



# ST. ANN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 24, 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><b>Sunday Mass Schedule</b>          Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m.          8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.;  <b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form:</b> 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Weekday Masses</b>          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><b>Adoration</b>          Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.          Holy Hour:          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b>          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
<b>Sunday 24th</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Jane Cheong <i>by the Ho family</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Mrs. Wentz <i>by Cruz Cannon</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Our parish family <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Intentions of Mrs. Veit <i>by Cruz Cannon</i> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> +James Gordon <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i>	12 noon <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
<b>Monday 25th</b> <i>Christmas</i>	<b>12 midnight Latin</b> Intentions of Father Reid's God children <i>by Father Reid</i> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Fr. Reid <i>by Marcy &amp; Jeff Rothe</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday 26th</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Father Christian Cook <i>by Marcy &amp; Jeff Rothe</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
<b>Wednesday 27th</b>	<i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i> <b>5:00 p.m. Holy Hour</b> <b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> For St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones	10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Fraternus (Gym)   Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2)
<b>Thursday 28th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Father Peter Ascik <i>by Marcy &amp; Jeff Rothe</i> <b>5:30 p.m. Confessions</b>	8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, and Ceramic room in use 6:00 p.m. Choir (Church)
<b>Friday 29th</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Sister Marie Jeannette <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i>	
<b>Saturday 30th</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> +Father James Billar <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	9:00 a.m. <i>No Confessions Today</i> Classrooms 1 & 2 in use
<b>Sunday 31st</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Daniel McClintock <i>by Ann McClintock</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Father John Putnam <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)



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





Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Birth of Christ here at St. Ann's, I want to thank each of you for the many ways you share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our parish family. Your participation in the many good works of our parish community demonstrates that the light and love of the Christ Child shines brightly here at St. Ann's! I am particularly grateful to our dedicated staff and all of our volunteers who give generously of their time and talent to make St. Ann's the beautiful and big-hearted parish that it is.

Recognizing that this is the season of gift-giving, I ask you to prayerfully consider putting our parish on your year-end Christmas giving list. As we strive to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parish family, we must also recognize the practical and financial needs of maintaining our parish on a day-to-day basis. While our weekly collections have been good, we are struggling to meet our assessments for the DSA and the Priests' Retirement Collection this year. As you know, any shortfall on these assessments must be taken out of our parish coffers, limiting our ability to meet other parish needs.

This past year we've been able to take care of several pressing maintenance needs in the church and the Allen Center, including extensive work on the southwest corner of the church to deal with water problems. But there is still much more to do! For example, you may have noticed that our lower stained glass windows are in desperate need of being replaced. Also, as I mentioned in my recent letter on the financial status of the parish, we are working on building a grotto dedicated to Our Lady. If you'd like to donate to this project, you can do so online at our parish website, or you can make a check to St. Ann with "grotto" in the memo line.

The good news is that we do hope to be debt free by this time next year! With your on-going commitment to fulfill pledges to the *Forward in Faith, Hope, and Love* campaign, we should be able to pay off our church mortgage in the next 12 months. If you'd like to help us offset any of our maintenance expenses, be sure to use the blue "Capital Needs and Ongoing Improvements" envelopes and contribute to the second collection that we take up every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

Lastly, please keep in mind that Catholics are obliged to attend two Masses this weekend: one for your obligation for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, and one to fulfill your obligation for Christmas. We will have Christmas Masses today (December 24) at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and on December 25 at Midnight (Latin) and 9 a.m. Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1) will be 9 a.m. (Latin) and 12 noon (English).

