



January 6, 2019



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**St. Ann's Parish Mission**  
 St. Ann Parish seeks the salvation of souls through the redemption of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in and through the divinely instituted Holy Catholic Church. We invite all to receive God's love as we give of ourselves in compassionate service.

**Liturgical Schedule**

*(Changes in the schedule noted inside)*

**Parish Office Hours**

*Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.*

<p><b>Sunday Mass Schedule</b>          Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m.          8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.;  <b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form:</b> 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Weekday Masses</b>          Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m.          Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form)          Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Adoration</b>          Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m.          Holy Hour:          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b>          Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m.          Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
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**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN**

+ denotes deceased	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Meetings &amp; Events</b>
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of William Grant <i>by the Grant family</i></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Brother James Raber, OSD <i>by Mary &amp; Aaron Condon</i></p> <p><b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> +Marge Terry <i>by Suzanne &amp; Mike Terry &amp; boys</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Dogma &amp; Donuts (Café &amp; Kitchen)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Men's Club (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Men's Club (Café &amp; Kitchen)</p>
<b>Monday 7th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Annabelle Schoonover <i>by Trudy &amp; Randy Schoonover &amp; family</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Café in use</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 &amp; 2 in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. RCIA (All-Purpose room in St. Ann School)   Fidelis (Café)   Fraternalus (Gym)   Church in use   Catholic Scriptures Studies (Ceramic room)</p>
<b>Tuesday 8th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Genevieve White <i>by the Sanctis family</i></p> <p><i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. All rooms in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Scout room in use   Gym in use</p>
<b>Wednesday 9th</b>	<p><i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i></p> <p><b>5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Holy Hour</i></p> <p><b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Margaret Foushee <i>by the Foushee family</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Piano (Café)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society (Conference room)   Gym in use</p>
<b>Thursday 10th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Thomas Schoonover <i>by Trudy &amp; Randy Schoonover &amp; family</i></p> <p><b>5:30 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions</i></p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Choir (Church)   Gym in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)</p>
<b>Friday 11th</b>	<p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> +Helen Hall <i>by Mark Leister</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms &amp; Cry rooms)</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Home school (Café)</p>
<b>Saturday 12th</b>	<p><b>3:00 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions</i></p> <p><b>4:30 p.m.</b> +Sister Aloysius Shoemaker <i>by Virginia Doman</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 &amp; 2 in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Sewing class (Ceramic &amp; Scout room)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Café and gym in use</p>
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Nicholas Battweg <i>by Christine &amp; Greg Wolman</i></p> <p><b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Waide Galle <i>by the Foushee family</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Dogma &amp; Donuts (Café &amp; Kitchen)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p>



Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you for welcoming **Food for the Poor** to our parish this weekend for their annual appeal. Food for the Poor is one of the largest hunger relief organizations in our country, and they do great outreach in the developing world. As it is part of our duty as Catholics to care for the poor, I'm always glad to welcome this organization into our parish.

Speaking of the poor, I am currently in India with some of your fellow parishioners for our annual mission trip. We are in Warangal, India, working with the Missionaries of the Poor in their mission of tending to folks suffering with leprosy and AIDS, including the boys at the Divine Mercy orphanage whose educational expenses we sponsor. I am grateful to all of you who have donated to this trip. Occasionally, we wire money to the brothers in India, and if you'd like to make a donation to the MOP to help with any of their projects, you can make out a check to St. Ann with "MOP" in the memo line. You can also donate online. I'm so grateful for your generosity to the poor! Please pray for our continued safe travel.

As we celebrate Epiphany this weekend and recall the gifts given to the Christ Child by the Magi, I must thank you once again for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts I've received this year. You are always so generous to me, and I'm so grateful for your love and affection. I've tried to write thank you notes to everyone, but occasionally I receive a gift without a card indicating whom it's from. So if I have neglected to write a proper thank you card for a gift, I apologize and ask for your understanding!

Now that life is settling back into normal after the holidays, we will resume Adoration this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. I know many of you have missed it these past two weeks! I also want to apologize for the cancelled Masses of the past few weeks, especially the Latin Masses. Unfortunately, there just are not enough of us priests around at this time of year who can offer both forms of the Mass.

