



March 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		
+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 25th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Marla & John Walsh <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Liz Blake <i>by the Blake family</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
Monday 26th	7:00 a.m. +Jerry Dugan <i>by Cathy Dugan</i>	9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church) 10:00 a.m. Discussions of Fr. Reid's Lenten Reflections (Scout room) 1:00 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 6:30 p.m. Baptism (Church) Fidelis (Café) Fraternus (Gym) 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Scout room) Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 27th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Jacqueline Adams <i>by the Adams family</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i>	8:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2, Scout room, and Ceramic room in use 1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) Bible Study (Ceramic room) 6:30 p.m. Conference room in use 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. <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)
Holy Thursday 29th	7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper <i>Adoration until midnight</i>	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
Good Friday 30th	12:00 p.m. <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 12:45 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 3:00 p.m. <i>Passion of Christ</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Holy Saturday 31st	8:00 p.m. Intentions for those entering the church through RCIA	12 noon <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Bless food baskets (Chapel)
Easter Sunday 1st	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Lou Picciola <i>by Nancy</i> 10:30 a.m. +Shawn & Jerry Dugan <i>by Cathy Dugan</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	12 noon <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)



Dear Parishioners,

With today's Palm Sunday liturgy we enter into that most important week of the year for us Catholics, that week which we call *holy*. And we call this week *holy* because God, in His infinite goodness, takes what should be considered the most horrific and unjust of crimes: the wrongful indictment and execution of His own Son, and makes of it the means for our salvation. In our liturgies this week we will see the conspiracy that brought about Jesus' wrongful arrest. We will sit with Christ at the Last Supper as He gives us the inseparable gifts of the priesthood and the Eucharist, and we will follow Him into the Garden of Gethsemane to watch with Him. We will witness all that He suffers for us, and we will stand at the foot of the cross with His Mother as Jesus dies for our sins. And finally we will peer into the empty tomb on the third day and experience anew the glory of His resurrection. What a holy week indeed!

As your pastor I personally invite all of you to come and participate in the liturgies. Meditate on all the great mysteries of our salvation. Enter into the mysteries of our faith, for this week is different than any other week of the year. And be sure to pray for fellow parishioners who will be entering into full communion with the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

Once again this year, we will be offering the Sacred Triduum simultaneously in both the ordinary and extraordinary forms of the Mass. The Novus Ordo Triduum (English) will be offered here at St. Ann's, while the Latin Mass Triduum will be offered in the chapel of Charlotte Catholic High School. Our Holy Thursday Masses will be at 7 p.m., the Passion liturgies of Good Friday will be at 3 p.m., and our Novus Ordo Easter Vigil will take place here at St. Ann's 8 p.m. on Holy Saturday night, while the Extraordinary Form Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m. at CCHS.

As a reminder, in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, which is always the Sunday immediately following Easter, it is customary for Catholics to pray the Divine Mercy Novena daily, beginning on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. Additionally, Catholics who receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, go to confession within 20 days of Divine Mercy Sunday, and who pray for the intentions of the pope (a *Creed* and an *Our Father* will suffice) are granted a plenary indulgence. Copies of this novena can be found in the North Vestibule. This is a very spiritually beneficial devotion that I hope many of you will participate in.

Lastly, many thanks to all of you who attended or helped with last Sunday's *Gaudium Musicae* concert!

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Reid

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

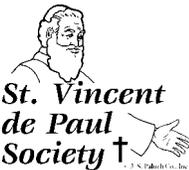
Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

	Weekly		YTD	
March 4, 2017	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	15,920.70	16,538.46	610,632.06	589,871.78
Other Revenue Streams:			84,122.62	81,750.01
Total Revenue:			694,754.68	671,621.79
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			23,132.89	
DSA:				
2018 Goal:	106,285.00		Marion Grotto	
Pledged:	34,231.50		Goal:	160,000.00
Received:	21,877.00		Received:	113,500.00
Assessment Balance:	84,408.00		Balance:	46,500.00
Donors:	54			
Loan Balance:	244,990.90		Capital Needs:	1,366.00
			Debt Elimination:	1,389.00

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018 On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember "We are Called" to share our gifts and our prayers to support the diocesan ministries that serve those in need, bring the light of Christ to those in the dark, and encourage vocations.

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. During Lent your gifts to the St Vincent de Paul Society was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor. Thank you!



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.

Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us and express thanks to Him by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.



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: **April 7th-8th, April 21st-22nd, and May 5th-6th.**

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

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.

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of all those who have included us in their will through bequests to continue the work of our parish.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Each year St. Ann's supports local homeless shelters and agencies by providing Easter meals to those in need. Your donation of boneless hams and desserts is needed to help ensure each person gets a meal on Easter Sunday. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you would like to volunteer to help with meal preparation and/or delivery on **Holy Saturday, March 31st**, please contact Robina Walker at robina.walker@gmail.com. Desserts and hams can be dropped off at the parish office **Monday, March 26th - Wednesday, March 28th during office hours. Also on Saturday, March 31st by 9:00 a.m.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex the weekends of March 17th and 24th for those who can donate a ham or dessert or would like to volunteer.

