



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 27, 2020



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Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

Parish Office Hours

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

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.

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.

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.

Adoration

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through
Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
Holy Hour:
Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.



Dear Parishioners,

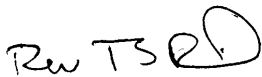
As we come to the end of another year and celebrate this beautiful feast day in honor of the Holy Family, I want to thank all of you, the St. Ann's parish family, for all you have done this past year. We have a wonderful parish family, and I'm so grateful to all of you who give of your time, talent, and treasure to make our parish the happy and faith-filled place that it is, especially this past year in which there's been so much suffering in our world. I do hope, as well, that you've all been able to enjoy this Christmas Octave by spending this special time with family and friends, and that our Infant Lord will shower you with His abundant graces as we enter into a new year.

I am also so very grateful for your generosity and many kindnesses to Fr. Jones and me. Every year I am so touched and humbled by your gifts and acts of charity toward me. I am most especially thankful for your prayers. You humble me with your generosity. Please be assured of my earnest and grateful prayers for all of you this Christmas Season!

Please keep in mind that Friday, 01 January 2021, is a federal holiday, which means our office will be closed. As it is also a holy day, we will have Mass on Thursday, 31 December 2020, at 6 p.m., and two Masses on 01 January: 9 a.m. (Latin) and 12 noon (English). Please join us for one of these Masses. As always, confessions will be heard between the Masses on 01 January from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Please note that there will be no Mass on Wednesday, December 30th. On December 31st the 6 p.m. Mass will be the only Mass that day. There will also be no 5:30pm confessions on Thursday, 31 December 2020.

Sincerely yours in the Christ Child and His Virginal Mother,



Fr. Reid

| THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN | | |
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| + denotes deceased | Mass Intentions | Meetings & Events |
| Sunday 27th | 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Jacob Miller <i>by the family</i> 10:30 a.m. Our parish family 12:30 p.m. Latin +Deceased members of the Hubbard family <i>by the McElravey family</i> | |
| Monday 28th | 7:00 a.m. +Holy Souls in Purgatory <i>by Maggie & David Lindh</i> | 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Scout room) RCIA (Classrooms 1 & 2) Fraternus (Gym) |
| Tuesday 29th | 7:00 a.m. Intentions of Sister Marie Jeanette <i>by the Craig Lewis Family</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (church)</i> | |
| Wednesday 30th | <i>Adoration continues until 5:00 p.m. (church)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 p.m. NO Mass | 6:45 p.m. Fidelis (Gym) |
| Thursday 31st | 6:00 p.m. +Fr. James Billar <i>by Virginia Doman</i> | <i>Parish Office Closed</i> |
| Friday 1st New Year's Day | 9:00 a.m. Latin +Virginia Therese Rosamond <i>by the family</i> 10:00 a.m. Confessions (Church) 12 noon In thanksgiving <i>by Jan & Mike Colin</i> | <i>Parish Office Closed</i> |
| Saturday 2nd | 3:00 p.m. Confessions (Church) 4:30 p.m. Intention of Carol Raines <i>by the Grant family</i> | |
| Sunday 3rd | 8:00 a.m. In thanksgiving <i>by Virginia Doman</i> 10:30 a.m. Intentions of Genevieve White <i>by Deacon Tom & Teresa Sanctis</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family | 6:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting (Chapel, Kitchen, Café) |

Your Stewardship of Treasure
728 registered families

| December 6, 2020 | Weekly | | YTD | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
| Weekly Collection | 17,679.51 | 17,673.08 | 446,474.42 | 406,480.84 |
| Other Revenue Streams: | | | 13,626.00 | 53,550.56 |
| Total Revenue: | | | 460,100.42 | 460,031.40 |
| YTD Surplus/Deficit: | | | 69.02 | |

DSA:

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| 2020 Goal: | 120,163.00 |
| Pledged: | 131,020.20 |
| Received: | 115,383.44 |
| Assessment Balance: | 4,779.56 |
| Donors: | 168 |

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



In our daily lives, we manage our family and work responsibilities. But to become occupied with these important matters to the exclusion of the need of others outside our home or work, is a mistake we could carry into eternity.

