



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 17, 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
Sunday 17th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Patricia Sanctis <i>by the Sanctis family</i> 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Barbara & Jack Reagan	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Adults Faith Formation (Classrooms 1 & 2) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (kitchen) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) 4:00 p.m. Café and Gym in use
Monday 18th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Lee Benson <i>by Russell Lewis family</i>	9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church) 1:00 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 19th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of the Rosamond family <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i>	8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, & Ceramic room in use 1:00 p.m. Book Study (Ceramic room) 6:30 p.m. Royal Road (Café) 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Bible Study (Ceramic room)
Wednesday 20th	<i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin +Ed Gannon <i>by Margaret & Richard Kennedy & family</i>	10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) Catholic Scripture Study (Library)
Thursday 21st	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Teresa Lewis <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> 8:30 a.m. Intentions of St. Ann School parents & staff <i>by Kathy McKinney</i> 5:30 p.m. Confessions	8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, and Ceramic room in use 6:00 p.m. Choir (Church)
Friday 22nd	7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of Rosa Beckmann <i>by the Navaroli family</i> 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Felicity Bremer <i>by Marcy & Jeff Rothe</i>	
Saturday 23rd	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Christopher Angermeyer <i>by Amy, Kurt & Maddie Herkert</i>	Parish Office Closed
Sunday 24th	8:00 a.m. +Jane Cheong <i>by the Ho family</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Mrs. Wentz <i>by Cruz Cannon</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Mrs. Veit <i>by Cruz Cannon</i> 6:30 p.m. +James Gordon <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i>	12 noon Parish Office Closed Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)



Dear Parishioners,

Today is *Gaudete Sunday*! Much like *Laetare Sunday* in Lent, *Gaudete Sunday* signals that we are drawing near to our Advent goal of Christmas! In recognition that the great feast of Christmas is drawing nigh, *Gaudete Sunday* has traditionally been set aside as a day of rejoicing and a lightening of penance. It's for this reason that the color rose, instead of the penitential violet, is generally worn in the liturgy on this day.

Please consider going to confession before Christmas if you haven't already done so. We have confession every Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and every Saturday from 3 – 4 p.m. Many parishes offer confessions on other days during the week as well, and I do know that St. Gabriel will be having a penance service this Wednesday, 20 December, at 7 p.m.

As I mentioned at Mass last Sunday, even though Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, you must still attend two Masses next weekend: one for your obligation for the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, and one to fulfill your obligation for Christmas. This may mean going to Mass twice on the same day!

Our Sunday Mass schedule and our Christmas Mass schedule will follow our normal patterns. This means that you'll need to go to one Mass in each of the groupings below:

In joyful anticipation of Christmas,

4th Sunday of Advent		Christmas	
<u>Saturday, 23 Dec.</u>	<u>Sunday, 24 Dec.</u>	<u>Sunday, 24 Dec.</u>	<u>Monday, 25 Dec.</u>
4:30 p.m. Mass	8 a.m. Mass	4:30 p.m. Mass	Midnight Mass
	10:30 a.m. Mass	6:30 p.m. Mass	9 a.m. Mass
	12:30 p.m. Mass		

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

November 26, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	14,152.73	16,538.46	355,669.42	363,846.12
Other Revenue Streams:			18,097.62	28,016.65
Total Revenue:			373,767.04	391,862.77
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			(18,095.73)	

DSA

2017 Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	95,668.50
Received:	89,457.33
Assessment Balance:	7,679.67
Donors:	184

Loan Balance: 349,997.58

Priest Retirement:

Goal:	32,343.00
Received:	24,394.10
Balance:	7,948.90

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org



You can make a significant gift to your parish that will cost you nothing during your lifetime. Consider including your parish as a beneficiary in your will after you have provided for family and loved ones.
www.charlottediocese.org/giving

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.



Develop your talents to the fullest so that you can use them to benefit your church and community. Your abilities will grow with use; unused, they may wither away.

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: **December 16th-17th, January 6th-7th and January 20th-21st.**

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.

