



January 27, 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>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 27th	<p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mark Conner <i>by the family</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Grant family <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Katherine & Christopher Lauer's Anniversary</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Dogma & Donuts (Café & Kitchen) Faith Formation (School)</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Boys Choir (Classrooms 1 & 2) Nineveh (Gym)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Church & Kitchen in use</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Concert (Church)</p>
Monday 28th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Anya Grant <i>by the 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>3:15 p.m. Homeschool (Café)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Youth Group (Café, Kitchen, & Gym)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Fidelis (Café) Fraternalus (Gym) RCIA (St. Ann School All-Purpose room) Catholic Scriptures Studies (Ceramic room) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use</p>
Tuesday 29th	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Felicity & Dorothy <i>by Marcy & Jeff Rothe</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>
Wednesday 30th	<p><i>Adoration in the chapel until 5:00 p.m.</i></p> <p>5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Latin +Mark Tonon <i>by the Tonon family</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Piano (Café)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Conference room in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Gym in use Nineveh (Café)</p>
Thursday 31st	<p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Susan Schoonover <i>by Trudy & Randy Schoonover & family</i></p> <p><i>5:30 p.m. Confessions</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. All rooms in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Men's Club (Kitchen)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir (Church) Gym in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)</p>
Friday 1st	<p>7:00 a.m. Latin +Betty Pickston <i>by the Wilkens family</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Intentions of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Discalced Carmelite Group <i>by Janine Derscheid</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Attic Sale setup (Café) Kitchen set up</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Home School (Café)</p>
Saturday 2nd	<p>9:00 a.m. Presentation Latin Mass</p> <p>3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p> <p>4:30 p.m. Our parish family</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Attic & Bake Sales (Café) Junk in the Trunk Sale (Parking lot)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use First Confessions Retreat (Church)</p> <p>12 noon Retreat (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Sewing class (Ceramic & Scout room)</p>
Sunday 3rd	<p>8:00 a.m. +Evelyn Thomas <i>by the family</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Intentions of Katie Miller <i>by the family</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Katherine Lauer <i>by the family</i></p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Men's Club Ribs & Wings Sales (Kitchen & Plaza)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Dogma & Donuts (Café & Kitchen) Faith Formations (School)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Vespers (Church)</p>



Dear Parishioners,

Now that the holidays are behind us and school is back into full swing, our parish calendar is getting very busy again! Of particular note is that our first *Gaudium Musicae* concert of this season is this weekend: Sunday, 27 January 2019, at 4 p.m. This concert will feature violinist Fabián López and pianist Inara Zandmane performing selected works. If you don't have tickets yet, you can purchase them at the door. Please join us for what should be an excellent concert.

Please also keep in mind that our annual **Attic Sale** will be on Saturday, 02 February 2019, in the Allen Center Cafeteria. This is a great little fundraiser for our parish, so please be sure to come. There are more details about the Attic Sale in this bulletin. The **Men's Club** is also selling their ribs and wings for the Super Bowl, so be sure to pick up some when you come to the Attic Sale.

That same morning of the Attic Sale, we will also have a Mass for the **Presentation of the Lord** at 9 a.m. It will be a Latin low Mass. It's an old custom to bless candles on this day for use throughout the coming year, so please join us and bring any candles you wish to have blessed for your home.

We are having our 1st Reconciliation Retreat for our children preparing for their Sacraments this coming Saturday as well. Their first confessions will be on Saturday, 23 February 2019, so please be sure to pray for our children!

Our annual **Parish Mission** will soon be upon us! This year we are blessed to have Fr. Ken Geraci of the Fathers of Mercy as our mission preacher. Fr. Geraci is a well-known speaker in the Catholic world whose podcasts can be found on the Fathers of Mercy website, and some of you were able to meet him last summer when he visited our parish. Fr. Geraci will be here for Sunday Masses the weekend of February 9-10, and per our usual schedule, his mission talks will take place at 7 p.m. on Sunday-Wednesday, February 10-13, 2019. He will also be offering confessions each night before and after his talks. Please join us for our parish mission, and please pray for its success.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid".

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

January 5, 2019	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	22,025.25	17,307.70	546,182.24	484,615.32
Other Revenue Streams:			68,258.76	52,842.37
Total Revenue:			614,441.00	537,457.69
DSA:				
2018 Goal:	106,285.00			
Pledged:	112,817.88			
Pledge Balance:	402.00			
Received:	112,415.88			
Donors:	194			
5 Year Plan/Capital Needs (Blue Envelope)		1,922.00		

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!**



Stewardship is not about the needs of the Church. Rather, it is about our desire to give back to God in gratitude, by sharing the gifts He has bestowed on us.

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.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."



In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing food and money for utility rent, bills, etc. Thank You!

Give Electronically at
www.StAnnCharlotte.org



On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember the words of Jesus, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."



A properly prepared will can provide for two families – your own and your parish family.

Stewardship of time, talent and treasure. We look at St. Ann Catholic Church in the year of 2005:

- Baptisms: 25
- First Communion: 43
- Confirmations: 28
- Marriages: 4
- Deaths: 9

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 27th.** Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth with questions: sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com.



Fabián López, violinist, and **Inara Zandmane**, pianist will open the concert series for a hour-long performance **TODAY, 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 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.

