



January 21, 2018



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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 21st	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Joseph Matlak <i>by the Ma family</i> 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin +Neil Irving <i>by the Palanos family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen)
Monday 22nd	7:00 a.m. +Larry Heitkamp <i>by the Wilkens family</i>	9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church) 1:00 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 6:30 p.m. Fraternus (Gym) Fidelis (Café) 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 23rd	7:00 a.m. +Jack Thompson <i>by the Davey family</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i>	8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, and Ceramic room in use 1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) Bible Study (Ceramic room) 6:30 p.m. CCWG (Church) 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Bible Study (Ceramic room)
Wednesday 24th	<i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Maria Burnham-Ferguson <i>by Christine & Jack Burnham</i>	9:30 a.m. Church Closed 10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Catholic Scriptures Studies (Scout room) Latin Speaker-Ryan Grant (Café) Kitchen in use
Thursday 25th	7:00 a.m. +Larry Heitkamp <i>by the Wilkens family</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 26th	7:00 a.m. Latin +David Terry <i>by Fr. Reid</i> 8:30 a.m. +Domenico DiPietrantonio <i>by Linda Christine</i>	8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel) 9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)
Saturday 27th	9:00 a.m. Pro-Life 3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation (Church) Café & Kitchen in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Sunday 28th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Anya Grant <i>by the Grant family</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of David Denton <i>by the family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Katherine & Christopher Lauer's Anniversary	11:30 a.m. Respect Life (Conference room) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 1:00 p.m. Scouts (Classrooms 1 & 2) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)



Dear Parishioners,

This week our dear Sr. Judy is celebrating a milestone birthday. As she'll kill me if I tell you how she is, I'll leave it to you to guess her age. Amazingly, Sr. Judy has served at St. Ann's for almost 30 years! She arrived in our parish in September 1988, and she's been faithfully serving us ever since. While most of us know Sr. Judy for the great work she does with our Faith Formation program, Sister has also been very active working with the poor and needy in our area. She's also been a terrific counselor and mentor to many. Please to offer some prayers of thanksgiving for Sr. Judy, and be sure wish her well this week! Our parish has been so richly blessed by her presence, expertise, and generosity. If you'd like to send her a card, you may send them directly to our office, and we'll make sure she gets it.

Our next Gaudium Musicae concert will soon be upon us! On Sunday, 11 February 2018, we will be hosting Carolina Pro Musica for a 4 p.m. concert. Carolina Pro Musica is an "early music" ensemble we've hosted before, and we're very excited to have them back. Tickets are available on our website or at the door. As usual, we'll have a reception afterwards.

I will be leading another pilgrimage this year in October. This year's trip will begin in Munich, travel through Bavaria, and then on to Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, finishing up in Budapest, Hungary, after a brief stop in Bratislava, Slovakia. Highlights of the trip will include Bavaria's famous Neuschwanstein Castle (Cinderella Castle), the Shrine of Our Lady of Altotting, Melk Abbey, and all the great sites of Vienna and Budapest! I've also tried to build a good bit of free time so that pilgrims will have time to explore on their own. The cost of the trip is \$3976/person. There are brochures on the table by the baptismal font and on our parish website. I hope you can join us!

This coming weekend we will have 41 children making their first confession in preparation for first Holy Communion this May! Please pray for our children as they make this next important step in the formation of their Catholic faith.

In the love of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Reid" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

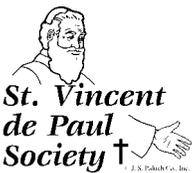
	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
December 31, 2017				
Weekly Collection	22,881.57	16,538.46	456,101.08	446,538.42
Other Revenue Streams:			72,146.62	60,599.98
Total Revenue:			528,247.70	507,138.40
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			21,109.30	
DSA				
2017 Goal:	97,137.00		Loan Balance:	335,774.44
Pledged:	99,508.50			
Received:	94,363.50		Priest Retirement:	
Assessment Balance:	2,773.50		Goal:	32,343.00
Donors:	186		Received:	38,308.10
			Balance:	5,965.10
Marion Grotto:				
Goal:	125,000.00		Home Mission:	3,171.00
Received:	99,420.00			
Balance:	25,580.00		Solemnity:	1,979.00

The second collection this weekend combines five (5) appeals into one. The Combined Mission Collection contributes toward the Collection for the church in Latin America, the Church is Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Africa, Catholic Home missions, and the United States Mission Collection. *Please be generous to these programs.*

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org



Stewardship involves the conscientious, firm decision, carried out constantly in action, to conduct one's self as a follower of Jesus, regardless of the cost.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living Gospel values. Consider serving the poor by joining the St Vincent de Paul Society.

