



November 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><b>Sunday Mass Schedule</b>          Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m.          8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.;  <b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form:</b> 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Weekday Masses</b>          Monday, 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><b>Adoration</b>          Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.          Holy Hour:          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b>          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
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Meredith & Tim Deegan <i>by the Rothe family</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Tom Gatto <i>by Deborah Foushee</i>	9:00 a.m. Christmas Tree Sales 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
<b>Monday 26th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Linus Bremer <i>by the Rothe family</i>	8:30 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church) 2:30 p.m. Choir loft in use 3:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Library in use   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (All-Purpose room in St. Ann School)   Fidelis (Café)   Fraternalus (Gym)   Catholic Scriptures Studies (Ceramic room)
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Zelig Clare Griffin <i>by the Grant family</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i>	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 & Scout room in use 3:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales 6:00 p.m. Conference room in use 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use   Gym in use
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	<i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Holy Hour (Church) <b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> For St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones	10:00 a.m. All Catholic Scripture Study (Ceramic room) 2:00 p.m. Piano (Café) 3:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales 7:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of the Kennedy family <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Confessions	9:00 a.m. All rooms in use 3:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales 5:30 p.m. Church in use 6:00 p.m. Choir (Church) 6:30 p.m. Conference room in uses 7:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)
<b>Friday 30th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. Latin</b> +Deceased parishioners & their loved ones of St. Ann parish +Anna Nguyen <i>by Tammy</i> <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel) 9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 2:30 p.m. Home School (Gym & Cafe) 3:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales 5:00 p.m. Rehearsal (Church)
<b>Saturday 1st</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> Confessions <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Christmas Tree Sales   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 11:00 a.m. Chapel in use   Refugee Party (Café & Gym) 1:30 p.m. Wedding (Church) 2:00 p.m. Sewing Class (Ceramic & Scout room) 5:00 p.m. Home School party (Café, Gym & Kitchen) 5:30 p.m. Chapel in use
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Jean Loughlin <i>by the Rothe family</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Michael Walsh <i>by Cecilia &amp; Ashley Balman</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Russell Lewis <i>by Lewis &amp; Spain Families</i>	9:00 a.m. Christmas Tree Sales   Faith Formation (School )   Dogma & Donuts Adults (Café) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) 5:30 p.m. Vespers (Church)



Dear Parishioners,

I hope everyone enjoyed a very happy Thanksgiving with loved ones. Please know how thankful I am for our parish family, and for the many graces our Lord has bestowed upon us. I'm especially grateful for your love, patience, and great generosity.

As we give thanks this weekend for all the many blessings we enjoy, I want you to be aware of the many blessings our little parish gives to others. In addition to monies we raise for our St. Vincent de Paul Society and Homeless Ministry, and the money that we collect in poor boxes, we also set aside a portion of each Sunday's collection to give to those in need. Currently, we are using our "tithing" money to: fund the educations of a seminarian in Jamaica and a Palestinian Christian in Israel; to provide funds to local ministries and organizations that perform corporal works of mercy (feeding the poor, housing the homeless, etc.); to support pro-life efforts around our country; and to take care of individuals and families whose assistance needs are greater than what our St. Vincent de Paul Society can handle. We also support agencies that aid victims of sex trafficking, as well as ANSWER, a local non-profit that provides scholarships to single working moms so they can get an education and a better job. And, of course, we give generously to the Missionaries of the Poor. Without your generosity every Sunday with our weekly collection, we couldn't do this – so thank you!

As we've done in years past, I invite all of you to join me in a **special novena to Our Lady** from November 29 – December 7. Once again I am going to consecrate our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at the 6 p.m. Mass on December 7. In preparation for this, I ask you to consider fasting from something you enjoy (as you would during Lent) and praying the following Novena Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary each day from November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>:

*O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially that our parish may be consecrated to your Immaculate Heart. We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.*

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Fr. Reid

Fr. Reid

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
*722 registered families*

	Weekly		YTD	
November 4, 2017	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>15,375.00</b>	<b>17,307.70</b>	<b>336,275.12</b>	<b>328,846.10</b>
<b>Other Revenue Streams:</b>			<b>20,176.00</b>	<b>24,025.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>356,451.12</b>	<b>352,871.10</b>
			<b>3,580.02</b>	
<b>DSA:</b>				
2018 Goal:	106,285.00		<b>Loan Balance:</b>	0
Pledged:	110,067.88		<b>5 year Plan/Capital Needs:</b>	2,406.00
Received:	106,012.22		<b>Priests' Retirement:</b>	
Assessment Balance:	272.78		<b>Goal:</b>	34,045.00
Donors:	187		<b>Received:</b>	26,905.00
			<b>Balance:</b>	7,140.00

Text Offertory Donations to: 704-360-5305 with the amount you would like to contribute (Example: 25).  
 Text 5-year Plan Donations to: 704-360-5305 Amt/Space/Needs.

