



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN		
+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Mary Margaret Lewis <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Our parish family</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> Intentions of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Discalced Carmelites group <i>by Janine Derscheid</i></p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Dogma &amp; Donuts (Café)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. St. Ann Homeschool Ministry (Café, Gym &amp; Kitchen)</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Church in use</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Nativity Plays (Gym)</p>
<b>Monday 9th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Jeff &amp; Marcy Rothe <i>by the Foushee family</i></p>	<p>6:00 a.m. Church in use</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Church in use</p> <p>9:30 a.m. School (Gym)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Latin Server Training (Church)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Fidelis (Café)   Classrooms 1 &amp; 2 in use</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Fraternus (Gym)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. RCIA (School)   Ceramic room in use   Legion of Mary meeting (Conference room)   First Confessions (Church)</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Church in use</p>
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of the grandchildren &amp; children of Ann McClintock <i>by Ann McClintock</i></p> <p><i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p>6:00 a.m. Church in use</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Church in use</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Latin Class (All rooms)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. School (Gym)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Church in use</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Scout room in use   Gym in use</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Church in use</p>
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	<p><i>Adoration in the chapel until 5:00 p.m.</i></p> <p><b>5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Holy Hour</i></p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> Intentions of Jeannie &amp; John Grant's Anniversary</p>	<p>6:00 a.m. Church in use</p> <p>8:00 a.m. CCE (All rooms)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Organ practice (Church)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. School (Gym)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room)</p> <p>2:45 p.m. Cry rooms in use (Church)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting (Conference room)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Gym in use   Parish Council meeting (Café)   St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting (Conference room)</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Church in use</p>
<b>Thursday 12th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Mea Pierman <i>by the Stocker family</i></p> <p><b>5:30 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions</i></p>	<p>6:00 a.m. Church in use</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Latin Class (All rooms)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. School (Gym)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Church in use</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Church in use</p>
<b>Friday 13th</b>	<p><b>7:00 a.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> +Patricia A. Stocker <i>by the Stocker family</i></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> +James Charles <i>by the Davison family</i></p>	<p>6:00 a.m. Church in use</p> <p>8:00 a.m. CCE (All rooms &amp; Cry rooms)   School rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. School (Gym)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Organ practice (Church)</p>
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	<p><b>6:30 a.m.</b> <b>Rorate Mass</b></p> <p><b>3:00 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions</i></p> <p><b>4:30 p.m.</b> +Que Thi Nguyen <i>by the family</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 &amp; 2 in use</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Café &amp; Kitchen in use</p>
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Paulette Ensrude <i>by the family</i></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Fr. Christopher Roux <i>by Suzanne &amp; Mike Terry &amp; boys</i></p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> <b>Latin</b> Our parish family</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Dogma &amp; Donuts (Café)</p> <p>12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. St. Ann Homeless Ministry (Kitchen)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Vespers (Church)</p>



Dear Parishioners,

Today is one of those funny days, liturgically speaking, for parishes like ours who offer both forms of the Mass, and therefore deal with two different liturgical calendars. Historically, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – a holy day of obligation and the patronal feast of the United States. It remains this way in the old calendar that we use for our Latin Masses. Yet in the reformed calendar for use in *Novus Ordo* Masses, this feast is transferred to December 9<sup>th</sup> whenever it falls on a Sunday as a means of preserving the celebration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. So, for our three *Novus Ordo* Sunday Masses, we are celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and wearing violet, whereas at our 12:30 Latin Mass, we are wearing white and celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Hopefully many of you have been praying the **Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary** in preparation for the annual consecration of our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We typically renew this consecration on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception as a means of entrusting ourselves to Our Lady's care and protection. Interestingly, this feast was originally known as "The Conception of Mary by St. Ann," a title that shows the intimate connection of this feast with our patroness. I will be offering the consecration prayer after the 7am Mass on 09 December. I'm grateful to all of you who have prayed and fasted in preparation for this consecration. It definitely reaps spiritual benefits for our parish.

This coming Saturday, 14 December 2019, we will have our annual **Rorate Mass** at 6:30 a.m. This votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes its name from the first words of the Introit: "*Rorate coeli, desuper et nubes pluant justum,*" which is translated: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just." What is special about this Mass is that it is celebrated early in the morning using only candlelight, a reminder that the world was in darkness before the coming of the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ. As the Mass is offered, and the dawn begins to break, the Church – through the prayers of this Mass – expresses her deep longing for the coming of the Messiah in the darkness of our fallen world. It is thus a Mass that is so wonderfully suited to the Advent theme of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Christ Child.

I realize that 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday is a bit early, but this is one of the most beautiful Masses of the year and is worth getting up for! So please come and join us as we anticipate the dawning of the Son of God at Christmas.

In hopeful expectation of our Lord's coming,

Fr. Reid

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
708 registered families

November 18, 2019	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	15,030.93	17,817.31	368,080.21	356,346.20
Other Revenue Streams:			8,803.50	48,077.00
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>376,883.71</b>	<b>404,423.20</b>
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>			<b>(27,539.49)</b>	
<b>DSA: Final</b>				
2019 Goal:	<b>116,330.00</b>		<b>Priest Retirement Assessment:</b>	<b>36,972.00</b>
Pledged:	120,249.87		Received:	30,693.30
Received:	112,370.59		Balance:	6,278.00
Donors:	180			

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)



*We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge as Christians is to make good use of those gifts.*

**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: **December 14th-15th, January 4th-5th, and January 18th-19th.**

**Bulletin Deadline is:**

- Tuesday, December 10th, at 12 noon for Sunday, December 15, 2019.
- Thursday, December 12th at 12noon for Sunday, December 22, 2019.
- Wednesday, December 18th 12noon for Sunday, December 29, 2019.



