



November 5, 2017



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

Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

Parish Office Hours

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

<p>Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Mass in the Extraordinary Form: 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Weekday Masses Monday: 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form), Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Adoration Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconciliation Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN		
+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
<p>Sunday 5th <i>Day Light Saving Time ends today</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Linus Bremer <i>by the Rothe family</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Intentions of Jonathan Mathis <i>by Mom & Dad</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Deceased parishioners & loved ones of St. Ann parish</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classroom 1 & 2) Respect Life Meeting (Conference room)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Men's Club (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting (Café & Kitchen)</p>
<p>Monday 6th</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Deceased parishioners & loved ones of St. Ann parish</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Dance Group (Gym)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)</p>
<p>Tuesday 7th</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Deceased parishioners & loved ones of St. Ann parish <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, & Ceramic room in use</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Book Study (Ceramic room)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Pro-Life meeting (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Bible Study (Ceramic room)</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th</p>	<p><i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Latin Deceased parishioners & loved ones of St. Ann parish</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. St. Thomas More (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. St. Thomas More (Scout room)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Classroom 1 & 2) Fraternus (Gym) St. Vincent de Paul Society (Conference room) Catholic Scripture Studies (Library) Legion of Mary (Ceramic Room)</p>
<p>Thursday 9th</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Nathaniel Bremer <i>by the Rothe family</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, & Ceramic room in use</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Conference room in use</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Scout room)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir/Schola (Church)</p>
<p>Friday 10th</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. +Alipio Llamas <i>by Rowena Llamas</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Parish Office Closed</i></p>
<p>Saturday 11th</p>	<p>3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p> <p>4:30 p.m. +Jack Doman <i>by Virginia Doman</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms in use</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Wedding (Church)</p>
<p>Sunday 12th</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Anya Grant <i>by the Home School Graduates families</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Our parish family</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Mary Genevieve Lauer <i>by the family</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classroom 1 & 2)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) Dance Group (Gym)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Concert prep (Kitchen)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Gaudium Musicae Concert (Church)</p>



Dear Parishioners,

We've entered into that very special period of the year in which the Church asks us to pray for all the deceased. This is a solemn and very important obligation, for while the souls in Heaven have no need of our prayers, the souls in Purgatory do! Our prayer and sacrifices help to purify them so that they may join the elect in Heaven. Hanging around our church now are banners with the names of all the St. Ann parishioners who have died. This custom of displaying the names of our beloved deceased is a simple reminder as we walk into St. Ann's to pray for them.

Additionally, if you would like to have Mass offered for your deceased loved ones, please use the **All Souls envelopes** and write the names of your loved ones on the envelope. (If you do not have the All Souls envelope, any envelope will do!) Having Masses offered for the deceased is the very best thing we can do for them, for the Mass is the most powerful and efficacious of prayers for the souls in Purgatory. Thus, it's our parish custom to offer a novena of Masses throughout this month for all those souls whose names are on the envelopes. You may turn in your envelopes at any time during the month of November. The Book of the Dead is also available in the narthex for you to list the names of your beloved deceased for whom you desire prayers.

Please keep in mind that an **indulgence** is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead (even if the prayer is only mental) during the first 8 days of November. You may apply this indulgence to any deceased soul. This indulgence is granted under the normal conditions, i.e., one must be baptized and in the state of grace, be free from an attachment to sin, go to confession within 20 days, receive Holy Communion on the day you visit the cemetery, and offer prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (a *Credo* and an *Our Father* will suffice).

Mark your calendars for our next *Gaudium Musicae* concert, which will be next Sunday, 12 November 2017, at 4 p.m. That day we will host *The Bechtler Ensemble* for what promises to be another beautiful concert. Tickets are available on our website and at the door. As always, we are in need of sponsors for this year's concert series. Individual sponsorships are available for \$250 each. Corporate sponsors are also welcome. If you or your company would like to be a sponsor, please contact the parish office.

May all of our beloved dead rest in peace,

Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid".