You will be sent to a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debt or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**Give Electronically at**  
[www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org)



*Stewardship of our time and talent and treasure is not limited only to the Church. Especially during this season of Thanksgiving, many people give time and money to other groups in the community as well.*

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018** As we approach the end of the year, and the end of the **2018 DSA campaign**, we would like to thank those parishioners who made donations to the DSA to help us reach our assessed goal. If you have an outstanding pledge balance, we urge you to continue making payments on your pledge to support these worthy ministries and to help our parish reach our goal. If you haven't done so already, it is not too late to make a contribution to this year's DSA. You can donate online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa) or by completing a pledge envelope and returning it to your parish office.

**Endowments for St. Ann's Parish:** Did you know that we have an endowment for both our parish and our school? If you would like to learn more about our endowment funds and how you can make a contribution, contact Judy Smith, Foundation for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, at 704-370-3320 or at [jmsmith@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jmsmith@charlottediocese.org).

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth. **This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's kingdom of love and mercy to families, providing them with food, monies for utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!**



The Thanksgiving holiday is a perfect time to consider how we will use the many gifts God has given us. Thank you for considering how you can remember our parish with a planned gift through your estate.

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

### St. Ann's Charity Christmas Tree Sale: **NOW through Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Weekend hours are 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Weekdays hours are 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. If you would like to help with this parish outreach you can sign-up online:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FA9AE2EA5FD0-stann1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FA9AE2EA5FD0-stann1) or call John Heckmueller at 704-9356-7312.

The sale is in progress, these finest of fresh cut trees are guaranteed to last through at least New Years. All net proceeds are annually distributed to worthy charities outside and within the parish.

You are invited to Sunday Morning Formation: **Dogma and Donuts**. *Dogma and Donuts* meets **each Sunday of Faith Formation in the Allen Center café from 9:15-10:10 a.m.** for a presentation on *virtues and vices* by Deacons Sanctis and Tonon. Come for one or all of the classes. Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth with questions or details: [sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com](mailto:sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com).

Call the parish office to sign up for the next **Baptismal Preparation Class which is Sunday, December 9th at 9:10 a.m.** in the Scout room.

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month. The collection weekends are: **December 1st-2nd, December 15th-16th, and January 5th-6th.**



Boy Scout Troop 162, based at St Ann's Church, invites interested families with children ages 11-18 **to drop in on our troop meetings held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Allen Activity Center.** Learn about the troop, merit badges, leadership opportunities, upcoming camping opportunities, and the adventures of Scouting. RSVP to [mjksmith@bellsouth.net](mailto:mjksmith@bellsouth.net) or 704-907-4650.

#### Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Tuesday, Nov. 27th for Sunday, December 2, 2018  
 Tuesday, Dec. 4th for Sunday, December 9, 2018  
 Tuesday, Dec. 11th for Sunday, December 16, 2018  
 Tuesday, Dec. 18th for Sunday, December 23, 2018  
 Thursday, Dec. 20th for Sunday, December 30, 2018

Next weekend, December 1st-2nd, **Bethlehem Wood Carving** will be visiting and selling the religious art made by their own hands. Cash and credit cards will be accepted. *Thank you for supporting this organization!*

**The Angel Tree** is in the narthex with wish list items for residents at MiraVia at Belmont Abbey College, MOP, and Families in Need. Please consider taking a tag this weekend. Then **return the unwrapped item to the tree before December 9th.** Or, bring them to the parish office during regular office hours. *Thank for you for your generosity!*

**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. Join us **Sunday, December 9th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** for: "Magnum Wine and Christmas Trivia". Contact Abby for further details and to receive regular updates at [abbytaffaro@gmail.com](mailto:abbytaffaro@gmail.com).

