



## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

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<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Felicity Bremer <i>by the Rothe family</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Teresa Lewis <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> +Vince Zambelli <i>by Lynda &amp; Jim Transue</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Church in use
<b>Monday 23rd</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Dan McClintock <i>by Ann McClintock</i>	5:00 p.m. Latin Server Training (Church) 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 6:30 p.m. Fraternus (Gym)   Fidelis (Café) 7:00 p.m. RCIA (School)   Ceramic room in use   Legion of Mary meeting (Conference room)
<b>Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> +Michael D. Walsh <i>by Will Walsh</i> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Intentions of Stefano Monaco <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	<b><i>Parish Office Closed</i></b>
<b>Wednesday 25th Christmas</b>	<b>12 midnight Latin</b> Intentions of Fr. Reid's Godchildren <i>by Fr. Reid</i> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Fr. Reid <i>by the Rothe family</i>	<b><i>Parish Office Closed</i></b>
<b>Thursday 26th</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Colette Shanahan <i>by the Grant family</i>	<b><i>Parish Office Closed</i></b>
<b>Friday 27th</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Julie's parents, brothers and family <i>by Tammy</i>	1:30 p.m. Organ practice (Church)
<b>Saturday 28th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> Confessions <b>4:30 p.m.</b> +Robert O'Connor <i>by Virginia Carlson</i>	<b><i>Parish Office Closed</i></b>
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of Sister Marie Jeannette <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Michael D. Walsh <i>by Will Walsh &amp; family</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Our parish family	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel)

“When life and family are not treasured and preserved in a society, collapse on all fronts is inevitable.”  
Fr. Richard Welch



Dear Parishioners,

For many years our parish has supported various initiatives to help homeless people in Charlotte. Our main project is to provide Sunday dinner monthly for the women and children staying at the Center of Hope. While we have a chairman for this committee, we are currently in need of a co-chair to help share the work load (or a couple who together can co-chair). It will require organizing, every other month, our volunteers who will cook, deliver, and serve the food at the Center of Hope. If you are interested in being the co-chair for this important ministry, please call our parish office (704-523-4641, ext. 221). Moreover, if you are interested in serving in this

ministry, please let us know!

Our Christmas Masses will begin on Christmas Eve with vigil Masses at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. There will also be a Midnight Mass and Mass on Christmas morning at 9 a.m. As we've done for the past two years, the Midnight Mass will be a Latin Mass, while the other Masses will all be in English. Per our usual custom, there will be a concert of Christmas music before the Midnight Mass beginning at 11:30 p.m.

As we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Christ here at St. Ann's, I want to thank each of you for the many ways you share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our parish family. Your participation in the many good works of our parish community demonstrates that the light and love of the Christ Child shines brightly here at St. Ann's! I am particularly grateful to our dedicated staff and all of our volunteers who give generously of their time and talent to make St. Ann's the beautiful and big-hearted parish that it is.

Recognizing that this is the season of gift-giving, I ask you to prayerfully consider putting our parish on your year-end Christmas giving list. As we strive to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parish family, we must also recognize the practical and financial needs of maintaining our parish on a day-to-day basis. As you know, we face the rather large (and expensive) task of renovating our aging Allen Center. Our current estimates are that it will cost \$2.25 million to fix everything that is in need of repair. This includes a new roof, a new building exterior, new HVAC, a new gym floor and stage area, and renovations to the kitchen – amongst other things.

The envelope in your monthly envelope packet that is labeled "5-year plan" is for making contributions to the Allen Center renovation. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayerfully Awaiting the Christ Child,

Fr. Reid

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid" with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
708 registered families

December 1, 2019	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	19,201.22	17,817.31	401,057.95	391,980.82
Other Revenue Streams:			9,381.50	52,884.70
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>410,439.45</b>	<b>444,865.52</b>
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>			<b>(34,426.07)</b>	
<b>DSA: Final</b>				
2019 Goal:	<b>116,330.00</b>		<b>Priest Retirement Assessment:</b>	<b>36,972.00</b>
Pledged:	120,289.87		Received:	31,366.30
Received:	113,860.26		Balance:	5,605.70
Donors:	181			

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)



*“Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving.” (Acts 20:35)*

**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: **January 4th-5th, January 18th-19th, and February 1st-2nd.**

**Bulletin Deadline is:**

Thursday, December 26th, at 12 noon for Sunday, January 5, 2020  
Tuesday, January 7th, at 12 noon for Sunday, January 12, 2020



*Your DSA donation helps your parish, all the Catholic Charities offices in western North Carolina, the educational ministries of the diocese, vocations, multicultural ministries, housing initiatives and the annual Eucharistic Congress. It is not too late to make a contribution, donate online at: [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa).*

*Christ is born, the world rejoices, and the angels sing! Mark this joyous occasion in gratitude with a legacy gift to our parish.*



*In today’s Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means, “God is with us.” The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that “God is with us.”*

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

**NOTE: There will be NO Adoration  
December 24th-25th and  
December 31st-January 1st.**

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

#### **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!*

College student and St. Mark's parishioner, Brook Lackey, will be giving a free *self defense class* here at **St. Ann's on January 9, 2020 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** It is for females age 16-25 only. If you are interested or want more information please contact Carolyn Franks at carolynfranks1@gmail.com or 704 942 4390.

