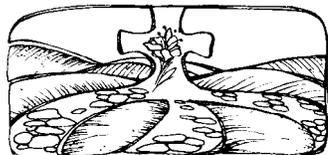
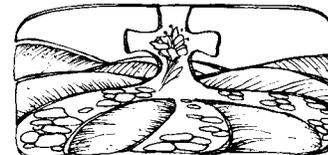


THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

+ denotes deceased	Fr. Reid will say Masses Privately with these Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events (No more than 10 people allowed in any one space)
Sunday 10th	8:00 a.m. +Teresa Csordas & Bertha Lejk <i>by the Lejk family</i> 10:30 a.m. All mothers of St. Ann parishioners 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	Church is open
Monday 11th	7:00 a.m. In thanksgiving for Andrea & Darine Brown <i>by the McElveen family</i>	Church is open
Tuesday 12th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Kathy & Norm <i>by Amy & Ben</i>	Church is open
Wednesday 13th	5:00 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Betty Cochrane <i>by the Grant family</i>	Church is open
Thursday 14th	7:00 a.m. +Eugene Nawrocki <i>by Teresa Shell</i>	Church is open
Friday 15th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Jackie Rosamond <i>by the family</i> 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Courtney McNamara <i>by the Cortes family</i>	Church is open
Saturday 16th	4:30 p.m. Intentions of Neil Purvis <i>by the Rothe family</i>	Church is open
Sunday 17th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Erin McNamara <i>by the Cortes family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Intentions of James Nobers <i>by the family</i>	Church is open



*"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6*





Dear Parishioners,

I hope all of you are staying healthy during this time of crisis. I also hope and pray that this period of societal lockdown has been a benefit to you spiritually, drawing you closer to our Lord in prayer, even though sacramental access to Him has been limited. As the prospect for being able to return to public Masses draws ever nearer, and this time of social isolation begins to wind down, I know all of us are eager for life to “go back to normal.” However, this will not happen overnight, and it will take several weeks (if not months) before all restrictions are lifted. Even if we are able to offer Mass publicly again in the next several weeks, be aware that it won’t be Mass “as normal” for some time yet.

In the meantime, the deacons and I will continue offering Communion services every Sunday morning, just as we’ve been doing since Easter. The Sign-up Genius will be posted each week by Friday morning on the website and via the “Friday 5” email blast. We’ve learned a lot in the past couple of months, and we are certainly endeavoring to make this process as holy and safe as possible. I’m especially grateful to my staff for their great help, as well as to all of you for your cooperation.

Please keep in mind that we are also continuing with our normal Confession schedule (Thursday 5:30p – 6:30p and Saturday 3p – 4p). I’m hearing confessions outside on the north side of the Allen Center. Please drive up to the spot where you see an orange traffic cone. If there is more than one person in a car, I will ask each of you to step outside of the car for privacy’s sake. Otherwise, stay in your car for the confession.

Lastly, I am making house calls to those who are sick or who may be especially vulnerable to COVID-19 – with the proper precautions, of course. If you’d like me to visit, call the office for an appointment. I’m happy to do it.

As we celebrate this Mother’s Day, let us turn to our heavenly mother, and beg for her gracious intercession in this our time of need. May she deliver us from this pestilence, restore normalcy to our society and our religious practice, and may she heal and comfort all who have been sickened, hurt, or negatively affected by this crisis.

With prayers for all of you and fervent hope in God’s mercy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "D".

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure
695 registered families

April 19, 2020	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	11,163.00	17,817.31	769,353.46	748,327.02
Other Revenue Streams:			63,039.85	100,961.70
Total Revenue:			832,393.31	849,288.72
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			(16,895.41)	

DSA:

2020 Goal:	120,163.00
Pledged:	101,919.20
Received:	66,558.55
Donors:	126

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 faces certain obstacles: greed, selfishness, irresponsibility and a lack of trust.

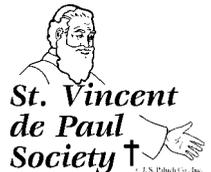
Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month. The collection will these weekends: **May 16th-17th, June 6th-7th, and June 20th-21st.**

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.



“Our Faith In Action,” is the theme of the 2020 Diocesan Support Appeal. Bishop Jugis asks each of us to prayerfully consider a gift to the DSA as a way of serving Christ through service to thousands of Catholics in western North Carolina.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Belmont Abbey College Scholarship:

St. Ann's proudly offers a \$2,500 scholarship to a registered parishioner attending Belmont Abbey College for the 2020-21 academic year. Applications consist of two essays. Application information can be obtained beginning Monday, May 18th, by contacting Karl Kaufmann at karl.f.kaufmann@gmail.com. **Completed applications are due by Tuesday, June 2nd.**

Bulletin Deadlines are:

Tuesday, May 14th at 12 noon for Sunday, May 17, 2020
 Tuesday, May 19th at 12noon for Sunday, May 24, 2020

The next **Baptismal Preparation Class** will be **Sunday, June 7th, at 9:10 a.m.** Please call the parish office to sign up for this class.



