



February 25, 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 25th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Ruth Mish <i>by Amy & Kurt Herkert</i> 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Nicholas Burnham <i>by Christine Burnham</i>	11:00 a.m. Respect Life meeting (Conference room) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
Monday 26th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Terry DeMao <i>by Ellena Budidharma</i>	9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church) 10:00 a.m. Legion of Mary (Scout room) 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. Fidelis (Café) Fraternalus (Gym) 7:00 p.m. RCIS (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 27th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Janet Smith <i>by Ellena Budidharma</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) 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Bible Study (Ceramic room)
Wednesday 28th	<i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. 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. Intentions of Tom Smith <i>by Ellena Budidharma</i> 5:30 p.m. Confessions	8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, and Ceramic room in use 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Ceramic room) 6:00 p.m. Choir (Church) 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Scout room)
Friday 2nd	7:00 a.m. Latin +Dan Schulte <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i> 8:30 a.m. +Amelia Doland <i>by Anne Marie Young</i>	8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel) 9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 1:00 p.m. Children's Stations of the Cross (Church) 6:00 p.m. Hour of Reparation (Church) 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday 3rd	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. +Rebecca Sigmon <i>by the Blake family</i>	First Communion Retreat (All rooms)
Sunday 4th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of John Joseph Grant <i>by the Grant family</i> 10:30 a.m. +Fr. Reid's grandparents <i>by Fr. Reid</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms 1 & 2) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Café in use 6:00 p.m. Men's Club (Chapel) 6:30 p.m. Men's Club (Kitchen & café)



Dear Parishioners,

I hope all of you are persevering well in your Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving! These practices can produce much good spiritual fruit within us if we are willing to undertake them with diligence and love. Again, when it comes to fasting, what matters most is not what we give up, but the love with which we fast. All the same, our fasting should be sacrificial, meaning that we should fast from something that “pinches” a bit – something that we truly desire and enjoy.

As regards prayer, I recommend taking on some extra prayers or adding time to your normal prayer schedule during Lent. If you can make it to daily Mass, that’s also a terrific Lenten practice that will nourish your soul. Also, be sure to go to confession at some point during Lent. We have confessions every Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30pm, and on Saturdays from 3 – 4pm. Many other parishes offer a Lenten penance service for your convenience.

Lent is also a time for increased almsgiving. Last Sunday we heard about the Diocesan Support Appeal. Our diocese has a lot of different ministries that provide much-needed services to the poor in our area, as well as ministries that aid educational and formation programs - all of which are funded by the DSA. For example, the DSA funds the education of our seminarians and the annual Eucharistic Congress, amongst other programs in our diocese.

The Diocese is assessing our parish \$106,285 for 2018, which is up from \$97,137 last year. I know it’s a lot of money, but we can certainly do it if everyone participates. Of course, any monies collected in excess of our assessment goal is refunded back to us. But, as you know, if we fall short of the assessed goal, then we have to make up that money from our parish coffers. So please give some thought and prayer to how you can contribute to the DSA.

One other topic related to almsgiving: the Forward in Faith, Hope and Love Campaign. Nearly 5 years ago we began raising money for this campaign to provide much needed monies for various programs and capital needs in the diocese. When the campaign was conceived, a sharing program was created so that some of the money raised in each parish would be returned to the parishes for their own use. We’ve been using our FFHL money to pay off our mortgage. Each parish was assessed a goal for the campaign, and we received back 25% of parishioner donations collected up to that goal. Once we made our goal, we began receiving 50% back of monies collected up to 140% of our goal. However, because we’ve surpassed 140% of the assessed goal, we now receive 100% of all monies given to FFHL by our parishioners. This means if you still have a balance on your pledge, all the money you give to FFHL comes directly to St. Ann’s! So if you haven’t yet paid off your FFHL pledge, please consider doing so. As always, I’m grateful for your generosity.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

February 4, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	15,869.48	16,538.46	538,066.25	529,230.72
Other Revenue Streams:			77,423.62	71,429.18
Total Revenue:			615,489.87	600,659.90
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			14,829.97	

DSA:
2018 Goal: 106,285.00 **Loan Balance:** 275,317.60

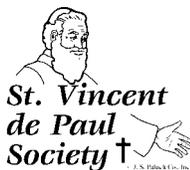
Marion Grotto:
Goal: 125,000.00
Received: 111,420.00
Balance: 13,580.00

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org



“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.