With gratitude for your generosity,

Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
*722 registered families*

December 3, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	17,410.22	16,538.46	373,079.64	380,384.58
<b>Other Revenue Streams:</b>			23,344.62	34,499.98
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			396,424.26	414,884.56
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>			(18,460.30)	

**DSA**

2017 Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	95,768.50
Received:	89,682.33
Assessment Balance:	7,454.67
Donors:	185

**Loan Balance:** 335,774.44

**Priest Retirement:**

Goal:	32,343.00
Received:	24,746.10
Balance:	7,596.90

**Marion Grotto:**

Goal:	125,000.00
Received:	72,775.00
Balance:	52,225.00

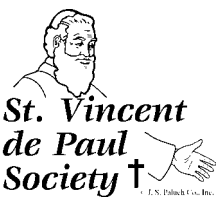
Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month: The next collection weekends are: **January 6th-7th, January 20th-21st, and February 3rd-4th.**

**Give Electronically at [www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org)**



*God gave us his only Son.  
 What gifts do you give back to  
 God for all he has given to  
 you?*

**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](http://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.



*Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. Bring light into the darkness for those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.*

**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](mailto:jmsmith@charlottediocese.org).



*Christ is born, the world rejoices, and the angels sing! Mark this joyous occasion in gratitude with a bequest gift to our parish. For more information visit our website at [www.charlottediocese.org/giving](http://www.charlottediocese.org/giving).*

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



Thanks to all for making the 2017 St Ann's Carnival a huge success! The carnival raised \$25k to be used for various charitable ministries that St Ann supports.

### Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Tuesday, January 2nd for Sunday, January 7, 2018  
 Tuesday, Jan. 9th for Sunday, January 14, 2018  
 Tuesday, Jan. 16th for Sunday, January 21, 2018  
 Tuesday, Jan. 23rd for Sunday, January 28, 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](mailto:stannprayers@comporium.net).

**Adorers Needed! 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](mailto:rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com).

### *Becoming Vessels of Hope.*

*"Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands."  
 (Isaiah 64:6-7)*

*Have you ever worked with clay? It takes a while for clay to become pliable in the hands of the potter. The longer the potter works with the clay, the more responsive the clay becomes to the potter's touch.*

*If we are to be clay in the hands of God who is the potter, we must allow ourselves to become pliable, responsive in the hands of the One who created us and fashions us in his image. We each have moments in which we are more like clay that has hardened, impervious to the potter's touch. We are sometimes stubborn, selfish, hard-hearted.*

*We fail to see the hands of God at work in our lives because we do not watch for him. We fail to act as we know we ought, and instead go our merry way, alone. The season of Advent is a perfect time to return to the firm, yet gentle guidance of the potter. When you feel you are being thrown about by the difficult and demanding moments of life, remember that clay is first thrown onto the potter's wheel before it is shaped. When you sense that you have become dry and brittle, immerse yourself in the certainty of Christ's love in prayer. Renew your baptismal commitment as you enter church and bless yourself at the font. Allow the water there to remind you to be soft in the potter's hands. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Watch for Christ in your interactions with others and in the quiet space of your heart. Know again, or more deeply than ever, the hope that is God's love for us in Christ Jesus. In the hands of the potter, clay becomes a beautiful vessel, able to function as the potter envisions.*

*In the hands of the potter, we become vessels of the hope of God in Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*What does God hope you will become? What does God envision you doing, as the vessel of the Holy Spirit, as one who is charged with carrying the hope of God's love in the course of your daily life?*

*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.

**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; invite them to attend, or call parish office for 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.

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

Come and teach your children how to adore Jesus! We have the 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, [mmlewis28@yahoo.com](mailto:mmlewis28@yahoo.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](mailto:rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.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](mailto:rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com).

**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 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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.

**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](mailto:holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mmlewis28@yahoo.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](mailto:katherinetlauer@gmail.com).

*Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor  
before the throne of God, pray for us.*

**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](mailto:newilliams12@gmail.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.**



**The Logic of Being Catholic: Dr. Ray Guarendi**

shares his story of how logic led him home to the Catholic Church. He found out that, contrary to his Protestant misunderstandings, the Church is coherent and never contradicts herself. Dr. Ray explains how the answers to his objections to Catholicism were both Biblical and believed by the earliest Christians. \$3.00 donation per CD. **Use code: 33769; go to: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub). Make checks payable: St. Ann Catholic Church.**

**LATIN MASS CORNER**

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of December 24th-December 31st**

December 24th	<b>Vigil of Christmas - 1st class</b>
December 25th	The Nativity of Our Lord - 1st class
December 26th	St. Stephen - 2nd class
December 27th	St. John the Evangelist - 2nd class
December 28th	Holy Innocents - 2nd class
December 29th	5th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
December 30th	6th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
December 31st	<b>Sunday in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class</b>

