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

**Liturgical Schedule**

*(Changes in the schedule noted inside)*

**Parish Office Hours**

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

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

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<b>Sunday 13th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Nicholas Battweg <i>by Christine &amp; Greg Wolman</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Waide Galle <i>by the Foushee family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Dogma & Donuts (Café & Kitchen) 11:30 a.m. Boys Choir (Classrooms 1 & 2) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)
<b>Monday 14th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Mary William Hynes <i>by the Palanos family</i>	9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church) 3:15 p.m. Home School (Café) 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. RCIA (All-Purpose room in St. Ann School)   Home School (Café)   Catholic Scriptures Studies (Ceramic room)   Fraternus (Gym)   Fidelis (Café)
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Gretchen & Windom Craig <i>by Trudy &amp; Randy Schoonover &amp; family</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i>	9:00 a.m. All rooms in use 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use   Gym in use
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	<i>Adoration in the chapel until 5:00 p.m.</i> <b>5:00 p.m. Holy Hour</b> <b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Joseph Lauer <i>by the Lauer family</i>	10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room) 2:00 p.m. Piano (Café) 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Café)   Gym in use
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Steven Schoonover <i>by Trudy &amp; Randy Schoonover &amp; family</i>  <b>5:30 p.m. Confessions</b>	6:00 p.m. Choir (Church)   Gym in use 7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)
<b>Friday 18th</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> +Enrique Torres <i>by the Palanos family</i>	8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel)
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m. Confessions</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Intentions of Maureen & Mike Rayano <i>by the Bruno family</i>	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 2:00 p.m. Sewing class (Ceramic & Scout room)
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Fr. Gary Sumpter <i>by the Palanos family</i>  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Deborah & Holt Foushee	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your generosity last Sunday to **Food for the Poor**. I'm grateful to the kindness shown by you to Fr. White, and for all the donations you made to his organization. Supporting Food for the Poor is a great way for us to help feed the hungry throughout the world.

I'm also very grateful for your generosity to our MOP India Mission trip. We've been having a very good visit here, and I'm thankful for your prayers. It's been wonderful catching up with all the residents and brothers here whom we've gotten to know over the past few years, and to see how the kids are growing! Tomorrow we will be flying home and arriving very late back into Charlotte. Please pray for our safety as we travel.

Last Sunday Deacon Peter spoke at the Men's Club about **Exodus 90**, a program of prayer, fasting, discipline, and exercise for men. While I know that many men in our parish have already done Exodus 90, I want to invite all the men of the parish to consider signing up for this program ([www.exodus90.com](http://www.exodus90.com)) for the 90 days leading up to Easter, which begins on January 21. I've been through this program several times myself, and while rigorous, I find it to be a great help to my spiritual life. My goal is to have at least 30 men in Exodus 90 this year, with the hope that this will be something we do annually. For more information, please contact Deacon Peter.

I know that many of you participated in the annual **Charlotte March for Life** this past Friday. Please keep in mind that on Tuesday, 22 January 2019, our country observes the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion and has led to the deaths of well over 50 million American babies in the wombs of their mothers. As we mark this solemn and sad occasion, let us pray in a particular way for the end to this shameful and horrendous practice that so offends our blessed Lord. Let us pray, too, for the healing of all those who have had an abortion, and anyone who has participated in an abortion in any way.

The **National Right to Life March** is this Friday, 18 January 2019, in Washington, D.C. I know that many of you attend that march as well – as do I. As we prepare to mark the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and prepare for the National Right to Life March, let us all take on a few extra penances to make reparation for terrible sin of abortion.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "E".

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
722 registered families

December 23, 2017	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	16,750.74	17,307.70	456,097.49	450,000.00
Other Revenue Streams:			47,535.00	41,375.00
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>503,632.49</b>	<b>491,375.00</b>
			12,257.49	

**DSA:**

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

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!**



*Your first responsibility is to take care of your needs and the needs of your family – not necessarily all their wants. In looking at what we need versus what we want, we end up placing material things and money in their proper perspective.*

**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).

*What is Stewardship? The Diocese of Charlotte has developed a definition of stewardship to give a context to all our efforts in stewardship. While a definition certainly cannot explain all there is to stewardship, it can provide direction for our work in this important area of the church.*

The Year was 1999  
803 families

Baptisms: 43, First Communion: 69, Confirmation: 40,  
Marriages: 16, and Deaths: 21.  
Fiscal YTD: 220,160.00. Budget YTD: 238,325.00

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

**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.*



*Don't put off planning your estate... for we know not the day nor the hour. Good stewardship means that we look ahead and make provisions for our family and our Church.*

*After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words “you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased”.*



## 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 by Deacons Sanctis and Tonon. Come for one or all of the classes. **Next class is TODAY, January 13th.** Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth with questions: [sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com](mailto:sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com).

