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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><b>Sunday Mass Schedule</b>          Vigil Mass (Saturday): 4:30 p.m.          8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.;  <b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form:</b> 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Weekday Masses</b>          Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m.          Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form)          Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Adoration</b>          Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.          Holy Hour:          Wednesday 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b>          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	Fr. Reid will say Masses Privately with these Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events (No more than 10 people allowed in any one space)
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Maritza Alfandari <i>by the Davey family</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> +Robert Williams <i>by Aline Cooper</i>	Church is open
<b>Monday 30th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Woody Woodruf <i>by the Wilkens family</i>	Church is open
<b>Tuesday 31st</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Jack Kolbenschlag <i>by Janice &amp; Jim Ceresank</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m.</i>	Church is open
<b>Wednesday 1st</b>	<i>Adoration continues until 5:00 p.m.</i> <b>5:00 p.m. Holy Hour</b> <b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Bella Cochrane <i>by Joseph Grant</i>	Church is open
<b>Thursday 2nd</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Woody Woodruf <i>by the Wilkins family</i> <b>5:30 p.m. Confessions</b>	Church is open
<b>Friday 3rd</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. Latin</b> +John Jones <i>by the Russell Lewis family</i> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Anthony & Jen Sanctis <i>by the Sanctis family</i>	Church is open
<b>Saturday 4th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m. Confessions</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Intentions of Fr. Zachery Romanosky <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	Church is open
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Loretta & Gerald Murray <i>by Nancy &amp; Lou Picciola</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> +Louise & Edgar Lawton <i>by the Lawton family</i>	Church is open

*“The more you devote yourself in prayer the more you will do well in your work.”*  
*St. John Baptist de la Salle*



Dear Parishioners,

On this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, we enter into a period known as “Passiontide,” which coincides with the last two weeks of Lent. This name comes from the fact that, during this time, we focus very specifically on our Lord’s passion and death as a proximate preparation for His resurrection. Providentially, we enter into this liturgical mini-season at a time when our country and our world are suffering a “passiontide” of pestilence.

Our liturgical Passiontide is marked by a couple of very noticeable elements. It is during this part of Lent that we cease using bells at Mass and instead use a harsh-sounding clacker, whose rapping is meant to remind us of the hammer blows that so cruelly crucified our Lord. This is also the time of year that we normally cover our statues with violet shrouds as a way of enhancing our fasting as we prepare for Holy Week. Veiling is meant to clear away any distractions so that we might focus on Jesus who calls us through the cross to a life of holiness. It’s also a reminder that Christ’s divinity was hidden at the time of His suffering and death. Alas, since we are not having public Masses at this time and likely won’t before Easter, we have decided to forego the veiling of our saint statues overlooking our nave and sanctuary because our efforts and resources are being directed to ministering to you, our faithful parishioners, in this time of stress and uncertainty.

As we continue through this pestilential passiontide with COVID-19, let us do so with strong hearts that are courageously united with our Crucified Lord. Let us offer up our sufferings in reparation for our sins and those of the world. Let us look forward toward the glories of the Easter Season, during which we hope that we’ll be able to resume our normal lives.

On another note, in the past couple of weeks, a few of you have voiced concerns that St. Ann’s has had Mass and offered Holy Communion – fearful that doing so could spread the coronavirus. Please understand that my staff and I are acutely aware of the risks involved, and we have endeavored to take every possible precaution to minimize the risk of spreading the virus with guidance from local doctors and an expert in public health. We have offered Mass as we have with permission from the Diocese, in compliance with CDC recommendations and the Governor’s Executive Order. And as I have mentioned at our Masses the past two Sundays, our obligation to attend Sunday Mass is currently suspended by Bishop Jugis, so no one has to attend. Moreover, no one is obliged to receive Holy Communion, and I certainly urge those of you who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 to refrain from Holy Communion and make a Spiritual Communion instead. My goal has been to provide for everyone’s spiritual needs and well-being, and to do so in a way that protects your physical well-being. I’m ever mindful of your concerns, grateful for your understanding, pleased for those who came to participate in our Masses, and want to know if we may better minister to those who were unable to be with us.

