



December 9, 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.

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.	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.	Adoration Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN		
+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 9th	<p>8:00 a.m. +Peggie Bell (Stepmother to Bev) <i>by the Hall family</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Our parish family</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin +Beverly Kocak <i>by Aline Cooper</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Dogma & Donuts Adults (Café)</p> <p>9:10 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Boy's Choir (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Vespers (Church)</p>
Monday 10th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Jeannie & John Grant's Anniversary</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church)</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Choir loft in use</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Home School (Café)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Library in use Classrooms 1 & 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>
Tuesday 11th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. J.T. Putnam <i>by Fr. Reid</i></p> <p><i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 & Scout room in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Gym in use</p>
Wednesday 12th	<p><i>Adoration continues in the chapel</i></p> <p>5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour (Church)</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Latin +Justin Deges <i>by Shawn Williams</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Study (Ceramic room)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Piano (Café)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)</p>
Thursday 13th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Marilyn Gallagher <i>by the St. Vincent de Paul Society</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. All rooms in use</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Church in use</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir (Church) Basketball (Gym)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)</p>
Friday 14th	<p>7:00 a.m. Latin +Dwayne Tucker <i>by Lana & Nick Wilkens</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. +Suzanne Healy Maccio <i>by Barbara Healy Collins</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Choir Loft in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Café in use</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Home School (Café)</p>
Saturday 15th	<p>6:30 a.m. Rorato Mass <i>Confessions</i></p> <p>3:00 p.m.</p> <p>4:30 p.m. +John J. Condon <i>by Mary & Aaron Condon</i></p>	<p>6:30 a.m. Advent Young Women's Retreat (Café, Classrooms 1 & 2, & Scout room)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Sewing Class (Ceramic room & Scout room)</p>
Sunday 16th	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Meredith & Tim Deegan <i>by Chris & Steve Brunhuber</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Intentions of Charles McDonough <i>by the Cortes family</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Dogma & Donuts Adults (Café)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Gym in use</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Boy's Choir (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministries (Kitchen)</p>



Dear Parishioners,

I am so very grateful to all of you who participated in the **Novena to Our Lady** in preparation for the consecration of our parish to her Immaculate Heart last Friday night. As Advent is a season of hope and expectation, let us indeed hope and expect that the Blessed Virgin Mary will always provide a special protection for our parish. Let us trust as well that Mary will always intercede with her Son to procure for us every grace we need to get to Heaven!

I'm also grateful to all of you who have been helping with the **Angel Tree**. We've had many requests for help this year, but I'm very confident in your generosity! Thanks to all of you who are helping the poor and needy through this stewardship project. Please remember that all unwrapped gifts should be brought (with the Angel Tree tag) to the parish as soon as you can so we can disseminate the gifts.

As most of you know, 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.

This coming Saturday, 15 December 2018, we will have our annual **Rorate Mass** at 6:30 a.m. This votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes its name from the first words of the Introit: "*Rorate coeli, desuper et nubes pluant justum,*" which is translated: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just." What is special about this Mass is that it 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. As the Mass is offered, and the dawn begins to break, the Church – through the prayers of this Mass – expresses her deep longing for the coming of the Messiah in the darkness of our fallen world. It is thus a Mass that is so wonderfully suited to the Advent theme of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Christ Child.

I realize that 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday is a bit early, but I promise that this Mass will be worth getting up for! So please come and join us as we anticipate the dawning of the Son of God at Christmas.

In hopeful expectation of our Lord's coming,
Fr. Reid

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Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

	Weekly		YTD	
November 18, 2017	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	14,460.75	17,307.70	370,436.62	363,461.49
Other Revenue Streams:			21,041.00	28,975.00
Total Revenue:			391,477.62	392,436.49
			(958.87)	

DSA:

2018 Goal: 106,285.00
 Pledged: 110,667.88
 Received: 107,876.56
 Donors: 189

Loan Balance: 0.00

Priests' Retirement:

Goal: 34,045.00
Received: 31,606.00
Balance: 2,439.00

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



Some of the obstacles that keep us from "making a straight path" for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from embracing stewardship as a way of life. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives and let go of the selfishness and greed that keep us from following God's will.

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.



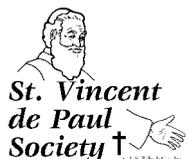
You can make a significant gift to our parish that will cost you nothing during your lifetime. Consider including our parish as a beneficiary in your will.



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.***

*In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.***



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 upcoming meeting dates: TODAY (9th), December 16th.** Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth with questions or details: sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com.