With prayers for happy 2019,  
Fr. Reid

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

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
722 registered families

December 16, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	18,215.25	17,307.70	439,346.75	432,692.25
Other Revenue Streams:			46,799.00	40,975.00
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>486,145.75</b>	<b>473,667.25</b>
			12,478.50	

**DSA:**

2018 Goal:	106,285.00
Pledged:	111,517.88
Received:	110,765.88
Donors:	191

**Calendar: 578.00**

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!**

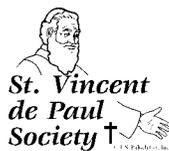
**Give Electronically at**  
[www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org)



*“The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time in prayer? My participation in my parish community? My generosity?”*

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

*Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Put your gift in the poor box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.*



**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018**

*Our ministries and our parish are counting on you, and thank you for your support. 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 use.*



*Make passing on your Catholic heritage your first resolution of this New Year. Your planned gift to our parish makes you an eternal steward of our Church.*

**BAPTISMS**

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*Welcome into our parish family:*  
*Noelle Lucia Hull*

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

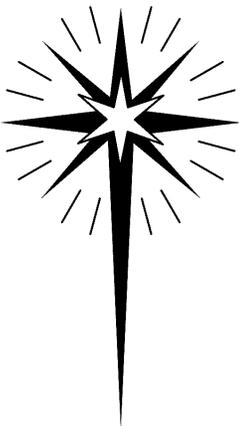
Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month. The collection weekends are: **January 5th-6th, January 19th-20th, and February 2nd-3rd.**

**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. **Next class is TODAY, January 6th.** Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth with questions: [sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com](mailto:sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com).

A small group of parishioners will be traveling to **Washington D.C.** ahead of the March for Life to do some sightseeing. While there, they will visit the **Vietnam Memorial.** If any St. Ann's parishioners have relatives who died during that war they would like to locate the name(s) on the memorial wall, perhaps do a rubbing of the name, and certainly offer prayers there for the repose of his/their soul(s) In Christ. Please call the parish office with any names.

**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).

**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).



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The next **Men's Club** meeting will be **TODAY, 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.

### Bulletin Deadline is:

Tuesday, January 15th at 12noon for Sunday, January 20, 2019  
 Tuesday, January 22nd at 12noon for Sunday, January 27, 2019  
 Tuesday, January 29th at 12noon for Sunday, February 3, 2019



**Fabián López**, violinist, and **Inara Zandman**, pianist will open the concert series for a hour-long performance on **Sunday, January 27th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Ann's.** A small reception following the concert gives fellow listeners an opportunity to meet the performers. The Gaudium Musicae series is designed to support exceptional, primarily local and regional musicians by providing an acoustically excellent, intimate venue for performance and to present diverse programming. The 2019 *Gaudium Musicae concert series* will continue with the **Emalie Savoy**, an opera soloist singing St. Hildegard on **February 17th at 4:00 p.m.**, and will conclude with **Passio: The Passion of the Christ** by VOX & Firebird Arts Alliance on **April 7th at 4:00 p.m.** *Season subscriptions are available through January 27th for \$90 for families, \$40 for adults, and \$28 for students.* Single concert tickets are \$33 for families, \$15 for adults, and \$11 for students. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at [StAnnCharlotte.org/musicae](http://StAnnCharlotte.org/musicae) or after Masses in the parish office. Sponsorships are available for each of the concerts. Contact the parish office at 704-523-4641 ext. 221 for information on tax-deductible contributions and sponsorships.

### Our Parish Mission: "Why Be Catholic?"

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

Father Ken Geraci, CPM, of the Fathers of Mercy will be speaking.

## 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.**

**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).



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**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

**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.

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come, the glory of the  
Lord shines upon you. -- Isaiah 60:1*

## 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).

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.

