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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

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<b>Sunday 16th</b>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Meredith &amp; Tim Deegan <i>by Chris &amp; Steve Brunhuber</i></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Charles McDonough <i>by the Cortes family</i></p> <p><b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Our parish family</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School )   Dogma &amp; Donuts Adults (Café)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Gym in use</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Boy's Choir (Classrooms 1 &amp; 2)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministries (Kitchen)</p>
<b>Monday 17th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Matthew John Titman <i>by the Titman family</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Choir loft in use</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Library in use   Classrooms 1 &amp; 2 in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. RCIA (All-Purpose room in St. Ann School)   Catholic Scriptures Studies (Ceramic room)   Fidelis (Café)   Fraternalus (Gym)</p>
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Dan McClintock <i>by Ann McClintock</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 &amp; 2 &amp; Scout room in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Scout room in use   Gym in use</p>
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	<p><i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i></p> <p><b>5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Holy Hour (Church)</i></p> <p><b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> +Maggie Huang <i>by the Titman family</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Study (Ceramic room)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Piano (Café)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Altar servers (Café, gym kitchen &amp; church)</p>
<b>Thursday 20th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Charles Boyle <i>by the Eagle family</i></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> School Mass</p> <p><b>5:30 p.m.</b> Confessions</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. All rooms in use</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir (Church)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)</p>
<b>Friday 21st</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m. Latin</b> +Laura LaRose <i>by Fr. Reid &amp; St. Ann staff</i></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Teresa Lewis <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i></p>	
<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	<p><b>9:00 a.m. Pro-Life Mass</b></p> <p><b>3:00 p.m.</b> Confessions</p> <p><b>4:30 p.m.</b> Intentions of Felicity Bremer <i>by the Rothe family</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 &amp; 2 in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Sewing Class (Ceramic room &amp; Scout room)</p>
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Jennifer &amp; Anthony Sanctis <i>by the Sanctis family</i></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Sarah &amp; Tim Mersch <i>by the Rothe family</i></p> <p><b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Our parish family</p>	<p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p>



Dear Parishioners,

“Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.” These are the words of the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass on this Third Sunday of Advent (also known as *Gaudete Sunday*), and they signal for us the tone of today’s liturgy. While for the past two weeks our attention has been drawn to the penitential nature of this season, now that we are roughly halfway through Advent, we take a break from our penance and rejoice in joyful anticipation of our Lord’s coming, much like *Laetare Sunday* in Lent. The liturgy today reminds us that soon the great feast of Christmas will be upon us, and this is cause for rejoicing indeed. Symbolizing a lightening of our penance and our joyful anticipation for Christ’s coming, our liturgical color switches from violet to rose today. Our readings, too, take on a more joyful nature.

Tomorrow, 17 December, our liturgies will begin to take on an even more eager and anticipatory nature as we move into a period of special preparation during Advent known as the Octave before Christmas. During this time special antiphons (known as the “O” antiphons) are used at vespers and for the *Alleluia* verse before the Gospel at Mass. These antiphons have been around since at least the 8<sup>th</sup> century, and each antiphon recalls a particular scriptural title of Jesus, announcing his imminent arrival and recalling the Old Testament prophecies of Isaiah. Moreover, they tell us something about the person of Christ and about salvation history. The famous Advent song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* that is often used this time of year is based upon these antiphons.

I am so very grateful to all of you who got up early and participated in our annual *Rorate Mass* this weekend. This is a special Mass that honors the Blessed Virgin Mary that is celebrated early in the morning using only candlelight – a reminder that the world was in darkness before the coming of the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ. For those of you who missed it, we’ll have it again next year, as it’s truly one of the most beautiful and extraordinary Masses that we offer here at St. Ann’s.

Please remember that I will be leading a small group of parishioners to work with the Missionaries of the Poor in Warangal, India, from January 2-15, 2019. This is the same place we worked in 2016 and 2017. As always, the MOP have many needs, including cash to help pay for school tuitions for the poor children they serve. If you would like to help, you may drop off your donation at the office, give them to me directly, or make a donation via our parish website. If you write a check, please make it out to St. Ann with “MOP” in the memo line. As it is difficult to wire money or use credit cards in Warangal, actual cash that I can carry with me is extremely helpful.

