



December 1, 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)

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

Parish Office Hours

<p>Sunday Mass Schedule Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Mass in the Extraordinary Form: 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Adoration Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour: Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Reconciliation Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>
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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN		
+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 1st	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Graciela Lizarazu <i>by Marcela Bayard</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Stefano Monaco <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	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
Monday 2nd	7:00 a.m. +Marta & Juan Casali <i>by the family</i>	6:00 a.m. Church in use 8:00 a.m. Church in use 9:30 a.m. School (Gym) 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Fidelis (Café) Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 6:30 p.m. Fraternus (Gym) 7:00 p.m. RCIA (School) Ceramic room in use Legion of Mary (Conference room) 8:00 p.m. Church in use
Tuesday 3rd	7:00 a.m. +Arthur Russell <i>by Marilyn Hines</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i>	6:00 a.m. Church in use 8:00 a.m. Church in use 9:00 a.m. Latin Class (All rooms) 9:30 a.m. School (Gym) 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 8:00 p.m. Church in use
Wednesday 4th	<i>Adoration in the chapel until 5:00 p.m.</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of John Lauer <i>by the family</i>	6:00 a.m. Church in use 7:00 a.m. Seminary Mass (Church) 8:00 a.m. CCE (All rooms) 9:00 a.m. Organ practice (Church) 9:30 a.m. School (Gym) 10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) 12:45 p.m. Church in use 2:45 p.m. Cry rooms in use (Church) 3:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting (Conference room) 7:00 p.m. Gym in use 8:00 p.m. Church in use
Thursday 5th	7:00 a.m. +Enrique Lizarazu <i>by Marcela Bayard</i> <i>Confessions</i> 5:30 p.m.	6:00 a.m. Church in use 9:00 a.m. Latin Class (All rooms) 9:30 a.m. Conference room in use School (Gym) 5:30 p.m. Church in use 8:00 p.m. Church in use
Friday 6th	7:00 a.m. Latin +Katherine Marshall <i>by Virginia Doman</i> 8:30 a.m. +Margaret & Art Brickner <i>by the Alderman family</i>	6:00 a.m. Church in use 8:00 a.m. CCE (All rooms & Cry rooms) School rosary (Chapel) 9:30 a.m. School (Gym) 11:30 a.m. St. Nick (Library) 12:30 p.m. Drama Class (All rooms & Cry rooms) 1:30 p.m. Organ practice (Church)
Saturday 7th	3:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Michael Conner <i>by the family</i>	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 10:00 a.m. 1st Confession Retreat (All rooms upstairs) 11:00 a.m. Café, Gym & Kitchen in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church) 4:00 p.m. Café & Gym in use
Sunday 8th	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Margaret Lewis <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> Our parish family 10:30 a.m. Latin Intentions of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Discalced Carmelites group <i>by Janine Derscheid</i> 12:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Dogma & Donuts (Café) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 1:00 p.m. St. Ann Homeschool Ministry (Café, Gym & Kitchen) 2:00 p.m. Church in use 3:00 p.m. Nativity Plays (Gym)



Dear Parishioners,

I hope everyone enjoyed a very happy Thanksgiving with loved ones. Please know how thankful I am for our parish family, and for the many graces our Lord has bestowed upon us. I'm especially grateful for your love, patience, and great generosity.

As we give thanks this weekend for all the many blessings we enjoy, I want you to be aware of the many blessings our little parish gives to others. In addition to monies we raise for our St. Vincent de Paul Society and Homeless Ministry, and the money that we collect in poor boxes, we also set aside a portion of each Sunday's collection to give to those in need. Currently, we are using our "tithing" money to: fund the educations of a seminarian in Jamaica as well as our local seminarians; to provide funds to local ministries and organizations that perform corporal works of mercy (feeding the poor, housing the homeless, etc.); to support pro-life efforts around our country; and to take care of individuals and families whose assistance needs are greater than what our St. Vincent de Paul Society can handle. We also support agencies that aid victims of sex trafficking, as well as ANSWER, a local non-profit that provides scholarships to single working moms so they can get an education and a better job. And, of course, we give generously to the Missionaries of the Poor. Without your generosity every Sunday with our weekly collection, we couldn't do this – so thank you!