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

October 15, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	18,275.09	16,538.46	257,316.22	264,615.36
Other Revenue Streams:			10,533.63	20,933.32
Total Revenue:			267,849.84	285,548.68
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			(17,698.84)	

DSA

2017 Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	95,620.50
Received:	87,909.32
Assessment Balance:	9,227.68
Donors:	183

Loan Balance: 364,189.97

Priest Retirement:

Goal:	32,343.00
Received:	16,444.00
Balance:	15,899.00

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



It is important to measure our generosity not by what we give, but by what we have left.

For those of you who would like to learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith, we've now got some great on-line resources available to every member of our parish through a program called **Formed**. In order to access these resources, just go to: www.formed.org and click on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the homepage. You will be taken to page where you can enter a parish code to get access to the resources. **Our parish code is: Y6ZQ8M**. Once you've logged in under our parish code, you can create your personal profile and login.

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

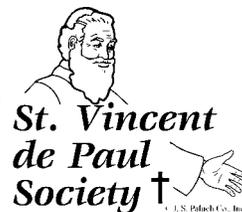
-- USC of Catholic Bishops



The Book of Ecclesiastes tells us, "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." Year end is the perfect time for giving thanks and reflecting on getting our lives and affairs in God's good order.

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: **November 4th-5th and November 18th-19th and December 2nd-3rd.**

In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us! Please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Monday, Nov. 6th for Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017
 Tuesday, Nov. 14th for Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017
 Thursday, Nov. 16th for Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017
 Tuesday, Nov. 28th for Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017

 **Gaudium Musicae Eighth Season: Sacred Sounds.** The Bechtler Ensemble will perform an hour-long concert on **Sunday, November 12th at 4 p.m.**, a small reception following the concert gives fellow listeners an opportunity to meet the performers. The concert series offered by St. Ann's is to support exceptional, primarily local and regional musicians by providing an acoustically excellent, intimate venue for performance and to present diverse programming. Single concert tickets are \$30 for families, \$12 for adults, and \$8 for students. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.StAnnCharlotte.org, after Masses in the parish office. **Sponsorships are available** for each of the concerts. Contact the parish office at 704-523-4641 ext. 221 for information on tax-deductible contributions and sponsorships.

Please attend the FREE Estate Planning Session at St. Ann – November 16th, at 7:00 p.m. If you are over 70½, often during the month of December, you may be **required** to take withdrawals from your retirement plan. Using a portion of the required withdrawal to fund a gift to the church may provide tax advantages. You will eliminate all or part of the taxes that would be due on the amount withdrawn, and you can also help secure the future of our parish.

November 23rd Thanksgiving: Thanksgiving is a perfect opportunity to reflect on your blessings and to share with those who are in need. For what are you most grateful this year? What will you share in grateful response?



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Welcome into our parish family
 Mary Catherine Kopp

Men's Club Meeting TODAY, November 5th. We will begin with a **Rosary in the Chapel at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm.** The meeting will begin at 7:00. Please plan to attend as the annual **Christmas Tree Sale** will be discussed and volunteers are needed to make our largest annual fundraiser a success. Contact Steven Bremer (704-999-9626 or stannmen@gmail.com) if there are any questions.

Dear Queen of Heaven Scholars, our last Queen of Heaven Classes will be November 7th, 8th, and 9th. There are only three classes left and I hope that you all are enjoying it and growing deeper in your relationship with Our Blessed Mother. **The next study we will be doing is Jesus Revealed, Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names.** Here is a little about the study. The newest Catholic Scripture Study, Jesus Revealed, is a fascinating study of the names of Jesus in Scripture, as you see Him revealed through the eyes of the prophets, the psalmists and the apostles. Discover the meanings of the titles and images through which Jesus reveals Himself to us. This study will transform the relationship that you have with Our Lord to a whole new level. You will deepen your understanding of Jesus' more familiar titles – Christ, Lord, Savior, Son of God, Son of Man, Good Shepherd and more. The video was done on location with Dr. Paul Thigpen and Fr. Jeffery Kirby, and there will be Video Streaming. **This is an 18-week study and it will begin November 14th, 15th and 16th. It ends on April 24th, 25th, and 26th of 2018.** We will take two weeks off at Christmas and Easter. We will meet in the same location in the Allen Center at St. Ann the same days and times as the Queen of Heaven Study. The cost is \$40.00 for the study guide. You will be able to purchase your guides in your last two classes from your facilitators. Please make your checks payable to St. Ann Catholic Church. Scholarships are available based on need. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Paula Strum or Heidi Clark.