In hopeful expectation of our Lord’s coming,

Fr. Reid

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
722 registered families

November 25, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	17,502.69	17,307.70	387,939.31	377,475.00
Other Revenue Streams:			21,367.00	28,975.00
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>409,306.31</b>	<b>406,450.00</b>
			2,856.31	

**DSA:**

2018 Goal:	106,285.00
Pledged:	111,017.88
Received:	108,476.56
Donors:	191

**Loan Balance:** 0.00

**Priests' Retirement:**

<b>Goal:</b>	34,045.00
<b>Received:</b>	33,452.00
<b>Balance:</b>	593.00

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)*



*"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." (Luke 3:11)*

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018**

*Only one month left to fulfill your DSA pledge. If you have not yet contributed, you can make a one-time donation online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa). Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own needs. **If you have an outstanding pledge, please complete your pledge payments by December 31st.***

**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).

*In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."*

**Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.**



*Christ is born, the world rejoices, and the angels sing! Mark this joyous occasion in gratitude with a legacy gift to our parish.*



## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

**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 **presentations on the Advent Season** by Deacons Sanctis and Tonon. Come for one or all of the classes. **NOTE: the last meeting date for 2018 is TODAY (16th).** Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth with questions or details: [sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com](mailto:sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com).

**St. Ann's Boys Latin Choir will be singing on Sunday, December 23rd at 12.30 p.m. Latin Mass and Monday, December 24th at the concert before Christmas Midnight Mass.** The boys (unchanged voices only) sing chant and polyphony, primarily at the 12:30 Mass. Currently, rehearsals are on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. Contact Markus Kuncoro at [mkuncoro@gmail.com](mailto:mkuncoro@gmail.com) for more information.

*"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."*

The next **Men's Club** meeting will be Sunday, January 6th beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the rosary in the chapel, then for the meeting in the cafeteria with dinner. At this meeting we will be discussing the results of the Christmas tree sales and the plans for the ribs and wings for the Super Bowl. Don't miss it.

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 15th-16th, January 5th-6th, and January 19th-20th.**

### Bulletin Deadline is 12noon on:

*Wednesday*, December 19th at 12noon for Sunday, December 30, 2018

*Thursday*, December 27th at 12noon for Sunday, January 6, 2019

*Tuesday*, January 8th at 12noon for Sunday, January 13, 2019

**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).

### Our Parish Mission

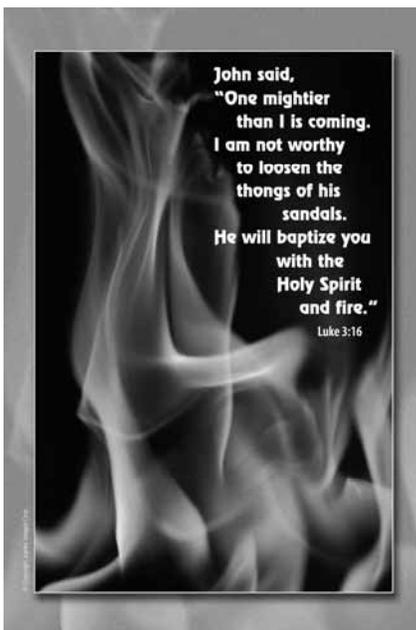
Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 10th through Wednesday, February 13th 7:00 p.m. each evening.

Father Ken Geraci CPM The Fathers of Mercy will be speaking and the mission theme will be: "Why Be Catholic?"

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

The dedicated priests who served us in the past 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 parish office.



## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

**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](mailto: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.

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

**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).

  
**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  
LT.JG. Thomas Hetzel USN  
2nd LT. Peter Hetzel 2nd Class USMA

*The repose of the soul of Paulette Ensrude who died Saturday, December 8, 2018*



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.

**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.

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



**LATIN MASS CORNER**

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of December 16th-December 23rd**

December 16th	<b>3rd Sunday after Advent</b> <i>(Gaudete Sunday)</i> - 1st class
December 17th	Greater Feria of Advent - 2nd class
December 18th	Greater Feria of Advent - 2nd class
December 19th	Ember Wednesday - 2nd class
December 20th	Greater Feria of Advent - 2nd class
December 21st	St. Thomas - 2nd class
December 22nd	Ember Saturday - 2nd class
December 23rd	<b>4th 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. Feria is a non-feast day and readings typically revert to the prior Sunday readings.

**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.

## 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.

**Can You Trust God by Dr. Tim Gray:** Since the fall of humanity, we have been tempted to mistrust the love that God the Father has for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray addresses misconceptions about God and shows why we can trust our heavenly Father, who is truly one with his Son. \$3 donation per CD. **Use code: 33769 when you go to:** [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub).

