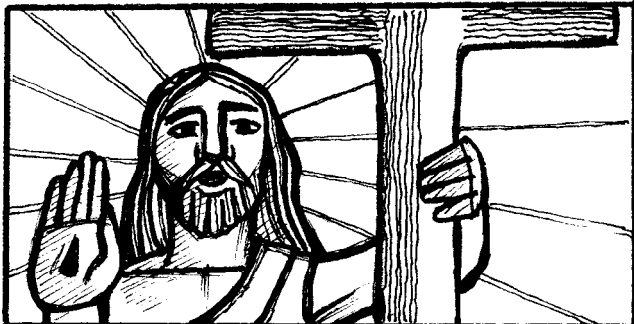
*III: Steve Cunningham-Meghann Shell
13 May 2017 11:00 a.m.*

*II: Nelson LeBlanc-Margaret Cote
20 May 2017
Sweetest Heart of Mary, Detroit, MI*

*II: Paul Goduti-Grace O'Brien
20 May 2017 11:00 a.m.*

*II: David Sanctis-Stephanie Urban
20 May 2017 1:30 p.m.*

*I: Timothy Johnson-Sarah Vignati
27 May 2017
Middletown, RI*



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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@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 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.

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.

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MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



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

Our friends and family: Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), William Sirignano (grandfather of Aaron Condon), Jennifer Arnold and Mary Regester (friends of Nancy Tota), Tom Storer, Jean Storer, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), Peggy Ballew (sister of Gerri Hillis), Douglas Edge, Tom Hammond (father of Randy Hammond), Michael Keaton (nephew of Mary Margaret Yodzis), Elizabeth Kuhn, and Joel Rivera..

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.



For a limited time, *The Lamb's Supper* by Dr. Scott Hahn and *Mother*

Teresa: A Personal Portrait by Fr. Leo Maasburg can be pre-ordered. Check out Lighthouse Media! \$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 May 7th-May 14th**

May 7th	3rd Sunday after Easter - 2nd class
May 8th	Feria - 4th class or Apparition of St. Michael - 4th class or Our Lady Mediatrix of All Graces - 4th class
May 9th	St. Gregory Nazianzen - 3rd
May 10th	St. Antoninus - 3rd class
May 11th	Sts. Philip & James - 2nd class
May 12th	Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, & Pancras - 3rd class
May 13th	St. Robert Bellarmine - 3rd class
May 14th	4th Sunday after Easter - 2nd class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Mondays at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Fridays 7:00 a.m., 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 Q&A

What do the Classes in the above calendar mean? The Class is the level of importance or solemnity (1st-4th) associated with that day's Saint or commemoration. A 1st Class Feast Day are all Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas, or the Immaculate Conception, etc.

Questions? Email info@charlottelatinmass.org
For Latin Mass news, please visit www.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.

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. **Greensboro Area: October 20th-22nd**. For information contact: 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 online and purchase class materials at www.ccli.org. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for information at 704- 548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

A Free Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course offered at St. Matthew Church at 1:30 p.m. on May 20th. Topics: 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 information, go to ccdoc.org/nfp or RSVP to: Batrice Adcock, MSN, Catholic Charities bnadcock@charlottediocese.org or 704-370-3230. Information Link: <http://ccdoc.org/events/icalrepeat.detail/2017/05/20/271/28/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 tmthis3@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.** 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 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

Welcome St. Ann Parish 55+ young to the **St. Vincent ACES Seniors May luncheon** as we honor all mothers and listen to special guest and former St. Vincent Staff Member, Sister Monica Perez, speak about her discernment and journey to religious life on **Thursday, May 11th at 11:00 a.m.** in the Parish Activity Center, \$10.00/guests. *Reservations by TODAY, May 7th to Sue Westphal at 704-542-0315.*

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. For information contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220.

Our Lady of Grace (Lancaster, SC) invites you to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, May 13th at 11:00 a.m. for the 100 Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima. On this day Pope Francis, will canonize Blessed Francesco and Jacinta and Bishop Guglielmone has declared a Marian Year for the Diocese of Charleston through mid-December.

Plan To Attend A Free Estate Planning Seminar, May 17th from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Should everyone have a Will? What if there are minor children? Can I write my own Will? Must a Will be probated? Can I change my Will? What does the Catholic Church say about end of life decisions? This information will be provided by Christian Cherry, Estate Planning Attorney, and the diocese planned giving office at a free seminar at the Diocese of Charlotte. These and many other questions will be discussed at our Estate Planning Seminar. Parking is free and refreshments will be served. **To reserve your space and free take home materials, contact Judy Smith at 704-370-3320 or jmsmith@charlottediocese.org by May 15th.**

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. Cost per player is \$130. MiraVia, Inc. is a Catholic non-profit maternity and after-care program serving the greater Charlotte region. To register visit <http://bit.ly/LinksFORELife> or contact Megan Whiteside at meganwhiteside@mira-via.org.

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: <http://www.sisterservants.org/schedule.php>.

All St. Ann's women are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Spring Reflection & Luncheon tomorrow, Monday, May 8th at 9:00 a.m.** at Cathedral of St. Patrick with guest speaker Fr. Timothy Reid. Evening Reflection on **Friday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m.** at St. Matthew Church with guest speaker Fr. Jeffrey Kirby. **Register** for all events & sign up for our monthly newsletter on website: www.CharlotteCatholicWomensGroup.org.

Orchestral Mass for Ascension. Carolina Catholic Chorale will sing Mozart's *Piccolomini Mass in A* in a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form **at St. Ann Church on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m.** (Masses are open to the public at no cost). For information, please visit <http://carolinacatholicchorale.com/>.

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.charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days or contact Father Jason Barone, Diocesan Promoter of Vocations at jkbarone@charlottediocese.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.

Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne Vocation Discernment Schedule: Hawthorne, New York: July 21st-23rd. Atlanta, GA: September 22nd-24th. And Philadelphia, PA: June 10th and November 11th. "Dare to Love. Dare to Serve". All women (ages 19-45) who are discerning a religious vocation to join us for a weekend of sharing in our life of prayer and apostolate. Reservation are required. For information and reservations contact Sister Alma Marie 845-745-1319 or vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org.



Saint John Paul II called the Eucharist the "Source and Summit" of

Catholic life. Plan to spend a day in special worship during the **Eucharistic Congress of the Diocese of Charlotte, September 8 & 9, 2017 at the Charlotte Convention Center.** Visit www.GoEucharist.com for more information.

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.