Only a week remaining to fulfill your DSA pledge. Our ministries and our parish are counting on you, and thank you for your support.

If you have not yet contributed, you can make a one-time donation online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa. Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own use.



WEDDING BANNERS

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*I: Mikenzie Tremblay-Cole Fitzgerald
 16 January 2021 1:00 p.m.*

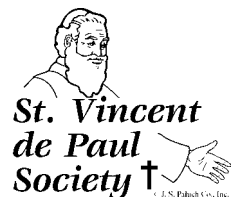


Your will is a plan for the distribution of the assets you have accumulated as a result of the God-given gifts you have received throughout your life. Thank you for considering a gift to our parish in your will.

Food Collections for the Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry are the first and third weekends of every month. The upcoming collections will be: **January 2nd-3rd, January 16th-17th, and February 6th-7th.**

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

Thank you for all the prayers and donations throughout the year. We have helped hundreds of poor right here in Charlotte. God bless you!



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Bulletin Deadlines are:

Tuesday, January 5th, at 12 noon for
Sunday, January 10, 2021.

Tuesday, January 12th at 12 noon for
Sunday, January 17, 2021.

Legion of Mary meets on **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Scout Room. For information contact Karen Rubbo at rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com

Fraternus will meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. If you are a boy in the parish entering sixth grade to senior year, we want to meet you! So expect a Fraternus Captain or Brother to introduce himself! **Fraternus is open to all men of the parish.**

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

Fidelis will meet **Wednesdays, at 6:45 p.m. (following the Wednesday evening Mass)** in the gym. All middle-school and high-school aged young women are welcome. For information, contact Sr. Mary Jacinta at: dvmfidelis@gmail.com. *"Fidelis is a sisterhood that brings together girls seeking truth and beauty... Come and see what we are all about! Find out more at www.fidelisonline.org."*

Mass Attendance Instructions:

Families may sit together as a group. **PLEASE observe 6 feet of distance from other parishioners.** Our church reaches Phase 3 allowed capacity at 250 people.

We have Masses live-streamed on our Facebook page at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Four (4) people is the allowed capacity in the Chapel and social-distancing is required.

We offer Communion service three times each Sunday. Check the Friday Five email and the website to sign-up.

If you have a health concern of any sort, or if your health has been compromised in anyway, please stay home.

*For all the helpers that came Saturday, December 12th, to clean and prepare the church for the birth of Christ, Thanks you so much for all your hard work!
Thank you, thank you!!!*

33 Hours of Adoration begins Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. through Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the **church**. 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. Contact Marcela Bayard: rcgator@icloud.com.

Respect Life for December: Spiritual Adoption of the Abortion Vulnerable. Thank you for your prayers for the abortion vulnerable through our Spiritual Adoption program. **PRAY - GIVE - ACT. For the Month of December**, our "give" is to CPLAN - The Catholic ProLife Action Network. Our "act" for this month is to sign up for the CPLAN email list. CPLAN sponsors the monthly Vigil of the Two Hearts at St. Patrick Cathedral and other special events for Respect Life. Donations and sign-up can be made online at prolifecharlotte.org. Please be generous! Rather, please pray in a special way at the Christmas Mass your family attends for the intentions of Respect Life. **Let us pray!** *"Jesus Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to protect each baby in its mother's womb. Please give the parents of these children the help they need to keep their babies strong and healthy. Amen."* For information, go to: <http://respectlifestanncharlotte.blogspot.com> or email Mary Beth Richardson at worthingtonmarybeth@gmail.com.

