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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.

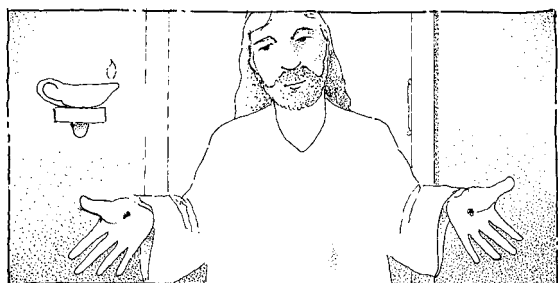
Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

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	Fr. Reid will say Masses Privately with these Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events (No more than 10 people allowed in any one space)
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday 19th</i>	8:00 a.m. +Ruby & Charlie Nesto <i>by the Verney family</i> 10:30 a.m. +Michael Kitson <i>by the family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	Church is open
Monday 20th	7:00 a.m. +Helen Shoemaker Hall <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	Church is open
Tuesday 21st	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Rachael & Eric Barna <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	Church is open
Wednesday 22nd	5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Stephen Grant <i>by the family</i>	Church is open
Thursday 23rd	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Will Nobers <i>by the family</i>	Church is open
Friday 24th	7:00 a.m. Private Intentions 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Kathryn Thigpen <i>by Richard</i>	Church is open
Saturday 25th	4:30 p.m. Intentions of Sharon Reid <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	Church is open
Sunday 26th	8:00 a.m. +Bernard Lavery <i>by Ann Lavery</i> 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of Heidi Scharpenberg <i>by Jan & Mike Colin</i>	Church is open



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*“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
John 20:29b*



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Dear Parishioners,

In the 1930s a simple and uneducated Polish nun began having visions of our Lord, and He asked her to spread a message around the world. The message was simple: that God's mercy is deeper and richer and greater than any of us can ever imagine – and that it is available to all mankind, most especially the worst of sinners. As many of you know, this simple and uneducated Polish nun was St. Maria Faustina Kowalska.

Our Lord first appeared to St. Faustina on February 22, 1931. Jesus was dressed in white and held His left hand to his chest and held up His right hand as if giving a blessing. From His chest flowed two rays: one of red; the other of a light shade. According to our Lord's own words to St. Faustina, the two rays denote blood and water – just as flowed from His side when He was pierced by the centurion's lance as he hung dead upon the cross. The pale ray stands for the water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. Christ said to St. Faustina: "These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who dwells in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of Him." Our Lord also asked St. Faustina to have an image painted of the vision she had of Him with these rays extending from His heart, with the words: "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Thus, the Divine Mercy image that we all know came into existence.

The result of St. Faustina's labors on behalf of our Lord is a 600-page book called *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. It's a diary that records all of her mystical experiences with our Lord and His mother that repeats and clarifies in very easy and simple language the Gospel's story of God's love and mercy for us all. Truly, it's one of the Church's greatest spiritual treasures from the 20th century, and I encourage you to read it. Not only does it tell us of God's incredible and inexhaustible mercy, but it also tells us how to live a life of mercy – to be merciful to others – in response to God's love. In short, our Lord wants us to know that His love and mercy are greater than any sins we can ever commit. He wants us to know that He loves us no matter how great our sins may be. And He wants us to call upon Him in complete trust in order to receive His mercy, and to pass along His mercy to those around us.

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is the Sunday each year that we remind ourselves that no sinner is beyond the reach of God's mercy. It is the Sunday each year that we celebrate the fact that God's mercy is for all people, no matter how saintly or sinful we may be. It is the Sunday each year that we honor and call down upon ourselves and the whole of humanity the great fruits of our Lord's Paschal Mystery that we saw unfold before us just one week ago. Of course, our world is in need of God's mercy more than ever. So let us pray this day and throughout this week that God's mercy will be upon us, that He will deliver us from our current sufferings, and help us to become holier people through all that we've suffered.

Please be sure to keep an eye on the parish website, and be sure to sign up for the Friday 5 emails so that you can keep up to date on all that's going on here in the parish.

Keeping all of you in my prayers,

Fr. Reid

Fr. Reid's homilies (audio & PDF) & the bulletins are posted on the website: www.StAnnCharlotte.org

Your Stewardship of Treasure
695 registered families

March 29, 2020	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	12,133.00	17,817.31	722,255.77	694,875.09
Other Revenue Streams:			50,197.85	93,750.15
Total Revenue:			772,453.62	788,625.24
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			(16,171.62)	
DSA:				
2020 Goal:	120,163.00			
Pledged:	97,287.20			
Received:	61,687.55			
Donors:	122			

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



Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is chiefly a way to deepen our spiritual life, not a way to increase our giving, although living out stewardship results in both.

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month. The collection will be this weekend: **April 18th-19th, May 2nd-3rd, and May 16th-17th.**



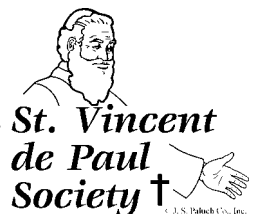
Your will is a plan for the distribution of the assets you have accumulated as a result of the God-given gifts you have received throughout your life. Thank you for considering a gift to our parish in your will.



On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember, "Our Faith In Action" – putting our faith into action to support the diocesan ministries that serve those in need, bring the light of Christ to those in the dark, and encourage vocations.

