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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
Divine Mercy Sunday April 8th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Abbey & Rick Lejk's Anniversary 10:30 a.m. +Michael Kitson <i>by the family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) 6:30 p.m. Men's Club (Kitchen & Café)
Monday 9th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Kayla Budidharma <i>by Ellena Budidharma</i>	9:00 a.m. H.S. Testing (Library) 9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church) 10:00 a.m. Scout room in use 1:00 p.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 4:30 p.m. Servers (Church) 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. Legion of Mary (Conference room)
Tuesday 10th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Courtney McNamara <i>by the Cortes family</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i>	8:30 a.m. Classrooms, Scout room, and Ceramic room in use 1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Bible Study (Ceramic room)
Wednesday 11th	<i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Arte Burnham <i>by Christine Burnham</i>	10:00 a.m. Bible Timeline (Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (Conference room)
Thursday 12th	7:00 a.m. +Lisa Baldwin <i>by the Lauer family</i> 5:30 p.m. Confessions	8:30 a.m. Classrooms, Scout room, and Ceramic room in use 9:30 a.m. Conference room in use 6:00 p.m. Choir (Church) 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use
Friday 13th	7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of Luiz Cortes <i>by the family</i> 8:30 a.m. +Charlie Sain <i>by Lana & Nick Wilkens</i>	8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel) 9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 5:00 p.m. Rehearsal (Church) Classrooms in use
Saturday 14th	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Beata D'Innoenzo <i>by Jim D'Innoenzo</i>	8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All room) 9:00 a.m. Classrooms in use 1:30 p.m. Wedding (Church)
Sunday 15th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Rev. Mr. Peter Tonon <i>by Marcy & Jeff Rothe</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Linda Denton 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Faith Formation Adults (Classrooms) 9:10 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) 2:00 p.m. Church & Café in use



Dear Parishioners,

A blessed Divine Mercy Sunday to you! This is always one of my favorite feasts of the year, for it reminds us so clearly of God's unfathomable love for us. As we consider all that our Lord promised St. Faustina about His divine mercy, we see that there is nothing that should ever keep us from God. As long as we are sorry for our sins, repent of them, and confess them, then His mercy covers all things – even the worst of our sins. Who of us cannot take great comfort in that?

With this in mind, I encourage you to make good use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation from time to time. While Holy Mother Church only requires us to go to Confession once a year (a requirement that is only binding on those who are conscious of grave sin), it is a very good practice to go to confession regularly (say, every 4-6 weeks) – even for just venial sins. It is there in the confessional that God's mercy is poured upon us so generously and in such a way that not only are our sins forgiven, but we are given new strength to overcome our persistent sins. When we humbly approach our Lord in the confessional with true sorrow for our sins, He opens wide His arms and draws us so gently to Himself.

This week I ask you to pray for our fellow parishioner, Peter Tonon. Peter will be ordained as a permanent deacon this coming Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church. All are invited to attend. Peter has been in training for several years, and it is our hope that once he is ordained he will be assigned with us here at St. Ann's. Please pray that he and the men who will be ordained along with him will always be conscious of the great dignity of their vocation and always fulfill it well.

Lastly, as many of you know by now, Sr. Judy had a small stroke in Holy Week. She spent several days in the hospital and is now in a rehab center working toward a full recovery. Please keep her in your prayers as she rehabilitates. You are welcome to send any cards to us here at the parish office, and we will be sure she gets them.

Trustful of God's Great Mercy,
Fr. Reid

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

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

March 18, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	17,512.50	16,538.46	657,919.31	611,923.02
Other Revenue Streams:			87,686.62	81,750.01
Total Revenue:			745,605.93	693,673.03
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			51,932.90	
DSA:				
2018 Goal:	106,285.00		Marion Grotto	
Pledged:	78,358.88		Goal:	160,000.00
Received:	49,004.84		Received:	114,500.00
Assessment Balance:	57,280.16		Balance:	45,500.00
Donors:	129			
Loan Balance:	244,990.90			

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018 Please be generous to the **Diocesan Support Appeal**. Your contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. Next week during Mass, you may complete a pledge envelope or go to www.charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.

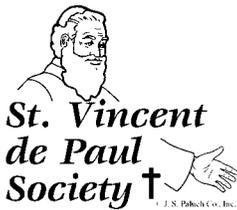
The decision to give has not so much to do with calendars and budgets. Rather, the decision to give is really a matter of putting your life with God into perspective.



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.



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Bring peace to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread through your gift to St Vincent de Paul.

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.

Giving through an endowment means that your gift does not stop. As you enter eternal life, so too does your gift, since endowments exist in perpetuity.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Tuesday, April 10th for Sunday, April 15, 2018
Tuesday, April 17th for Sunday, April 22, 2018
Tuesday, April 24th for Sunday, April 29, 2018
Tuesday, May 1st for Sunday, May 6, 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.

