



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 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.**

<b>Sunday Mass Schedule</b> Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; <b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form:</b> 12:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday Masses</b> Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.	<b>Adoration</b> Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b> 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	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Meetings &amp; Events</b>
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Teresa Csordas by the Lejk family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Dorothy Purvis by the Rothe family <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Dogma & Donuts (Café) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 1:00 p.m. Kitchen in use 2:00 p.m. Church in use 4:00 p.m. Gaudium Musicae Concert (Church)
<b>Monday 25th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Ann McClintock's children & grandchildren by Ann McClintock	6:00 a.m. Church in use 9:30 a.m. School (Gym)   Family Holy Hour (Church) 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Fidelis (Café) 6:30 p.m. Fraternalus (Gym) 7:00 p.m. RCIA (School)   Ceramic room in use   Legion of Mary (Conference room) 8:00 p.m. Church in use
<b>Tuesday 26th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Linus Bremer by the Rothe family <b>8:30 a.m.</b> School Mass Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.	6:00 a.m. Church in use 9:00 a.m. Latin Class (Scout room) 9:30 a.m. School (Gym) 10:30 a.m. Latin Class (Classrooms 1 & 2) 1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) 5:30 p.m. Church in use 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use   Gym in use   Home School (Classrooms 1 & 2) 8:00 p.m. Church in use
<b>Wednesday 27th</b>	Adoration in the chapel until 5:00 p.m. <b>5:00 p.m. Holy Hour</b> <b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> For St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
<b>Thursday 28th</b> Thanksgiving	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> +David Terry by the Terry family <b>NO Confessions</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
<b>Friday 29th</b>	<b>NO Mass</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
<b>Saturday 30th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m. Confessions</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> +Christine Vanderberg by Mary Anne Marlner	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 2:30 p.m. Church in use
<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Graciela Lizarazu by Marcela Bayard <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Stefano Monaco by Fr. Reid	9:15 a.m. Baptism (Church) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)   Baptism Preparation Class (Scout Room) 2:00 p.m. Church in use   Gym in use



Dear Parishioners,

As you know, we've been taking a second collection on the first Sunday of the month this year to help fund our 5-year plan to renovate our aging Allen Center and (hopefully) take care of some other projects around our parish campus. With your generosity we've been able to raise a good deal of money. However, before we can begin the actual renovation work, our diocesan regulations require that we have at least 50% of the monies we need in cash, and another 30% in pledges. At this point we need to raise another \$190,000 in cash before we can begin the renovation work. In the meantime, we have secured a contract with our architect, and work is now beginning on the design of a new façade for the Allen Center. I hope to have a rendering of the new façade before the end of the year to share with you. As always, thank you for your generosity to this project. I will keep you updated as things progress.

With the Thanksgiving holiday this week, we have some changes to our liturgical schedule. Mass on Thursday will be at 9am (rather than 7am). As I'm going to make a very quick trip home to see my family, there will be no Masses on Friday. Also, confessions will be cancelled on Thursday night. But we'll have confessions as usual on Saturday. Also, the church office will be closed Wednesday – Friday.

Lastly, don't forget that we need help with the Men's Club Christmas Tree sales. Every year our Men's Club sells Christmas trees as a means of raising money for lots of great charities – most of which are local. This is a great way for our young people to earn service hours. Christmas tree sales begin this coming Friday, 29 November 2019.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,

Fr. Reid

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

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
687 registered families

	Weekly		YTD	
November 3, 2019	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	16,851.76	17,817.31	331,130.24	320,711.58
Other Revenue Streams:			8,562.50	43,269.30
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>339,692.74</b>	<b>363,980.88</b>
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>			<b>(24,288.14)</b>	
<b>DSA: Final</b>				
2019 Goal:	<b>116,330.00</b>		<b>Priest Retirement Assessment:</b>	<b>36,972.00</b>
Pledged:	118,249.87		Received:	25,748.30
Received:	109,908.15		Balance:	11,223.70
Donors:	178		<b>All Saints:</b>	1,627.50
			<b>All Souls:</b>	2,572.50

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



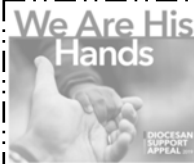
*Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?*

**If you or someone in your family has an upcoming surgery or is out sick and would like Holy Communion, call the parish office.** Our HOPE Ministry helps with shut-ins and visits assisted living and homebound parishioners. Please call our parish office with the names, addresses and phone numbers.