*III: Leigh Balint-David Russell
 11 May 2020*

*III: Michael Kokoska-Dawn Robertson
 16 May 2020*

*I: Kelly Hevener-Joseph Giarmo
 29 May 2020*

**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.

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.



*Altar flowers are
 in memory of
 Bertha Lejk and Teresa Csordas
 by the Lejk family.*

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.*

*St. Ann Catholic Church
 Charlotte, NC † 2020*

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.*

Model of Workers




Pray for ...
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Our parishioners:
Nancy West,
Edward McNally,
Joe Lawton,
Chuck Sollard,

Jennie & Kathy Roe,
Mark Ponischil,
Ida Williamson,
Anna Sobus & family.

Our friends and family:

Fred Battnweg,
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),
Carol Brunhuber (mother of Steve Brunhuber),
William "Will" Shack (grandson of Pat Niemer)
Cathy Yankech,
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 **May 10th-May 17, 2020:**

May 10th	Fourth Sunday after Easter -2nd class
May 11th	Sts. Philip & James -2nd class
May 12th	Sts. Nereus, Achilleus & Domitilla & Pancras -3rd class
May 13th	St. Robert Bellarmine -3rd class
May 14th	Feria of Paschaltide -4th class or St. Boniface -4th class
May 15th	St. John Baptist de la Salle -3rd class
May 16th	St. Ubaldu-3rd class
May 17th	Fifth Sunday after Easter -2nd class

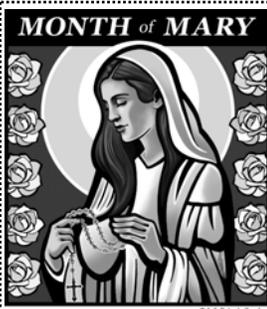
St. Ann's offers the Latin Mass on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Fridays 7:00 a.m., and on select feast days. The Latin Mass has a different liturgical calendar and readings than the Novus Ordo (English) Mass. Any Mass schedule changes will be listed on Page 2 of the bulletin.

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.



*"A baby, sick or healthy,
should not be thought
of as an inconvenience,
but as a miracle."
James Barcia*

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

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 CCE 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@charlottedioocese.org.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Do You Knit or Crochet? Be Not Afraid (BNA) [www.benotafraid.net] is a Catholic National Perinatal Hospice that provides case management and peer support for families who have received a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis for their baby and are choosing to carry to term. **BNA is looking for people who are willing to knit or crochet baby blankets.** They use a sport weight yarn, specific pattern and color for these blankets. If you are interested in helping please contact Gail Benson 704-619-2663. "The loving support that Be Not Afraid offers is truly a witness to the Gospel of Life." *Father Patrick Cahill ~ Catholic 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, call: 803-810-9602, email: applications@scmarriagematters.org.

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 information at hackhouse@bellsouth.net or 704-548-1834.

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.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Our Lady of Grace Parish is seeking a full-charge **bookkeeper/accountant**. The position requires experience with QuickBooks, Accounts Payable, Payroll, 1099's, budget preparation as well as other record keeping. Must be able to prepare and understand financial statements. Must be highly organized and detail oriented. Degree in accounting or Church bookkeeping experience is a plus. This is a part-time position, 25 hours per week. Send questions and/or resume to cbaptiste@charlestdiocese.com.

Kamp Gabe 4 Kids is now accepting applications for our summer day camp. We offer a variety of programs for children ages 3 through rising 6th grade. The camp is held at St. Gabriel School. For information, please visit our web site: kampgabe.org. or call Nancy Chiarelli at 704-628-6455 or 704-258-4984.



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.



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.

It is time for the annual Super Spring Savings Sale from **NOW through May 15th** at 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! Call 704-461-5100 for information.

The man who would become St. Damien of Molokai, was born in rural Belgium, on January 3, 1840. His name was Jozef De Veuster, and he was the youngest of seven children. He wanted to follow his older brother and two sisters who took religious vows. He aided his family until he was old enough to enter the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He took the name Damien, after a sixth century martyr. In 1864, Damien's brother who was also in the same order of religious, was ordered to Hawaii. But his brother became ill, so Br. Damien offered to go in his place. Br. Damien arrived in Hawaii in March 1864, and was ordained as a priest on the island of Hawaii two months later. For nine years, he worked on the island as a priest, leading an important, yet undistinguished life. In 1866, Hawaii established a leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. In 1873, Fr. Damien made the trip to be with these people in their colony. He asked people to come together to build houses and schools and eventually the parish church, St. Philomena. The church still stands today. The leper colony was to become his permanent home. After working with the people for a time Fr. Damien grew attached to the people and his work. He asked permission to stay at the colony to serve. His request was granted. He contracted leprosy in 1885, after several years of work. After sixteen years in the colony, Fr. Damien succumbed to leprosy on April 15, 1889. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Brussels, Belgium on June 4, 1995. His sainthood was confirmed on October 11, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is May 10. The day of his passing, April 15, is a minor statewide holiday in Hawaii. Saint Damien is the patron saint of people suffering from leprosy. Author and Publisher - Catholic Online



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.