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 TODAY, December 9th.** Or, bring them to the parish office during regular office hours. *Thank for you for your generosity!*

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. 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.

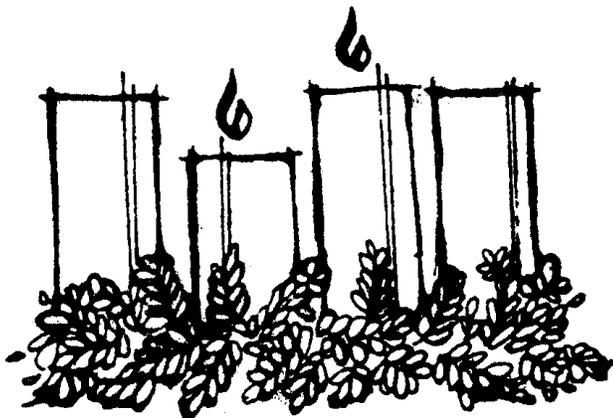
Bulletin Deadline is 12 noon on:

Tuesday, December 11th at 12noon for Sunday, December 16, 2018

Thursday, December 13th at 12noon for Sunday, December 23, 2018

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

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



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Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to **today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

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

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 **TODAY, 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.

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.

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.

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.*

*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.

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)

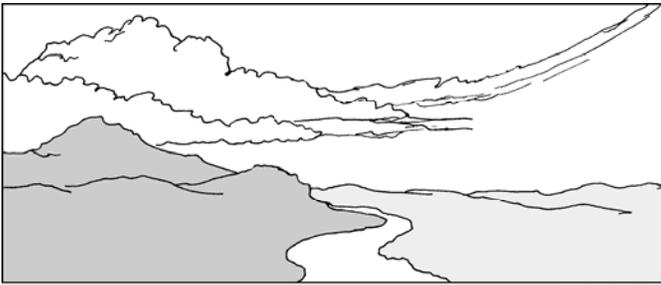
Our servicemen and servicewomen:

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



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.

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.

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

No Wednesday morning Mass from December 12th through January 15th.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of December 9th-December 16th**

December 9th	2nd Sunday of Advent - 1st class
December 10th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
December 11th	St. Damasus I - 3rd class
December 12th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class (USA) Our Lady of Guadalupe - 3rd class
December 13th	St. Lucy - 3rd class
December 14th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
December 15th	Feria of Advent - 3rd class
December 16th	3rd Sunday after Advent (<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>) - 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.
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.

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.

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 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 Media: *The Necessity of Divine Mercy* by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC: Experience the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy as Fr. Chris Alar explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. \$3 donation per CD. **Use code: 33769 and go to: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub. Make checks payable to St. Ann Catholic Church.**

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

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.marchforlifecharlotte.org.**

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.** 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 / 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. 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.

You Can Help Your Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For information or to attend the program on **February 15, 2019** call 800-470-2230 or email retrouvaille@msn.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.



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EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



All women of the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection tomorrow, 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 website

www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

Fr. Kirby will have a book presentation on his book, **God's Search for Us-Five Truths from a Missing Coin at 12:30 p.m. on TODAY, December 9th at Our Lady of Grace Church** followed by a reception and book signing. The book emphasizes the fundamental Judeo-Christian belief that God searches for each of us. Long before we look for him, he has already been searching for us! With this in mind, the book draws five essential Christian lessons from the Lord Jesus' parable on the missing coin. What a perfect message for us as we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus Christ! The book will be on sale after Masses on December 7th and 8th.

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 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.

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.



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 rtn2108@aol.com or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com.

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 more information, call 704-461-5100.

5th Annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols: TODAY, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the church. 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 x-249.

All are invited to the **Charlotte Catholic High School Cougar Bands** as they present "A Christmas Celebration on **Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church. Free Admission.**

On Saturday, December 15th, at 7:30 p.m., the Cathedral of Saint Patrick will host its annual Concert of Sacred Music for Advent and Christmas. Performing at the concert will be the Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Children's Choir. The choirs will sing the *Magnificat in C major* by Johann Christian Bach, plus works by Michael Haydn, Handel and Rheinberger. Admission is free and all are invited to attend. The Cathedral is located at 1621 Dilworth Road East, 28203.

The Young Adult Ministry of St. Patrick's will host a pilgrimage to Washington DC for the national March For Life with skiing in West Virginia to follow. Dates are the evening of **Thursday, January 17th to afternoon of January 20th.** The cost for accommodations and transportation is \$130. *Registration is due by December 17th.* If you have questions, email: youngadult@stpatrik.org.

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, 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.