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month. The collection weekends are: **November 30th-December 1st, December 14th-15th, and January 4th-5th.**

**Bulletin Deadline is:**

Tuesday, December 3rd at 12 noon for  
Sunday, December 8, 2019  
Tuesday, December 10th at 12 noon for  
Sunday, December 15, 2019



*As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, please consider your blessings, and make a gift of gratitude to the DSA. If you have not yet contributed, you can donate online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa) or by returning the pledge form that you received in the mail. Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own needs. If you have an outstanding pledge, please complete your pledge payments by December 31st.*

*The Thanksgiving holiday is a perfect time to consider how we will use the many gifts God has given us.*

*Thank you for considering how you can remember our parish with a planned gift through your estate.*



*Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth. **In the month of November, you were the "messenger of God" in bringing hope to the poor.***

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



*Altar Flowers this weekend are  
in memory of Teresa Csordas  
by the Lejk family*

### Men's Club Tree Sales

#### 2019 SEASONAL ARBORIST REQUEST:

Tuesday, November 26th - Tree Delivery

Friday, November 29th - Open for Business

**Volunteers** are needed for this year's efforts.

Please follow the link and join us on the lot as we use our time and talent to raise money for MiraVia, Beds for Kids, MOP Be Not Afraid, Holy Angels, and many more local charities.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4fa9ae2ea5fd0-20191](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4fa9ae2ea5fd0-20191)

**Join Deacons Sanctis and Tonon for Donuts and Dogma on Sunday mornings as they dive into the Sunday Mass readings.** Classes will meet each Sunday of Faith Formation, **9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Allen Center Café.** All are welcome! Coffee & donuts provided. Questions? Contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth: [sistermaryelizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:sistermaryelizabeth@gmail.com).

The next **Baptismal Preparation Class** will be **Sunday, December 1st, at 12noon.** Please call the parish office to take this class.

**Save the Date!** The Drama, Virtue, and Speech co-op from the St. Ann Homeschool Ministry will perform two short **Nativity plays on Sunday, December 8th, at 3:00 p.m.** in the gym. Admission is free for all!

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

**Help wanted! USHERS** for the 4:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses! Email Chris Brunhuber at [ccb2691@icloud.com](mailto:ccb2691@icloud.com) to signup. *Thank you!*

**St. Ann Young Marrieds Group** meets regularly throughout the year for service, fun, faith and friendship. For details on the next event, email Abby Taffaro at [abbytaffaro@gmail.com](mailto:abbytaffaro@gmail.com).

**Gaudium Musicae Ninth Season: Emalie Savoy, an opera soloist singing *Sapientia: The music of St. Hildegard von Bingen* for a hour-long performance on TODAY, November 24th, at 4:00 p.m.** A small reception following the concert gives fellow listeners an opportunity to meet the performers. Single concert tickets are \$33 for families, \$15 for adults, and \$11 for students. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased after Masses in the St. Ann's parish office or at the door.

**Advent Giving at St. Ann's.** Our angel tree has gift tags for the residents of MiraVia and their children. Please take a tag and **return the item unwrapped on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.** Or the items can be dropped off in the parish office *before* December 13<sup>th</sup>. We are also collecting adult diapers for the Missionaries of Poor through *all four* Sundays in Advent. The collection box for the adult diapers in the narthex.