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor”. The poor are ringing our parish doorbell. Please answer through St Vincent de Paul.



For those of you who would like to learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith, we’ve got some great online 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.

*Please pray for our parishioner, Peter Tonon, who will be ordained as a deacon on 14 April 2018. He will be ordained at St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville at 10 a.m. that day.
The ordination is open to the public.*



*During Lent stewards are called to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, how much **time** am I giving to God in prayer?*

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.



Please consider keeping our parish’s candle burning through an endowment or a bequest that will insure its Catholic presence well into the future. For more information, call the diocesan Planned Giving Office at 704-370-3364. Please visit: www.charlottediocese.org/giving.

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence is required on all Fridays of Lent. And on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No meat maybe eaten on days of abstinence. Milk, eggs and fish are permissible. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids and pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

Fasting means having only one normal-sized meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs., but they should not together equal one full meal. No snacks are permitted on these days. Catholics from the age of 18 through 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt. Children are not required to uphold Lenten fasting and abstinence practices, but they are encouraged to abstain from meat on Fridays. Moreover, encouraging children to make small sacrifices may build a foundation for a faith-filled adulthood. Ash Wednesday is 46 days before Easter, but Lent is 40 days' long, because Sundays are not counted as days of Lent. (adapted from *Our Sunday Visitor*).

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Tuesday, Feb. 27th for Sunday, March 4, 2018
 Tuesday, March 6th for Sunday, March 11, 2018
 Tuesday, March 13th for Sunday, March 18, 2018
Thursday, March 15th for Sunday, March 25, 2018
Thursday, March 22nd for Sunday, April 1, 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: **March 3rd-4th, and March 17th-18th, and April 7th-8th.**

Each week throughout Lent, on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Room in the Allen Center or on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. we will be having Faith Sharing Discussions on the Reflections by Father Reid on the Four Last Things. You will need to sign up with goodcathloc.com/st-ann to be able to view each day's reading and Father Reid's reflection. By doing so, and keeping a journal, you will be able to participate in the discussions. Please join us at one of the times that is convenient for you.

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 have opened it up to the diocese as of 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.

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

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. Signup sheet for volunteers for Summer Catechesis.

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performing an hour-long concert on **Sunday, March 18th 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 online, 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.

If you need service hours or would like to help with the concert, please contact Rocio Greene at bravo@greeney.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), 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 Ron York (brother-in-law 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.

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.



Books to Explore Timeless Truths 5-Book

Bundle just \$16.00 per bundle when you buy at least 5 bundles. That's **only \$3.20 a book—a 35% discount off the retail price!** Offer expires August 1 or while supplies last. Featuring the writings of Dr. Peter Kreeft, Vinny Flynn, Venerable Fulton Sheen, St. Francis de Sales, and Bishop Robert Barron. Check out our Lighthouse Media stand in the North vestibule. \$3.00 donation per CD. **Make checks payable: St. Ann Catholic Church.**

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.

