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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 30th	<p>8:00 a.m. Our parish family</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Intentions of Sarah & Tim Mersch by <i>Chris & Steve Brunhuber</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Helen Nobers by <i>the Nobers family</i></p>	<p>9:10 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p>
Monday 31st <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<p>6:00 p.m. +Fr. James Billar by <i>Virginia Doman</i></p>	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday 1st <i>New Year's Day</i>	<p>No Adoration</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Latin In thanksgiving by <i>Virginia Doman</i></p> <p>12:00 p.m. Intentions of Peter Townsend By <i>Suzanne & Mike Terry & boys</i></p>	Parish Office Closed
Wednesday 2nd	No Adoration, No Holy Hour, and No Mass	<p>10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Piano (Café)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Gym in use</p>
Thursday 3rd	<p>7:00 a.m. +Bruce Heyer by <i>Suzanne & Mike Terry & boys</i></p> <p><i>5:30 p.m. 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>
Friday 4th	<p>8:30 a.m. +Lauren Crespi by <i>the Tonon family</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms & Cry rooms)</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Home school (Café)</p>
Saturday 5th	<p><i>3:00 p.m. Confessions</i></p> <p>4:30 p.m. Our parish family</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Home School (Café, Kitchen & Gym)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Sewing class (Ceramic & Scout room)</p>
Sunday 6th	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of William Grant by <i>the Grant family</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Intentions of Brother James Raber, OSD by <i>Mary & Aaron Condon</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin +Marge Terry by <i>Suzanne & Mike Terry & boys</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Dogma & Donuts (Café & 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 & Kitchen)</p>



Dear Parishioners,

As we come to the end of another year and celebrate this beautiful feast day in honor of the Holy Family, I want to thank all of you, the St. Ann's parish family, for all you have done this past year. We have a wonderful parish family, and I'm so grateful to all of you who give of your time, talent, and treasure to make our parish the happy and faith-filled place that it is. I do hope, as well, that you've all been able to enjoy this Christmas Octave by spending this special time with family and friends, and that our Infant Lord will shower you with His abundant graces as we enter into a new year.

I am also so very grateful for your generosity and many kindnesses to me. Every year I am so touched and humbled by your gifts and acts of charity toward me. I am most especially thankful for your prayers. Please be assured of my earnest and grateful prayers for all of you this Christmas Season!

Please keep in mind that Tuesday, 01 January 2019, is a federal holiday, which means our office will be closed. As it is also a holy day of obligation, we will have Mass on Monday, 31 December 2018, at 6 p.m., and two Masses on 01 January: 9 a.m. (Latin) and 12 noon (English). Please be sure to attend one of those Masses. As always, I will hear confessions between the Masses on 01 January from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Please note that there will be no Mass on the morning of December 31st. The 6 p.m. Mass will be the only Mass that day. Also, there will be no Adoration again this week because of the holiday, and no Holy Hour or Mass on Wednesday, 02 January 2019.

Lastly, please remember that several of us from our parish will be leaving on our mission trip to India this week. Please pray that we travel safely and that we can minister well to the poor and sick over there. For those of you who would like to donate, you may still do so. Checks should be made out to "St. Ann" with "MOP" in the memo line. You may also donate via our website.

Sincerely yours in the Christ Child and His Virginal Mother,

Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" at the end.

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

December 9, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	20,779.94	17,307.70	421,131.50	415,384.56
Other Revenue Streams:			45,440.00	36,975.00
Total Revenue:			466,571.50	452,359.56
			14,211.94	

DSA:

2018 Goal:	106,285.00
Pledged:	111,517.88
Received:	109,923.13
Donors:	191

5 Year Plan/Capital Needs: 4,187.00

Priests' Retirement:

Goal:	34,045.00
Received:	34,054.00

Religious Retirement : 3,444.00

Immaculate Conception: 3,610.00

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



"In our daily lives, we manage our family and work responsibilities. But to become occupied with these important matters to the exclusion of the need of others outside our home or work, is a mistake we could carry into eternity."

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.

