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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 7th	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Righetti family <i>by the Palanos family</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist <i>by The Craig Lewis family</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin +Scott Frisk <i>by Donna & Steve Ellington</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Men's Club Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting (Café & Kitchen)</p>
Monday 8th	<p>7:00 a.m. +Sun-Hee Lee <i>by Teddy Schickel</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Gym in use</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room) Fraternus (Gym) Fidelis (Café)</p>
Tuesday 9th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Betty Cochrane <i>by the Grant family</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, and Ceramic room in use</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Scout in use Bible Study (Ceramic room)</p>
Wednesday 10th	<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 Intentions of Melissa & Russell Lewis & family <i>by the Spain family</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Church closed</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Café) St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (Conference room)</p>
Thursday 11th	<p>7:00 a.m. +Neil H. Irving <i>by Loretta & Scott Carter</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>9:30 a.m. Conference room in use</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir (Church)</p>
Friday 12th	<p>7:00 a.m. Latin +Jack Thompson <i>by the Davey family</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Intentions of William Grant <i>by the Grant family</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p>
Saturday 13th	<p>3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p> <p>4:30 p.m. Intentions of Zachary Perkins <i>by Mary Ann Wolff</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use</p>
Sunday 14th	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Maureen & Mike Rayano <i>by Sallie & Kim Catalano</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Our parish family</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Phillip Burnham <i>by Christine & Jack Burnham</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p>



Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you for welcoming **Food for the Poor** to our parish last weekend for their annual appeal. Food for the Poor is one of the largest hunger relief organizations in our country, and they do great outreach in the developing world. As it is part of our duty as Catholics to care for the poor, I'm always glad to welcome this organization into our parish. I'm just sorry Father preached so long! Thank you for being so patient!

Normally we're planning our annual mission trip this time of the year. However, this year I've decided to forego the mission trip to Warangal, India, because of other duties requiring my time and energy. Nevertheless, our parish will continue to support the Missionaries of the Poor in their mission of working with folks suffering with leprosy and AIDS, including the boys at the Divine Mercy orphanage whose educational expenses we will continue to sponsor. We also hope to help the brothers build more housing for the poor on the outskirts of the city, as well as continue helping to fund the ongoing improvements to their monastery. Occasionally, we wire money to the brothers in India, and if you'd like to make a donation to the MOP to help with any of their projects, you can make out a check to St. Ann with "MOP" in the memo line. You can also donate on-line. I'm so grateful for your generosity to the poor!

As we celebrate Epiphany this weekend and recall the gifts given to the Christ Child by the Magi, I am also very grateful to all of you who helped purchase Christmas gifts through our angel tree this year. We partnered with several organizations to provide much needed supplies and gifts to people here in Charlotte and in India. Thank you!

And once again, I must thank you for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts I've received this year. You are always so generous to me, and I'm so grateful for your love and affection. I've tried to write thank you notes to everyone, but occasionally I receive a gift without a card indicating whom it's from. So if I have neglected to write a proper thank you card for a gift, I apologize and ask for your understanding!

With prayers for happy 2018,

Fr. Reid

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

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
December 17, 2017				
Weekly Collection	15,740.35	16,538.46	412,267.01	413,461.50
Other Revenue Streams:			26,383.62	52,324.90
Total Revenue:			438,650.63	465,786.40
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			(27,135.77)	

DSA

2017 Goal:	97,137.00
Pledged:	99,508.50
Received:	94,363.50
Assessment Balance:	2,773.50
Donors:	186

Loan Balance: 335,774.44

Priest Retirement:

Goal:	32,343.00
Received:	25,363.10
Balance:	6,979.90

Marion Grotto:

Goal:	125,000.00
Received:	72,995.00
Balance:	52,005.00

Religious Retirement: 7,152.00

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

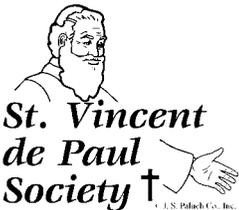
- Tuesday, Jan. 9th for Sunday, January 14, 2018
- Tuesday, Jan. 16th for Sunday, January 21, 2018
- Tuesday, Jan. 23rd for Sunday, January 28, 2018
- Tuesday, Jan. 30th for Sunday, February 4, 2018

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.**



The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time? My talent? My treasure?

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.



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Put your gift in the poor box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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.



Your generosity through a planned gift to our parish, regardless of amount, makes you an eternal steward of our Church. Please visit: www.charlottediocese.org/giving and follow the link to planned giving.

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

The Men's Club will be meeting TONIGHT, January 7th. All men of the parish are welcome to join us. We will be reviewing the Tree Sales and planning for Super Bowl Ribs and Wings. We will begin with a Rosary in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Steven Bremer, steven.bremer@me.com, if there are any questions.

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.

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.



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Welcome into our parish family
Elodie Marie Sample

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.

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".

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.

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.

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.

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.

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."

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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.

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

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.

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.*

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.**

Look Listen and Respond. "We have seen his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (MT 2:2) The magi were looking. It was not an accident that they journeyed to Bethlehem, having seen the star at its rising. They were attentive, searching, and ready to go when the time was right. Others saw too. The shepherds were on the night watch. They were on the lookout for predators and thieves. They were stunned to see instead the glory of the Lord around them. At the angels' announcement, they also journeyed to Bethlehem, eager to see for themselves the miracle of the newborn in the most unexpected of places, the manger. Have you seen his star? Not a physical star, but the light of God's love. Light pierces darkness, illumines shadows, and diminishes the fear of night. Do you see the glory of the Lord around you? If there is one thing that we should carry with us through the Christmas season and beyond, it is this: God is with us in all of our searching, hoping, and longing. God is here, in the midst of our everyday lives. The light of God's love shines brightly, through all of the darkness, fear, frustration, and anxiety we may experience in life. God wants to break through and to bring us peace.