Let’s strive to be united with our Lord in His suffering and death in these next two weeks, and look forward to Easter – even if our celebrations of Holy Week are muted. Let’s keep our eyes on God and trust in His mercy. Be assured of my prayers.

Fr. Reid

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
*695 registered families*

March 8, 2020	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	28,288.40	17,817.31	676,422.00	641,423.16
Other Revenue Streams:			49,076.85	84,86,536.60
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>725,498.85</b>	<b>727,959.76</b>
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>			<b>(2,460.91)</b>	
<b>DSA:</b>				
<b>2020 Goal:</b>	<b>120,163.00</b>			
Pledged:	80,218.20			
Received:	42,722.25			
Donors:	91			

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)**



*If we give ourselves to God and let Him use our talents to serve others, we will be amazed by the results. Not only will our lives be changed but so will the lives of others.*

*Lent provides an opportunity to strengthen our devotion to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It can also be a time to consider a planned gift that will strengthen the future of our parish.*



**Bulletin Deadlines are:**

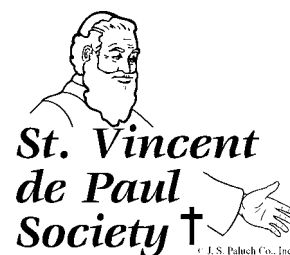
Thursday, April 2nd at 12 noon for Sunday, April 12, 2020.  
 Tuesday, April 14th at 12 noon for Sunday, April 19, 2020



*Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. Your contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. Next week during Mass, you may complete a pledge envelope or go to [charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa) to make a gift online.*

**St. Ann's is creating a security team.** If you are interested in joining the St. Ann's Security Team, please contact Officer Lou Rango at: [Rango2394@BellSouth.net](mailto:Rango2394@BellSouth.net). Your assistance and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

*The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. Thank you for your gifts to the poor box.*



## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

**Church cleaning!** Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.** Contact Chris Brunhuber at [ccb2691@icloud.com](mailto:ccb2691@icloud.com) with questions.

**St. Ann Lenten Project: Adult Diaper Drive for the Missionaries of the Poor, Monroe.** Join us in collecting **adult medium and adult large diapers** to assist the Missionaries of the Poor, Monroe, to provide for the local poor and Jamaica Missions. Please drop off in the narthex of the church **NOW through Sunday, April 12th.** *Thank you for your generosity!*

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month. The collection will be the following weekends: **April 4th-5th, April 18th-19th, and May 2nd & 3rd.**



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*Welcome into our parish family  
Thomas Ambrose Nance*

**SAVE the Date for Summer Catechesis 2020! July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** Summer Catechesis is a week long day-camp at St. Ann's for 4 year olds through rising 5th graders. Registration will open in the Spring. If you (adults and teenagers) are interested in volunteering or for more information, contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth: [sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com](mailto:sistermaryelizabethdvm@gmail.com).

*Now more than ever, the weary world needs to hear the good news of God's love for us in Christ! How will you serve others in this time of social distancing? For whom are you called to sacrifice? How might you share the hope of the resurrection, even in this time of uncertainty?*  
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### **St. Ann's Easter Meals Preparation.**

Each year St. Ann's supports local homeless shelters and agencies by providing Easter meals to those in need. **Due to health concerns, we will not be assembling meals for the local shelters.** Instead, St. Ann's will be donating money to each shelter to allow them to purchase and prepare an Easter dinner themselves. We will not need any donated hams, desserts, or volunteers this year. **If you would like to make a donation to support this ministry, please go to this St. Ann's online giving link and select the tab labeled Easter:**

**[www.stanncharlotte.org/home/giving/](http://www.stanncharlotte.org/home/giving/)**  
Contact Pam Oravetz if you have any questions: [pam.oravetz@gmail.com](mailto:pam.oravetz@gmail.com).

The next **Baptismal Preparation class will be Sunday, April 19th, at 9:10 a.m.** in the Scout room. Please call the parish office, 704-523-4641, to sign up for this class.