**St. Ann's Young Women's Retreat 2018 on Saturday, December 15th from 6:30 a.m. the Rorate Mass until 3:00 p.m.** Cost is \$30 per young woman. Please register by *December 1st* either by filing out the form from the November 11th bulletin insert or online at [www.stanncharlotte.org](http://www.stanncharlotte.org). Hosted by St. Ann's Fidelis. Young women do not have to be part of the Fidelis to attend the retreat. Questions? Contact Sister Mary Elizabeth at [sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com](mailto:sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com).

**Fidelis**, a group for young ladies in middle and high school, meets on Monday evenings, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in café during the school year. **We are currently in need of young adult women to volunteer to with Fidelis.** If you are interested in learning more or in volunteering, contact the Daughters of the Virgin Mother at [dvmfidelis@gmail.com](mailto:dvmfidelis@gmail.com).

The dedicated priests who served us in the past (You may want to mention former pastors or parochial vicars who are now retired.) now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. **Our parish has been assessed \$34,045.00 for the priests' retirement and benefits plans.** This amount is slightly less than two times the regular weekend offertory. Additional envelopes are available in the parish office.

*Pray for the Dead*

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

We are taking Mass intentions for four (4) Masses a week said at St. Joseph Seminary. Each week two Masses on Mondays and Wednesdays. Call the parish office for details.

**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 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.**

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. **Join us each First Saturday at 3:55 p.m. in the chapel as we pray the Rosary.** Information can be found each month at our table.

**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](mailto:holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@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](mailto:mmlewis28@yahoo.com).

# WEDDING BANNERS

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*III: Jessica Coelho-Phillip Golladay  
1 December 2018 1:30 p.m.*

 Pray for ...  
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*Our parishioners:*

Patricia Phillips,  
Helen Norton,  
Nancy West,  
Alex Cecil and Paul Cecil

*Our friends and family:*

Fred Battweg,  
Maxwell Oliver Raines (grandson of Terese Raines),  
Alex Brown (nephew of the Rothe family),  
Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin),  
Jennifer Arnold (friend of Nancy Tota),  
Ron Layne,  
Tom Storer,  
Jean Storer,  
Mary Regester (friend of Nancy Tota),  
Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill),  
Douglas Edge,  
Joel Rivera,  
Albert Ayd (brother of Cecilia Balman),  
Dolly Langley (sister of Cecilia Balman)  
Peter Stenhouse (friend of Abbey & Rick Lejk),  
Joel Rivera,  
Ron and Marcia York (sister & brother-in-law of Carol Kuhn),  
Cheryl Ring (friend of Abbey & Rick Lejk),  
Anthony Pedalino (father of Terese Rowe).  
Fay Alderman (mother of John & mother-in-law of Terry Alderman)

*Our servicemen and servicewomen:*

Set. 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  
Cadet Peter Hetzel 2nd Class USMA

**Lighthouse Media:** *The Logic of Being Catholic* by 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 donation per CD. **Use code: 33769 when you go to: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub).** Make checks payable to 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 in the Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center.** Contact Karen Rubbo at 704-847-8148 or [rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com).

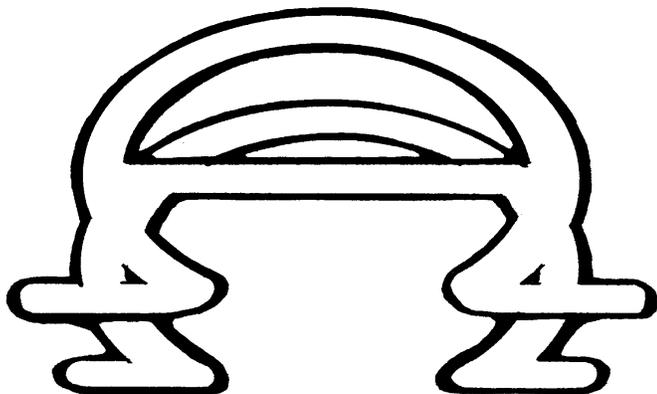
**Do You Like To Pray? Or, are you in need of prayer?** Receive the comfort of others praying for and with you by joining the **St. Ann Prayer Group**. This group consists of volunteers filled with the love of God and the love of prayer. In Jesus name they pray for healings, conversions, whatever the 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 [stannpray\\_ers@comporium.net](mailto:stannpray_ers@comporium.net).

**St. Ann Faith Formation has begun for grades K-8 at St. Ann School.** All students that will be making First Communion/Reconciliation and Confirmation at St. Ann's are required to complete 2 years of religious education, through parish based at Faith Formation, Catholic School, or at home. The registration and schedule are on the website and in the parish office.