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

### 13th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE Charlotte! January 11, 2019

The day will begin with a Mass for the Unborn at 9:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. At 11:00 a.m., we will start to 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 if necessary. At 12 noon, we will 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.marchforlifeforlifecharlotte.org](http://www.marchforlifeforlifecharlotte.org).**

**Going Beyond Date Night: a 25-Hour Marriage Getaway, February 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in Hickory, NC.** Leave your kids and all the household chores behind and take off on a 25-hour marriage retreat with your spouse in the beautiful mountains of Hickory, North Carolina. Whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades, take some time to relax and renew your connection with each other. Marriage is a lifelong adventure of growing together through every age and stage of life. The 25-hour marriage retreat will include reflections on marriage by Catholic couples with opportunities for reconciliation, spiritual dialogue, Mass, and adoration with a Legion of Christ priest. The cost is \$315/per couple. Accommodations, meals & materials are provided. For information and to register, go to [www.rcgreatercharlotte.com](http://www.rcgreatercharlotte.com).

### Advent Penance Services:

St. Vincent de Paul :

Monday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Gabriel :

Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

## 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@charlottedioocese.org](mailto:bnadcock@charlottedioocese.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@charlottedioocese.org](mailto:jgrabowski@charlottedioocese.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 803-810-9602 or [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org).

**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 or to apply to attend the program with a weekend on February 15, 2019 call 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## 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).

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**The Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the Oplatek or Christmas Wafer at your Christmas Eve Wigilia, Villis, Kucios, or dinner can be rekindled.** Traditionally, breaking and sharing the Christmas wafer with family and friends is accompanied with best wishes and expressions of forgiveness, helping us to bring joy and happiness to our hearts and homes. **Orders for the wafers will be taken until December 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Cost will be \$1.00 per wafer and you state your quantity or buy a Sealed packets of 3 white and 1 pink wafer for \$5.00. Call Helen Collins (a St. Gabriel Parishioner) at 704-365-1161 or email order request to: helen892@att.net. Proceeds will go to a church charity to help a needy family this holiday season.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church is offering a New Adult Formation Program “Living Our Faith In Society”. Sessions will be on Wednesdays at 4:15 and again at 6:30 p.m. January 9<sup>th</sup>: Immigration & the Common Good, January 16<sup>th</sup>: The Economy & a Moral Worldview, January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Terrorism & Religious Pluralism, February 6<sup>th</sup>: The LGBTQ Movement & Anthropology, and February 20<sup>th</sup>: Healthcare & Subsidiarity. For information, call Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 803-283-4969.

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! Look for additional specials on our website. For information, call 704-461-5100.

**Visit TheRetreatBox.com for information and to buy a copy for your Advent reflections.**

*TheRetreatBox.com*, and the author of *Come Away By Yourself*, the spiritual book designed to teach busy Catholics how to achieve meaningful prayer in the little time they have. A new Catholic business, check it out, lots of CD's books and reflections. Also a blog to follow as we approach our holiest of holy days. [www.theretreatbox.com](http://www.theretreatbox.com).



**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).



All women of the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** Reflection at **10:30 a.m.** will be in the Assembly Room. RSVP is requested via website [www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org](http://www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.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. **The dates are March 10-12, 2019.** The itinerary includes Holy Mass both days, a tour of the National Shrine of St. Dymphna and 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, and a relic of the True Cross. The cost is \$149.00 per person which includes all meals and roundtrip transportation aboard a luxury motor coach. For information or to sign up, please email [StDymphna2013@gmail.com](mailto:StDymphna2013@gmail.com) or call Sue 704-431-2861.

**Matter of Balance:** Do you have concerns about falling? Are you interested in improving your flexibility, balance and strength? **A Matter of Balance** can help reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling.

Participants will learn to:

- \*View falls and fear of falling as controllable
  - \*Set realistic goals for increasing activity
  - \*Change their environment to reduce fall risk factors
  - \*Promote exercise to increase strength and balance
- Join us for a FREE 2-hour session, held once a week for 8 weeks.

**Classes are limited to 14 participants** – Please contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220 to register.

**St. Matthew Catholic Church, Fridays, January 11<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m.-12noon and St. Luke Thursdays, March 7<sup>th</sup> though May 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 -3:00 p.m.**

**Christ the King is searching for a College Guidance Counselor.** Immediate start full time position. Ideal candidates will hold a Master's degree in Counseling or a related field, have the knowledge and skills needed to help CTK students discover the relationship between faith and reason in their disciplines, have a desire to work in a cross-curricular fashion, and have demonstrated an expertise in using technology to enhance student learning. Information: <https://charlottediocese.org/schools-office/employment-opportunities>. Contact: Marissa Vandenberg, CTK-Resume@ctkchs.org.

## 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.