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 invites you to a Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation class at 9:00-10:15 a.m. during the school year.** We are studying Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism video series. For information, email 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.**

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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

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of February 25th-March 4th**

February 25th	2nd Sunday of Lent - 1st class
February 26th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
February 27th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
February 28th	Feria of Lent - 3rd class
March 1st	Feria of Lent - 3rd class or Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3rd class
March 2nd	Feria of Lent - 3rd class or Sacred Heart of Jesus - 3rd class
March 3rd	Feria of Lent - 3rd class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
March 4th	3rd Sunday of Lent - 1st class

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

This Lent encounter the Passion of Christ through the Traditional Latin Mass. *Do this for a commemoration of me (Luke 22:19)* From beginning to end, the Latin Mass is filled with prayers and ceremonies signifying the Passion of Christ. This Lent you're invited to encounter it each

Sunday at these locations: **9:00 a.m. Sunday Low (Silent) Mass – until March 25th at Charlotte Catholic High School chapel, 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, 28226. 12:30 p.m. Sunday High (Sung) Mass - with fellowship coffee afterwards at St. Ann's.** Newcomers will receive a pamphlet to the Passion & the Latin Mass.

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.

Shaking Hands At Mass During the Cold and Flu 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".

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be Sunday, April 15th at 9:10 a.m. In the Conference Room. Please call the church office to sign up for this class.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Respect Life: Respecting and affirming life from the moment of conception, Mira Via is a safe haven and source of hope for pregnant mothers and their children. **We will be hosting a diaper drive this weekend, February 24th – 25th,** to assist the mothers in the care of their children. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Donations of diapers, wipes, and baby hygiene items may be dropped off. A full list of all items needed by Mira Via can be found on their website, <http://www.mira-via.org/you-can-help/wish-list/>

Upcoming Events:

Every Sunday – Rosary in the chapel at 12 noon
TODAY, February 25th – 11:30 a.m. – Respect Life Meeting in the conference room in the Allen Center
 March 2nd & 3rd Vigil of the Twin Hearts
 March 9th 40 Days for Life at Latrobe
 March 11th Start of the parish mission

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. **Upcoming Retreat: Asheville Area: March 9th-11th.** For information contact either: Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251 / Jackie.childers1@gmail.com or Jessica Grabowski: 704-370-3229 / jmganser@charlottediocese.org.

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) 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 ccd.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.

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: August 3rd-5th in Chapel Hill, NC and November 9th-11th in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more 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? Consider the **Retrouaille** program as a way to end your misery. You will hear from couples that have been through the program themselves. They will share their journey from brokenness to reconciliation. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at retrouailleenc@msn.com, or visit the web site at www.retrouaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Belmont Abbey College presents Andreas Widmer, Cuthbert Allen Lecturer will speak on **Business as a Vocation on tomorrow, February 26th at 8:00 a.m. at Belmont Abbey Basilica.**

Fellowship Friday Fish Fry at Charlotte Catholic High School from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday March 2nd. Please join the CCHS Athletic Association in a great evening of fellowship. Meals can be preordered at the school web store. \$8 adults and \$5 child. Visit charlottecatholic.org for more information.

Leprechauns about you, an Irish feast laid before you, smiles are abundant during the Irish sing-a-long, and a sea of green surrounds you...are you in Dublin, Belfast, Cork.....No, you are in the Activity Center for the **ACES Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Thursday, March 8th at 11:00 a.m.** Our favorite musician is sure to leave your "Irish eyes smiling." Cost of lunch is \$8.00 for members/\$10.00 for guests. **Reservations by Sunday, March 4th** to Sue Westphal at 704-542-0315.

Bishop's Youth Pilgrimage: Each year Bishop Jugis invites middle school aged youth, high schoolers, collegiates, and young adults to join him at Belmont Abbey for a day of prayer and adoration of Our Eucharistic Lord. This year's the pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday, April 7, 2018.** The Theme for the event is, **"I Am the Living Bread"** (JN 6:51). For information on the event visit www.GoEucharist.com or the [Youth Pilgrimage page](#) on the Diocesan Website.



The Knights of Columbus's Council 770, the oldest Council in North Carolina, was founded in 1903 and Council 770 has a rich and proud history. Over its many years since its founding, 770 has supported the Charlotte Diocese in its many endeavors. Last year our Council supported Seminarians, Seminaries, vocational projects, the March for Life program, feeding the homeless, Coats for Kids and our long standing Holy Angels LAMB projects such as Holy Angels Christmas Party and Holy Angels Picnic and Boat Rides. It is the Council's intention to continue its support for these programs and expand our efforts in support of more projects and programs for the benefit of our community and the Diocese of Charlotte. To do so, Council 770 is planning its largest fund-raising effort this year.