### Christmas Cleaning in the Church!

Many hands...Make plans to help with this project on **Saturday, December 21st, beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 12noon.** Refreshments will be provided.

### Church Cleaning throughout the year!

Anyone interested in cleaning the church on Fridays throughout the year, please email Chris Brunhuber at [ccb2691@icloud.com](mailto:ccb2691@icloud.com). *Thank you!*

**Regular Adorer Needed!** Please email Karen: [rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com) or call the parish office at 704-523-4641.

**Each Sunday through the fall season, ALL interested singers are invited to join the choir or schola to sing up in the loft during Mass.** Singers would be welcome to participate in singing the Ordinary of the Mass and the congregational hymns & responses at the 10:30 or 12:30 Mass. These are the same items that would be sung by the people in the pews during these Masses. There is no need to attend a weeknight rehearsal or to arrive early for Mass. If you are interested, know that you are welcome to sing with us this fall. This invitation is for all ages, for those who are already part of the music ministry and for those who have not yet been part of any of the singing groups. Your participation is what will make this special for St. Ann and for your fellow singers. ***All you need to do is come on up to the loft.***

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

**Fidelis** will at St. Ann's every Mondays **from 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the cafeteria.** Newcomers, rising 6th through 12th grade, are welcome to join us! Any questions can be addressed to Sr. Mary Jacinta at [dvmfidelis@gmail.com](mailto:dvmfidelis@gmail.com).

**Fraternus** is open to men of all ages, and especially all boys entering the sixth grade through senior year of high school. Join our Brotherhood of Disciples **on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Allen Center Gym.** For more information about Fraternus, go to [www.fraternus.net](http://www.fraternus.net). Any questions can be addressed to [byroncopley@gmail.com](mailto:byroncopley@gmail.com).

**Our RCIA program meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Ann School.** Any questions please call the parish office.

**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, contact Katherine Lauer at [katherinetlauer@gmail.com](mailto:katherinetlauer@gmail.com).

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

**Holy Family Playgroup:** will continue on Mondays from 9:30 –10:30 a.m., the Playgroup will meet for play every first Monday after adoration until further notice. Our email group is being updated with our new information, our new members, as well as using a new OS for the group. All are welcome. Contact Melissa Lewis: [mmlewis28@yahoo.com](mailto:mmlewis28@yahoo.com) or Laura Smith: [lauragoshe@gmail.com](mailto:lauragoshe@gmail.com). Please note the church will be closed Monday, December 2nd and December 9th .

**Babysitting** will be offered the last Thursday of each month during confession times from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** by Melissa Lewis. Call Melissa at 704-287-8112 or email her at [mmlewis28@yahoo.com](mailto:mmlewis28@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:stannpray_ers@comporium.net).



Pray for ...  
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*Our parishioners:*  
Patricia Phillips,  
Nancy West,  
Edward McNally,  
Jim Crates,  
Joe Lawton,

Chuck Sollard,  
Anna Sobus and family,  
Glenn Stowe,  
Jennie Roe.

*Our friends and family:*  
Jeremy Scharpenberg (son-in-law of Jan & Mike Colin),  
Fred Battweg,  
Michelle Obruba (friend of the Skorupa family),  
Betty Suran (friend of the Skorupa family),  
Maxwell Oliver Raines (grandson of Terese Raines),  
Alex Brown,  
Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin),  
Jennifer Arnold (friend of Nancy Tota),  
Tom Storer,  
Jean Storer,  
Jerry Cuccinello,  
Ron Layne,  
Mary Regester (friend of Nancy Tota),  
Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill),  
Douglas Edge,  
Albert Ayd (brother of Cecilia Balman),  
Dolly Langley (sister of Cecilia Balman),  
Joel Rivera,  
Ron and Marcia York (sister & brother-in-law of Carol Kuhn),  
Fay Alderman (mother of John & mother-in-law of Terry Alderman),  
Herb Dickson,  
Michael Pappas,  
Jacqueline Russell (mother of Andrea Hines),  
James Matthew Brennan,  
Terri Brewer Benton (daughter of Pat Brewer),  
Trudy Dixon (friend of Mary Ann Wolff).