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](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org). For Latin Mass news, please visit [www.charlottelatinmass.org](http://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](mailto: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

### Upcoming Events:

**January 5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>: Vigil of the Twin Hearts at the Cathedral:** Offered by CPLAN, sign up for adoration at <http://www.prolifecharlotte.org/two-hearts/>

**January 12<sup>th</sup>: March for Life Charlotte NC**  
9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Mass, 11:45 a.m.  
Prayer before March – 1123 South Church St., 12 noon March begins. We will bring signs and march as a group at the March for Life downtown. Join us. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://ccdoc.org/nfp) or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or [bnadcock@charlottediocese.org](mailto:bnadcock@charlottediocese.org).

**Teams of Our Lady** ([www.teamsofourlady.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

A Lifeline for Marriage: **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. 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 confidential 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](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com), or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).



## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**Vigil of the Two Hearts: Next city-wide vigil honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary is January 5-6.** Join us on each First Friday through First Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Patrick (1621. E. Dilworth Road, Charlotte) in an overnight vigil to honor the Hearts of Jesus & Mary, to pray for our families, offer penance for our sins, and pray for our nation's conversion. Organized around 1st Friday & 1st Saturday Masses, with overnight Eucharistic Adoration in between, it allows all faithful to unite and honor Our Lady of Fatima's request for prayer and penance. **Devotion begins with 8:00 p.m. First Friday Mass, January 5th** (offered by Fr. Brian Becker) followed by nocturnal Adoration and concluding with 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass, January 6th. All families & parishes invited to participate! Learn more and sign up for Eucharistic Adoration times at: [ProLifeCharlotte.org/two-hearts](http://ProLifeCharlotte.org/two-hearts).

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 Voitus will speak at 10:30 a.m.** in the assembly room. Additional details and *to register*, go to our website: [www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org](http://www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org).

Looking For Adventure? Come join us for a presentation about **Camp Kahdalea for Girls/Camp Chosatonga for Boys**. "A great home for Catholic campers." You are invited to the home of Mary Paul and Paul Forsyth at 212 Woodwinds Drive Mount Holly, NC on **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** for pizza and refreshments. RSVP to Mary Paul at 704-236-4018. Questions? Call: 318-446-8277 (rep) or 828-884-6834 (camp). For more information visit: [www.twofuncamps.com/catholicpublications.html](http://www.twofuncamps.com/catholicpublications.html).

National Memorial For the Pre-born and their Mothers and Fathers. If you are going to the March Pro-Life in Washington, DC please take note of the 24th Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers at the historical DAR Constitution Hall on **Friday, January 19, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.** 1776 D. Street NW corner of 18th and D. Street. For information visit [www.nationalprayerservice.com](http://www.nationalprayerservice.com).

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](mailto:ajmorlando@charlottediocese.org).

**Respect Life Essay Contest Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte:** This year's essay prompt is taken from a quote from Pope Francis. It is as follows: "How in today's society are we best able to say 'Yes' to life and 'No' to death?" The essay cannot exceed 500 words. Each submission should include the student's name, grade, email, school and/or parish. Submission must be done through a Catholic high school or a parish. Each school and each parish may submit one essay to this contest. It is the responsibility of each parish and school to decide an internal deadline for submission. **Only one entry may be submitted to Catholic Charities from the parish or school. The firm deadline for essay submission to [jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org) is January 5, 2018.** The three finalists will receive prizes donated by St. Benedict Press/TAN Books. The winner will have his/her essay published in the Catholic News Herald and on the Catholic Charities website. Contact person: Jessica R. Grabowski, [jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org).

**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 Voitus, 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](http://www.marchforlifeforcharlotte.org).

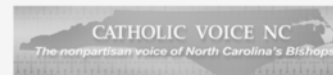


*The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic fraternity that focuses on charity and support for our nation, community, parish and priest. "We help lives and save lives!" Contact us when you are ready to be a part of something big. Join us! Our meetings are held*

**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 [rtn2108@aol.com](mailto:rtn2108@aol.com) or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at [sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com](mailto:sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com).

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## 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](http://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](http://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.