



March 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.*

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| <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 |
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| Sunday 24th | <p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Cormac Terry <i>by the Grant family</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Intentions of Janice & Ken Hoffman <i>by the Wilkens family</i></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Deborah & Holt Foushee</p> | <p>Mary's Kneeler's in the Chapel</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Back of café in use</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Boy's Choir (Classrooms 1 & 2)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> |
| Monday 25th | <p>7:00 a.m. Intentions of Joseph Peter Schumacher <i>by Sister Mary Raphael</i></p> | <p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Family Holy Hour (Church)</p> <p>11:30 p.m. Choir loft in use</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Home School (Café)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Fidelis (Café) Fraternalus (Gym)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. RCIA (St. Ann School All-Purpose room) Catholic Scriptures Studies (Ceramic room)</p> |
| Tuesday 26th | <p>7:00 a.m. +Graciela Lizarazu <i>by Marcela Bayard</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i></p> | <p>Work in the Church</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 27th | <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. For St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones</p> | <p>9:00 a.m. Choir loft in use</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Piano (Café)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society (Conference room)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Conference room in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Gym in use</p> |
| Thursday 28th | <p>7:00 a.m. +Joseph Read <i>by the Curran family</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Confessions</i></p> | <p>9:00 a.m. All rooms in use</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Choir (Church)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Ceramic room) Carnival Committee Meeting (Classrooms 1 & 2) Gym in use</p> |
| Friday 29th | <p>7:00 a.m. Latin Mass +Steve Romeo <i>by Mike FitzGerald</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. +Enrique Lizarazu <i>by Marcela Bayard</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i></p> | <p>8:00 a.m. School rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Catholic Classic Enrichment (All rooms & Cry rooms in the church)</p> <p>12:40 p.m. Stations of the Cross Home School (Church)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Choir loft in use</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Home School (Café)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)</p> |
| Saturday 30th | <p>3:00 p.m. <i>NO Confessions</i></p> <p>4:30 p.m. +Martha & Louis Fusz <i>by the Tonon family</i></p> | <p>8:00 a.m. Home School (Gym)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Altar Server training (Church) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) Sewing class (Ceramic & Scout room)</p> |
| Sunday 31st | <p>8:00 a.m. Intentions of Carol Rains <i>by the Grant family</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Our parish family</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Deborah & Holt Foushee</p> | <p>9:00 a.m. LoveEd (Café)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Back of café in use</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)</p> |



Dear Parishioners,

I'm very grateful to all of you who helped this weekend with our annual Parish Service Day. This is a great day for us every year, and I am heartened that so many of you show up to help us clean up the grounds around our parish property. I am especially grateful to Chris Brunhuber and our Parish Council for their leadership on this project. Our parish grounds look noticeably nicer!

Next Sunday, 31 March 2019, we will be having a meeting for parents interested in participating in **LoveEd**. after the 8 a.m. Mass. **LoveEd** is a Catholic program that helps parents teach the theology and science of human sexuality, and to do so in the context of God's plan for love and life. It also helps children and young people come to understand the purpose and beauty of human sexuality in a manner that is age appropriate and gender specific. As so many people in our world today have distorted views of human sexuality (and because those distorted views so often lead to gravely sinful actions with terrible consequences), it's important that parents take the responsibility in properly training their children, and LoveEd empowers them to do so. If you'd like to learn more about this great program from St. Benedict Press, be sure to stop by the meeting, or contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, 07 April 2019. That's the date of our next **Gaudium Musicae** concert. This concert will feature *VOX* and the *Firebird Arts Alliance* performing *Passio: The Passion of the Christ*. Tickets are available online on our website and will also be available at the door. As usual, the concert will start at 4 p.m. So please join us!

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Reid'.