*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,  
SGT James "Jim" Alston, US Army.

*The repose of the souls of Josephine McNally, who died on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, and Libby McGloughlin, mother of Bill McGloughlin, who died on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.*

## 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.

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](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub). **Make checks payable to St. Ann Catholic Church.**

**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.

**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](mailto:rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com).

**Seven Sisters Apostolate:** Looking for several 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](mailto:holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com).

**The Gospel of Mark, Catholic Scripture Study:** Meets in the Allen Center on **Monday evenings through February, 2020**. Information and questions contact Paula Schrum: [pbschrum@gmail.com](mailto:pbschrum@gmail.com).

**The Acts of the Apostles**, 20-week study, meets on **Wednesdays, 10:00-11:45 a.m.** Join us for deep and lively discussions as we grow in the knowledge of our Faith. Contact Karen: [rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com).

## LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the week of **November 24th-December 1st**

November 24th	24th Sunday after Pentecost -2nd class
November 25th	St. Catherine of Alexandra -3rd class
November 26th	St. Sylvester-3rd class
November 27th	Feria-4th class or Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal-4th class
November 28th	Feria-4th class
November 29th	Feria-4th class or St. Saturninus-4th class
November 30th	St. Andrew-2nd class
December 1st	1st Sunday of Advent-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](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org).

**For Latin Mass news,** visit [www.charlottelatinmass.org](http://www.charlottelatinmass.org).

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

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

**Join the Seminarians on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. for a Latin Mass.** This Mass will be offered during their school schedule. Check Belmont Abbey College schedule for school breaks.



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Welcome into our parish family

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Vigil of the Two Hearts: Next city-wide vigil honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary is December 6th & 7th .** Join us on each First Friday through First Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in an overnight vigil to honor the Hearts of Jesus & Mary, to pray for our families, offer penance for our sins (especially abortion), and pray for our nation's conversion. Devotion begins with 8:00 p.m. First Friday Mass, December 6th followed by nocturnal Adoration and concluding with 8:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass on December 7th. **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](http://www.prolifecharlotte.org) or [info@prolifecharlotte.org](mailto:info@prolifecharlotte.org).

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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.**

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



**Knights of Columbus meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m. in the St. Patrick's Family Life Center** located at 1621 Dilworth Road East. Please contact: Richard Mills, Financial Secretary at

[rtm2108@aol.com](mailto:rtm2108@aol.com) or Grand Knight John Stevens at [j70stevens@gmail.com](mailto:j70stevens@gmail.com). We invite you to attend our meetings to learn more about how the Knights of Columbus serves God's people.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**St. Ann Faith Formation forms are on our website and in the office.** 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 Faith Formation, Catholic School, or at home.

### Admissions Information for 2020-2021 School Term

Priority Admissions: December 16, 2019.

Admissions Deadline: February 29, 2020.

Admissions Notification: March 13, 2020.

Admission decisions sent via email for Priority Round applicants.

Rolling Admissions: March 1, 2020.

Applications received after February 29, 2020 considered on rolling basis.

Apply online for students PK-12 at [discovermacs.org](http://discovermacs.org). Submit all required documents and complete testing (if applicable). For more information about Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools visit [discovermacs.org](http://discovermacs.org).



## MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

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. Contact Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251 / [Jackie.childers1@gmail.com](mailto:Jackie.childers1@gmail.com) or Jessica Grabowski: 704-370-3229 / [jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jgrabowski@charlottediocese.org).

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**, visit: [SCMarriageMatters.org](http://SCMarriageMatters.org), call: 803-810-9602, email: [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org).