Novena of Masses If you would like to enroll your loved ones in a Novena of Masses for Easter, you may do so by going to www.novenamasses.org. Mass enrollments are \$15 each, which includes an enrollment card. **The deadline for enrollment is TODAY, Palm Sunday, March 25th.** My friend, Fr. Maximilian Mary of Jesus Crucified, will offer the Masses. Father Maximilian Mary is a hermit, and he relies on Mass stipends for his livelihood.

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:
<https://goo.gl/forms/NdbADQFtYbZGuNzl2>

To sign up for Summer Catechesis forms are in the parish office and on-line.

WEDDING BANNERS

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*II: Michelle Strain – Zachary Welborn
6 April 2018 Italy*

*II: Sarah Walsh – Timothy Mersch
7 April 2018 11:00 a.m.*

*I: Megan Kierce-Aaron Carpinteri
14 April 2018 1:30 p.m.*

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Room in the Allen Center or on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. during Lent, we will be having Faith Sharing Discussions on the Reflections by Father Reid on the Four Last Things. You need to sign up with goodcathloc.com/st-ann to be able to view each day's reading and Father Reid's reflection, and keep a journal, you will be able to participate in the discussions. Join us!

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Tuesday, April 3rd for Sunday, April 8, 2018
Tuesday, April 10th for Sunday, April 15, 2018
Tuesday, April 17th for Sunday, April 22, 2018
Tuesday, April 24th for Sunday, April 29, 2018

Please pray for our parishioner, **Peter Tonon**, who will be **ordained as a deacon on Saturday, 14 April 2018**. He will be ordained at St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville at 10:00 a.m. that day. The ordination is open to the public.

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be **Sunday, April 15th at 9:10 a.m.** in the Conference Room. Call the parish office to sign up for this class.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrine. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. *Please be generous, thank you.*

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." St. Therese of the Child Jesus

BAPTISMS

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*Welcome to our parish family
Nathaniel Jeremiah Burroughs*

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 newilliams12@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 contact the Daughters of the Virgin Mother at dvmfidelis@gmail.com.

Fraternus meet **Mondays now through May 2018**. All young men in middle and high school are invited to join from 7:00-8:45 p.m. in the gym.

Holy Family Playgroup: Building relationships with mothers and children of all ages in the parish, provides support and a catholic environment for socialization and play. **Playtime is usually Monday after the 9:30 a.m. Adoration at the same location, Park Play 10:30 –11:30 a.m. during the school year.** Questions? Call Melissa Lewis at 704-287-8112 subscribe to our group at holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoo.com.

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

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.



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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, 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.

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.

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.**

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 us each First Saturday at 3:55 p.m. in the chapel as we pray the Rosary? 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 join us each Sunday morning for our Adult Formation class from 9:00 –10:15 a.m. in classrooms 1 & 2 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.**

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 March 25th-April 1st**

March 25th	Palm Sunday - 1st class
March 26th	Monday of Holy Week - 1st class
March 27th	Tuesday of Holy Week - 1st class
March 28th	Wednesday of Holy Week - 1st class
March 29th	Holy Thursday - 1st class
March 30th	Good Friday - 1st class
March 31st	Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil - 1st class
April 1st	Easter Sunday - 1st class

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

This Lent encounter the Passion of Christ through the Traditional Latin Mass. This Lent you're invited to encounter it each Sunday at these locations: **9:00 a.m. Sunday Low (Silent) Mass – until today, 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.**

Traditional Easter Triduum in the Extraordinary Form (Latin) at Charlotte Catholic High School during Holy Week. **Holy Thursday Mass**, March 29th, 7:00 p.m. **Good Friday Liturgy**, March 30th, 3:00 p.m.; & Saturday, March 31st **Easter Vigil**, 8:30 p.m. **All liturgies will be held at Charlotte Catholic High School chapel at 7702 Pineville-Matthews Road, 28226.**

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, 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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

"Amen I say to you, that if two of you shall consent upon earth, concerning anything whatsoever they shall ask, it shall be done to them by my Father who is in heaven" Matthew 18:19

40 Days for Life update:

Our effort was smaller this year from last, but I am grateful for everyone who came out on March 9th to Latrobe to pray for an end to abortion. If you missed the March 9th date for any reason, and you would like to pray for an end to abortion, contact me below. I will make arrangements to meet with you to pray together from now until the end of Lent.

Upcoming events:

Today, March 25th: Respect Life Meeting, **canceled.**

April 6th – 7th: Vigil of the twin Hearts, St. Patrick Cathedral. The purpose of this event is to pray for the strengthening of families, to offer reparation for the sins of our nation and to pray for its conversion. It begins with Mass at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, followed by all night adoration and concludes with First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m. Sign up at <http://www.prolifecharlotte.org/two-hearts/>

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.

Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence is required on all Fridays of Lent. And on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No meat may be 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*).

