



February 24, 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.

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

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 24th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Joseph Peter Schumacher <i>by Sister Mary Raphael</i> 10:30 a.m. +Aggie & Don Baker <i>by the Janssen family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	11:30 a.m. Boy's Choir (Classrooms 1 & 2) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room) 2:00 p.m. Gym, Café & Kitchen in use
Monday 25th	7:00 a.m. +Steve Crocker <i>by Karen & John Carlevatti</i>	9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms) 9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church) 3:15 p.m. Homeschool (Café) 4:00 p.m. Youth Group (Café, Kitchen & Gym) 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 7:00 p.m. Fidelis (Café) Fraternalus (Gym) RCIA (St. Ann School All-Purpose room) Catholic Scriptures Studies (Ceramic room)
Tuesday 26th	7:00 a.m. +Dora & Lawrence Timoney <i>by the McElravey</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i>	9:00 a.m. All rooms in use 6:30 p.m. Conference room in use 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use
Wednesday 27th	<i>Adoration in the chapel until 5:00 p.m.</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin St. Ann's benefactors & their loved ones	9:00 a.m. Choir loft in use 10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room) 2:00 p.m. Piano (Café) Café, Gym & Kitchen in use 7:00 p.m. Gym in use
Thursday 28th	7:00 a.m. +Fredrick White <i>by the Sanctis family</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i>	9:00 a.m. All rooms in use 9:30 p.m. Conference room in use 6:00 p.m. Choir (Church) Gym in use 7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)
Friday 1st	7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of Margaret Foushee <i>by her parents</i> 8:30 a.m. Intentions of the seminarians <i>by the McElravey</i>	8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel) Conference room in use 9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms & Cry rooms in the church) 3:15 p.m. Home School (Café)
Saturday 2nd	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. Our parish family	8:00 a.m. Church in use 9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 2:00 p.m. Sewing class (Ceramic & Scout room) 5:00 p.m. St. Ann School (Gym & Café)
Sunday 3rd	8:00 a.m. Intentions of John Joseph Grant <i>by the family</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Bishop Peter Jugis <i>by SueAnn Howell</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of the Ohlhaut family <i>by the Miller family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Dogma & Donuts (Café) 10:00 a.m. Home School (Café & Gym) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Men's Club (Chapel) 6:30 p.m. Men's Club (Kitchen & Café)



Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned in my letter last Sunday, **Lent** will soon be upon us. This Sunday is known as *Sexagesima Sunday* in the ancient calendar of the Church, which is the 2nd of 3 preparatory Sundays leading up to Lent that help us prepare for the fasting and penances to come. This *pre-Lent* is a time for us to fix our minds and hearts more closely upon our Lord's Paschal Mystery, to contemplate His goodness and mercy, and to begin the process of conversion.

Thus, now is a good time to begin thinking about how you will use Lent to prepare yourself for Easter. Remember, Lent is not about making sacrifices and fasting simply for the sake of sacrificing and fasting. Our fasting and sacrifices should help us root out sin and become holier people. This can only happen when it is coupled with humble prayer and a love for our Lord. At the same time, it is also good to undertake almsgiving and the corporal and spiritual works of mercy alongside your fasting and sacrifices during Lent.

Many parishes throughout our diocese and the country pass out "Rice Bowls" this time of year as a way of collecting alms for the poor. But I'd rather our parish continue supporting the MOP mission in India that we've been connected to for the past 3 years. The good brothers in India have asked our parish to help fund the building of a sorely-needed chapel at their monastery compound. Currently, the brothers worship daily in a makeshift chapel in a meeting room of their monastery that is too small for their needs. On Sundays they use another makeshift chapel in a multipurpose room at their apostolate, which again is not very sacred and too small for their needs. If you'd like to donate to this project, just place your alms in one of the poor boxes in the narthex, and those monies will go directly to the building of the brother's chapel. Ideally, I'd love St. Ann's to raise \$50,000 for this project, which will pay for half of the total projected cost. If writing a check, make it out to "St. Ann" with "MOP" in the memo line. Alternately, you can give on-line using the "Missionaries of the Poor" line on our website.

Next weekend is the first weekend of March, so we will have our usual 2nd collection. Remember that the new envelope for this 2nd collection says: "5 Year Plan," and the monies we collect will go to renovating the Msgr. Allen Center in 2020. Our goal is to collect \$7500/month via this 2nd collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

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Fr. Reid's homilies (audio & PDF) & the bulletins are posted on the website: www.StAnnCharlotte.org



*The altar flowers are in memory of Fredrick Monroe White
by Deacon Tom and Teresa Sanctis and Family.*



Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

February 3, 2019	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	14,455.52	17,307.70	614,394.52	553,846.08
Other Revenue Streams:			69,483.76	69,971.21
Total Revenue:			683,878.28	623,817.29
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			60,060.99	
DSA: Final				
2019 Goal:	116,330.00			
Pledged:				
Pledge Balance:				
Received:				
Donors:				
5 Year Plan:	3,322.00	Attic & Bake Sale:	1,331.00	

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



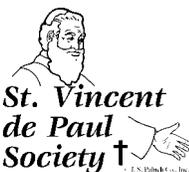
Stewardship of treasure asks only a small percentage of income. Many people find that when they trust God and return a proportionate percentage of their income to the Church and other charities, they can live happily on the rest of their income.

Stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

We look at St. Ann's Parish in the year of 2003, 16 years ago:

Baptisms: 53 | First Communion: 70 |
Confirmations: 20 | Marriages: 9 | Deaths: 21

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies...Give to everyone who asks of you...Do to others as you would have them do to you...Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."



"We Are His Hands," is the theme of the 2019 Diocesan Support Appeal. This week, you should receive a letter or postcard from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support of the DSA. Bishop Jugis asks each of us to prayerfully consider a gift to the DSA as a way of serving Christ through service to thousands of Catholics in western North Carolina.

Your will is a plan for the distribution of the assets you have accumulated as a result of the God-given gifts you have received throughout your life.



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.

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

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

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, March 3rd.** Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth with questions: 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: **March 2nd-3rd, March 16th-17th, and April 6th-7th.**

SAVE THE DATE:

Summer Catechesis for 2019 is July 8th-12th!

Join us for a Summer Faith Adventure: The New Kingdom of David! 4 years old through 5th graders will explore our faith through games, lessons, crafts, and more. Teens are needed as Adventure Guides. Service hours can be earned! More on Teens to come. Adult volunteers also needed. To volunteer, contact Trista Bremer at trista.bremer@gmail.com or 704-989-5488.

Are you interested in a pilgrimage this July? If you would like to be a part of a trip to The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, join us **Wednesday, February 27th, at 7:00 p.m., after Mass, in the Allen Center** to discuss the a POTENTIAL Divine Mercy Pilgrimage. This is VERY preliminary and we need input of those interested in going. Contact Lucie Tonon at lucietonon123@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

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

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

Bulletin Deadline is:

Tuesday, February 26th at 12noon for Sunday, March 3, 2019.

Tuesday, March 5th at 12noon for Sunday, March 10, 2019.

Tuesday, March 12th at 12noon for Sunday, March 17, 2019.

HOMELESS MINISTRY

This ministry serves 2 shelters each month by preparing and serving a meal. The Women's Shelter is served the 3rd Sunday of each month and the Men's Shelter is served the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Right now we are in DIRE need of cooking volunteers for the 3rd Tuesday ministry (3-5pm).

If you would like to help keep this important ministry alive, please contact Peter Baker at petercltnc@gmail.com or call 704-578-9390.



The 2019 Gaudium Musicae concert series will continue on Sunday, April 7th at 4 p.m. with VOX and

Firebird Arts Alliance performing *Passio: The Passion of the Christ*. 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. **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.

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

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

Seven Sisters Apostolate: Looking for a couple women to join this amazing Apostolate, which prays for Our Pastor, Fr Reid. Can you offer just one hour? www.sevensistersapostolate.org
For more information, contact Sarah Miller at holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com.

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

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@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.

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.



Our parishioners:
Patricia Phillips,
Helen Norton,
Nancy West,
Edward McNally.

Our friends and family:

Fred Battnweg,
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 Register (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),
Junior-JuneBug (friend of Paul Cecil),
Libby McGloughlin (mother of Bill McGloughlin),
Michael Pappas,
Jacqueline and Arthur Russell (parents of Andrea Hines).

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.

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.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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

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.



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.**

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.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of February 24th-March 3rd**

February 24th	Sexagesima Sunday-2nd class
February 25th	Feria-4th class
February 26th	Feria-4th class
February 27th	St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows-3rd class
February 28th	Feria-4th class
March 1st	Feria-4th class or Sacred Heart of Jesus-3rd class
March 2nd	Saturday of Our Lady-4th class or Immaculate Heart of Mary -3rd class
March 3rd	Quinquagesima Sunday -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.**

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Vigil of the Two Hearts: Next city-wide vigil honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is March 1st-2nd. Join us on each First Friday through First Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, located at 1621 East Dilworth Road, Charlotte, in an overnight vigil to honor the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, to pray for our families, offer penance for our sins, and pray for our nation's conversion. This is to honor Our Lady of Fatima's request for prayer and penance. Devotion begins at 8:00 p.m. with First Friday Mass (March 1st), offered by Fr. Joshua Voitus, followed by nocturnal Adoration and concluding with 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass (March 2nd). All families and parishes invited to participate! **Learn more and sign up for Eucharistic Adoration times at: ProLifeCharlotte.org/two-hearts. Stay updated on schedule changes by joining the Vigil e-mail list at www.prolifecharlotte.org or info@prolifecharlotte.org.**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) welcomes interested parents and students to attend MACS Open Houses for the 2019-2020 school year. There will be open houses held in January during Early Admissions.

