



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 10, 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

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Sunday 10th	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Marla Walsh <i>by Charles & Rose Kennedy & C.C. Hetzel</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Our parish family</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Cantate Domino Latin Choir <i>by Home School Graduate families</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Adults Faith Formation (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>9:10 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p>
Monday 11th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of John Grant <i>by the Grant family</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use </p> <p>7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)</p>
Tuesday 12th	<p>7:00 a.m. +Cathie Fox <i>by Margaret & Richard Kennedy & family</i></p> <p><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>7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Bible Study (Ceramic room)</p>
Wednesday 13th	<p><i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i></p> <p>5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Latin +Eric Theriot <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting (Conference room) Fraternus (Gym) Fidelis (Classrooms 1 & 2) Catholic Scripture Study (Library)</p>
Thursday 14th	<p>7:00 a.m. +John J. Condon <i>by Aaron & Mary Condon</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, and Ceramic room in use</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Scout room)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir (Church)</p>
Friday 15th	<p>7:00 a.m. Latin +Curt Rahilly <i>by Marcy & Jeff Rothe</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. +Mary Jo Calamai <i>by Suzanne & Mike Terry & family</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel)</p>
Saturday 16th	<p>6:30 a.m. Rorate Mass</p> <p>3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p> <p>4:30 p.m. Intentions of Fr. Christopher Bond <i>by Marcy & Jeff Rothe & family</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms in use</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Café in use</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Parking lot in use</p>
Sunday 17th	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Patricia Sanctis <i>by the Sanctis family</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Our parish family</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Barbara & Jack Reagan</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Adults Faith Formation (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (kitchen)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Café and Gym in use</p>



Dear Parishioners,

I am so very grateful to all of you who participated in the **Novena to Our Lady** in preparation for the consecration of our parish to her Immaculate Heart last Friday night. As Advent is a season of hope and expectation, let us indeed hope and expect that the Blessed Virgin Mary will always provide a special protection for our parish. Let us trust as well that Mary will always intercede with her Son to procure for us every grace we need to get to Heaven!

I'm also grateful to all of you who have been helping with the **Angel Tree**. We've had many requests for help this year, but I'm very confident in your generosity! Thanks to all of you who are helping the poor and needy through this stewardship project. Please remember that all unwrapped gifts should be brought (with the Angel Tree tag) to the parish as soon as you can so we can disseminate the gifts.

As I mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin, we are in the process of raising money for a **grotto** dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. The projected cost of the grotto will be right around \$100,000, of which we've already raised more than \$60,000. I'd love to be able to break ground on this project in the new year. If you'd like to donate, you can do so online or by check (made out to St. Ann with "grotto" in the memo line).

This coming Saturday, 16 December 2017, we will have our annual **Rorate Mass** at 6:30 a.m. This votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes its name from the first words of the Introit: "*Rorate coeli, desuper et nubes pluant justum,*" which is translated: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just." What is special about this Mass is that it is celebrated early in the morning using only candlelight, a reminder that the world was in darkness before the coming of the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ. As the Mass is offered, and the dawn begins to break, the Church – through the prayers of this Mass – expresses her deep longing for the coming of the Messiah in the darkness of our fallen world. It is thus a Mass that is so wonderfully suited to the Advent theme of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Christ Child.

I realize that 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday is a bit early, but I promise that this Mass will be worth getting up for! So please come and join us as we anticipate the dawning of the Son of God at Christmas.

In hopeful expectation of our Lord's coming,

Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R'.

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

November 19, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	14,404.52	16,538.46	341,516.69	347,307.66
Other Revenue Streams:			17,742.62	28,016.65
Total Revenue:			359,259.31	375,324.31
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			(16,065.00)	

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2017 Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	95,668.50
Received:	89,4457.33
Assessment Balance:	7,679.67
Donors:	184

Loan Balance:	349,997.58
Priest Retirement:	
Goal:	32,343.00
Received:	21,380.10
Balance:	10,962.90

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org

Help religious communities. “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. **Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.** It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!



Give of your time, talent and treasure until you feel good about your gift, and your heart knows that you have done something for God.

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.



The spirit of giving is strongest as Christmas approaches. You can make that wonderful spirit last by establishing an endowment for our parish.
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.

In today’s Gospel John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord”. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Please let the St Vincent de Paul Society know of anyone in need.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

My heart is deeply moved in gratitude for your tremendous and generous response to our need for financial assistance in paying off the convent mortgage. Words will not do justice in telling you how thankful the Sisters and I are for each and every one of you. Along with giving thanks for the gift of the second collection, we felt so blessed to spend time visiting with you all after the Masses. Please be assured of a place in our daily rosary. May Our Blessed Mother watch over St. Ann's and all its beautiful families and parishioners.

*In our Lady,
Sister Mary Raphael and the
Daughters of the Virgin Mother*

The next Baptismal Preparation class is today, 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 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. **Join us next for a Christmas Cocktail Party on December 16th at 6:00 p.m.** Contact Nicolette for further details.

 **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.

Once again **The Bethlehem Wood Carving** is coming to sell their products. **They will be here this weekend, December 9th and 10th.** All proceeds go to help the struggling Christians of that city.