Winter Formal Dance. **St. Ann Homeschool Ministry invites teens, 14-20 year olds, to Swing Into The Dawn of a Decade on Thursday, January 2, 2020 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the St. Ann's cafeteria.** BIG BAND MUSIC in a city of lights! Party favors! Door prize gift cards! Catholic Company door prizes! Table providing information on Charlotte March For Life and Washington DC March For Life. Make sure to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044baca828a02-teen>

*"At dawn let me experience your kindness, for in you I place my trust. Show me the path I must walk, for to you I lift up my soul." Ps 143:8*

#### **Church Cleaning throughout the year!**

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**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 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 6:30 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).

**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,  
Joe Lawton,  
Chuck Sollard,

Anna Sobus and family,  
Glenn Stowe,  
Jennie Roe,  
Mark Ponischil.

*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),  
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).

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.**

**LATIN MASS CORNER**

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the week of **December 22nd-December 29th**

December 22nd	4th Sunday of Advent -1st class
December 23rd	Greater Feria of Advent -2nd class
December 24th	Vigil of Christmas-1st class
December 25th	The Nativity of Our Lord -1st class
December 26th	St. Stephen-2nd class
December 27th	St. John the Evangelist -2nd class
December 28th	Holy Innocents -2nd class
December 29th	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas-2nd class

**St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass** on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Fridays 7:00 a.m., and on select feast days. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

**Latin Mass Q&A:** What do the Classes in the above calendar mean? The Class is the level of importance or solemnity (1st-4th) associated with that day's Saint or commemoration. A 1st Class Feast Day are many Sundays and major solemnities like Christmas. Feria is a non-feast day and readings typically revert to the prior Sunday readings.

**Questions?** Email [info@charlottelatinmass.org](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 until January 15, 2020.**



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## 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

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)!

## MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

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).

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 / [jrgrabowski@charlottediocese.org](mailto:jrgrabowski@charlottediocese.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 **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

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**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 [rjm2108@aol.com](mailto:rjm2108@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.

**Ambassadors for Christ in the Marketplace:** Legatus, the international organization for Catholic business leaders & spouses, is growing its membership in Charlotte. Legatus members are committed to study, live and spread the faith in their business, professional & personal lives For information, contact: Frank Trotta at [Legatus.CLT@gmail.com](mailto:Legatus.CLT@gmail.com) or 917-391-2003.

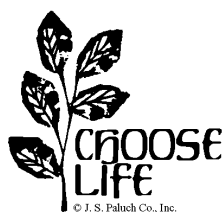


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**It is time for the annual Keep Christ in Christmas sale at The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College.** Take 20% off all Advent and Christmas items such as cards, candles, nativity sets etc. Take 30% off one item of your choice, and mention you 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.

### 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).



The Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Parish of St. Barnabas are coordinating a **pilgrimage to see the internationally renowned German Passion Play and Eastern Europe including Prague and Poland on May 20-30, 2020.** Witness the world-famous Passion Play at Oberammergau Germany. Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of St. John Paul II in Poland. Venerate the icon of Our lady of Czestochowa. Visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow. For information, contact Frank Villaronga, Director of Evangelization and Adult Education, at 704-370-3274, or email [frankv@charlottediocese.org](mailto:frankv@charlottediocese.org). Or contact Evelyn Wavrek at Select International Tours: 800-842-4842.

### 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).

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**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.

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.

**Catholic Charities is offering a 40-hour course for participants to learn the best industry practices to work as a professional interpreter in social services and healthcare settings.** Course days include: February 20th-21st, February 26th-March 7th, July 30th-31st and August 5th-7th, October 22nd-23rd, and October 28th-30th at Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte located at 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte. We welcome participants from all languages. Space is limited. For information and registration, contact [ccdoctie@charlottediocese.org](mailto:ccdoctie@charlottediocese.org) or call: 855-995-3343. Translation & Interpretation Enterprise (TIE) is a program of Catholic Charities.

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.