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 19th-20th, February 2nd-3rd, and February 16th-17th.**

### Men of St. St. Ann Parish:

Deacon Peter spoke at the Men's Club meeting about **Exodus 90**, a program of prayer, fasting, discipline, and exercise for men. I want to invite all the men of the parish to consider signing up for this program: [www.Exodus90.com](http://www.Exodus90.com), for the 90 days leading up to Easter, **which begins on January 21st.** I've been through this program several times myself, and while rigorous, I find it to be a great help to my spiritual life. My goal is to have at least 30 men in Exodus 90 this year, with the hope that this will be something we do annually. Deacon Peter will be mentioning Exodus 90 program after the Masses this weekend. Contact Deacon Peter at 704-905-3963.

### St. Ann's Attic and Junk In The Trunk Sale February 2, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

It's time to start gathering your unwanted items for donation to the St. Ann's Attic Sale! In addition to donating directly to the Attic Sale, we will also offer the option to rent a spot in the parking lot for \$25 whereby you can sell your own goods. Spaces will be available on a First Come, First Served basis. We need lots of volunteers to make this event a success. We will have **unloading and set up on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:30-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Please contact Kim Curran at [kcurran36@hotmail.com](mailto:kcurran36@hotmail.com) or 704-960-9634 for more information.

### 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.

*Raymond Mosley is celebrating 25 years working here at St. Ann Catholic Church.*

*Thank you Raymond.*

*1994-2019*

*Let us pray for 25 more years!*



**Fabián López**, violinist, and **Inara Zandmane**, 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.

**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 *before January 18th* with any names.

### 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

**As part of the diocesan combined collections program, the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Church in Africa, Catholic Home Missions, and the United States Mission Collection have been combined into one second collection. That collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, **January 19th-20th**. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the missionary activity of the Church on both a local and world level. This week you should receive a letter from our Chancellor and Vicar General, Msgr. Mauricio West with an informative brochure. Please take the time to read through the brochure and become more familiar with the good work done by each of these organizations. **The envelope for this collection is part of your parish envelope packet.****

**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.*

**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 and subscribe to our group at [holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:holyfamilyplaygroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.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).

**Fidelis**, a group for young ladies in middle and high school, meets on Monday evenings, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in café during the school year. **We are currently in need of young adult women to volunteer to with Fidelis.** If you are interested in learning more or in volunteering, contact the Daughters of the Virgin Mother at [dvmfidelis@gmail.com](mailto:dvmfidelis@gmail.com).



*Our 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), and  
Christine Vandenberg (sister of Joanie Philipp and Tony Vandenberg).

*Our servicemen and servicewomen:*

Set. John Michael Fanning USMC,  
Lt. Grace Carlson, USN  
Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC  
Ensign Hayley Derscheid  
Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Derscheid  
LT. Charlie Hetzel USN  
LT.JG. Thomas Hetzel USN  
2nd LT. Peter Hetzel 2nd Class USMA

*The repose of the soul of:* Fred Lindenbaum, who died on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

**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.



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Welcome into our parish family:  
 Emma Grace Billarant  
 Isabella Ann Quinn

**MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN**

**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.

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.**

**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.

**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.

**LATIN MASS CORNER**

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of January 13th-January 20th**

January 13th	The Holy Family - 2nd class
January 14th	St. Hilary - 3rd class
January 15th	St. Paul the 1st Hermit - 3rd class
January 16th	St. Marcellus I - 3rd class
January 17th	St. Anthony - 3rd class
January 18th	Feria - 4th class or St. Prisca -4th class
January 19th	Saturday of Our Lady - 4th class or Sts. Marius, Martha, Audifax, Abachum 4th class or St. Canute - 4th class
January 20th	2nd Sunday after the Epiphany - 2nd class

St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Fridays 7:00 a.m., and on select feast days. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

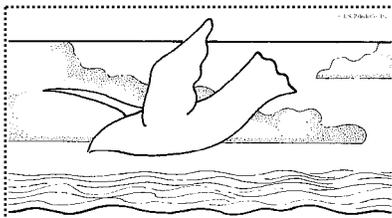
**Latin Mass Q&A:** What do the Classes in the above calendar mean? The Class is the level of importance or solemnity (1st-4th) associated with that day's Saint or commemoration. A 1st Class Feast Day are many Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas. Feria is a non-feast day and readings typically revert to the prior Sunday readings.

**Questions?** Email [info@charlottelatinmass.org](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org). For Latin Mass news, visit [www.charlottelatinmass.org](http://www.charlottelatinmass.org).