Be sure you are up to date on your **Protecting God's Children information and the Virtus monthly bulletins. Also you need to update your Background Check every five (5) years.** All forms are online on the Diocese of Charlotte website: under Safe Environment and Volunteers.

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. 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 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.

"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.

Stress in Your Marriage? **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

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.

All Catholic women in the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection on Monday, April 9th** at St. Vincent de Paul Church will be a Morning Reflection talk by **Fr. Cory Catron**. Additional details and *to register*, go to our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

St. Ann's seniors 55+ young are invited to join the St. Vincent Seniors Club on **Thursday, April 12th at 11:00 a.m. in the Activity Center** as we welcome Officer J. Frisk from the Crime Prevention Unit of CMPD, who will speak to awareness, self-protection, and survival in large gatherings; in light of recent mass shootings. *To RSVP for lunch contact Sue Westphal by Sunday, April 8th at 704-542-0315*. If you do not require lunch, we welcome you to come as a guest to hear our speaker, contact Peggy Gibbons at 704-588-5870 or pgibbons1@att.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 8:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. at Belmont Abbey College**. The conference theme will focus on human dignity at the end of life and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. For more information, visit convergingroads.com.



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.

The countdown begins ... to the K of C Mega Yard Sale & Silent Auction on Saturday, April 21st at St. Patrick's School. Do you have items, except clothing, that you no longer use or want? Well, then, this is your opportunity to do some Spring Cleaning to benefit the K of C. Sort through your unwanted or unused things like furniture, china, glassware, flatware, antiques, artwork, appliances, electronic equipment, exercise equipment, computers, books, outdoor furniture and dispose of them guilt free. And it is also your opportunity to browse and find that prize possession you have been looking for and not pay full price. Remember: no items are too big. We will pick them up at your location. No worries. You don't want to miss this event! Contact: Richard Mills, Financial Secretary Council 770 at rtm2108@aol.com or 704-576-8861 or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at Sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com.

Vigil of the Two Hearts: Next city-wide vigil honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary is April 6th-7th. Join us on each First Friday through First Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Patrick (1621. E. Dilworth Road) in an overnight vigil to honor the Hearts of Jesus & Mary, to pray for our families, offer penance for our sins, and pray for our nation's conversion. Organized around 1st Friday & 1st Saturday Masses, with overnight Eucharistic Adoration in between, it allows all faithful to unite and honor Our Lady of Fatima's request for prayer and penance. **Devotion begins with 8:00 p.m. First Friday Mass, April 6th (offered by Fr. John Michalowski, SJ) followed by nocturnal Adoration and concluding with 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass, April 7th.** Learn more and sign up for Eucharistic Adoration times at: ProLifeCharlotte.org/two-hearts.

Join MiraVia at its 18th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament "Links FORE! Life" on Monday, May 14th at The Golf Club at Ballantyne in Charlotte. Register by May 4th. Cost per player is \$130. MiraVia, Inc., a Catholic, 501(c)(3) non-profit maternity and after-care program serving the Charlotte region, has provided material, emotional and spiritual support to more than 7,980 mothers and their children since they admitted their first mother in 1994. MiraVia's services include housing at its college-based residential program, professional counseling, food, clothing, and mother and baby supplies, which are all offered to their clients free of charge: <http://miravia.org>. To register or learn more about the event, visit <http://bit.ly/LinksFORELife> or contact Megan Whiteside at meganwhiteside@miravia.org.

Position Available: Choir Master at Our Lady of Grace: is seeking a Choir Master to lead and direct the Adult Choir, Schola and Cantors. The position is part-time (10-15 hours weekly) If interested, please submit your resume to: Natalie Senglaub at natalieelizabeth@graceweppray.org.

Faith Formation Director. The Catholic parish of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking applications for a full-time position as Director of Faith Formation. The Director is responsible for all elements of the faith formation program for grades K through 9, preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. In collaboration with the Pastor, the director also organizes an adult program for parents during Faith Formation sessions. This position reports directly to the Pastor. Applicant must have the following qualifications: Be a believing, practicing and knowledgeable Catholic, in good standing with the Catholic Church and committed to the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith, Degree in Religious Education or equivalent experience, Bilingual – Fluent in both English and Spanish, Be self-motivated and possess strong evangelization and catechist's skills Have excellent written & oral communication skills. Proficient in Word, Excel, and Publisher (PDS software a plus) Some evening and weekend hours and Tuesday evening and Sunday. Previous Faith Formation experience a plus Working knowledge of the following Curriculum: Faith and Life from Ignatius Press, Theology of the Body, Baltimore catechism. Interested applicants need to send resume and three professional references with contact information to ncvanderkaay@charlottediocese.org. A complete job description can be found at www.stvincentdepaulchurch.com. **Application deadline is March 30th.**

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!*

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.

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”.

Let’s be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:



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!

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.*

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.*

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.*

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 our website.

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.*

Prayer cards of our Statues are available in the North Vestibule. A donation of \$0.50 per card.

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.

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.*