Your Stewardship of Treasure
722 registered families

| March 3, 2019 | Weekly | | YTD | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
| Weekly Collection | 14,457.48 | 17,307.70 | 689,329.90 | 623,076.84 |
| Other Revenue Streams: | | | 70,749.76 | 81,341.33 |
| Total Revenue: | | | 760,079.66 | 704,418.17 |
| YTD Surplus/Deficit: | | | 55,661.49 | |
| DSA: Final | | | | |
| 2019 Goal: | 116,330.00 | 5 Year Plan: | | |
| Pledged: | 48,677.87 | Goal to Date: | 15,000.00 | |
| Received: | 29,916.21 | Received: | 46,871.00 | |
| Assessment Balance: | 67,652.13 | Over/ (Under) Goal to Date: | 31,871.00 | |
| Donors: | 73 | | | |

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



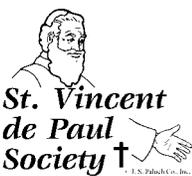
“What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?” (Psalms 116:12)

Stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

We look at St. Ann’s Parish in the year of 1972, 47 years ago:

Baptisms: 38 | First Communion: 71 | Confirmations: 85 | Marriages: 11 | Deaths: 2

In today’s Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: “bear fruit or be cut down.” This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins place by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.



“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.

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.

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of all those who have included us in their will through bequests to continue the work of our parish.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Join us for our next event on TODAY March 24th. Mini-Golf and Ice Cream at 4:30 p.m. at Mr. Putty's Fun Park in Tega Cay, SC. The address is 2333 Dam Road, Tega Cay SC 29708. **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.

You are invited to Sunday Morning Formation: 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, April 7th.** 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: **April 6th-7th, April 20th-21st, and May 4th-5th.**

Men' Club Charity Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, April 12th from 5:00–8:00 p.m. \$10 Complete Gourmet Dinner includes: 6oz. Beer Battered Cod Filets, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Nana's Banana Pudding, 12oz. Soda or 16oz Bottled Water, Free Mac-n'-Cheese for Kids of all ages, Adult Beverages Available. *Net Proceeds FBO Missionaries of the Poor.* For more information call Jim Townsend 704-614-1474.

Each year St. Ann's supports local homeless shelters and agencies by providing Easter meals to those in need. Your donation of boneless hams and desserts is needed to help ensure each person gets a meal on Easter Sunday. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you would like to **volunteer to help with meal preparation and/or delivery on Holy Saturday April 20th**, please contact Robina Walker at robina.walker@gmail.com.

Desserts and hams can be dropped off at the parish office Monday, April 15th-Wednesday, April 17th during office hours. Also on **Saturday, April 20th by 9:00 a.m. in the Allen Center cafeteria.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex the weekends of **April 6th & 7th and 13th 14th** for those who would like to sign up to donate a ham or dessert or would like to volunteer to prepare or deliver meals on April 20th.

The next Baptismal Preparation Class is Sunday, May 19th at 9:15 a.m. Please call the parish office to sign up for this class, 704-523-4641.

LoveEd Parent Event
Sunday, March 31st at 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
St. Ann's Allen Center Café.

LoveEd helps empower parents to teach both the theology and science of human sexuality within the context of God's plan for love and life. Join us for a LoveEd Parent Event for parents of children ages 2-14 on **March 31st at 9:15 a.m.** Ideally both parents would attend, if possible. Please note this is for parents only, no children. At this event you will learn more about the LoveEd program. About one month later, we will offer separate seminars for mothers with their daughters and fathers with their sons. Each seminar is gender-specific and age-specific (Level 1 grades 4-6 & Level 2 grades 6-8) and has an accompanying guide for you to use. Please note, the LoveEd program can be completed in its entirety at home, if your family so chooses. **However, it is still recommended you attend the March 31st Parent Event at 9:15 a.m. to learn more about the program and how to purchase the guides.**

Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth to RSVP, with any questions, or if you are interested in participating in the LoveEd program but are not able to attend the parent event. Sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com.

Bulletin Deadline is:

Tuesday, Mar. 26th at 12 noon for Sunday, March 31, 2019.
Tuesday, Apr. 2nd at 12 noon for Sunday, April 7, 2019.
Tuesday, Apr. 9th at 12 noon for Sunday, April 14, 2019.
Thursday, Apr. 11th at 12 noon for Sunday, April 21, 2019.