Vigil of the Two Hearts. Next city-wide vigil honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary is January 1st-2nd. Join us on each First Friday through First Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in an overnight vigil to honor the Hearts of Jesus & Mary, to pray for our families, offer penance for our sins (especially abortion), and pray for our nation's conversion. This is to honor Our Lady of Fatima's request for prayer and penance. **Devotion begins with 8:00 p.m.** First Friday Mass, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God offered by Fr. Ernest Nebangongnjoh, followed by nocturnal Adoration and **concluding with 8:00 a.m.** First Saturday Mass on January 2. Sign up for Eucharistic Adoration times or stay updated on future vigils by joining our email list at: ProLifeCharlotte.org/two-hearts. Or contact us at: info@prolifecharlotte.org.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

Our Lady of Fatima had made the request for the observance of the First Five Saturdays Devotion to the three shepherd children, which remains sadly neglected by her Son's Church. Masses celebrated on the first Saturday of each month offered in reparation for the sins committed against our Blessed Mother's Immaculate Heart, going to confession, recitation of the Rosary, and spending 15 minutes with her in meditation on a mystery of the Rosary brings great comfort to her and reaps blessings for those who honor her in this way. **Join us each First Saturday at 3:55 p.m. in the chapel as we pray the Rosary.** Information can be found each month at our table.

Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Our Blessed Mother wants active and auxiliary members to join her Legion. Assist in waging war against the enemy by winning souls for the Crucified Christ! Join a nearly 100-year-old lay apostolate movement founded on a profound devotion to Our Lady. **Our Lady of Fatima praesidium meets Mondays in the Scout Room at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center.** Contact Karen Rubbo at rubbsgirl@carolina.rr.com.

Seven Sisters Apostolate for Fr Brandon Jones: Just as we are continuing to pray for Fr Reid, looking for prayer warriors to make a Holy Hour a week for Fr Jones. With seven women we will be covering him in prayer every day of the week. If interested in signing up please contact Sarah Miller at holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com.

Do You Like To Pray? Or, are you in need of prayer? Receive the comfort of others praying for and with you by joining the **St. Ann Prayer Group**. This group 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.**



Pray for ...

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Our parishioners:
Nancy West,
Edward McNally,
Joe Lawton,
Chuck Solland,
Mark Ponischil,
Anna Sobus & family and Margaret Coleman.

Our friends and family:

Fred Battweg,
Michelle Obruba (friend of the Skorupa family),
Betty Suran (friend of the Skorupa family),
Maxwell O. Raines (grandson of Terese Raines),
Virginia Hannigan (mother of Jan Colin),
Jennifer Arnold (friend of Nancy Tota),
Jerry Cuccinello,
Jean Storer,
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,
Marcia York (sister 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,
Jimmy Dixon (Mary Ann Wolff),
Alison Moyer (sister of Lorelle Grant),
Muriel Johnson,
Robin Sabates, and
Paul Sorge Sr. (father of Paul Sorge)

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. Thomas Hetzel USN,
1st LT. Peter Hetzel US Army (deployed),
SGT James "Jim" Alston, US Army.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

Christ and His church made a lasting impression on others. Check it out! 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 love Jesus? Do you want to learn how to love Him more deeply? Do you want Him to transform your life and the lives of your family and friends? Read His Word every day. The daily Mass readings are the very voice of God speaking to us. Meditate on His Word for just 15 minutes with the help of our *One Bread One Body* booklets, a guide to the daily Scriptures **found in the North Vestibule with other helpful resources.**

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

Download the Carolina Catholic App! The app is Your Smartphone companion. Download and listen and pray. It's available on Google play and at the App store. 800-857-2909.
www.carolinacatholicradio.org
Feedback@carolinacatholicradio.org

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." **Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte is pleased to provide professional mental health counseling for couples and adults. If we can help, please call us at 704-370-3227. Peace is a phone call away.**



Knights of Columbus meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m. in the St. Patrick's Family Life Center located at 1621 Dilworth Road East. Please contact: Richard Mills,

Financial Secretary at rtn2108@aol.com or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com. We invite you to attend our meetings to learn more about how the Knights of Columbus serves God's people.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the week of **December 27th-January 3, 2021**