Pray for ...

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), 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.

So Help Me God by Dr. Scott Hahn: In this dynamic talk, Dr. Scott Hahn explains the importance of oaths, which invoke God's name and implore His assistance. He shows that oaths are also the means of transforming our personal relationship with Christ into a covenant relationship. **Go to: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub; Use code: 33769.** \$3.00 donation per CD. **Make checks payable: St. Ann Catholic Church.**



It is a time for reprioritizing and trying again. It is a time for surrender. Wait, what???

You read correctly, it is a time for surrender. God is constantly calling us back. God wants to be with us. He desires us, our whole selves. The question we must ask is: are we comfortable surrendering to God's desire to draw close? Surrender is a word that for many of us brings up images of depleted resources and white flags. Surrender is a bad thing that only happens to those who lose an effort. It is something that is forced by a conquering body or a circumstance. It is certainly not something that any sane person would choose to do. Or is it?

Let's back up for a moment. At Christmas, we celebrate just how much God loves us and wants to be with us. Jesus was sent to be 100% human and share in all of our joys, trials, temptations and successes. Yes, Jesus was divine too. This is one of the great mysteries of our faith, and something that makes all the difference if we can really take it to heart. If God loves us so much that He sends us His son to be with us and guide us in this human life, why wouldn't we want to surrender to that kind of perfect love? It is hard for us to understand perfect love because human love is imperfect. However, God is perfect. God is not a conqueror. Yet God does invite us to surrender.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

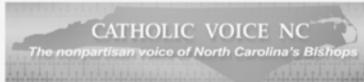
Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Our Blessed Mother wants active and auxiliary members to join her Legion. Assist in waging war against the enemy by winning souls for the Crucified Christ! Join a nearly 100-year-old lay apostolate movement founded on a profound devotion to Our Lady. **Our Lady 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.

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LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the Week of January 7th-January 14th

January 7th	The Holy Family - 2nd class
January 8th	Feria after the Epiphany - 4th class
January 9th	Feria after the Epiphany - 4th class
January 10th	Feria after the Epiphany - 4th class
January 11th	Feria after the Epiphany - 4th class or St. Hyginus - 4th class
January 12th	Feria after the Epiphany - 4th class
January 13th	Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord - 2nd class
January 14th	2nd Sunday after Epiphany - 2nd class

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

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

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

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

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

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Upcoming Events:

Pro-Life Rosary in the chapel every Sunday at 12 noon.

January 12th: 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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS)
welcomes interested parents and students to apply
for all grades during early admissions: PK-8th: *now*–
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
information and/or the 2018-2019 Applications are
available now at www.discovermacs.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Forgiveness and Healing Following Abortion: Catholic
Charities can help men and women who have experienced
abortion begin their healing journey. **Rachel's Vineyard
Weekend Retreat** creates a healing environment of prayer
and forgiveness. The retreat works to reconnect individuals
to themselves, their friends, and family and to realize God's
ever present love. Contact: Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251/
jackie.childers1@gmail.com.

Couple to Couple League: Sympto-Thermal Method. NFP three
class series Winter 2018. All classes Saturday afternoons from 1:00
-4:00 p.m. January 20th, 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.

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.

Do you feel hopeless when you think about your
marriage? Do arguments and anger consume your
relationship? Is there addiction? Cold silence? Loss of trust
or commitment? You will hear from couples that have been
through the program themselves. For information or to apply
for the next program, February 2, 2018, call 800-470-2230 or
434-793-0242, e-mail us at retrouvaille@msn.com, or visit
the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

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

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 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.

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.marchforlifeforlifecharlotte.org.

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 19th at 8:30 a.m.** 1776 D. Street NW corner of 18th and D. Street. For information visit www.nationalprayerservice.com.

The Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Charlotte, NC, is seeking a part time Parish Communications Coordinator.

This position reports to the pastor. The Parish Communications Coordinator is responsible for managing all communication and public relations efforts. The position requires an organized and creative self-starter with excellent communication and visual skills for print, video and electronic communications. This position may include evening hours, Sundays and some weekends. **Duties and Responsibilities:** Prepare and publish the weekly parish bulletin; Develop and publish a quarterly parish newsletter; Strategize weekly social media content and distribution and on fundraising campaigns using digital and print media; Develop and manage website content and imagery; Create marketing materials for campaigns, appeals, newsletters and events; Creation of videos and podcasts; Additional communications and media tasks as required by the Pastor.

You must have: A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience; Knowledge of Catholic teaching and the Catholic Faith; Effective written, listening and oral communication skills; Strong knowledge of communications strategy and social media with the ability to deliver material in timely manner; Excellent problem solving and analytical skills. Computer proficiency with software, Microsoft Office products and social media. Skills in photography, videography, and website management.

Professional Experience: 2-3 years communications, public relations, or marketing experience. Qualified candidates may submit their resume and cover letter including salary requirements to Jim Bowling at JBowling@stpatricks.org.

St. Ann Seniors 55+ young are invited to join the **St. Vincent ACES Seniors Club on Thursday, January 11th at 11:00 a.m.** in the Activity Center as a member of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department teaches us how to stay safe during very unsettling times. Cost of a buffet lunch is only \$8.00/members and \$10.00/guests. *Make reservation by Sunday, January 7th* with Sue Westphal at 704-542-0315. For information contact Peggy Gibbons at 704-588-5870 or pgibbons1@att.com.

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 16th 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.

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.



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 rjm2108@aol.com. or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com.

Impact this year

Use these ideas to bring faith to your daily life and find life in faith in the coming year: 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.

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.