For those of you who would like to learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith, we've 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.

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.

Programs for outreach are important at our parish. Please, ensure that these will be establishing an endowment during your lifetime, or a bequest in your will. Gifts are never too large or too small to make a difference for the Church through the parish. Please visit: www.charlottediocese.org/giving



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Shaking Hands At Mass During the Cold and Flue Season. Concerned about the spread of colds and viruses during the winter months? If you prefer not to shake hands during the Sign of Peace, simply clasp your hands together and acknowledge those around you with a gentle bow and "peace be with you".

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 20th-21st, February 3rd-4th, and February 17th-18th.**

Watch for details about the Men's Club Wings & Ribs Sale for February 3rd & 4th.
Don't want to miss this event!

The next **Baptismal Preparation Class** will be **Sunday, February 11th at 9:10 a.m. in the Scout room.** Please call the parish office to sign up for this class.

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.

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:
Tuesday, Jan. 23rd for Sunday, January 28, 2018
Tuesday, Jan. 30th for Sunday, February 4, 2018
Tuesday, Feb. 6th for Sunday, February 11, 2018
Tuesday, Feb. 13th for Sunday, February 18, 2018

The **Charlotte Latin Mass Community** is hosting a lecture by **Mr. Ryan Grant on Wednesday January 24th at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Ann's Allen Center Cafe. Mr. Grant is the founder of Mediatrix Press and is a distinguished scholar on St. Robert Bellarmine, St. John Fisher, and the English Reformation and will speak on **King Henry VIII & the English Reformation.** This event will occur following the 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening Latin Mass. There will be a pizza dinner provided. While not required, an RSVP is appreciated for headcount purposes. To RSVP visit: www.charlottelatinmass.org or email info@charlottelatinmass.org.

HOLD THE DATE!

A pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Hanceville, Alabama for Sister Mary Gabriella's Profession of her Vows. Come, join us **Sunday, March 18th** as we leave after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (9:00 a.m.) by Academy, Charlotte Davison Charter Bus and we travel where Mother Angelica was called to her mission. Opportunities for Mass, confessions, adoration, prayer, growth, sharing meals in a beautiful inspiring setting near the monastery, Home of our Poor Clares'. The Profession of Vows will take place on Monday, March 19th St. Joseph's Feast Day. Take time to get away for a while to be with the One who loves us. Please check your calendars and watch for more information as we make plans to celebrate Sister Mary Gabriella Profession of Vows. We will return home **Tuesday, March 20th** leaving AL at 9:00 a.m. Mark your calendars now space will be limited. Watch for more details to follow.

WEDDING BANNERS
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*I: Rachel Fruit-Chase Cloutier
10 February 2018 1:30 p.m.*

BAPTISMS
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*Welcome into our parish family
Henry Alexander Capps*

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 newwilliams12@gmail.com.

Do You Like To Pray? Or, are you in need of prayer? Receive the comfort of others praying for and with you by joining the **St. Ann Prayer Group**. This group consists of volunteers filled with the love of God and the love of prayer. In Jesus name they pray for healings, conversions, whatever the need. Pray in your home, at Mass, at Adoration, or any place you are at peace. For more information or if you would like to join, call Nancy Picciola at 803-389-5530 or email stannprayers@comporium.net.

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

Fraternus meet Mondays 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.

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@yahoo.com.

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.

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.



Our parishioners: 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, 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.

The repose of the soul of Ann Hoover who died January 10, 2018.

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.



Vatican II, Mercy, and You by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. In this illuminating talk, Fr.