**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](mailto:abbytaffaro@gmail.com).

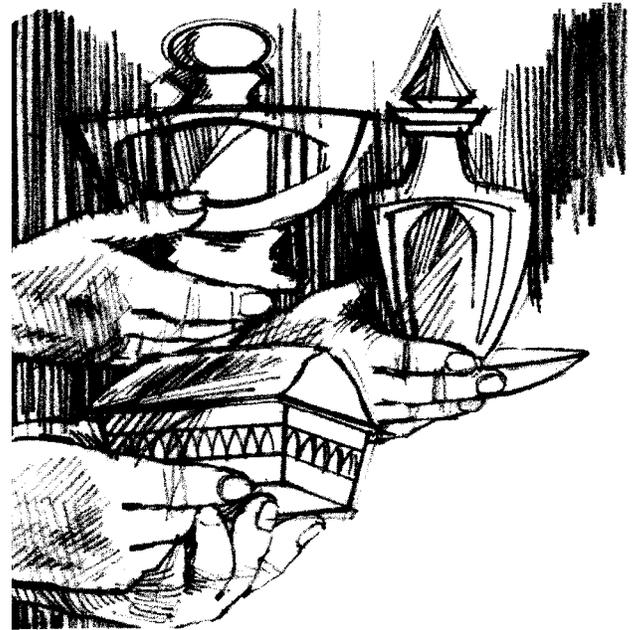
**The men of the Latin Mass Community at St. Ann's** organize a men's fellowship called *Liturgy & Fraternity* most 3rd Wednesdays.



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.

*They presented him with gifts*



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## LATIN MASS CORNER

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).

**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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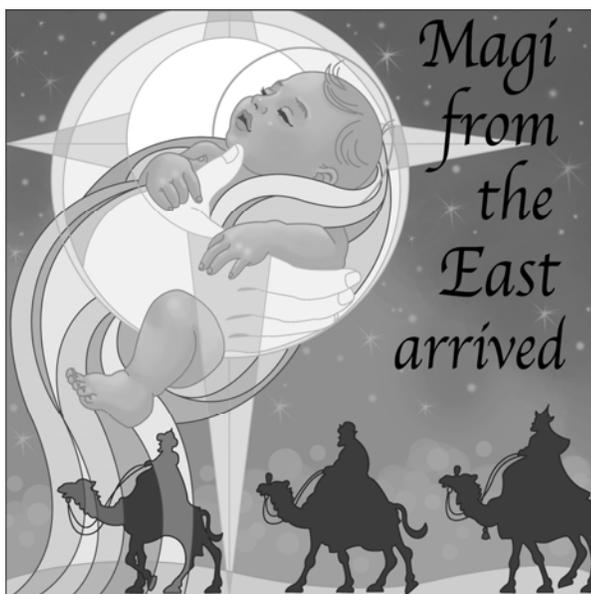
We've got some great online resources available to every member of our parish through a program called *Formed*. In order to access these resources, go to: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and click on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the home page. You will be taken to page where you can enter 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.

**Lighthouse Media: *So Help Me God*** by Dr. Scott Hahn: In this dynamic talk, Dr. Scott Hahn explains the importance of oaths, which invoke God's name and implore His assistance. He shows that oaths are also the means of transforming our personal relationship with Christ into a covenant relationship. \$3.00 donation per CD. **Make checks payable: 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](mailto:lewisfamily555@gmail.com).



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## MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

**Free Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course January 12th in Charlotte at St. Matthew Church, from 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. AND January 26th in Hendersonville at Immaculate Conception Church, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** Topics to be covered include: Effectiveness of modern NFP methods, Health risks of popular contraceptives, Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual, Church teaching on responsible parenting, and how to use NFP. For information, go to [ccdoc.org/nfp](http://ccdoc.org/nfp) or to RSVP, contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or [bnadcock@charlottediocese.org](mailto:bnadcock@charlottediocese.org). Or Joan Pajak at 413-325-4380 or [joanelizabethrn@gmail.com](mailto:joanelizabethrn@gmail.com). To RSVP, contact Pam McCoy at 828-693-6901 or [churchoffice@icwnc.com](mailto:churchoffice@icwnc.com).

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

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

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

**Retrouvaille** teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For information or to attend the program on February 15, 2019, call: 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com) or visit: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://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. 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](http://www.rcgreatercharlotte.com).

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**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](http://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 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.**

**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.



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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 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. February 20<sup>th</sup>: 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 14<sup>th</sup>** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** Reflection by **Abbot Placid Solari, OSB** at **10:00 a.m.** will be in the Assembly Room. Evening Reflection **Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org).

**Visit [TheRetreatBox.com](http://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.

**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 [rtn2108@aol.com](mailto:rtn2108@aol.com) or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at [sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.