*"We were the couple who never fought. We don't like conflict so we just didn't talk. Never. Discussed.*

*Issues."* **Retrouvaille** is a marriage help program that teaches effective communication. The presenting team, three couples and a priest, presents practical tools to enable you to take a good look at many areas of your relationship. They have been there and done that. They will tell you what worked for them. For information or to attend the program beginning February 14, 2020, call: 800-470-2230, email: [retrouvaillenc@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaillenc@msn.com) or visit: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).



## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**It is time for the annual Keep Christ in Christmas sale at The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College.** Take 20% off all Advent and Christmas items such as cards, candles, nativity sets etc. Take 30% off one item of your choice, and mention you read about the sale in your bulletin and get an additional 10% off all regular and sale items! **Enjoy our extended Christmas shopping hours Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Call 704-461-5100 for additional information.

**Advent Retreat: Blessed, Broken and Scared.** The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is teaming up with Broken Door Ministries to host the popular retreat: *Blessed, Broken, and Scared*. Jesus was the Father's gift to our broken world. They will also learn how to model Jesus and become a 'gift' to others. **The retreat is two nights, December 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.** Speaker and author Brian Pusateri of Broken Door Ministries will be the retreat master. Visit: [www.catholicconference.org/signs/](http://www.catholicconference.org/signs/) or contact: [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org) or call: 828-327-7441.

### Advent Penance Services

St. Gabriel Church on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. St. John Neumann on **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Church on **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m.

**The Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the Oplatek or Christmas Wafer at your Christmas Eve Wigilia, Villis, Kucios, or dinner can be rekindled.** Traditionally, breaking and sharing the Christmas wafer with family and friends is accompanied with best wishes and expressions of forgiveness, helping us to bring joy and happiness to our hearts and homes. **Orders for the wafers will be taken till December 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be \$1.00 per wafer and you state your quantity or buy a Sealed packets of 3 white and 1 pink wafer for \$5.00.** Call Helen Collins (St. Gabriel Parishioner) at 704-365-1161 or email: [helen892@att.net](mailto:helen892@att.net). Proceeds will go to help a needy family this holiday season.

Join the Diocese of Charlotte and the Archdiocese of Atlanta on an **Ad Limina Pilgrimage to Italy from February 7-15, 2020.** For more details contact Pilgrimages by Corporate Travel 866-468-1420 or [ctscentral.net](http://ctscentral.net). "Ad Limina" is a periodic requirement of the Diocesan bishops to visit Rome and the "threshold of the Apostles" at the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul and to give a report on the state of their diocese.

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the showings of Faustina-Love and Mercy are sold out.** Carolina Catholic Radio is booking additional showings at the AMC Northlake AMC Concord and Stonecrest Regal Theaters. Reserve your individual or group tickets by email: [feedback@carolinacatholicradio.org](mailto:feedback@carolinacatholicradio.org) or through the "Contact us" button on our website [www.carolinacatholicradio.org](http://www.carolinacatholicradio.org).

**December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of Grace Church in Lancaster, SC will host Father Ho Lung and the Missionaries of the Poor** for a "Rejoice My Soul" Concert featuring the 5 Tenors! We would love to have your support of the Brothers and their ministries, both locally and in Jamaica. The event is free but donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Juventutem Charlotte** is a new city-wide group of young adults, aged 18-35, seeking holiness through the traditional charisms of the Church, including a devotion to the Traditional Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form). *Juventutem* is Latin for "youth". We aim to seek truth, beauty, and goodness as a means to orient us, ultimately, to God. All young adults (single or married) are welcome – including newcomers to the Latin Mass. Come join us for a special Advent event **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will attend 10:00 a.m. Latin Mass at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church**, followed by a special Advent reflection given by Father Matthew Bean at **11:15 a.m. in the Parish Center, Classroom B**. For questions or to join our email list, contact Angela Kessler at [JuventutemCLT@gmail.com](mailto:JuventutemCLT@gmail.com) or find us at: [facebook.com/JuventutemCLT](https://www.facebook.com/JuventutemCLT)

**St. John Neumann Church** is having An Advent mini retreat "Called to Birth God in our Times" On Saturday, **December 14<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please RSVP by *December 7<sup>th</sup>* to [kelly@4sjnc.org](mailto:kelly@4sjnc.org) or call: 704-535-4197 x 232 .