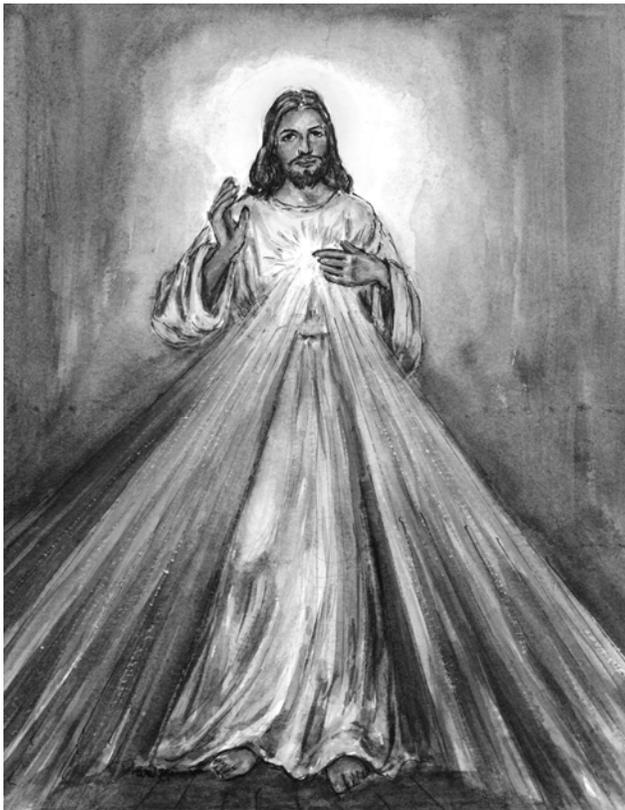
SAVE THE DATE! St. Ann Summer Catechesis will be June 18th-22nd.

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 our website.



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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.

Mark your calendars!

Service Day is Saturday, April 21st 8:00 a.m. until 12noon.

We will have mulch, pine needles, plants and shrubs to put in the grounds, trees and weed to take out of the ground. Lots of sticks and rocks to get out of the area and lot more. We will have a time for the children who wish to visit, make cards, and preform for the Summit residents. We will have lunch provided by the Men's Club.

Signup Here: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544a8af29a4f94-annual

We need lots of helping hands!

Contact Chris Brunhuber with questions: ccb43@earthlink.net or 704-241-2577.

WEDDING BANNERS

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

*II: Ernest W. Smith- Olga V. Carrasco
21 April 2018 Mexico*

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.



Altar flowers for the intentions of Abbey & Rick Lejk for their Anniversary celebration.

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 Abby Taffaro at abbytaffaro@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.

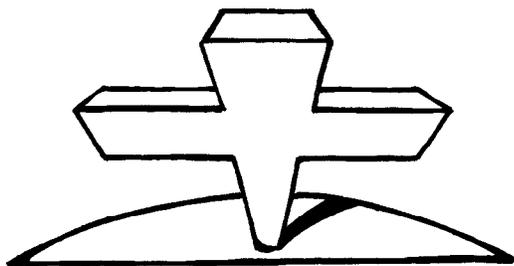
Fidelis, a group for young ladies in middle and school, meets on **Mondays 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in café. If you are interested in learning more contact the Daughters of the Virgin Mother at dvmfidelis@gmail.com.

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.

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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Pray for ...

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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.

St. Gerard's Meals Ministry. Mission: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinetlauer@gmail.com.

*Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor
before the throne of God, pray for us.*

Do you love Jesus? Do you want to learn how to love Him more deeply? Do you want Him to transform your life and the lives of your family and friends? Read His Word every day. The daily Mass readings are the very voice of God speaking to us. Meditate on His Word for just 15 minutes with the help of our *One Bread One Body* booklets, a guide to the daily Scriptures **found in the North Vestibule with other helpful resources.**

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.

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 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 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.



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LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of April 8th—April 15th**

April 8th	Low Sunday (<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>) - 1st class
April 9th	Annunciation of the Bl. Virgin Mary (<i>transferred</i>) - 1st class
April 10th	Feria of Paschaltide - 4th class
April 11th	St. Leo the Great - 3rd class
April 12th	Feria of Paschaltide - 4th class
April 13th	St. Hermenegild - 3rd class
April 14th	St. Justin - 3rd class
April 15th	2nd Sunday after Easter - 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, 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.**

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

Upcoming events:

April 28th: Respect Life Mass at St. Ann at 9:00 a.m. followed by prayers outside of Hebron or stay at St Ann's for a holy hour. All are welcome to attend. Helpers of God's Precious Infants Mass at St. Matthew at 9:00 a.m. Followed by prayers outside of Latrobe. All are welcome to attend this.