 **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.* 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.**

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! Adult volunteers also needed. To volunteer, contact Trista Bremer at trista.bremer@gmail.com or 704-989-5488.

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St. Ann Lenten Project: Adult Diaper Drive for the Missionaries of the Poor, Monroe. Join us in collecting **adult medium and adult large diapers** to assist the Missionaries of the Poor, Monroe, to provide for the local poor. Please drop off in the narthex of the church **NOW through Sunday, April 7th.** *Thank you for your generosity!*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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,
Nancy West,
Edward McNally.

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

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.

Regular Adorer Needed! Call the parish office at 704-523-4641, or email Karen:

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

Widows of the parish: Are you interested in getting together with other widows of our parish? If so, contact Terri at 704-553-2024.

WEDDING BANNERS

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*III: Kelsey Serdy - Ralph Geesey
30 March 2019, Belle Valley, OH*

*II: Megan Walsh - Julio Gonzalez
6 April 2019 1:30 p.m.*

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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 information or 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.

*Please check out all the Lighthouse CD's books and booklets. Too many to name but you will find the Lighthouse Kiosk in the north vestibule. **Lighthouse Kiosk Suggested Donations** Booklets: \$3.00, each, Books: \$5.00 each, CDs: \$4.00 each~ or ~ 3/\$10.00. **Use code: 33769** when you go to: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub. **Make checks payable to St. Ann Catholic Church.***

Fidelis, a group for young ladies in middle and high school, meets on Monday evenings, from 6:30-8:00 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.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the **Week of March 24th-March 31st.**

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| March 24th | 3rd Sunday of Lent-1st class |
| March 25th | Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary-1st class |
| March 26th | Feria of Lent-3rd class |
| March 27th | Feria of Lent-3rd class |
| March 28th | Feria of Lent-3rd class |
| March 29th | Feria of Lent-3rd class |
| March 30th | Feria of Lent-3rd class |
| March 31st | 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)-1st 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.**

Fraternus meets on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in the gym. If you are interested join us on Monday.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

St. Ann's Faith Formation is in need of catechists for the 2019/2020 school year. **Please contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Director of Faith Formation**, if you are interested in serving the youth of the parish in this way: sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com.

Registration for the Homeschool CCE Program is now open to current registered St. Ann parishioners. CCE, Catholic Classical Enrichment, is a supplemental program designed to support and aid the family in the pursuit of a Catholic Classical Liberal Arts education in a community setting of Catholic homeschoolers. The Elementary program for 4 year old through 5th grade meets Friday mornings and requires active parent participation. **For information on the Elementary program, email: ccestann@gmail.com.** The CCE Middle School program also meets on Fridays, through lunchtime. It is a drop-off program with instruction in Latin, History, Writing, and Art. **For information on CCE Middle School, email Kathleen Lewis: Lewisfamily555@gmail.com.**

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.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Calling all prayer warriors! We've launched a special prayer warrior group to support St. Joseph College Seminary called "St. Joseph's Vanguard." The mission of St. Joseph's Vanguard is to be faithful prayer warriors on the front lines interceding for our seminary's spiritual and material needs, so that it can thrive in its mission to form good and holy priests now and into the future. **Enlist now at www.StJosephCollegeSeminary.org/Vanguard.**

Catholic Radio Charlotte is a new radio station that offers free dynamic, faithful Catholic programming in our area! Part of the Carolina Catholic Radio Network, the station broadcasts both EWTN global programming and local diocesan news and events. **Listen over the air on AM1270 or on your smartphone, computer or tablet at: www.carolinacatholicradio.org.** Visit the website to learn more and to see how you can help spread your Catholic faith across the airways of the Charlotte Diocese.



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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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.

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

FREE Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course Topics to be covered include Effectiveness of modern NFP methods, Health risks of popular contraceptives, Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual, 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, 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. **Weekend retreat in Asheville March 22nd-24th.** 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

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital disillusionment and misery. For information, call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit: www.retrouvaille.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

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 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.