**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.

All girls between the ages of 12-18 interested in participating in the **St. Maria Goretti Junior Altar Guild, a ministry dedicated for the opportunity for girls to be able to help in preparing and cleaning up for the Mass,** please contact either Marina Grant, [marinatheresegrant@gmail.com](mailto:marinatheresegrant@gmail.com), or Gabriella McCarthy, [jdmccarthy1012@gmail.com](mailto:jdmccarthy1012@gmail.com), the current leaders of the Junior Altar Guild. We are scheduling a training and gathering for any girls interested in this ministry. Contact us if you are interested or have any questions about this ministry.

**Regular Adorer Needed!** Please email Marcy Bayard: [rcgator@icloud.com](mailto:rcgator@icloud.com) or call the parish office at 704-523-4641.

## 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.

**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).

*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 each, Books: \$5 each, CDs: \$4 each or 3/\$10. **Use code: 33769** when you go to: [www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub). **Make checks payable to St. Ann Catholic Church.**

**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.*



*Joseph Most Just*

## Pray for ...

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*Our parishioners:*  
Nancy West,  
Edward McNally,  
Joe Lawton,  
Chuck Sollard,  
Anna Sobus & family,

Glenn Stowe,  
Jennie & Kathy Roe,  
Mark Ponischil.

### *Our friends and family:*

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),  
Carol Brunhuber (mother of Steve Brunhuber),  
William "Will" Shack (grandson of Pat Niemer)  
Nick Pappas,  
Cathy Yankech,  
Karin Studer (Niece of Patricia & Kurt Hartung),  
Christine Weiss & family.

### *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**

**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](http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org). For more information, contact Sarah Miller at holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com.

**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 Eve at evsmith1974@yahoo.com.

**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.

**Every Sunday, 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.*

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 **March 29-April 5, 2020:**

March 29th	Passion Sunday-1st class
March 30th	Monday of Passion Week -3rd class
March 31st	Tuesday of Passion Week -3rd class
April 1st	Wednesday of Passion Week-3rd class
April 2nd	Thursday of Passion Week -3rd class
April 3rd	Friday of Passion Week -3rd class
April 4th	Saturday of Passion Week -3rd class
April 5th	Palm Sunday-1st class

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

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

**Questions?** Email [info@charlottelatinmass.org](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org). **For Latin Mass news,** visit [www.charlottelatinmass.org](http://www.charlottelatinmass.org).

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

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

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

We ask for your generous response to the second collection which will be taken in all churches of our diocese on Easter weekend. **This collection will help meet the growing needs of our Seminarian program.** We currently have 40 young men studying for the priesthood at St. Joseph Seminary here in Charlotte, the Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary in Ohio, and at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. We look forward to the time when they will be able to begin their service as priests in the Diocese of Charlotte.

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**Registration for the Homeschool CCE Program to current registered St. Ann parishioners is open.**

**CCE, Catholic Classical Enrichment,** is a supplemental program designed to support and aid the family in the pursuit of a Catholic Classical Liberal Arts education in a community setting of Catholic homeschoolers. The Elementary program for homeschool students 4 years old through 5th or 6th grade meets Friday mornings and requires active parent participation. For information on the Elementary program, email Trista at [ccestann@gmail.com](mailto:ccestann@gmail.com).

The CCE Middle School program is open to homeschooled students in grades 6-8 and meets on Wednesdays and Fridays, through lunchtime. It is a drop-off program with instruction in Latin, History, Writing, Literature, and Art. For information on CCE Middle School, email Kathleen Lewis at [Lewisfamily555@gmail.com](mailto:Lewisfamily555@gmail.com).



#### Admissions Information for 2020-2021 School Term

Admissions Notification was March 13th. Admission decisions sent via email for Priority Round applicants.

Applications received after February 29th 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).**

**Mecklenburg Area Catholic School is hiring After School Assistants** for St. Ann Catholic School the hours are: 2:30-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Must be 16 years old and no weekends! Contact Ellen Buening at 704-370-3268 or [ehbuening@charlottedioocese.org](mailto:ehbuening@charlottedioocese.org).

**Are you looking for Immigration Services at Low Costs?** Call to schedule an appointment at 704-370-3219 or 366-714-3212  
[www.ccdoc.org/en/services/immigration](http://www.ccdoc.org/en/services/immigration).  
Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

### MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Forgiveness and Healing Following Abortion Catholic Charities can help men and women who have experienced abortion begin their healing journey. **Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat** creates a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. The retreat works to reconnect individuals to themselves, their friends, and family and to realize God's ever present love.