Donations will be collected for Mira Via. Diapers size 6 is especially needed. Donations for Mother's Day gifts will be collected as well. Any monetary donation may be left at the parish office. I will get it over to Mira Via. Let us be gracious and generous to the brave women who said yes to life. Let us be the support these women need in real tangible ways along with the prayer support we offer.

April 29th: Respect Life monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m., followed by the rosary at 12 noon in the chapel. All are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or ideas for the Pro-Life Ministry at St. Ann's Parish, contact Peg Sorge at 646-761-0650 or 1cookie.momster@gmail.com.

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.



The Logic of Being Catholic: Dr. Ray Guarendi

shares his story of how logic led him home to the Catholic Church. He found out that, contrary to his Protestant misunderstandings, the Church is coherent and never contradicts herself. Dr. Ray explains how the answers to his objections to Catholicism were both Biblical and believed by the earliest Christians. Explore the logic that led him to the fullness of truth. \$3.00 donation per CD. **Make checks payable: St. Ann Catholic Church.**

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 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 tmthis3@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.** 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. This program has helped many couples experiencing such difficulties. For confidential information call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

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

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

All Catholic women in the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection on Monday, 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.

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.

Please join **St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church for their Festival and Yard Sale and Vendor Fair on April 28th 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Call Jessie for details: 704-657-3937.

It is time for the **Annual Spring Sales Event at the Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College**. Everything in the store is on sale from now through May 15th! 1) Save 20 % off one regular price item of your choice. 2) Take advantage of hundreds of items newly marked down to 50% and 75% off. 3) Take 10% off any additional items in your purchase. We have an excellent selection of RCIA, Easter, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts. For more information and store hours call 704-461-5100.

32nd Annual Spring Fling on Wednesday, May 9th at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC check in at 9:15 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:00 a.m. Closing Mass at 2:40 p.m. The celebrant will be Father Ed. Sheridan. \$15.00 per person Contact Sandra Breakfield Program Director of the Diocese of Charlotte: 1123 S. church Street Charlotte, NC 704-370-3220 or ccd.org. Entertainment by the Accordion Man: Bob Wilusz Irish Step Dancers and Bingo, a fitness class and much more.

Catholic Charities Elder Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Church will host a **FREE "Living Healthy with Chronic Pain" class one time a week for six weeks lead by Arthritis Services beginning on Tuesday, April 10th 1:30-4:00 p.m.** Please call Jennifer Watson at 704-348-2723 or email jwatson@centralina.org to register. For information about the class, contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220 or email sbreakfield@charlottedioocese.org.

Christianity and Challenges of the Present: A Conversation on Carron's Disarming Beauty at Grace Auditorium Belmont Abbey College **Tuesday, April 17th at 7:30 p.m.** The panel discussion will feature: Placid Solari, the Abbot of Belmont Abbey, Patrick Ford, the Director of Campus Ministry, and Fr. Jose Medina, the Leader of Communion and Liberation. For details email alessandrorovati@bac.edu.



The Spotlight is on you Charlotte and the Diocese of Charlotte: The Knights of Columbus Council 770 founded in 1903, based at **St. Patrick's Cathedral is having a Mega Yard Sale and Silent Auction** as a fundraising effort to support our Council's charitable programs, on **April 21st from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** at St. Patrick's school at 1621

Dilworth Road West. We now have portable storage units on site and will accept donations beginning April 5th between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Additional times will be announced later. Stay tuned! Arrangements outside of this time frame can be made by contacting Sergio Miranda at [980-999-0182](tel:980-999-0182) or Richard Mills at [704-576-8861](tel:704-576-8861). The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternal organization devoted to helping serve our parishes and communities worldwide. Some of the programs and projects we undertake locally, as Knights, include meals for the homeless, Coats For Kids, aid to vic-tims of natural disasters, annual events such as Holy Angels Christmas Party and Picnic and Boat Ride for handicapped children. We also build wheel chair ramps and donate wheel chairs in the community. Do you have items, except clothing, that you no longer use or want? Well, then, this your opportunity to do some Spring Cleaning. Sort through your unwanted or unused things like furniture, china, glass ware, flat ware, 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. If you can't deliver your donation to us, with prior arrangements, we will pick up larger items at your home. Just contact us. No worries! You don't want to miss this event! All proceeds from this event will benefit the Charlotte area.

Join Fr. Voitous on a Pilgrimage to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families! August 20-29, 2018. The Diocese of Charlotte invites you to the World Meeting of Families in Ireland! Highlights of this pilgrimage include a sightseeing tour of Dublin, the World Meeting of Families Events (Including the 3-day congress, the Festival for Families, Mass, and celebrations), and an anticipated visit from Pope Francis. We also see the Knock Shrine, explore Galway City, Kilmore Abbey and Castle, the Cliffs of Moher, and many other beautiful and timeless attractions! Call 800-653-0017 or email reservations@canterburypilgrimages.com for information and to reserve your spot today!

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!*

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".

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 our 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.