**Latin Mass Email List:** The Latin Mass Community shares updates on future Latin Masses around Charlotte, and last minute schedule changes. To sign up, email Chris Lauer at [info@charlottelatinmass.org](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org).

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

**Wednesday mornings** during the school year (except vacations) the St Joseph College Seminary will offer the **Traditional Latin Mass in St. Ann's at 7:00 a.m. All are welcome.**



*He saved us  
through the bath of  
rebirth and renewal  
by the Holy Spirit.  
-- Titus 3:5*

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

We've got some great online resources available to every member of our parish through a program called **Formed**. In order to access these resources, go to: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and click on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the home page. You will be taken to page where you can enter a parish code to get access to the resources. **Our parish code is: Y6ZQ8M**. Once you've logged in under our parish code, you can create your personal profile and login.

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

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.

## 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).

## MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

**Free Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course 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 contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or [bnadcock@charlottediocese.org](mailto:bnadcock@charlottediocese.org). Or contact: Joan Pajak at 413-325-4380 or [joanelizabethrn@gmail.com](mailto:joanelizabethrn@gmail.com). Or 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 / [jrgrabowski@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jrgrabowski@charlottediocese.org).

**Natural Family Planning.** Certified Sympto-Thermal Method teaching couple will help couples naturally plan for family growth in a safe, effective manner, within the Church's teaching. Signup online & purchase class materials at [www.celi.org](http://www.celi.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).

4 Stages of Marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three stages, but those that end in divorce never make it to the fourth. Don't give up without learning about this vital part of marriage. Contact **Retrouvaille** if your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery. For information or to attend the program beginning on **February 15th**, call: 800-470-2230 or email: [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@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



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](http://www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org).

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants event: Saturday, January 12th at the Cathedral of St. Patrick.** We will begin with **8:00am Mass**, and followed by one decade of the Holy Rosary. We will then process by car to the abortion facility, continuing our Rosary on the way. \*The Procession will begin sometime around 9:00 a.m., depending on the length of Mass and travel time. *Procession for Life lead by Fr. Christopher Bond.* The *Location for the procession: "A Preferred Women's Health" abortion facility (3220 Latrobe Dr., Charlotte, NC 28211).* Park down the road from the clinic, where you see the Our Lady of Guadalupe banner. Gather at the banner and we will process up to the clinic as a group. There will be Eucharistic Adoration happening at the parish while we are at the abortion mill. We will end our Procession for Life with Benediction at the Cathedral.

Join us for the **Catholic Charities 16th Annual Vineyard of Hope February 28th Crowne Plaza Charlotte.** Pre-event Reception at 5:30 p.m. Blessing of the Meal at 6:45 p.m. Come share an evening of compassion and hope! To register, view sponsorship opportunities, or become a table host, visit us online at <https://ccdoc.org/vineyardofhope> or email Amy Loesch at [ahloesch@charlottediocese.org](mailto:ahloesch@charlottediocese.org).

### **Healing Hearts: Fundraiser For Disabled War Veterans: Purple Heart Homes Improving Veterans' lives one home at a Time.**

Support our Charlotte fundraiser for Purple Heart Hems, a NC based national Veterans charity. Building homes for wounded veterans of the Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Join us for Fun, Food, and Fellowship! Live music, auctions, raffles and Libation. St. Ann Church on Thursday, February 7th 6:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Tickets and information at [www.purplehearthomesusa.org](http://www.purplehearthomesusa.org) or call Santiago Leon at 704-996-5111.

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 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.

**January 17th through 18th, the Cathedral of Saint Patrick will lead a pilgrimage to Washington D.C. to participate in the national March for Life; and we have a few spots available for anyone who wants to attend!** Buses will depart on Thursday, January 17th. After we arrive, we'll attend a Mass for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Overnight accommodations will be at the Hyatt Place Hotel. On Friday, we'll attend a Mass offered by the bishops of North Carolina at 11:30 a.m., then participate in the national March for Life around 1:00 p.m. Payment options: \$150 per person for one person in a room, \$75 per person for two people in a room, and \$50 per person for three to four people in a room. All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register at: [www.stpatricks.org/march-for-life](http://www.stpatricks.org/march-for-life).

The **Fidelis Program at St. Mark Church, Huntersville,** is hosting its **2nd annual January Jumpstart event on January 26th.** All young ladies, 6th-12th grades, within the diocese are invited to attend this event featuring Jessamyn Anderson, a Catholic speaker, singer, and National Fidelis lady. Contact Lizzy Coleman or Betsy Hoyt at [januaryjumpstartretreat@gmail.com](mailto:januaryjumpstartretreat@gmail.com).

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

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

**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 [rmt2108@aol.com](mailto:rmt2108@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.