The next Baptismal Preparation class is Sunday, December 10th at 9:10 a.m. Please call the parish office to sign up for this class.

Young, married (or engaged), and looking to meet other couples? **St. Ann Young Married Group** meets regularly throughout the year for service, fun, faith and friendship. For information and activity notices, contact Nicolette Williams at newilliams12@gmail.com.



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III: Mary Cerra-Marcos Rey
 11 November 2017 1:30 p.m.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

Come and teach your children how to adore Jesus! We now have the generous opportunity to be in the main church before Our Lord, without the worry that a babbling toddler or loud baby is disturbing someone's peace. **Family Adoration is a time for everyone to come before God in prayer, and will be available in the church on Mondays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** Come for Our Lord, and stay for play at the park afterward. *Note: At this time, Our Lord will not be exposed during the Adoration period, but will remain with us in the tabernacle.* Contact Melissa Lewis with questions mmlewis28@yahoo.com.

Have you ever found yourself stumped because you didn't know how to respond to questions about your Catholic faith from a friend, colleague or even your own children? Do you find yourself feeling like your catechism didn't answer all the questions you had about your faith or maybe you've forgotten? Are you new to the Church and think an RCIA refresher may be in store? Maybe you've come home after years away from the Church. **If you answered yes to any of these questions or this sounds like you, then the Legion of Mary would like to invite you to a Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation class at 9:00-10:15 a.m. during the school year.** We will be studying Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism video series. Come join us for coffee and good conversation each week in classrooms 1 & 2 on the Allen Center! For information, contact Karen at rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com.

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.

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.



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

Our friends and family: Alex Brown (nephew of the Rothe family), Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin), Jennifer Arnold and Mary Regester (friends of Nancy Tota), Tom Storer, Jean Storer, Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill), Douglas Edge, Joel Rivera, Michael Walsh (father of Will Walsh), Donna Wingert), Albert Ayd (brother of Cecilia Balman), Peter Stenhouse, and Cheryl Ring (friends of Abbey & Rick Lejk), Joel Rivera, and Sandy Van Dyke.

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 1st Class Jeffrey Derscheid, LT. Charlie Hetzel USN, Ensign Thomas Hetzel USN, and Cadet Peter Hetzel 2nd Class USMA. USMC 2nd Lt. Hays Hammond.

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 Karen Rubbo at 704-847-8148 or rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com.

World Rosary meets Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and The Bible Timeline makes it easy. The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible Study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history, so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. The Bible Timeline has helped hundreds of thousands of people to have a better understanding of the Bible and a deeper relationship with Christ, and it will help you too. The Study will include a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. Everyone who participates will receive the Bible Timeline Chart as well as a The Bible Timeline Study Kit. **The cost is \$40.00 per kit. Our Study is Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.-12 noon from now through April 2018.** Contact Heidi Clark, hclark12@carolina.rr.com or 704-504-5948.

RCIA classes have begun. Join us **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Scout room. If you know of anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith please invite them to attend, or call the parish office for more details.

Be sure you are up to date on your **Protecting God's Children information and the Virtus monthly bulletins. Also you need to up date your Background Check every five (5) years.** All forms are online on the Diocese of Charlotte website: under Safe Environment and Volunteers.

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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.

Fidelis, a group for young ladies in middle and school, meets on **Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30p.m.** in classrooms 1 and 2. If you are interested in learning more please contact the Daughters of the Virgin Mother at dvmfidelis@gmail.com.

Fraternus meet **Wednesdays now through May 2018**. All young men in middle and high school are invited to join from 7:00-8:45 p.m. in the gym.

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.