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).

**Couple to Couple League: Sympto-Thermal Method.** A Natural Family Planning three class series; *all classes are necessary to complete the series*. Classes are at the Hack home, in North Charlotte. Certified Sympto-Thermal Method teaching couple will help couples naturally plan for family growth in a safe, effective manner, within the Church's teaching. Sign up on-line and purchase class materials at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704-548-1834 or [hackhouse@bellsouth.net](mailto:hackhouse@bellsouth.net).

**Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. For information, 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

It is time for the annual Super Spring Savings Sale from **NOW through May 15th at The Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College**. We have a great selection of RCIA, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Wedding gifts. Take 30% off one item of your choice. Take 10% off the rest of your purchase. Mention you read about the sale in your bulletin and get an additional 10% off all regular priced and sale items! Monday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 704-461-5100 for information.



**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](mailto:rtn2108@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.



# 2020

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**  
DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

Bishop Jugis has announced the Diocese of Charlotte will celebrate **2020 as the "Year of St. Joseph,"** commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being solemnly declared Patron of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX. We want to honor St. Joseph, the guardian and protector of the Church, and learn from his example of faith, perseverance, and holy fatherhood. The Year of St. Joseph began January 1<sup>st</sup> and conclude December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Many special events are being planned across the diocese. **Visit the Year of St. Joseph website throughout 2020 for a list of activities, pilgrimages, devotions, prayers, and more.** [www.YearofStJoseph.org](http://www.YearofStJoseph.org).

St. Benedict Press/TAN Books is offering an **official Year of St. Joseph Prayer Book** with pages that can be stamped at each location as a record of pilgrimages. **The books are in please stop by the church and pick one up. Our church is open for prayer.**

**Who is Saint Rocco?** Saint Rocco was born of noble parentage about 1340 A.D. in Montpellier, France. At birth it was noted that he had a red cross-shaped birthmark on the left side of his chest. As a young child, San Rocco showed great devotion to God and the Blessed mother. At an early age, his parents died leaving him an orphan under the care of his uncle, the Duke of Montpellier. Soon after, San Rocco distributed his wealth among the poor and took a vow of poverty.



San Rocco dressed in the clothes of a pilgrim and departed for Rome. At that time, Italy was stricken with a rampant disease. San Rocco cured many of this dreaded disease by praying for them and making the sign of the cross.

During his travels, he too contracted the plague which was evident by an open sore on his leg. Rocco was banished from the city and took refuge in a cave. Here he slept on leaves and drank water from a small stream. Miraculously a dog that refused to eat, faithfully brought him bread as a means of sustenance. The dog used to leave a nearby castle and the Lord of this castle having a curious nature followed this dog into the woods and discovered Rocco. The nobleman had pity on Rocco and brought him to his castle where Rocco was cured.

San Rocco traveled through northern Italy for two or three more years before returning to his birthplace in France. So weak and sick from suffering, the townspeople did not recognize him and he was thrown into jail as a spy without any proof. But yet he was kept in prison for five years. On August 16, 1378, a guard entered his cell and found San Rocco near death. The dungeon was illuminated with a blue light radiating from his body. Upon hearing this, the Governor demanded to know San Rocco's identity. San Rocco faintly replied, I am your nephew Rocco. Only one thing could prove that, so he had him disrobed and the red cross-like mark was visible on the left side of his chest. The Governor and the townspeople present in the cell then believed. A voice from paradise was heard announcing that San Rocco's soul had merited immortal glory in Heaven. Even after his death, San Rocco performed many miracles.

Saint Rocco is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church as the protector against the plague and all contagious diseases. The statue of Saint Rocco is considered unique among theologians because of his pose. It is most unusual because it depicts him with his left hand pointing to an open sore on his left leg. Few images of saints expose any afflictions or handicaps. His body is enclosed in a glass tomb in the church of San Rocco in Venice, Italy. We commemorate the death of this great follower of Christ on August 16th of each year. © Saint Rocco's Feast Association of Malden [http://saintroccosfeast.org/St\\_Rocco.html](http://saintroccosfeast.org/St_Rocco.html)

## 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.