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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 15th	8:00 a.m. +Paulette Ensrude <i>by the family</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Christopher Roux <i>by Suzanne and Mike Terry and boys</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School) Dogma & Donuts (Café) 12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 12:30 p.m. St. Ann Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) 5:30 p.m. Vespers (Church)
Monday 16th	7:00 a.m. +Lillian Charles <i>by the Davison family</i>	9:30 a.m. School (Gym) 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)
Tuesday 17th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Patricia Sanctis <i>by the Sanctis family</i> <i>Adoration in the chapel at 8:00 a.m.</i>	9:30 a.m. School (Gym) 1:00 p.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) 7:00 p.m. Scout room in use Gym in use
Wednesday 18th	<i>Adoration in the chapel until 5:00 p.m.</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour 6:00 p.m. Latin For St. Ann benefactors & their loved ones	9:00 a.m. Organ practice (Church) 9:30 a.m. School (Gym) 10:00 a.m. Catholic Scripture Studies (Scout room) 3:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting (Conference room) 7:00 p.m. Gym in use
Thursday 19th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Estuardo Obregon <i>by Marta Obregon</i> 5:30 p.m. Confessions	9:30 a.m. School (Gym)
Friday 20th	7:00 a.m. Latin +Harry Walton <i>by the Stocker family</i> 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Julie's parents, brothers and family <i>by Tammy</i>	8:00 a.m. School Rosary (Chapel) 9:30 a.m. School (Gym) 1:30 p.m. Organ practice (Church)
Saturday 21st	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)
Sunday 22nd	8:00 a.m. Intentions of Felicity Bremer <i>by the Rothe family</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Teresa Lewis <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Vince Zambelli <i>by Lynda & Jim Transue</i>	12 noon Pro-Life Rosary (Chapel) 2:00 p.m. Church in use



Dear Parishioners,

“Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.” These are the words of the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass on this Third Sunday of Advent (also known as *Gaudete Sunday*), and they signal for us the tone of today’s liturgy. While the violet we wear on most days of Advent indicate that there’s penitential nature to this season, now that we are roughly halfway through Advent, we take a break from our penance and rejoice in joyful anticipation of our Lord’s coming, much like *Laetare Sunday* in Lent. The liturgy today reminds us that soon the great feast of Christmas will be upon us, and this is cause for rejoicing indeed. Symbolizing a lightening of our penance and our joyful anticipation for Christ’s coming, our liturgical color switches from violet to rose today. Our readings, too, take on a more joyful nature.

Tuesday, 17 December, our liturgies will begin to take on an even more eager and anticipatory nature as we move into a period of special preparation during Advent known as the Octave before Christmas. During this time special antiphons (known as the “O” antiphons) are used at vespers and for the *Alleluia* verse before the Gospel at Mass. These antiphons have been around since at least the 8th century, and each antiphon recalls a particular scriptural title of Jesus, announcing his imminent arrival and recalling the Old Testament prophesies of Isaiah. Moreover, they tell us something about the person of Christ and about salvation history. The famous Advent song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* that is often used this time of year is based upon these antiphons.

I am so very grateful to all of you who got up early and participated in our annual *Rorate Mass* this weekend. This is a special Mass that honors the Blessed Virgin Mary that 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. For those of you who missed it, we’ll have it again next year, as it’s truly one of the most beautiful and extraordinary Masses that we offer here at St. Ann’s.

Christmas will soon be upon us. While I know many of us are busy with the social obligations, shopping, and domestic chores this season brings, let’s not forget to make time for our Lord in prayer. Preparing our hearts for His arrival at Christmas is the most important part of Advent.

In hopeful expectation of our Lord’s coming,

Fr. Reid



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November 24, 2019	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	13,776.52	17,817.31	381,856.73	374,163.51
Other Revenue Streams:			8,838.50	50,480.85
Total Revenue:			390,695.23	424,644.36
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			(33,949.13)	
DSA: Final				
2019 Goal:	116,330.00		Priest Retirement Assessment:	36,972.00
Pledged:	120,289.87		Received:	30,864.30
Received:	113,800.26		Balance:	6,107.70
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



Some of the obstacles that keep us from "making a straight path" for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from embracing stewardship as a way of life. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives and let go of the selfishness and greed that keep us from following God's will.

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.

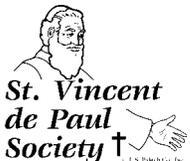
Bulletin Deadline is:

Wednesday, December 18th 12noon for
Sunday, December 29, 2019.
Thursday, December 26th 12noon for
Sunday, January 5, 2020



Only a few weeks left to fulfill your DSA pledge. If you have an outstanding pledge, please complete your pledge payments by December 31. Our ministries and our parish are counting on you, and thank you for your support. 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 use.

You can make a significant gift to our parish that will cost you nothing during your lifetime. Consider including our parish as a beneficiary in your will.



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

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!*

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

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.

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.

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!*

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.

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!*

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](https://www.amazon.com/Marygardenshowers). 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.

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.

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.

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,
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. **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.

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 15th-December 22nd**

December 15th	3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)-1st class
December 16th	St. Eusebius 3rd class
December 17th	Greater Feria of Advent -2nd class
December 18th	Ember Wednesday of Advent -2nd class
December 19th	Greater Feria of Advent -2nd class
December 20th	Ember Friday of Advent -2nd class
December 21st	St. Thomas-2nd class
December 22nd	4th Sunday of Advent -1st class

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

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

Questions? Email info@charlottelatinmass.org. 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.

There will be NO 7:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays until January 15, 2020.



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*Welcome into our parish family
Dorothy Elizabeth Krzan*

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 / jrgrabowski@charlottediocese.org.

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**, visit: SCMarrriageMatters.org, call: 803-810-9602, email: applications@scmarrriagematters.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: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit: www.helpourmarriage.org.

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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

Applications online beginning December 16th : Apply online for students PK-12 at 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.

Submit all required documents and complete testing (if applicable). For more information about Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools visit: discovermacs.org.

Coming Soon...A Theater Near You! The MACS Fine Arts Center at Charlotte Catholic Groundbreaking 2020. Check for details: www.playyourpart.org!

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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.**

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 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.



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. 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.

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.

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 or 917-391-2003.



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 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.

"America, your very future as a nation depends on your willingness to protect the Right to Life of the most defenseless in your society."
St. Pope John Paul II

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 up date your **Background Check every five (5) years.** All forms are online on the Diocese of Charlotte website: under Safe Environment & Volunteers.