



January 28, 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

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
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)
Monday 29th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Felicity & Dorothy <i>by Jeff & Marcy Rothe</i>	9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church) 10:45 a.m. Conference room in use 1:00 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 3:30 p.m. Choir loft in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 6:30 p.m. Fraternus (Gym) Fidelis (Café) 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 30th	7:00 a.m. +Jan Frericks <i>by Lana & Nick Wilkens</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 9:30 a.m. Church Closed 1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) Bible Study (Ceramic room) 6:30 p.m. Conference room in use 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Bible Study (Ceramic room)
Wednesday 31st	<i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin For St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones	10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Catholic Scriptures Studies (Scout room)
Thursday 1st	7:00 a.m. +Jan Frericks <i>by Lana & Nick Wilkens</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i>	8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, and Ceramic room in use 9:00 a.m. Conference room in use 6:00 p.m. Choir (Church) 7:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use
Friday 2nd	7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of Katherine Lauer <i>by the family</i> 8:30 a.m. +Jack Thompson <i>by the Davey family</i>	8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel) 9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) Conference room in use 2:00 p.m. Gym and Café in use
Saturday 3rd	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use Wings & Ribs
Sunday 4th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of G. Ryan Spain <i>by the Spain family</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Jack Denton <i>by the family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Maria Burnham Ferguson <i>by Christine & Jack Burnham</i>	Wings & Ribs 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)



Dear Parishioners,

Many of you remember with great fondness our Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, who lived in what is now St. Joseph's Seminary until they were asked to merge with the Monastery of Our Lady of the Angels in Hanceville, AL, in November 2015. I know many of you miss them as I do. If you'd like to go visit them in Alabama, we are taking a quick trip over there in March to celebrate the Final Vows of Sr. Mary Gabriella. Sister will be making her final profession on 19 March: the Solemnity of St. Joseph! Our bus will leave the parish after the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 18 March 2018, and we will return late afternoon on Tuesday, 20 March. The cost will be somewhere around \$250-\$300. Please call the office for more details.

Angelo's wings and St. Ann's baby back ribs are also on sale for Super Bowl Weekend. Representatives from the Men's Club will be available after Mass to take your order. Ribs and wings will be available for pickup next weekend.

Lastly, don't forget that our next Gaudium Musicae concert is right around the corner! 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. Come join us!

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

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

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

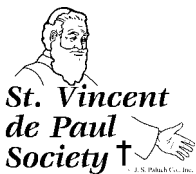
January 7, 2018	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	24,674.19	16,538.46	477,850.27	463,076.88
Other Revenue Streams:			74,972.62	62,995.82
Total Revenue:			552,822.89	526,072.70
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			26,750.19	
DSA: Final				
2017 Goal:	97,137.00		Loan Balance:	305,578.73
Pledged:	101,746.50			
Received:	97,011.50		Priest Retirement:	
Assessment Balance:	125.50		Goal:	32,343.00
Donors:	192		Received:	38,646.00
			Balance:	6,303.00
Marion Grotto:				
Goal:	125,000.00			
Received:	105,570.00			
Balance:	19,430.00			

Father Ron Mrozinski will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia Central and South America.

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org



The Blessed Virgin Mary was the model steward with her unqualified, "yes" and complete trust in God's will. When I put God first in my life, everything else falls into place.



In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. Put your faith into action by helping the poor and needy.

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.

As Christian stewards, we share responsibility for making our Church a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. This includes providing financial support for current needs, and building toward a solid foundation well into the future. Please visit: www.charlottediocese.org/giving



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Men's Club Super Bowl Babyback Ribs, Angelos's Wings, and Complete Dinners will be available next weekend. Discounted pre-paid orders are *on sale today after Mass*.


All earnings support charities within our parish and local community.

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: **February 3rd-4th, February 17th-18th, and March 3rd-4th.**

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.



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*I: Natasha Grant-Colin Shanahan
17 February 2018 11:00 a.m.*

*II: Rachel Fruit-Chase Cloutier
10 February 2018 1:30 p.m.*

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:
 Tuesday, Jan. 30th for Sunday, February 4, 2018
 Tuesday, Feb. 6th for Sunday, February 11, 2018
 Tuesday, Feb. 13th for Sunday, February 18, 2018
 Tuesday, Feb. 20th for Sunday, February 25, 2018

Graces at Lourdes: A Story of Healing. Please join Mrs. Megan Bean, mother of Fr. Matthew Bean, Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, as she discusses her miraculous healing at Lourdes. After a misdiagnosis which led to complete debilitation, and, per her doctors, having no hope of recovery, she took a pilgrimage to Lourdes. There, in the baths of Lourdes, she received complete restoration of her health. **She will speak in the Allen Center café on Wednesday, February 7th, following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. A reception will be held prior to her talk. Join us!**

Join St. Ann Parishioners on a Pilgrimage to the Shire of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL for Sister Mary Gabrielle's Profession of her Vows.