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| December 27th | Sunday within the Octave of Christmas-2nd class |
| December 28th | Holy Innocents-2nd class |
| December 29th | 5th day in the Octave of Christmas-2nd class |
| December 30th | 6th day in the Octave of Christmas-2nd class |
| December 31st | 7th day in the Octave of Christmas-2nd class |
| January 1st | Octave of The Nativity of Our Lord-1st class |
| January 2nd | Feria in Christmastide -4th class |
| January 3rd | The Most Holy Name of Jesus-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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation

The St. Ann Faith Formation program is for the children of registered parishioners. Classes are offered for kindergarten through eighth grade and meet Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:10 a.m. For information, visit the parish website or contact Patty Blais at the office of Faith Formation: 704-523-4641 ext. 231 or email:

pablais@charlottediocese.org.

As a reminder: **All students will need to have a completed screening checklist signed by a parent and face covering in order to attend class.** Be sure to check the Faith Formation schedule for all future class dates. Our next class will be **Sunday, January 10, 2021.** All students who will be making First Communion/Reconciliation and Confirmation at St. Ann's are required to complete 2 years of religious education, through parish based Faith Formation, Catholic School, or at home. **Reminder for 2nd and 8th grade students, please remember to fill out and turn in Mass participation cards.** Extra copies are available at the Faith Formation check in table.

Confirmation

Workshop attendance is mandatory for all Confirmation candidates. **Upcoming Confirmation workshops are scheduled for Sundays, January 10th and 24th.** Candidates will continue to meet twice each month through May 2021. Meetings are currently held in the gym and on the upper floor of the Allen Center. Please see a complete listing of Workshop dates on the parish website: www.stanncharlotte.org. Eighth graders enrolled in regular Faith Formation class should plan to continue attending those classes on alternate scheduled class dates. **The tentative date set for our Confirmation Retreat is March 6, 2021.**

Interested in reading the Bible in a year?

Fr. Mike Schmitz of Ascension Press is offering podcasts to lead Catholics through the Bible. You can sign up by going to: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

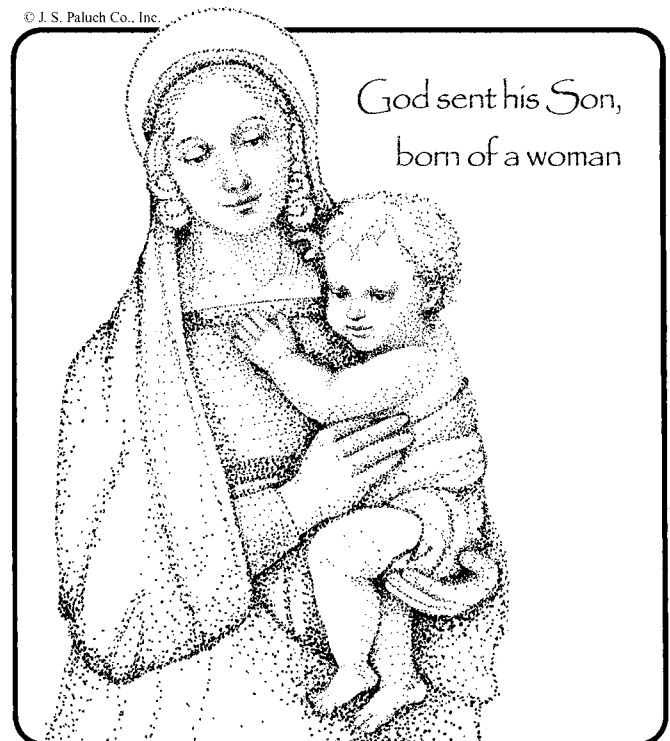
St. Ann Home School Ministry: Are you a homeschool parent or are you considering homeschooling? The St. Ann Home School Ministry (SAHSM) is comprised of independent homeschooling families who are united in our efforts to assist and encourage each other as we pursue Catholic home education for our children. As a parish ministry, in addition to supporting its members through academic, liturgical, and social programs, we also seek to serve the wider St. Ann community in a variety of ways. **For information on joining our ministry, contact Carmel Palanos at cp.homeschool@outlook.com.**