**Regular Adorers Are Needed! Our greatest needs are: Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m.** Call the parish office, 704-523-4641, or contact Karen at [rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com) to become a regular adorer.

**Fraternus** meets on **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** in the gym. If you are interested please come on Monday.

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



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## LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of November 25th-December 2nd**

November 25th	<b>24th Sunday after Pentecost</b> - 2nd class
November 26th	St. Sylvester - 3rd class
November 27th	Feria - 4th class or Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal - 4th class
November 28th	Feria - 4th class
November 29th	Feria - 4th class or St. Saturninus - 4th class
November 30th	St. Andrew - 2nd class
December 1st	Saturday of Our Lady - 4th class or Immaculate Heart of Mary - 3rd class
December 2nd	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> - 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.

**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 many Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas, or the Immaculate Conception, etc.

**Questions?** Email [info@charlottelatinmass.org](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org).  
**For Latin Mass news,** visit [www.charlottelatinmass.org](http://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](mailto: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.**

*"I have done what is mine to do. May Christ teach you what is yours." - St. Francis of Assisi*

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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, go to: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and click on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the home page. 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.

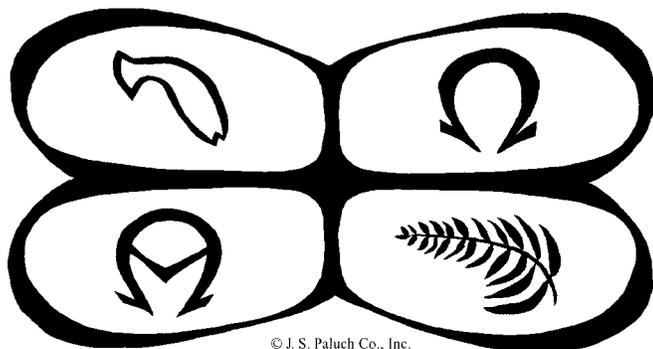
## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

The staff and volunteers at **Be Not Afraid** offer sincere gratitude for the generous outpouring of support from Fr. Timothy Reid and St. Ann's Parish. We never charge for the services or resources we provide to parents. Your donations will enable us to continue to assist families facing the crisis of prenatal diagnosis as well as continue to educate people about this very important prolife work. To read more about what we do or make a referral, go to [www.benotafraid.net](http://www.benotafraid.net). *Thank you!*

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS)** welcomes interested parents and students to attend MACS Open Houses for the 2019-2020 school year. There will be open houses held in January during Early Admissions.

**St. Ann Home School Group** liaison is Kathleen Lewis. To contact Kathleen for information on Home School, email [lewisfamily555@gmail.com](mailto:lewisfamily555@gmail.com).



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## MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

**A Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course**  
Topics to be covered include: Effectiveness of modern NFP methods, Health risks of popular contraceptives, Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual, and Church teaching on marital sexuality. **To register and purchase class materials, go to [https://register.ccli.org/class\\_series/11873](https://register.ccli.org/class_series/11873).** Questions? Email: [bnadcock@charlottediocese.org](mailto:bnadcock@charlottediocese.org)

Are you or a loved one seeking healing from the effects of a past abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat** creates a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. The retreat works to reconnect individuals to themselves, their friends, and family and to realize God's ever-present love. Contact Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251 / [Jackie.childers1@gmail.com](mailto:Jackie.childers1@gmail.com) or Jessica Grabowski: 704-370-3229 / [jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org).

**Natural Family Planning.** Certified Sympto-Thermal Method teaching couple will help couples naturally plan for family growth in a safe, effective manner, within the Church's teaching. Signup online & purchase class materials at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704-548-1834 or [hackhouse@bellsouth.net](mailto:hackhouse@bellsouth.net).

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**, visit: [SCMarriageMatters.org](http://SCMarriageMatters.org) or contact us at 803-810-9602 or [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org).

4 Stages of Marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three stages, but those that end in divorce never make it to the fourth. Don't give up without learning about this vital part of marriage. Contact **Retrouvaille** if your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery. For information: call: 800-470-2230 email: [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

It is time for the Annual Keep Christ in Christmas Sale at the **Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College, which runs NOW through Saturday December 22nd.** Take 20% off all Advent and Christmas items such as nativities and advent candles! Take 20% off any one regular price item of your choice! (offer can be used once a day). Mention you saw the sale in your parish bulletin and receive an additional 10% off your entire purchase! For information, call 704-461-5100.