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.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.
At this time of love and gift giving remember the poor and needy.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

ANGEL TREE: Gifts for **Stanton Healthcare Center** and **Daughters of the Virgin Mother** must be returned **by tomorrow, December 18th**. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Tuesday, December 19th for Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017
 Tuesday, January 2nd for Sunday, January 7, 2018
 Tuesday, January 9th for Sunday, January 14, 2018
 Tuesday, January 16th for Sunday, January 21, 2018

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.

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.

Gaudium Musicae **Gaudium Musicae Eighth Season: Sacred Sounds.** *Carolina Pro Musica* will perform an hour-long concert on **Sunday, February 11th 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 on our website, in the parish office and at the door. **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.

This is the point of Advent: we have reason to hope because God wants to be with us, and wants us to be with him.

In Advent, we watch for signs of God's love, especially when the demands of daily life are great. We watch, too, attentive to those who do not know the depths of God's love, and for the ways we may bring Christ's presence to them. In Advent, we prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts and minds.

We wait, not only for Christmas, but for the full expression of God's kingdom on earth in the future.

Like those who precede us in faith and those who will follow, we long for the peace, consolation, encouragement, and mercy that only God can give.

We turn toward God in trust, and grow to rely on his constant presence with us, at all times, in all seasons.

They watch for Christ who are sensitive, eager, apprehensive in mind, who are awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in honoring him, who look for him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed, if they found that he was coming at once...

This, then, is to watch: to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as he came once, and as he will come again; to desire his second coming, from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of his first. — John Henry Newman



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MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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

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 catechesis 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.

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.

The current study is Jesus Revealed, Encountering Jesus in his Biblical Names. *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 18-week study has begun and ends 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. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Paula Strum or Heidi Clark.



Our parishioners:
Paul Cecil, Jeanne
Goymercac,
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 Register (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), Dolly Langley (sister of Cecilia Balman) Peter Stenhouse and Cheryl Ring (friends of Abbey & Rick Lejk), Joel Rivera, Sandy Van Dyke, and Todd York (nephew of Carol 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 1st Class Jeffrey Derscheid, LT. Charlie Hetzel USN, Ensign Thomas Hetzel USN, and Cadet Peter Hetzel 2nd Class USMA. USMC 2nd Lt. Hays Hammond.

The repose of the souls of: Que Nguyen, who died December 7, 2017, and Jane Ertel, who died December 10, 2017.

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.*

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.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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.

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

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.

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.

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. \$3.00 donation per CD. **Use code: 33769; go to: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub. Make checks payable: St. Ann Catholic Church.**

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of December 17th-December 24th**

December 17th	3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) - 1st class
December 18th	Greater Feria of Advent - 2nd class
December 19th	Greater Feria of Advent - 2nd class
December 20th	Ember Wednesday - 2nd class
December 21st	St. Thomas - 2nd class
December 22nd	Ember Friday - 2nd class
December 23rd	Ember Saturday - 2nd class
December 24th	Vigil of Christmas - 1st 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

NEWS: There will be a few changes in the 2018 year for the Respect Life ministry. We will begin alternating our Pro-Life Mass between Latin and English. January will be in Latin, and alternating thereafter. We will have signup sheets to confirm that there is attendance with the blessed sacrament while others of us go to the abortion mill to pray the rosary.

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.

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 apply for all grades during early admissions: PK-8th: January 1st-January 31st and High School: *now* through January 15th. *9th Grade Placement Test is January 20th, registration instructions in application. Please call your MACS school of interest to schedule a tour. For additional information and/or the 2018-2019 Applications are available now at www.discovermacs.org.

Saint Matthew Catholic School (TK-5th)
11525 Elm Lane 704-544-2070

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School (PK-8th) 4225 Shamrock Drive 704-531-0067

Saint Ann Catholic School (PK, TK-5th)
600 Hillside Avenue 704-525-4938

Saint Gabriel Catholic School (K-5th)
3028 Providence Road 704-366-2409

Saint Patrick Catholic School (K-5th)
1125 Buchanan Street 704-333-3174

Saint Mark Catholic School (K-8th)
14750 Stumptown Road, Huntersville 704-766-5000

Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School (6th-8th)
3100 Park Road 704-527-7822

Charlotte Catholic High School (9th-12th)
7702 Pineville-Matthews Road 704-543-1127

Christ the King Catholic High School (9th-12th)
2011 Crusader Way, Huntersville 704-799-4400

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.