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 Monday after the 9:30 a.m. Adoration at the same location, Park Play 10:30 –11:30 a.m. during the school year.** Questions? Call Melissa Lewis at 704-287-8112 subscribe to our group at holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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.**



Books to Explore Timeless Truths 5-Book Bundle just \$16.00 per bundle when you buy at

least 5 bundles. That's **only \$3.20 a book—a 35% discount off the retail price!** Offer expires August 1 or while supplies last. Featuring the writings of Dr. Peter Kreeft, Vinny Flynn, Venerable Fulton Sheen, St. Francis de Sales, and Bishop Robert Barron. . Check out our Lighthouse Media stand in the North vestibule. \$3.00 donation per CD. **Use code: 33769 when you go to: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/club](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/).** Make checks payable to St. Ann Catholic Church.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of November 5th-November 12th**

November 5th	22nd Sunday after Pentecost - 2nd class
November 6th	Feria - 4th class or Daily Mass for the Dead - 3rd class (FSSP) Daily Mass for the Dead for Deceased FSSP members & Confraternity members - 4th class
November 7th	Feria - 4th class or Daily Mass for the Dead - 3rd class
November 8th	Feria - 4th class or Daily Mass for the Dead - 3rd class or Four Holy Crowned Martyrs - 4th class
November 9th	Dedication of the Archbasilica of Our Holy Savior - 2nd class
November 10th	St. Andrew Avellino - 3rd class
November 11th	St. Martin of Tours - 3rd class
November 12th	23rd Sunday after Pentecost - 2nd class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.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.

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

Wednesday mornings during the school year (except vacations) the St Joseph College Seminary will offer the **Traditional Latin Mass in St. Ann's at 7:00 am. All are welcome.**

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

TODAY's Events:

November 4th & 5th: Diaper Drive for Mira Via - Newborn, Size 4, 5, and 6 ONLY. A box will be outside of the church for collection. This is an easy and very necessary help to unwed mothers. Give generously, and contact me if you missed the drop off, and I can make arrangements for pick up.

November 5th: Respect Life Meeting after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass (attend only one session.) We will be discussing our plans for the 2018 year. All are welcome.

Upcoming Events:

November 7th: 7:00 p.m. End of Life Ethics - The Nature and Importance of Life. Euthanasia is becoming more acceptable than ever before. This is a critical moment for us to protect our parents and loved ones. Come learn with us. There will be light refreshments provided. This is held in the classroom upstairs in the Allen Center. Call for more information.

November 19th: 4:00 -7:00 p.m. Fair Trade Sale event to benefit victims of human trafficking. 100 % of all proceeds will benefit human trafficking victims. 3987 Mourning Dove Drive, Weddington. This is a great opportunity to help artisans, get a little pre-Christmas holiday shopping accomplished and create better lives for victims of human trafficking. Contact me to RSVP. Preview of items can be found at <http://www.serrv.org>. Call for more information.

Everyone is welcome at all Respect Life events.

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.

"Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn." - Pope Francis, 2013

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Ann Home School Group liaison is Kathleen Lewis. To contact Kathleen for information on Home School lewisfamily555@gmail.com.

The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) welcomes interested parents and students to attend MACS Open Houses for the 2018-2019 school year. Open Houses for each school will be held in January during Early Admissions.

For additional information please visit our website www.discovermacs.org.

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Forgiveness and Healing Following Abortion: 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. The retreat works to reconnect individuals to themselves, their friends, and family and to realize God's ever present love. Contact: Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251/ jackie.childers1@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning. Couple to Couple League: Sympto-Thermal Method. Classes are 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. Postpartum and Premenopause transition classes are also available upon request. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for information at 704-548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

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 responsible parenting
- * 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.

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 & Danielle Mathis** at tmathis3@me.com for information.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; ..." Let the Lord feed and support your marriage by participating in a **WorldWide Marriage Encounter** weekend: **November 10th-12th in Atlantic Beach, NC.** For information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Marriage Help – Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? **Retrouvaille** can help, as it has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment in their marriage. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at retrouvaillenc@msn.com, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Seniors 55+ young are invited to join the **St. Vincent ACES Seniors Club on Thursday, November 9th at 11:00 a.m.** in the Activity Center “as we gather together to thank God for our many blessings,” and enjoy a program provided by St. Vincent’s Preschool Students. Enjoy a catered traditional meal of roast turkey with all the trimmings. Cost of lunch is \$8/members and \$10/guests. *Reservations by today, November 5th* to Sue Westphal at 704-542-0315. **The ACES 2017 Christmas Lunch is Thursday, December 14th at 12:00 noon**, Cedarwood Country Club. *Reservations and payment taken at the Thanksgiving lunch* or contact Sue Westphal, 704-542-0315. Cost of the Christmas lunch is \$25. Choice of beef, chicken or seafood entrée.

