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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, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Adoration Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconciliation Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 23rd	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Jennifer & Anthony Sanctis <i>by the Sanctis family</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Sarah & Tim Mersch <i>by the Rothe family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Monday 24th Christmas Eve	4:30 p.m. Intentions of Will Nobers <i>by the Nobers family</i> 6:30 p.m. Intentions of Timothy John-Paul Joseph Lewis <i>by his grandparents</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Tuesday 25th Christmas	12:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Reid's Godchildren <i>by Fr. Reid</i> <i>NO Adoration</i> 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Reid <i>by Marcy & Jeff Rothe</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Wednesday 26th	No Adoration, No Holy Hour, and No Mass	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Thursday 27th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Jack Nobers <i>by the Nobers family</i> 5:30 p.m. Confessions	6:00 p.m. Choir (Church) Gym in use 7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)
Friday 28th	8:30 a.m. Intentions of James Nobers <i>by the Nobers family</i>	
Saturday 29th	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Sister Marie Jeannette <i>by Craig Lewis family</i>	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Sunday 30th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Sarah & Tim Mersch <i>by Chris & Steve Brunhuber</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Helen Nobers <i>by the Nobers family</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)



Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is almost here! This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent, and our Gospel this week anticipates the coming of our Lord as a tiny baby by recording for us the story of the pregnant Mary visiting her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who is also miraculously pregnant through the providence of God. Our time of preparation is drawing short! Soon the Christ Child will make His appearance among us, hidden as a babe in swaddling clothes, born in a stable and laid in a manger, adored by shepherds and their animals.

Our Christmas Masses will begin on Christmas Eve with vigil Masses at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. There will also be a Midnight Mass and Mass on Christmas morning at 9 a.m. As we've done for the past two years, the Midnight Mass will be a Latin Mass, while the other Masses will all be in English. Per our usual custom, there will be a concert of Christmas music before the Midnight Mass beginning at 11:30 p.m.

As we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ here at St. Ann's, I want to thank each of you for the many ways you share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our parish family. Your participation in the many good works of our parish community demonstrates that the light and love of the Christ Child shines brightly here at St. Ann's! I am particularly grateful to our dedicated staff and all of our volunteers who give generously of their time and talent to make St. Ann's the beautiful and big-hearted parish that it is.

Recognizing that this is the season of gift-giving, I ask you to prayerfully consider putting our parish on your year-end Christmas giving list. As we strive to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parish family, we must also recognize the practical and financial needs of maintaining our parish on a day-to-day basis. As we hoped, we have retired the debt on the church this year, but now we face the rather large (and expensive) task of renovating our aging Allen Center. Initial estimates are that we will need \$1.5-\$2 million to completely fix everything that is in need of repair. This includes a new roof, a new building exterior, a new gym floor and stage area, and renovations to the kitchen – amongst other things.

Our Finance Council is in the midst of creating a 5-year plan that will address the needs of the Allen Center, as well as other projects around the parish campus. To this end, you'll find a new envelope in your envelope packet that is labeled "5-year plan," which will replace our debt reduction and capital needs envelopes. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayerfully Awaiting the Christ Child,

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

December 2, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	12,412.25	17,307.70	400,351.56	398,076.87
Other Revenue Streams:			26,459.00	32,975.00
Total Revenue:			426,810.56	431,051.87
			(4,241.31)	

DSA:

2018 Goal:	106,285.00
Pledged:	111,517.88
Received:	109,146.56
Donors:	191

5 Year Plan/Capital Needs: 4,187.00

Priests' Retirement:

Goal:	34,045.00
Received:	33,453.00
Balance:	592.00

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



"Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving." (Acts 20:35)

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.



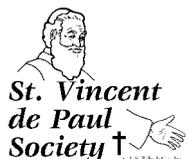
We are grateful for the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have remembered our parish in their estate plans. These legacy gifts help us build a solid foundation for future generations of parish families.

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. 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.***

*Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. **Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.***



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

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 for more information.

Bulletin Deadline is:

- Thursday, December 27th at 12noon for Sunday, January 6, 2019*
- Tuesday, January 8th at 12noon for Sunday, January 13, 2019*
- Tuesday, January 15th at 12noon for Sunday, January 20, 2019*

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.