Our Catholic Schools in the Charlotte area are inviting prospective families, and community members to connect to us. Join us and see what makes the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools unique and discover the right school for your children. Visit our website: discovermacs.org.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a formation program for adults interested in becoming Catholic or Catholics hoping to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. **Classes meet on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** For more information, visit the parish website at www.stanncharlotte.org.

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MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

The **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** program of Catholic Charities is continuing to provide online courses and plans to resume in person instruction in the New Year. Current online courses include Natural Family Planning in English or Spanish, a new course called "Know Your Body" for any woman who wants to understand her menstrual cycle as a vital sign, and a parent/daughter retreat, designed to assist parents to guide their daughters through the changes of puberty and into womanhood. For information, go to: ccd.org/nfp or contact Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities, 704-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org.

A Natural Family Planning three class series. Learn NFP from the comfort of your home, in real time, with your teaching couple. **Sign up online and purchase class materials at www.ccli.org.** Postpartum and Pre-menopause transition classes are also available upon request. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for information at 704- 548-1834 or hackhouse@bellsouth.net.

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.

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.

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to help get your marriage back on track. For information, call: 800-470-2230, email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit: www.helpourmarriage.org.



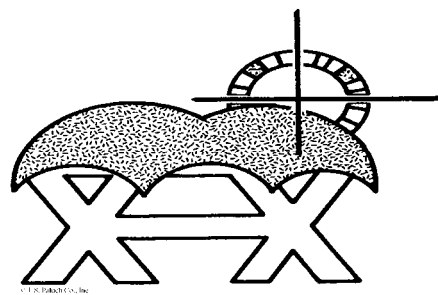
*Year of St. Joseph Advent
Challenge:
Walk to Bethlehem
with the Holy Family*

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

15th Annual Charlotte MARCH FOR LIFE will be Friday, January 8th! The day will begin with a Mass for the Unborn at 9:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. At 11:00 a.m., we will start to gather at the parking lot across the street from the Catholic Diocese at 1123 S. Church St. There may be some parking available at the parking lot but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. At 12 noon, we will march to Trade and Tryon where Fr. Noah Carter, Pastor of Holy Cross Church will preach. After the prolife testimonies we will pray the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives!** www.marchforlifecharlotte.org

Men's Evening of Recollection by Father Larry Kutz from the Reston Study Center in Virginia, will be held on **Friday, January 15th, commencing at 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** at St. Ann's Church. Fr. Larry is a priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei. Confessions will be held earlier from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The evening will include two meditations and a general talk. If you're looking for some quiet, peaceful time with Our Lord in this Advent season, then you will want to attend this Evening of Recollection. Please call Tony Gagliardo 254-644-4267 for any questions or concerns.

Mini-Retreats to Deepen Your Faith. The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC is offering two workshops to reorient your spiritual life properly for the New Year: first on **Saturday, January 9th: *Praying with Art and Iconography*** presented by Dr. Alden Sproull, who has a diversity of experience in spiritual direction, healing ministry, and spiritual formation. The second on **Saturday, January 23rd: *Discover the Ancient Practice of Lectio Divina*** presented by Judy O'Toole, a practitioner of contemplative practices. Each workshop will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. The cost of \$35 each includes all retreat fees, lunch and access to the beautiful indoor and outdoor spaces around the center. An additional overnight option is available for those who wish to expand this into a private retreat. Call 828-327-7441 or visit: catholicconference.org.



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.

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

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!

Check out our website: StAnnCharlotte.org, and go to the **prayers/devotion section under “Resources.”** Because of recent attacks on our religious freedoms we 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.*

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.

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