NFP. 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: 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. For information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Marriage troubles? If you have been thinking about separation or divorce, please contact us about **Retrouvaille**. Don't give up without learning how to begin to communicate with your spouse again. You will not be sharing your struggles with other people. You will hear from couples that have been through the program themselves. They will share their journey from brokenness to reconciliation. For information or to apply for the next program beginning with a **weekend February 2, 2018**, 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

Registration and \$120 due by TOMORROW, December 18th. Join young adults from the Charlotte diocese to go to Washington D.C. for the annual March for Life. In addition, spend time having fun together skiing at Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia. The pilgrimage/ski trip cost includes transportation and lodging. All meals and activities are the responsibility of the participant. Register online at www.stpatricks.org. Limited Spaces available. Interested? Questions? Email youngadult@stpatricks.org.

Advent Penance Services

St. Vincent de Paul: Tuesday, December 19th, 7:00 p.m.
St. Gabriel: Wednesday, December 20th, 7:00 p.m.

Oplaky Blessed Christmas Wafers Oplatek: The Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the Oplatek or Christmas Wafer at your Christmas Eve Wigilia, Villis, Kucios, or dinner can be rekindled. Traditionally, breaking and sharing the Christmas wafer with family and friends is accompanied with best wishes and expressions of forgiveness, helping us to bring joy and happiness to our hearts and homes. **Orders for the wafers will be taken till December 23rd.** Cost will be \$1.00 per wafer and you state your quantity or buy a Sealed packets of 3 white & 1 pink wafer for \$5.00. Please call Helen Collins (St. Gabriel Parishioner) at 704-365-1161 or e-mail order request to: helen892@att.net. Proceeds will go to a church charity to help a needy family this holiday season.

12th Annual March For Life Charlotte: Friday, January 12, 2018 beginning with Mass for the Unborn at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 9:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese. At 12 noon, we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. Joshua Voitius, Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will preach. Then march to the court house at 401 W. Trade Street where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives! See schedule details at www.marchforlifeforcharlotte.org.

It is time for super savings at the **annual Keep Christ in Christmas Sale** at the **Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College**. Mention you read about us in your parish bulletin and take **20%** off all Advent and Christmas items, take **20%** off any one regular price item of your choice and take advantage of hundreds of select items being marked down to **50%** daily from now until Christmas! Enjoy our extended Christmas shopping hours call 704-461-5100.

All Catholic women in the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women’s Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection** on **Monday, January 8th** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass at 9:00 a.m. **Fr. Joshua Voitius will speak at 10:30 a.m.** in the assembly room. Additional details and **to register**, go to our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

Construction Manager: The Diocese is currently accepting resumes for a “*Construction Project Manager*”. The Construction Project Manager will report directly to the Director of Diocesan Properties & Risk Management, and will be involved in planning for and managing the ongoing construction objectives of the Diocese. Please submit your professional resume and salary history by Dec. 31st, 2017 to: Director of Diocesan Properties & Risk Management, Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203. Or email to: ajmorlando@charlottediocese.org.

Accounting Clerk and Administrative Assistant Full Time: To assist the Finance and Operations Manager with dual control items, correspondence, financial data entry posting, and other items as requested. Qualifications: Associates degree in accounting or equivalent work experience or minimum of 2 years previous related experience. Proficiency in database management and Microsoft Office Suite. **Database and Compliance Coordinator Part Time:** Responsible for processing and maintaining all required volunteer documentation in compliance with Diocesan policies, for reviewing the database, maintaining the accuracy and integrity of the data files, and for posting updated/new entries into the parish database. Qualifications: A minimum of high school diploma, Associates degree in administrative office technology or related area beneficial. Proficiency in database management. Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite. See full description on our website: www.stpeterscatholic.org. Send resume, cover letter and any questions to tmorin@stpeterscatholic.org



The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic fraternity that focuses on charity and support for our nation, community, parish and priest. “We help lives and save lives!” Contact us when you are ready to be a part of something big. 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 rtm2108@aol.com. or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com.

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

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.