ANGEL TREE: MiraVia are due now! If you forgot to bring them to Mass today, please return them to the parish office **no later than Monday, December 11th.** Gifts will be delivered to the moms and babies this week. Gifts for **Stanton Healthcare and Daughters of the Virgin Mother** must be returned by **Sunday, December 18th.** *Thank you for your generosity!*

New Dates for the Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Tuesday, Dec. 12th for Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017
Friday, Dec. 15th for Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017
Tuesday, Dec. 19th for Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017
Tuesday, January 2nd for Sunday, January 7, 2018

***Look for Christ where there is love.** In the care of family members for one another; among friends; when you are compelled to greet a stranger or care for someone in need; in word and sacrament in the Mass; in the healing of Reconciliation.*

***Look for Christ in quiet.** When your heart is filled with peace, especially when nothing can explain the calm you feel. When you find resolution in conflict; healing of body, mind, and spirit.*

***Look for Christ during difficulty.** When simple things are hard; when life seems insurmountable; when your heart aches.*

***Look for Christ in others.** Those who need care and those who give it. In the eyes of a friend who is in pain. In the lonely neighbor; the homeless person on the street; the sick and dying.*

***Look for Christ in unexpected places.** When you least expect to experience God, remember, God is there!*

***Impact this month:** As we prepare to mark the ending of the calendar year, 2017, we also begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. In this time of endings and beginnings, reflect back and look ahead. Talk to God about all that has taken place in the year that is now ending, and look forward to the new year with hope in God's loving presence. Place your life, mind, heart, and action in God's tender care. Be assured that God is with you, and will be with you, in every circumstance.*

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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.

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.

St. Gerard's Meals Ministry. Mission: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinetlauer@gmail.com.

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

Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Our Blessed Mother wants active and auxiliary members to join her Legion. Assist in waging war against the enemy by winning souls for the Crucified Christ! Join a nearly 100-year-old lay apostolate movement founded on a profound devotion to Our Lady. **Our Lady of Fatima praesidium meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center this week.** Contact Karen Rubbo at 704-847-8148 or rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com.



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.

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 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.

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.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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.

All are invited to a **Fidelis Advent Reflection** off site. Check your email and RSVP at dvmfidelis@gmail.com. **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.**



7 Secrets of Divine Mercy by Vinny Flynn: In this compelling and timely book, best-selling author Vinny Flynn draws from Scripture, the teachings of the Church, and the *Diary* of St. Faustina to reveal the heart of Divine Mercy. He offers an invitation and a road map so that Divine Mercy, the overflow of love from the Holy Trinity, can transform your life. \$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 10th-December 17th**

December 10th	2nd Sunday after Advent - 1st class
December 11th	St. Damasus I - 3rd class
December 12th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class (USA) Our Lady of Guadalupe - 3rd class
December 13th	St. Lucy - 3rd class
December 14th	Feria of Adevent - 3rd class
December 15th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
December 16th	St. Eusebius - 3rd class
December 17th	3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) - 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.

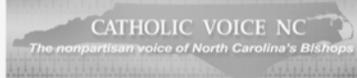
The men of the Latin Mass Community at St. Ann's organize a men's fellowship called *Liturgy & Fraternity* most 3rd Wednesdays.

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.**

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

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CatholicVoiceNC.org
No membership fees.



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

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.

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 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.

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.

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost their sense of closeness and are living more like roommates. **Retrouvaille** teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulty, disillusionment, or deep misery in their marriage. For information or to apply for the next program **February 2, 2018**, call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at atretrouvaille@msn.com, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

All Catholic women in the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection on tomorrow, December 11th** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass at 9:00 a.m. **Fr. Christopher Roux will speak at 10:30 a.m.** in the assembly room. Additional details and *to register*, go to our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

Seniors 55+ young are invited to join the **St. Vincent ACES Seniors Club for the 2017 Christmas Lunch on Thursday, December 14th at 12:00 noon**. Cedarwood Country Club. For reservations contact Sue Westphal, 704-542-0315. Cost of the Christmas lunch is \$25. Choice of beef, chicken or seafood entrée.

You are invited to **The Annual Cathedral Choir Concert at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Saturday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m.** It is titled, "An Afternoon of Sacred Music for Advent and Christmas." The choir is directed by Dr. Gianfranco DeLuca. You will listen to works from Antonio Vivaldi: Magnificat in G minor and additional works by Morales, Reger, and Grancini. For information, contact the Cathedral's Parish Office at 704-334-2283.

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 for information.

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.marchforlifefcharlotte.org.

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. **Registration and \$120 due by Monday, December 18th**. Register online at www.stpatricks.org. Limited Spaces available. If you are interested or have questions, email youngadult@stpatricks.org.

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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

Advent Penance Services

St. John Neumann: Thursday, December 14th, 7:00 p.m.
 St. Vincent de Paul: Tuesday, December 19th, 7:00 p.m.
 St. Gabriel: Wednesday, December 20th, 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for food, fun and merriment as **Atria MerryWood Presents: Festival of Trees on Thursday, December 14th from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Silent Auction**. There will be several beautifully decorated trees/items to be auctioned off, donated by other Senior Living communities and organizations! All proceeds donated to Ronald McDonald House. Call or email Karen Kurey at 704-523-4949 or 704-661-1268 (cell) or karen.kurey@atriaseniorliving.com.

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.



*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.*

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

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.