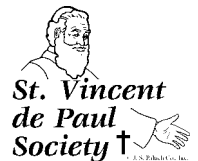


As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, let us take time to reflect on our Church family and how we can show our gratitude through a planned gift for our parish.



As the end of the year approaches, we ask you to remember to complete your DSA pledge by December 31st. Our diocesan 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. Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own use.

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting many, many families. Thank you!



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

**No Adoration Tuesday, January 1, 2019 or
Wednesday, January 2, 2019.
No Holy Hour or Mass on Wednesday,
January 2, 2019**

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.**

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.

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.

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.

Bulletin Deadline is:

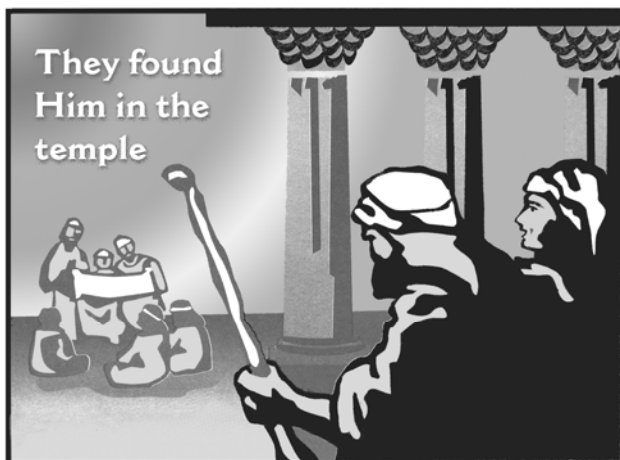
- Tuesday, January 8th at 12noon for Sunday, January 13, 2019
- Tuesday, January 15th at 12noon for Sunday, January 20, 2019
- Tuesday, January 22nd at 12noon for Sunday, January 27, 2019

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 Sunday, January 6th.** Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth with questions: sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com.

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.



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

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.

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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.

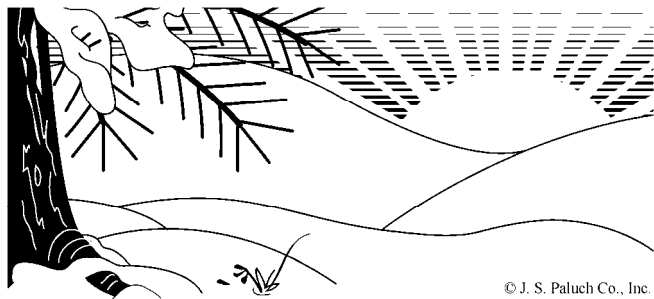
Do you love Jesus? Do you want to learn how to love Him more deeply? Do you want Him to transform your life and the lives of your family and friends? Read His Word every day. The daily Mass readings are the very voice of God speaking to us. Meditate on His Word for just 15 minutes with the help of our *One Bread One Body* booklets, a guide to the daily Scriptures **found in the North Vestibule with other helpful resources.**

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.

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



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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.

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.

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.

*Beloved, we are Gods children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
-- 1 John 3:2a*

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of December 30th-January 6th**

December 30th	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
December 31st	7th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2nd class
January 1st	8th Day in the Octave Day of Christmas - 1st class
January 2nd	Holy Name of Jesus - 2nd class
January 3rd	Feria of Christmastide - 4th class of Jesus Christ the High Priest
January 4th	Feria of Christmastide - 4th class or USA: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - 3rd class
January 5th	Saturday of Our Lady-4th class; or St. Telephorus 4th class; or USA: St. John Neumann - 3rd class
January 6th	Epiphany of the Lord - 1st class Proclamation of Moveable Feasts

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.

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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 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.

Mary, Mother of God



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MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

A Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course Topics to be covered include: Effectiveness of modern NFP methods, Health risks of popular contraceptives, Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual, and Church teaching on marital sexuality. **To register and purchase class materials, go to: 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

Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost the sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. **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: retrouvaille@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. 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.

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.**

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 through 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.



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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 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 by **Abbot Placid Solari, OSB** at **10:00 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 Yourselves*, 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.