*Only one month left to fulfill your DSA pledge. Our ministries and our parish are counting on you. If you have not yet contributed, you can make a one-time donation online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa).*

*Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own needs. If you have an outstanding pledge, please complete your pledge payments by December 31st.*

*The spirit of giving is strongest as Christmas approaches. You can make that wonderful spirit last by giving a gift to our endowment.*



*In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.*

***Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.***

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

**Men's Club Christmas Tree Sales have begun!** 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)

**Tree Sales Hours on Saturday & Sunday:**  
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Tree Sales Hours on Monday-Friday:**  
3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

### 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!*

**Needed: volunteers to help with our St. Vincent de Paul Society.** We received lots of calls for help from residents of our city. More hands are desperately needed. Email Lucie at [lucietonon123@gmail.com](mailto:lucietonon123@gmail.com) or come Wednesday, December 11th, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass for the St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the Allen Center conference room on the second floor.

**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).

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

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

**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).

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

### Advent Giving at St. Ann's:

If you have taken an angel tag from the angel tree, please return the unwrapped gift with the tag to the Angel tree this weekend or next. You can also bring it by the office during regular office hours before Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We want to get the gifts to the MiraVia before they leave for Christmas break after exams.

### St. Ann's Advent Project Adult Diaper Drive for the Missionaries of the Poor, Jamaica:

Join in collecting adult medium and adult large diapers to assist the Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica. **Please drop off in the Narthex of the church through the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Mary Garden Showers** is a Catholic pro-life ministry whose mission is to assist mothers in crisis celebrate their baby by hosting a baby shower for the expectant mother and providing the items any mother needs to take care of her infant. **Please include Kiana in your prayers and attend a baby shower for her on Saturday, January 11th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Allen Center, classrooms 1 & 2; please RSVP to Nicole by Wednesday, January 8th.** A baby registry has been created for Kiana: Marygardenshowers of Charlotte, NC on Amazon. If you able to financially contribute to this ministry or assist in hosting this shower, please contact Nicole at [mc\\_nd@hotmail.com](mailto:mc_nd@hotmail.com).

**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!*

**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).



*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.

**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 **December 8th-December 15th**

December 8th	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary -1st class
December 9th	Feria of Advent-3rd class
December 10th	Feria of Advent-3rd class
December 11th	St. Damasus I-3rd class
December 12th	Feria of Advent-3rd class (USA) Our Lady of Guadalupe-3rd class
December 13th	St. Lucy-3rd class
December 14th	Feria of Advent-3rd class
December 15th	3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete 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](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.

**There will be NO 7:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays from December 11, 2019 until January 15, 2020.**



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Welcome into our parish family  
Isabel Ziewacz

## 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

Online Applications begin December 16, 2019 for students PK-12 at [discovermacs.org](http://discovermacs.org)

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).

**Coming Soon...A Theater Near You! The MACS Fine Arts Center at Charlotte Catholic Groundbreaking 2020.** Check for details: [www.playyourpart.org](http://www.playyourpart.org)!

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

### Advent Penance Services

St. Gabriel Church on **Tuesday, December 17th**, at 7:00 p.m. St. John Neumann on

**Wednesday, December 18th**, at 7:00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Church on **Thursday, December 19th**, at 7:00 p.m.

Also St. Vincent de Paul Church is offering confessions and adoration the **week of December 16th-20th from 4:00-9:00 p.m.**

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

### Give in thanksgiving.

**Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.** Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

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.**

## 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).

**Retrouvaille** is for couples with marriages that are struggling, not communicating well, and those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. Some couples come to **Retrouvaille** during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. For information or to attend the program beginning **February 14, 2020**, call 800-470-2230, email: [retrouvaille@msn.com](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com) or visit: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

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

**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. now-December 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Call 704-461-5100 for information.

**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 20th. 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.** 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.

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**Are you looking for Immigration Services low cost?** Call for an appointment 704-370-3219 or 336-714-3212 [www.ccdoc.org/en/services/immigration](http://www.ccdoc.org/en/services/immigration). Sponsored by Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

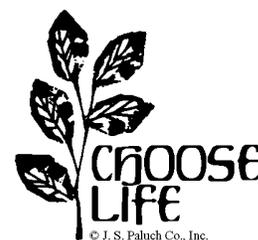


**Knights of Columbus meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m. in the St. Patrick's Family Life Center** located at 1621 Dilworth Road East. Please contact: Richard Mills, Financial Secretary at [rtm2108@aol.com](mailto:rtm2108@aol.com) or Grand Knight John

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.

**On Saturday, December 14th, at 7:30 p.m. the Cathedral of Saint Patrick** will host its annual *Concert of Sacred Music for Advent and Christmas*. Performing at the concert will be the Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Children's Choir. The choirs will sing the "*Magnificat in D major*" by *Jan Dismas Zelenka*, plus works by *Josquin des Prez*, *Rheinberger*, *Monteverdi* and *Eybler*. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

**14th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE Charlotte! January 10, 2020!** The day begins with Mass for the Unborn at 9:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. At 11:00 a.m. we will gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese at 1123 S. Church St., Charlotte, NC. There may be some parking available at the parking lot, but expect to find parking on your own uptown, if necessary. At 12 noon, we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. Cory Catron, Parochial Vicar of St. Vincent de Paul Church will preach. Then we will march onto the courthouse at 401 W. Trade St. where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives! See schedule details at [www.marchforlifecharlotte.org](http://www.marchforlifecharlotte.org).



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.

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.