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month. The collection weekends are: **January 5th-6th, January 19th-20th, and February 2nd-3rd.**

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.

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.

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

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

Our Parish Mission: "Why Be Catholic?"
 Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 10th through Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. each evening.**
 Father Ken Geraci, CPM,
 Of the Fathers of Mercy will be speaking.

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.

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 by Deacons Sanctis and Tonon. Come for one or all of the classes. Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth with questions: sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com.

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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.

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.


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 soul of: Walter Lee Hawley, brother of Christopher Hall, who died December 11, 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 or 704-907-4650.

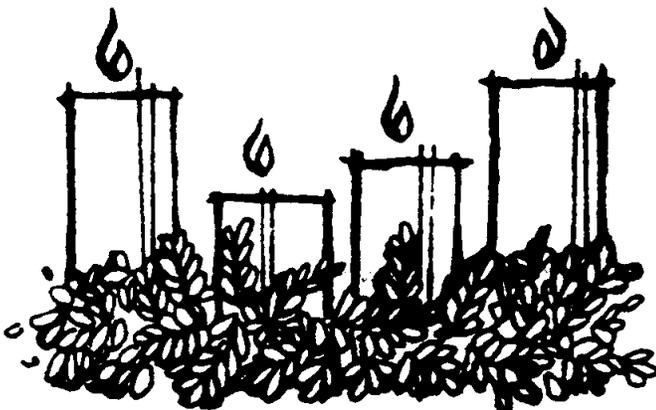
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Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Our Blessed Mother wants active and auxiliary members to join her Legion. Assist in waging war against the enemy by winning souls for the Crucified Christ! Join a nearly 100-year-old lay apostolate movement founded 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.

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.

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.

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. Contact Abby Taffaro for regular updates at abbytaffaro@gmail.com.



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LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of December 23rd-December 30th**

December 23rd	4th Sunday of Advent - 1st class
December 24th	Vigil of Christmas - 1st class
December 25th	The Nativity of Our Lord - 1st class
December 26th	St. Stephen - 2nd class
December 27th	St. John the Evangelist - 2nd class
December 28th	Holy Innocents - 2nd class
December 29th	5th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
December 30th	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas - 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 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.
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 a.m. All are welcome.**

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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 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.

Lighthouse Catholic Media: *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 and go to: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub.**

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.

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 TODAY, December 23rd.** 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.

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: register.ccli.org/class_series/11873.** Questions? Email: 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 or Jessica Grabowski: 704-370-3229 / jrgrabowski@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. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704-548-1834 or 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 or contact us 803-810-9602 or applications@scmarriagematters.org.

Rediscover Your Marriage – **Retrouvaille** simply means 'rediscovery'. Many couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For information or to attend the program beginning on February 15, 2019, call: 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvailleenc@msn.com or visit: www.retrouvaille.org.

Going Beyond Date Night: a 25-Hour Marriage Getaway, February 9-10, 2019 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 and materials are provided. For information and to register, go to: www.rcgreatercharlotte.com.

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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., we will 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, 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.marchforlifecharlotte.org.**

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, and 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 11th through March 1st 10:00 a.m.-12noon and St. Luke Thursdays, March 7th though May 9th 1:00 -3:00 p.m.**

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 or call Sue 704-431-2861.



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 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. January 9th: Immigration & the Common Good. January 16th: The Economy & a Moral Worldview. January 23rd: Terrorism & Religious Pluralism. February 6th: The LGBTQ Movement & Anthropology. February 20th: Healthcare & Subsidiarity. For information, call Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 803-283-4969.



All women of the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to the **Charlotte Catholic Women’s Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection Monday, January 14th** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** Reflection at **10:30 a.m.** will be in the Assembly Room. Evening Reflection **Tuesday, January 29th** at Holy Trinity Middle School Chapel. Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and reflection by **Fr. Matlak at 7:00 p.m.** RSVP is requested via www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

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.

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.



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 rtm2108@aol.com or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at sergio.miranda.usa@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, 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.

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.