You are invited to join Fr. Benjamin Roberts, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Monroe, NC, on a **3-day pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Dymphna located in Massillon, Ohio.** The dates are **March 8-10, 2020.** The itinerary includes Holy Mass both days, a tour of the National Shrine of St. Dymphna and the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. We will spend time in prayer in front of the relics of all twelve apostles, St. Dymphna, and a relic of the True Cross. The cost is \$149.00 per person which includes all meals and roundtrip transportation aboard a luxury motor coach. For information or to sign up, please email: [StDymphna2013@gmail.com](mailto:StDymphna2013@gmail.com) or call Sue 704-431-2861.

**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.** If you prefer not to shake hands during the Sign of Peace, simply clasp your hands together and acknowledge those around you with a gentle bow and “peace be with you”.

If you are approached by panhandlers on the church campus, **please do not give them money.** Instead, direct them to the parish office for financial assistance. *We have the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need.* Thank you!

**33 Hours of Adoration:** Adoration begins Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. through Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. *All are welcome.* Adorers: please share your contact information with those who adore during your **Adoration hour.** If you can't make it, call the others to make sure someone is visiting Our Lord during that hour. *It is your responsibility to get a replacement when you will not be able to do your Adoration hour.*

Check out our website: [StAnnCharlotte.org](http://StAnnCharlotte.org), and go to the **prayers/devotion section under “Resources.”** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we are encourage everyone to pray the **“Prayer for Religious Liberty”** with the recent attacks on our religious freedoms there are several prayers and novenas on our website.

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**The Airport Chaplaincy at Charlotte Douglas Airport** offers two Masses on Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. held in the auditorium on the upper level of the main terminal above the Carolina Pit BBQ. *It is open 5:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.*

A **televised Sunday Mass** is now airing on ABC Family from **6:30-7:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.** Call 800-THE-MASS or [www.TheSundayMass.org](http://www.TheSundayMass.org).

Let’s be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:



**To book a room in the Allen Center,** call Savas Mallos at 704-523-4641 x233.

As you come into the church, please keep in mind that we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Make sure to lock your cars and trucks. Either keep your personal items with you in church or lock them in your trunk. *This is for your safety.*

**Prayer cards of our Statues** are available in the North Vestibule. A donation of \$0.50 per card.

**To All Parents with Infants and Small Children**  
One of the most beautiful blessings of our Parish is that we have so many babies and small kids! While all children are most welcome in the church, please keep in mind that the acoustics in our church are excellent, which means that their voices carry. If your children cry or scream during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, please be sensitive to those around you by taking your child to one of our cry rooms. *The cry rooms are reserved for families with small children. Everyone else is requested to sit in the church.*

**To those in the Cry Rooms for Mass**  
Please remember that these rooms are an extension of the church itself. Therefore, please be as reverent as possible during Mass. These rooms exist to help you train your children how to attend Mass properly; thus, they should not be used as play rooms. While everyone who uses the cry rooms expects them to be a bit noisier than the church, disruptive games or toys are better left at home. Moreover, conversations in the cry rooms should be kept to a minimum during Mass. *Thank you for your consideration.*

**Outdoor Speakers**  
We have outdoor speakers for those whose small children are too loud for the cry rooms or narthex. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners if your children are making a lot of noise.

Be sure you are up to date on your **Protecting God’s Children information & the Virtus monthly bulletins.** **You need to up date your Background Check every five (5) years.** All forms are online on the Diocese of Charlotte website: under Safe Environment & Volunteers.