St. Ann Home School Group liaison is Kathleen Lewis. To contact Kathleen for information on Home School, email lewisfamily555@gmail.com.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Do you think you know the messages of Fatima? Learn aspects of our Lady's messages that are often overlooked and why as recent popes have told us Fatima is more relevant today than it was in 1917. Join us for **The Fatima Retreat/Conference: *The Message of Fatima: The Triumph of Love in Times of Darkness* on Friday-Sunday, March 22-24, 2019** at The Haid Theater & Ballroom at Belmont Abbey College. The speaker, **Sister Angela de Fatima Coelho, MD, ASM**, will give seven talks on Fatima. Sr. Angela is a world-renowned speaker on Fatima and was the postulator for Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto and is currently the vice postulator for Servant of God Sr. Lucia. The schedule and registration are at <http://SrAngelaTalkMarch2019.eventbrite.com>. Register before March 20th, seating limited and registration is required. Hosted by The Luminaries of Holy Mary Fatima Prayer Group. For inquiries, email: [Mary Sample: marysample3@gmail.com](mailto:MarySample@marysample3@gmail.com).

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. -- Psalm 103:8

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

FREE Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course March 2nd in Greensboro at St. Pius X Catholic Church, from 1:30-5:30 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 marital sexuality, and how to use NFP. For information, go to ccdoc.org/nfp or to RSVP, contact: [Batrice Adcock, MSN](mailto:BatriceAdcock@charlottediocese.org), 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

Stress in Your Marriage? **Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. For information call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

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/

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

The 3rd Annual Charlotte Catholic High School Mattress Fundraiser held on TODAY, February 24th 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at CCHS. The event link: bit.ly/beds4charlottecatholicrugby. Every purchase benefits CCHS Rugby/Speech & Debate. All sizes available, all are brand new mattresses and name brands. Layaway/cash and credit cards accepted. Call CCHS for more details.

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://ccdco.org/vineyardofhope> or email Amy Loesch at ahloesch@charlottedioocese.org.

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@charlottedioocese.org.

The 9th Annual Catholic Men’s Conference “Fight Like A Man” at St. Patrick Cathedral on **Saturday, March 16th**. Tickets now available: catholicmenofthecarolinas.org. Speakers include: Doug Barry, founder of Battle Ready, Fr. Richard Sutter and Fr. David Miller.

The 23rd Annual Charlotte St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be held in uptown Charlotte on Saturday, March 16th. The Parade steps off at **11:00 a.m.** at Tryon and 9th St. and marches down Tryon St. to 3rd St. **The Charlotte Goes Green Festival is in uptown Charlotte on the 16th from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** The festival is located on Tryon St. between 3rd and Stonewall St. The Festival is *free* and features live Irish music, Irish dancers, Irish and other vendors, children’s amusements and lots of food and beverages. **There is no admission fee. Come join us where everyone is Irish for the day.** For information: www.charlottestpatsday.com or contact Linda Dyer Hart at dyerhart@hotmail.com or 704-616-5025.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) is the largest Irish Organization and Community in the U.S. dedicated to friendship, unity and Christian charity. Embrace your Irish heritage by joining the AOH. For information, visit www.charlotteaoh.com or email membership@charlotteaoh.com.

St. Peter Church is hiring a Faith Formation Assistant: 40 hours a week, requiring Sunday mornings during Faith Formation school year and support to the Faith Formation Department. Please email your resume to cathy@stpetercatholic.org.

The George Warren Pitman Scholarship 2019 Application is now available. For information and to apply visit: www.ffc.org/scholarships. The deadline is *March 1, 2019*. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide undergraduate college, university and vocational school scholarships to residents of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and Dunn, North Carolina who are registered and practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church. The applicants must meet the following criteria: be registered and practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church; Resident of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina or Dunn County, North Carolina and must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average. Scholarships will range up to \$1,000 for four year colleges and universities and \$500 to 1,000 for vocational programs and two-year colleges. The scholarships are renewable.



All women of the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to the **Charlotte Catholic Women’s Group (CCWG) Morning Reflection Monday, March 11th**, at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** Reflection by **Fr. Timothy Reid** at **10:00 a.m.** will be in the Assembly Room behind the chapel. Evening Reflection **Friday, March 15th**, at St. Patrick Cathedral with **Doug Barry**, founder of Battle Ready and **Fr. Richard Sutter**. RSVP is requested via www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference – Human Dignity at the Beginning of Life. The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Charlotte and Belmont Abbey College, present the 2nd annual *Converging Roads* health care ethics conference on Saturday, April 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. The conference theme will focus on Human Dignity at the Beginning of Life, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. A White Mass, honoring health care professionals and their role in the Church, will open the conference. To register and for more information, visit convergingroads.com.

Save the Date! Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte and Elder Ministry at Immaculate Heart of Mary invites you to the upcoming **“Senior Fraud & Scam” Workshop on April 24th at 10:00 a.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in High Point. The presenter is Hugh A. Harris, Outreach & Policy Counsel for the North Carolina Department of Justice-Public Protection Section. Contact Sandra Breakfield Elder Ministry Program Director at the Diocese 704-370-3220 or sabreakfiels@charlottedioocese.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.

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.