Afternoon Reflection with Fr. Brian Cook: “We’ll Never Be Younger! Spiritual Gifts for the Journey” at **Holy Family Catholic Church, Winston-Salem on Wednesday, November 8th**. The Check-in at 11:00 a.m. Hors d’oeuvres & “Get to Know You” until 11:50 a.m. Lunch/business meeting at 11:50 a.m. Presentation at 1:00 p.m. with Mass at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. To register contact Sandra Breakfield, Program Director elder Ministry at 704-370-3220 or sabreakfield@charlottedioocese.org.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Walk where Jesus walked! Join Father Frank O’Rourke, Pastor of St. Gabriel Church, on a pilgrimage to the **Holy Land, April 18th-27th, 2018** that includes Caesarea, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. The tour price is \$3,649 per person. Find details at [//www.stgabrielchurch.org/pilgrimage](http://www.stgabrielchurch.org/pilgrimage) or contact Sr. Joann Ury at 704-852-4400.

American Heritage Girls is a Christian ministry group. Ages 5-15 years old. A Catholic lead troop resides at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Idlewild Road. **Meetings are held the first three Thursdays 6:15-8:15 p.m. in Austin Hall.** We also have a Fun Friday on the last Friday of each month. Contact Kristen Sloan at ahgnc0146@gmail.com or 704-550-1443 for details.

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.

What Really Matters? “The greatest among you must be your servant.” In the month of November, the Gospels call us to focus on the ultimate things of life: Meaning. Purpose. Eternity. We are reminded that what really matters to God is not what is always viewed as important in the world. While we might measure a person’s worth by their wealth, influence, power, or prestige, Jesus has a much different gauge of importance. Ultimately, what matters in the eyes of God is what we have done with our lives, talents, and resources, and how we have used what we have in service of others.

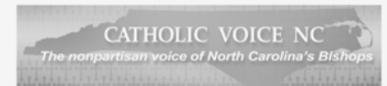
All Catholic women in the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women’s Group (CCWG) a Morning Reflection on Monday, November 13th** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass at 9:00 a.m. **Fr. Matthew Bean will speak at 10:30 a.m.** in the assembly room. Our **Advent Retreat will be Saturday, December 2nd** at St. Michael Church. Mass at 10:00 a.m. **Fr. Jason Christian** will speak after Mass and after lunch. Additional details and **RSVP** via our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.



Another way to serve God and your community is by joining the Knights Of Columbus. The Bishop Michael J. Begley Council 770 based in Charlotte, NC, was chartered in 1903 making 770 the oldest Council in our State. It has a long and enviable history of serving Charlotte parishes in the Diocese of Charlotte, through such programs as Right to Life, Coats for Kids, Holy Angels Boat Rides and Picnic and our annual Holy Angels Christmas Party for the handicapped children of Holy Angels. The Knights of Columbus is a Brotherhood of Catholic men who each play apart in improving the world around them. They stand together in Faith dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish. Join us! **Our meetings are held on the first Thursday at 6:30 p.m. of each month at St Patrick’s Cathedral** at 1621 Dilworth Road East. Contact: Richard Mills, Financial Secretary Council 770 at rtn2108@aol.com or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com.

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Bringing It Home. *It is the time of the year when families gather for special meals; parishes collect food and clothing for the poor; and coworkers come together socially. At times, the gatherings are filled with love. Sometimes, tension or disagreement mark such moments. Stay focused on what really matters as you join with family and friends this season. Go out of your way to serve others with a glad and thankful heart, and know that in doing so, you are fulfilling your call as a follower of Jesus Christ.*

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.*

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.

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

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.