Michael Gaitley shows how Vatican II provides a map to help us enrich our lives through faith and effectively experience the good news of God's divine mercy. **Go to: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub; Use code: 33769.** \$3.00 donation per CD. **Make checks payable: St. Ann Catholic Church.**

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

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.

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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 Lady of Fatima had made the request for the observance of the First Five Saturdays Devotion to the three shepherd children, which remains sadly neglected by her Son's Church. Masses celebrated on the first Saturday of each month offered in reparation for the sins committed against our Blessed Mother's Immaculate Heart, going to confession, recitation of the Rosary, and spending 15 minutes with her in meditation on a mystery of the Rosary brings great comfort to her and reaps blessings for those who honor her in this way. **Won't you join the Legion of Mary as we provide recitation of the Rosary every first Saturday at 3:55 in the Chapel? Further information can be found each month at our information table.**

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.

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.**

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of January 21st-January 28th**

January 21st	3rd Sunday after Epiphany - 2nd class
January 22nd	Sts. Vincent & Anastasius - 3rd class or (USA) Votive Mass for Peace - 2nd class
January 23rd	St. Raymond of Peñafort
January 24th	St. Timothy - 3rd class
January 25th	Conversion of St. Paul - 3rd class
January 26th	St. Polycarp - 3rd class
January 27th	St. John Chrysostom - 3rd class
January 28th	Septuagesima Sunday - 2nd class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Fridays 7:00 a.m., and on select feast days. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

Latin Mass Q&A: What do the Classes in the above calendar mean? The Class is the level of importance or solemnity (1st-4th) associated with that day's Saint or commemoration. A 1st Class Feast Day are all Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas, or the Immaculate Conception, etc. Questions? Email info@charlottelatinmass.org. For Latin Mass news, please visit www.charlottelatinmass.org.

Latin Mass Email List: The Latin Mass Community shares updates on future Latin Masses around Charlotte, and last minute schedule changes. To sign up, email Chris Lauer at info@charlottelatinmass.org.

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

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

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.

Pray Every Day. Tell God what is in your heart and on your mind, and allow God's love to touch you.

Truly Participate in the Mass, and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Open your heart and mind to the Lord.

Read the Bible. Find words of encouragement, consolation, and challenge in Sacred Scripture.

Talk with Others about Faith. You are likely to be inspired by their sharing, and they from yours.

Learn more about our Catholic faith, through study, small faith sharing, and adult faith formation.

Read the Lives of the Saints. They show us that God speaks to each of us as ordinary people with the ups and downs of daily life.

Pay Attention to those who are poor, lonely, ill, or in prison. Not only do they need our care, they also witness to God's compassion for the weak and broken.

Serve with a Glad and Generous Heart. You will see God's love in action.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. And the patron saint of Human Trafficking is St. Bakita, whose feast day is February 8th. Human Trafficking is both sex trafficking and forced labor. It is a modern form of slavery. There is much all of us can do to relieve the suffering of others. Here is a simple easy list of 15 ways you can help fight Human Trafficking, <https://www.state.gov/j/tip/id/help/index.htm>.

Upcoming events:

January 28th at 11:30 a.m. - Respect Life Meeting upstairs conference room in the Allen Center. All are welcome.

February 2nd and 3rd - Vigil of the Twin Hearts, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Mass at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, followed with all night adoration until Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

February 24th - 9:00 a.m. Respect Life Mass.

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 1cookie.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.

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.

Couple to Couple League: Sympto-Thermal Method. NFP three class series Winter 2018. All classes Saturday afternoons from 1:00 -4:00 p.m. February 24th, and March 17th. **All classes are necessary to complete the series.** 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. Scholarships are available. Postpartum and Pre-menopause transition classes are also available upon request. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704-548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

Free Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course February 3rd in Charlotte at St. Matthew Catholic Church, from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Topics to be covered include: Effectiveness of modern NFP methods, Health risks of popular contraceptives, Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual, Church teaching on responsible parenting, and...how to use NFP. For information, go to ccdoc.org/nfp or to RSVP, contact Catholic Charities' Batrice Adcock, MSN, at 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 tmthis3@me.com for information.