The next **Helpers of God's Precious Infants Procession for Life** is **Saturday, April 6th at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.** Beginning with Latin Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by Procession for Life around 11:30 a.m. and prayers at "A Preferred Women's Health Center" abortion facility (3220 Latrobe Dr., Charlotte, 28211) with Fr. Matthew Bean. *Join us, and spread the word!*



All women of the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group (CCWG)** Morning Reflection **Monday, April 8th**, at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mass celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** reflection at **10:00 a.m. by Fr. Noah Carter** will be in the Assembly Room behind the chapel. Evening Reflection **Tuesday, April 30th**, at CCHS. Rosary at **6:30 p.m.** reflection at **7:00 p.m. by Fr. Jason Barone.** *RSVP* is requested via www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

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@charlottediocese.org.

Join **MiraVia** at its **19th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament "Links FORE! Life"** on **Monday, May 20th at The Golf Club at Ballantyne** in Charlotte. Shotgun tee off is 8:30 a.m. Beverages, breakfast and lunch included. **Register by May 10th.** Cost per player is \$130. MiraVia, Inc., a Catholic, 501(c)(3) non-profit maternity and after-care program serving the Charlotte region, has provided material, emotional and spiritual support to more than 8,060 mothers and their children since they admitted their first mother in 1994. MiraVia's services include housing at its college-based residential program, professional counseling, food, clothing, and mother and baby supplies, which are all offered to their clients free of charge: <http://miravia.org>. To register or learn more about the event, visit <http://bit.ly/LinksFORELife> or contact Megan Whiteside at meganwhiteside@miravia.org.

Mark your calendars! **The E.P.I.C. (Each Person Is Cherished) Teen Pro-life Group** is having their annual fundraiser **family ceili dance** to raise money for their annual summer conference. The date of the dance is **Sunday, April 7th, from 3-6 p.m. at St. Ann's.** The afternoon will consist of a potluck dinner, dancing called by Meg Barrett, and a silent auction. The cost is \$25 per family. If you have a service or talent you would like to offer for the silent auction, contact Ginny Ohlhaut at thepianogal2@gmail.com. *RSVP to Mary Ohlhaut at theepicgroup12@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 3rd.* Hope to see y'all there!

St. Patrick's Shrimp Boil on Friday, April 12th at 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick School Cafeteria Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Call 980-999-0182 for advanced tickets. Shrimp with fries and coleslaw \$10.00 a plate for children \$8.00 and for families \$40.00.

The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College Annual Spring Sale Event, **which runs now through Wednesday May 15th.** We have a great selection of RCIA, Easter, Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation Gifts! **Take 20% off any one regular price item of your choice! Take 10% off all other items in your purchase. Take advantage of hundreds of items recently marked down to 30%, 40%, 50% & 75% off!** Mention you saw the sale in this bulletin & receive an **additional 10% off everything including sale items!** Shop hours are 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For information, call 704-461-5100.

Holy Saturday Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at St. Thomas Aquinas Church: Deacon James Witulski will bless the baskets at 12noon. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church is located at 1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213 or call their office at 704-960-3704

Couples' Night Out: Regnum Christi of the Carolinas is sponsoring a dinner for married couples at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, April 26th, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Following an Italian dinner catered by Portofino's, Fr Martin Conner, LC, of Atlanta will offer a talk to support couples in their vocation to marriage. The cost is \$35 per couple. *Registration is online at rcgreatercharlotte.com.* Regnum Christi (Latin for "Kingdom of Christ") is an international Catholic Movement within the Church dedicated to promoting the Catholic faith. Regnum Christi has a Christ-Centered spirituality that is lived together in communion with all members, in union with the whole Church, and through a mission to build the kingdom of Christ. The whole Regnum Christi Movement is made up of 30,000 members throughout 38 countries world-wide.



Participate in the 40 Days for Life this Lent. When someone prays in front of a facility, former abortion workers have told organizers that the "no-show" rate for abortion appointments can go to as high as 75 percent! **Sign up for an hour of peaceful prayer with a friend:**

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.