As we've done in years past, I invite all of you to join me in a **special novena to Our Lady** from December 1 – December 9. Once again I am going to consecrate our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the 7a.m. Mass on December 9. In preparation for this, I ask you to consider fasting from something you enjoy (as you would during Lent) and praying the following Novena Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary each day from December 1 – December 9:

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially that our parish may be consecrated to your Immaculate Heart. We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Fr. Reid

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Your Stewardship of Treasure
687 registered families

November 10, 2019	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	21,919.04	17,817.31	353,049.28	338,528.89
Other Revenue Streams:			8,603.50	45,673.15
Total Revenue:			361,652.78	384,202.04
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			(22,549.26)	
DSA: Final				
2019 Goal:	116,330.00		Priest Retirement Assessment:	36,972.00
Pledged:	120,249.87		Received:	26,079.30
Received:	112,370.59		Balance:	10,892.70

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



"Be generous, sharing what you have." (1 Timothy 6:18)

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



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.

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.

So many Christmases are quickly forgotten. But a gift to an endowment in honor or memory of loved ones will last forever helping us preserve our Catholic heritage. For more information, please visit the diocesan website at www.charlottediocese.givingplan.net.



There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord. As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

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

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.

The next **Baptismal Preparation Class** is **TODAY, December 1st, at 12noon in the Scout room.** Pre-registration is required to attend 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!

Give in thanksgiving.

"The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. **Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. *Please give generously.*

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. *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.

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 TODAY, December 1st, 8th or 15th.** Or the items can be dropped off in the parish office *before* December 13th.

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!

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.

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!*

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

Regular Adorer Needed! Please email Karen: 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.

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. Any questions can be addressed to 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.

*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 or Laura Smith: 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.

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.



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. **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.

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.

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.

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.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the week of **December 1st-December 8th**

December 1st	1st Sunday of Advent-1st class
December 2nd	St. Vivian-3rd class
December 3rd	St. Francis Xavier-3rd class (Missions) St. Francis Xavier -1st class
December 4th	St. Peter Chrysologus-3rd class
December 5th	Feria of Advent-3rd class or Jesus Christ the High Priest -3rd class
December 6th	St. Nicholas-3rd class or Sacred Heart of Jesus-3rd class
December 7th	St. Ambrose-3rd class or Immaculate Heart of Mary -3rd class
December 8th	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-1st class

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

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

Questions? Email info@charlottelatinmass.org. **For Latin Mass news**, visit www.charlottelatinmass.org.

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

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

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
Zayn Navarro-Vega

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. 1st 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 or 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

rtn2108@aol.com or Grand Knight John Stevens at 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.
Submit all required documents and complete testing (if applicable). For more information about Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools visit 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 or Jessica Grabowski: 704-370-3229 / 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, call: 803-810-9602, email: applications@scmarriagematters.org.

The **Retrouvaille Program** is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background attend. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors. This is a peer based ministry. *The presenters have all been there, done that and worse.* They offer practical tools that they themselves used to rediscover their love. For information or to attend the program beginning **February 14, 2020**, call: 800-470-2230, email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit: www.helpourmarriage.org.

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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 23rd.** 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 6th-8th.** Speaker and author Brian Pusateri of Broken Door Ministries will be the retreat master. Visit: www.catholicconference.org/signs/ or contact: info@catholicconference.org or call: 828-327-7441.

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.

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 \$5.00.** Call Helen Collins (St. Gabriel Parishioner) at 704-365-1161 or email: 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. "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 2nd 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 or through the "Contact us" button on our website www.carolinacatholicradio.org.

December 6th at 5:00 p.m. and December 7th 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 7th.** 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 or find us at: facebook.com/JuventutemCLT

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. Please RSVP by *December 7th* to 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 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, and go to the **prayers/devotion section under “Resources.”** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we are encourage everyone to pray the **“Prayer for Religious Liberty”** with the recent attacks on our religious freedoms there are several prayers and novenas on our website.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

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

Let's be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:



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

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

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

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

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

Outdoor Speakers

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

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