**On Saturday, December 1st from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Fr. Christopher Bond will lead a silent retreat entitled "Transforming the Ordinary".** This retreat will feature three talks, Mass, recitation of the rosary, adoration and confessions and time for reflections. Registration is required and the cost \$20. Sign-up: [www.stpatricks.org/adventretreat](http://www.stpatricks.org/adventretreat).

We would like to invite children to our annual **Santa's Bag** event on **Saturday, December 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church**, for children ages 2-12 gifts priced from \$1.00-\$10.00. Bring your cameras for pictures with Santa.

**5th Annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. by the St. Philip Neri Adult Choirs, Children's Choir, Handbells and Brass** will present a service of readings and musical responses to scripture prefiguring the birth of Christ. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. The church is located at 292 Munn Rd. E, Ft. Mill, SC. For information, call Linda at 803-548-7282 x249.

**13th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE Charlotte! January 11, 2019.** Mass for the Unborn at 9:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. At 11:00 a.m., gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese at 1123 S. Church St. There may be some parking available at the parking lot, but please expect to find parking on your own uptown. At 12 noon, march to Trade and Tryon, where Fr. Peter Ascik, Parochial Vicar of St. Matthew Church will preach. Then we will march to the courthouse where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives! See schedule details at [www.marchforlifecharlotte.org](http://www.marchforlifecharlotte.org).

Ambassadors for Christ in the Marketplace **Legatus**, the international organization for Catholic business leaders and spouses, is growing its membership in the Charlotte area. Legatus members are committed to study, live, and spread the faith in their business, professional, and personal lives. If you are, or were, a business owner, CEO, President, Managing Director or Managing Partner, Legatus would like to invite you and your spouse to consider membership go to [www.legatus.org](http://www.legatus.org) or our local members, Dave Anderson at 704-941-0706 or email [david@brandrpm.com](mailto:david@brandrpm.com).



All women of the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Advent Retreat will be Saturday, December 1st** at St. Therese Church in Mooresville. Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** Reflection at **10:30 a.m.** by **Fr. Paul McNulty**. The next Morning Reflection on **Monday, December 10th** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** Reflection at **10:30 a.m.** by **Fr. Basile Sede** will be in the Assembly Room. RSVP is requested via [www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org](http://www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org).



Thanksgiving is over and it's time to Kick the Turkey out! So put aside your tired old turkey leftovers and treat your palate to some delicious homemade Southern BBQ, hush puppies and all the fixins. **Come to the Knights of Columbus Council 770 BBQ Fundraiser.** Your support will benefit some of our many charitable projects like the Annual Holy Angel's Christmas Party and our Annual Holy Angel's Picnic and Boat Ride, Right to Life projects, Homeless Shelter support and our own Seminarians. **St. Patrick Church TODAY, November 25<sup>th</sup>. BBQ plates for Adults \$8 and Children \$5.** **Knights of Columbus** meetings are the first Thursday at 6:30 p.m. of each month at St Patrick's Cathedral at 1621 Dilworth Road East. Contact: Richard Mills, Financial Secretary Council 770 at [rjm2108@aol.com](mailto:rjm2108@aol.com) or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at [sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com](mailto:sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com).

**St. John Neumann parish mission** Unwrapping the gifts of Advent starting **Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 a.m.** until 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be included. Registration is free and open to all. **RSVP by December 2nd** to Kelly Flowers [Kelly@4sjnc.org](mailto:Kelly@4sjnc.org)

**Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Dymphna:** 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. **March 10-12, 2019.** The itinerary includes Holy Mass both days, a tour of the National Shrine of St. Dymphna & the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. We will spend time in prayer in front of the relics of all twelve apostles, St. Dymphna, & a relic of the True Cross. The cost is \$149 per person which includes all meals & roundtrip transportation aboard a luxury motor coach. For information or to sign up, call Sue 704-431-2861 or email [StDymphna2013@gmail.com](mailto:StDymphna2013@gmail.com)

**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!*

**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”.

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](http://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.

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**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.*

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](http://www.TheSundayMass.org).

Let's be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:



**To book a room in the Allen Center,** call Savas Mallos at 704-523-4641 x233.

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! 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.*

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

**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.

Be sure you are up to date on your **Protecting God's Children information & the Virtus monthly bulletins.** **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 & Volunteers.