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. Your assistance and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and say: "Peace be with you!" During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Jesus, I trust in You!

Begin with the Sign of the Cross,
1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed.

Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Repeat for all five decades.

Conclude with (three times):

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

****Divinemeracy.org***

Jesus did not come to explain away suffering or remove it.

He came to fill it with His Presence. -Paul Claudel

SAVE the Date for Summer Catechesis 2020!

July 20th-24th, 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.



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*III: Leigh Balint-David Russell
23rd April 2020 12 noon*

*I: Emmett Sills-Christina Mascali
9 May 2020 St. Mary Hudson, OH*

*I: Andrea McElveen-Darin Brown
9 May 2020 1:30 p.m.*

Bulletin Deadlines are:

Tuesday, April 21st, at 12noon for
Sunday, April 26, 2020

Tuesday, April 28th at 12noon for
Sunday, May 3, 2020

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.

Year of St. Joseph Prayer

*To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.
Amen.*

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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.

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. **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.

Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, pray for us.

Lover of Poverty



Pray for ...

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

Jennie & Kathy Roe,
Mark Ponischil,
Ida Williamson.

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. 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 evesmith1974@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 **April 19-April 26, 2020:**

April 19th	Divine Mercy Sunday -1st class
April 20th	Feria in Paschaltide -4th class
April 21st	St. Anselm-3rd class
April 22nd	Sts. Soter & Caius-3rd class
April 23rd	Feria in Paschaltide-4th class or St. George-4th class
April 24th	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen-3rd class
April 25th	St. Mark the Evangelist -2nd class or Rogation Mass -2nd class
April 26th	Second Sunday after Easter -2nd class

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

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

Questions? Email info@charlottelatinmass.org.

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.



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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.

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.



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.

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

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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. Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

If you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns safely, securely and anonymously 24/7 over the phone using the diocese's new hotline, 888-630-5929, or online: www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC. **NOTE:** If you suspect a child is in danger, contact 9-1-1 or your local law enforcement agency.

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, call: 803-810-9602, email: 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. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704-548-1834 or 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 or visit: www.helpourmarriage.org.

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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 rtm2108@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.



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 1st and conclude December 31st, 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.

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 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini? St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was born as Maria Francesca Cabrini on July 15, 1850 in Sant' Angelo Lodigiano, Lombardy, Italy. She was born two months premature and the youngest of thirteen children. Unfortunately, only three of her siblings survived past adolescence and Frances would live most of her life in a fragile and delicate state of health.



Frances became dedicated to living a life for religious work from a young age and received a convent education at a school ran by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart. She graduated with high honors and a teaching certificate.

When Frances was 18, she applied for admission to the religious congregation of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, but was turned down because of her poor health. Instead, a priest asked her to teach at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadagono, Italy. She taught at the girls' school for six years and drew a community of women in to live the religious way of life.

In 1877, she became Mother Cabrini after she finally made her vows and took the religious habit, also adding Xavier to her name in honor of St. Francis Xavier.

When the House of Providence Orphanage closed, her bishop asked her, along with six other women from her orphanage in Cadagono, to found the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to care for the poor children in both schools and hospitals. Frances composed the Rule and Constitution for the religious institute.

In its first five years, the institute established seven homes and a free school and nursery. Frances wanted to continue her mission in China, but Pope Leo XIII urged her to go to the United States, a nation that was becoming flooded with Italian immigrants who needed her help. "Not to the East, but the West," was his advice to her.

On March 31, 1889, Frances arrived in New York City along with six other sisters ready to begin her new journey. However, right from the beginning she encountered many disappointments and hardships. The house originally intended for her new orphanage was no longer available, but Frances did not give up, even though the archbishop insisted she return to Italy.

After she refused, Archbishop Michael Corrigan found them housing with the convent of the Sisters of Charity. Frances then received permission to found an orphanage in what is now West Park, New York and now known as Saint Cabrini Home.

Filled with a deep trust in God and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, Frances founded 67 institutions, including orphanages, schools, and hospitals, within 35 years dedicated to caring for the poor, uneducated, sick, abandoned, and especially for the Italian immigrants. Her institutions were spread out in places all over the United States, including New York, Colorado, and Illinois.

Frances was known for being as resourceful as she was prayerful. She was always able to find people to donate their money, time, and support for her institutions.

In 1909, Frances became a naturalized citizen of the U.S.

Eight years later, on December 22, 1917, Frances passed at the age of 67, due to complications from dysentery at the Columbus Hospital, one of her own hospitals, in Chicago, Illinois.

Frances' body was originally placed at the Saint Cabrini Home, but was exhumed in 1931 as part of her canonization process. Her head is preserved in Rome at the chapel of the congregation's international motherhouse. One of her arms is at the national shrine in Chicago, and the rest of her body rests at a shrine in New York.

Frances has two miracles attributed to her. She restored sight to a child who was believed to have been blinded by excess silver nitrate, and she healed a terminally ill member of her congregation.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was beatified on November 13, 1938, by Pope Pius XI and canonized by Pope Pius XII on July 7, 1946, making her the first United States citizen to be canonized. Her feast day is celebrated on November 13 and **she is the patron saint of immigrants, hospital administrators.**

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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.