On April 21st, we will hold a Knights MEGA yard sale and silent auction at St. Patrick's school. We are reaching out to all parishes in the Charlotte Diocese and especially to the parishioners of St. Ann for help. It's time for Spring cleaning...a perfect time to gather up those items (excluding clothing) that you no longer use or want. We will have more details in future bulletin announcements as we approach our kick off date. **Arrangements will be made to receive these items at St. Patrick's or for large items to pick them up.** As always, we invite the men of our parish, to join us as new Knights. **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.** Preceding each meeting, we recite a Rosary in the Cathedral, please join us. Contact: Richard Mills, Financial Secretary Council 770 at rtm2108@aol.com or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com.

All Catholic women in the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 10th** at St. Mark Church. Registration opens at 8:15 a.m. **Fr. Brian Becker** will be our retreat master. On **Monday, March 12th** at St. Vincent de Paul Church will be a Morning Reflection talk by **Fr. John Michalowski.** Additional details and **to register,** go to our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

Lenten Day of Reflection-March 3rd. Come discover the 3 keys that will unlock our upper room experience with Jesus this Lent: The Living Word, The Eucharist, The Cross. Fr. Richard Sutter, parochial vicar of St. Patrick Cathedral, will led a Lenten reflection on Saturday, March 3rd in the parish family life center. The retreat includes early bird confession at 7:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 8:00 a.m. and retreat reflections until 2:00 p.m. Cost for the retreat is \$15/per person and includes lunch. For information and to register, go to www.stpatricks.org and click on the Lenten Retreat link.

You are invited to join Fr. Benjamin Roberts, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Monroe, NC, **on a 3-day pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Dymphna located in Massillon, Ohio. The dates are March 11th - 13th.** For information or to sign up, email StDymphna2013@gmail.com or call Sue 704-431-2861.

St. John Neumann Catholic Church will have a Lenten Retreat March 5th, 6th and 7th at 6:30 p.m. with Father Frank Desiderio CSP. All are invited.

The 22nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held in Uptown Charlotte on Saturday, March 17th. The parade steps off at 11:00 a.m. at Tryon & 9th St & marches down Tryon St. to 3rd St. The Charlotte Goes Green Festival will take place in Uptown Charlotte on Saturday, March 17th from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. It is located on Tryon St. between 3rd & Stonewall St. The festival is free & features live Irish music, Irish dancers, Irish & other vendors, children's amusements & lots of food & beverages. There is no admission fee. Come join us where everyone is Irish for the day! For more information: www.charlottestpatsday.com.

Converging Roads Conference: Human Dignity at the End of Life. The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Charlotte and Belmont Abbey College, present the 1st **Converging Roads** health care ethics conference on Saturday, April 14th from 8:45 a.m.- 6:15 p.m. at Belmont Abbey College. For more information, visit convergingroads.com.

Kamp Gabe 4 Kids 2018 is now accepting applications for our summer day camp. We offer a variety of programs for children ages 3 through rising 6th grade. The camp is held at St. Gabriel School. Please visit our web site: Kampgabe.wixsite.com/kamp for all necessary information and an application. Call Nancy Chiarelli at 704-628-6453 or 704-258-4984.

The Diocese of Charlotte invites you to the World Meeting of Families in Ireland this August. Highlights include a sightseeing tour of Dublin, the World Meeting of Families (including the 3-day congress, the Festival for Families, Mass and celebrations), and an anticipated visit from Pope Francis. We will also see the shrine at Knock and explore Galway City, Kylemore Abbey and Castle, the Cliffs of Moher, and many other beautiful and timeless attractions of Ireland. **Call Canterbury Pilgrimages at 800-653-0017 or visit www.canterburypilgrimages.com/charlotte for details.**

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.