Help us to support the Bishops' Initiative on marriage! Couples who attend **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier. "Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Let us practice listening better to God and our spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. **The next weekends are: February 2nd-4th, in Clemmons, NC and August 3rd-5th, in Chapel Hill, NC.** For information go to: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us: applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Struggling to stay in your marriage? Hurt? Angry? **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that want the hurt and anger to stop. Your privacy is respected as the presenting team tells you their own journeys from misery to healing. For confidential information or to apply for the next program beginning with a **weekend February 2nd** call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, email us at atretrouvaille@msn.com, or visit 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) Evening Reflection on Tuesday, January 23rd** at St. Ann Church. Registration and rosary begin at 6:30 p.m. **Fr. Joseph Matlak will speak at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Additional details and *to register*, go to our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church with Alice Camille and Paul Boudreau, authors of *Fearless: Stories of the American Saints*. With stunning graphics, they will explore the lives of a dozen brave men and women who lived heroically in circumstances much like ours. Their stories will help us consider what it means to be a Catholic American and an American Catholic. No RSVP needed. **Program will be offered in the Ministry Center on Wednesday, February 7th, at 6:30 p.m. and again on Thursday, February 8th, at 9:30 a.m.**

Arthritis Services is hosting a New Chronic Pain Support Group in conjunction with Catholic Charities, Diocese of Charlotte at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Parish Center on Wednesday, February 21st 1:30-2:30 p.m. Contact: Jennifer Watson, M.P.T. Arthritis Services at 704-348-2723 or Sandra Breakfield, CCDOC Elder Ministry Director at 704-370-3220. **Come learn comprehensive pain self-management techniques, a new topic every month!** Topics will include communication skills with family and healthcare team, appropriate exercise, using your mind, relaxation techniques, pacing, healthy eating, medication, use of heat and cold, pain relieving creams, T.E.N.S., dry needling, making treatment decisions, and more.

This month, we hear the stories of ones who heard, listened, and responded to God's love. Samuel heard the voice of God before he was fully prepared to understand.

Once aware that God was speaking to him, he earnestly responded, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sam 3:10) The first disciples heard the voice of the Lord and they immediately followed him.

Do we see, listen, and respond to God's love? Notice that once the magi and shepherds saw the light of God's love, once Samuel and the disciples heard the Lord's voice, they were open and ready to respond. They brought their gifts, their very selves, to the Lord, allowed the light of God's love to change them, and became vessels of that love for others.

In this new year, be like the magi and the shepherds, ready to see the Lord in your midst, in the eyes of a loved one, the presence of Christ at Mass, an unexpected moment of tenderness. When you see God's love, be ready to offer him homage, and grow in love and grace.

Be like Samuel, Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Hear the voice of the Lord and respond. Bring your gifts, your very selves, to the Lord, saying, "Here I am, send me."

Fundraiser: Pasta for a Purpose Ceili for a Cause. Come help us support Ethan Scott in his fight with cancer. **Saturday, January 27th from 6:00-9:00 p.m.** at St. Michael Parish Center, Gastonia. Dinner and Ceili Dancing. Adult \$10, Kids 10 and under \$7, Families (4 or more) \$40. The Ceili Dancing is for all ages, with simple dance patterns everyone can follow. Caller is Meg Barrett from St. Aloysius. Bake Sale provided by Little Flowers Girls Club. \$1- Cake Walk for a chance to win additional sweets! Call Anne Spalding, 443-871-0357, for more information.

Italy in the Footsteps of St. Benedict a Pilgrimage & Spiritual Retreat with Fr. Cassian Folsom & the Monks of Norcia on September 18th-28th. Immerse yourself in the spirituality of St. Benedict by participating in a spiritual retreat and pilgrimage led by Fr. Cassian, including Divine Office and Holy Mass with the Monks of Norcia. Pilgrimage highlights include: Monasteries of Subiaco & Monte Cassino; Assisi, birthplace of SS. Francis & Clare; Cascia, the home of St. Rita; Rome & Vatican with a Papal audience. \$3989 with air from New York. A portion of the profits of this pilgrimage will be donated to the Monks of Norcia. For more info visit CatholicFaithJourneys.com/tours or contact Maggie at 419-290-8782 or maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com



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.