Join us by Academy, Charlotte Davison Charter Bus, as 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'. **Departure** Sunday, March 18th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (9:00 a.m.). **Returning** Tuesday, March 20th after the Morning Mass in Hanceville at 9:00 a.m. **Cost:** \$240/ per person for the two nights with meals during our stay. (\$300 for private room). Each person to cover their own breakfast and lunch on travel days. (Bring a bag lunch or buy something when we stop.) **Space will be limited**, and we will open it up to the diocese on Sunday, February 11th. To Register, complete this form and return to the parish office with a check for \$240 (or \$300) made payable to St. Ann Catholic Church with "Pilgrimage" in the memo line. For more information contact Lucie Tonon at lucietonon123@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!
St. Ann Summer Catechesis will be June 18th-22nd. Our theme this year is *All About Mary*. Please contact Trista Bremer if you are interested in volunteering. trista.bremer@gmail.com.

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@yahoogroups.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.

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.*



Share God's Merciful Love a 5-CD Bundle. Just \$11 per bundle when you buy at least 5 bundles. That's **only \$2.20 a CD—a 50% discount off the retail price!** Offer expires August 1 or while supplies last. Featuring Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Tim Gray, Fr. Chris Alar, Vinny Flynn, and Fr. Michael Gaitley. \$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.

Please note: If there is inclement weather in our area we will follow the Mecklenburg Area Catholic School process. If the MACS schools are closed the Church Office will be closed due to the inclement weather.

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 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. 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.**

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.**

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of January 28th-February 4th**

January 28th	Septuagesima Sunday - 2nd class
January 29th	St. Francis de Sales - 3rd class
January 30th	St. Martina - 3rd class
January 31st	St. John Bosco - 3rd class
February 1st	St. Ignatius of Antioch - 3rd class or Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3rd class
February 2nd	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2nd class
February 3rd	Our Lady on Saturday - 4th class or St. Blaise - 4th class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
February 4th	Sexagesima 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.

Special Lenten Sunday 9:00 a.m. Latin Mass offered at Charlotte Catholic High School. Beginning Sunday January 28 and continuing each Sunday through March 25th (Palm Sunday), Fr. Barone will offer a Low Mass (Latin) at Charlotte Catholic High School. All are invited to attend. St. Ann will continue to offer a 12:30 p.m. Sunday High Mass. Charlotte Catholic High School chapel is located at 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, 28226. For questions, contact Chris Lauer, Charlotte Latin Mass Community at info@charlottelatinmass.org or visit www.charlottelatinmass.org.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018

"We are Called," is the theme of the 2018 Diocesan Support Appeal. This week, you should receive a letter or postcard from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support of the DSA; and next weekend we will view the DSA video, so we can all have an understanding of how the funds given to the DSA impact our diocese. Bishop Jugis asks each of us to prayerfully consider a gift to the DSA as a way of serving Christ through service to thousands of Catholics in western North Carolina.

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".

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

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:

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 lcookie.momster@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Ann Home School Group liaison is Kathleen Lewis. To contact Kathleen for information on Home School, email 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.

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 tmathis3@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.

The **Retrouvaille** Program begins next weekend and is open to all couples struggling in their marriage. It is a not spiritual retreat, sensitivity group, seminar or social gathering. Instead you will hear the presenting team tell you their personal journey from misery to reconciliation. It is a program where couples learn to talk to each other again. For information or to apply for the next program beginning **February 2nd** call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, email us at retrouvaille@msn.com, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Seniors 55+ young are invited to join the **St. Vincent Seniors Club on Thursday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Activity Center for our Valentine's Lunch** when Queen City Ballroom dancers will take us back to days of Fred and Ginger on the dance floor. You do not have to be a member to attend. Cost of lunch is \$8.00/members and \$10.00/guests. Please make a reservation by Sunday, February 4 with Sue Westphal at 704-542-0315. For information contact Peggy Gibbons at 704-588-5870 or pgibbons1@att.com.

Join us for St. John Neumann's Annual Valentine's Dinner/Dance ("Mardi Gras" style) on February 10th. Enjoy a catered sit-down dinner with photo opportunities and a DJ, so bring your dancing shoes!). Tickets are limited. Individual seating will be on a first come first served basis so consider getting together with friends to reserve a table for 4 or 8. Special thanks to the SJN Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this event. *Tickets are \$60 per couple and should be purchased by February 5th by contacting us at yadams4@aol.com.*

All Catholic women in the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection on Monday, February 12th** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. **Fr. Richard Sutter will speak at 10:30 a.m.** in the assembly room. Additional details and *to register*, go to our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

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.



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.

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.**

The E.P.I.C. youth Pro-Life group welcomes you to a fundraiser dance to support its annual conference. This **Mardi Gras** family ceili dance will take place on **February 11th at St. Ann's Catholic Church (Charlotte)** in the gym, from **4:00-7:00 p.m.** Meg Barrett will lead/call the dance! Come in festive Mardi Gras themed clothes and mask. Please bring your favorite Mardi Gras dish to share. Desserts will be provided! There will be a raffle and silent auction. **Cost of attendance is \$10 per person or \$25 per family.** Please **RSVP to theepicgroup12@Gmail.com by February 6th** if you wish to join us! If you have any items or a service you would like to donate to the auction, please email **thepianogal2@Gmail.com**. Each Person Is Cherished.

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 information visit CatholicFaithJourneys.com/tours or contact Maggie: maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com, 419-290-8782.

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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.