Bulletin Deadline is:
 Tuesday, January 29th at 12noon for Sunday, February 3, 2019.
 Tuesday, February 5th at 12noon for Sunday, February 10, 2019.
 Tuesday, February 7th at 12noon for Sunday, February 17, 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: **February 2nd-3rd, February 16th-17th, and March 2nd-3rd.**

St. Ann's Attic Sale, Bake Sale, and Junk in the Trunk Sale

Saturday, February 2nd, 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 1st from 3:30-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 2nd from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Contact Kim Curran at kcurran36@hotmail.com or 704-960-9634 for more information. **The pod is in the back corner of the parking lot, please drop off items there until the weekend.**

Men's Club Super Bowl Babyback Ribs and Angelo's Wings and Complete Dinners will be available next weekend.

Discounted pre-paid orders are on sale TODAY after Mass. All earnings support charities within our parish and local community.

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 invite all the men of the parish to consider signing up for this program: www.Exodus90.com, for the 90 days leading up to Easter. For those men who will be participating in the Exodus 90 program please email Deacon Peter your contact information at pthonon@mainstreetcapital.com, he will be arranging times for the group weekly meetings.

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.

The next Baptismal Preparation Class is Sunday, February 24th, at 12noon in the Scout room. Call the parish office to sign up for the class.

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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.*

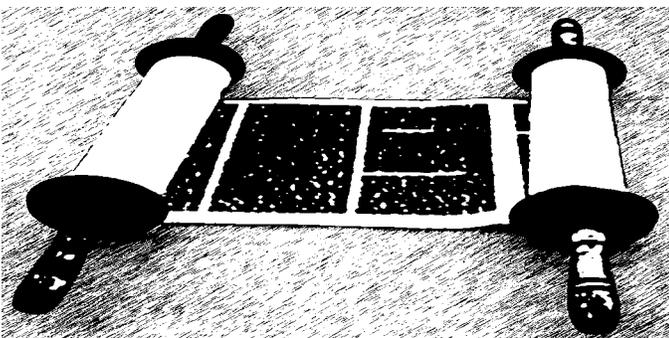
*Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor
before the throne of God, pray for us.*

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.

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.

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.

Volunteer to become a Regular Adorer! Please call the parish office at 704-523-4641, or email Karen at rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com.



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Pray for ...

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Our parishioners:
Patricia Phillips,
Helen Norton,
Nancy West,
Alex Cecil,
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),
Christine Vandenberg (sister of Joanie Philipp and Tony Vandenberg),
Libby McGloughlin (mother of Bill McGloughlin)

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.

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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.

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 27th-February 3rd

January 27th	3rd Sunday after Epiphany - 2nd class
January 28th	St. Peter Nolasco - 3rd class
January 29th	St. Francis de Sales - 3rd class
January 30th	St. Martina - 3rd class
January 31st	St. John Bosco - 3rd class
February 1st	St. Ignatius of Antioch - 3rd class or Sacred Heart of Jesus - 3rd class
February 2nd	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 2nd class
February 3rd	4th Sunday after 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. For Latin Mass news, visit www.charlottelatinmass.org.

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

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

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

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Books to Explore Timeless Truths 5 - Book Bundle just \$16.00 per bundle when you buy at least 5 bundles. That's **only \$3.20 a book - a 35% discount off the retail price!** Offer expires August 1st or while supplies last. Featuring the writings of Dr. Peter Kreeft, Vinny Flynn, Venerable Fulton Sheen, St. Francis de Sales, and Bishop Robert Barron. \$3 donation per CD will help to bring in more of these great talks on the Beauty of the Catholic Faith. **Go to: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub and enter code: 33769.** Stop by the Lighthouse Media stand in the North Vestibule, thanks you.

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.



MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Free Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course. Topics 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 or contact: Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities 704-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org.

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

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

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

Retrouvaille – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, even those in deep misery. For information or to attend the program beginning on February 15th, call 800-470-2230 or email retrouvaille@msn.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Going Beyond Date Night: a 25-Hour Marriage Getaway, February 9th-10th in Hickory, NC. Leave your kids & all the household chores behind and take off on a 25-hour marriage retreat with your spouse. The 25-hour marriage retreat will include reflections on marriage by Catholic couples with opportunities for reconciliation, spiritual dialogue, Mass, & adoration with a Legion of Christ priest. The cost is \$315/per couple. Accommodations, meals & materials are provided. For information & to register, go to: www.rcgreatercharlotte.com.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



All women of the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG) 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.** The next Morning Reflection **Monday, February 11th**, at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** Reflection by **Fr. Basile Sede at 10:30 a.m.** will be in the Assembly Room behind the chapel. RSVP is requested via www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

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.

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.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

National Marriage Week is February 7th-14th. The US Bishops have a website called "For Your Marriage" with lots of uplifting information for a happy, healthy marriage. The website is suitable for dating and engaged couples as well as newly married couples and couples married for many, many years. There is a "virtual retreat" posted there for couples to do on their own time in their own homes (not necessarily during the second week of February, but whenever works for you). **The theme of this year's Virtual Marriage Retreat is "Marriage: Made for a Reason."** www.foryourmarriage.org/seven-day-virtual-marriage-retreat/

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. -- Luke 4:18a

Our Lady of Grace 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. **February 6th**: The LGBTQ Movement and Anthropology. **February 20th**: Healthcare and Subsidiarity. For information, call Our Lady of Grace Church at 803-283-4969.

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, at 6:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.** Tickets and information at www.purplehearthomesusa.org or call Santiago Leon at 704-996-5111.

FREE "Living Healthy with Diabetes" class to begin on Mondays, March 11th-April 15th at 1:00-3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolation. Classes are FREE, but pre-registration is *required*. The deadline to register is *Monday, February 25th*. Class limited to 14 participants. Contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220 or email sabreakfield@charlottediocese.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 or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com.



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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.