



December 6, 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.

<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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Dear Parishioners,

I do hope many of you are praying the **Novena** in preparation for the dedication of our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which we will celebrate on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is something we've been doing for several years now, and it's something that I believe brings great graces to our parish. Along with praying the novena prayer below, I ask you to consider fasting from something you enjoy (as you would during Lent). Our Novena Prayer is as follows:

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially that our parish may be consecrated to your Immaculate Heart, and that all our parishioners may be protected by you. We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is this Tuesday, 08 December 2020. This is a holy day of obligation under normal circumstances. And while your obligation to attend Mass on this day is technically still lifted because of the pandemic, I do encourage you to attend Mass if you're healthy and not in a category that makes you especially susceptible to the ill effects of the coronavirus. We will have Masses at 7am (English), 12:10pm (English), and 6pm (Solemn High Latin). I will consecrate our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 6pm Mass.

Next Saturday, 12 December 2020, we will have our annual **Rorate Mass** at 6:30am. This votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes its name from the first words of the Introit: "*Rorate coeli, desuper et nubes pluant justum,*" which is translated: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just." What is special about this Mass is that it is celebrated early in the morning using only candlelight, a reminder that the world was in darkness before the coming of the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ. As the Mass is offered, and the dawn begins to break, the Church – through the prayers of this Mass – expresses her deep longing for the coming of the Messiah in the darkness of our fallen world. It is thus a Mass that is so wonderfully suited to the Advent theme of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Christ Child.

I realize that 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday is a bit early, but this is one of the most beautiful Masses of the year and is worth getting up for! Moreover, Saturday is also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and so it's a very appropriate day to honor Our Lady. So please come and join us as we anticipate the dawning of the Son of God at Christmas.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fr. Reid

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday 6th	8:00 a.m. +Paulette Ensrude <i>by the family</i> 10:30 a.m. +Intentions of Pedro Cortes <i>by the family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin Our parish family	9:00 a.m. Confirmation (Classrooms & Gym) Faith Formation (School) 9:10 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (Scout room) 12 noon Christmas Tree Sales 2:00 p.m. Church in use
Monday 7th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Michael Conner <i>by the family</i>	9:30 a.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Scout room) RCIA (Classrooms 1 & 2) Fraternus (Gym)
Tuesday 8th	7:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Margaret Lewis <i>by the Craig Lewis family</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (church)</i> 12:10 p.m. Intentions of seminarians of the diocese of Charlotte <i>by OLMC of Charlotte</i> 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Chris & David Longo <i>by Fr. Reid</i>	Parish Office Closed
Wednesday 9th	<i>Adoration continues until 5:00 p.m. (church)</i> 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 p.m. Latin Intentions of Maria Conner <i>by the family</i>	8:00 a.m. CCE Middle & High School (All rooms) 6:45 p.m. Fidelis (Gym)
Thursday 10th	7:00 a.m. +Rosa Beckmann <i>by the Navaroli family</i> 5:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)	
Friday 11th	7:00 a.m. Latin Intentions of the McElravey family 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Jeannie & John Grant's Anniversary	8:00 a.m. CCE Middle & High School (All rooms) School Rosary 6:00 p.m. Church in use
Saturday 12th	6:30 a.m. Rorate Mass 3:00 p.m. Confessions (Church) 4:30 p.m. +Tom Storer <i>by the Miner family</i>	8:00 a.m. Carmelites (All rooms) 8:30 a.m. Home School (Classrooms 1 & 2) 9:00 a.m. Church cleaning 3:00 p.m. Home School (Gym & Kitchen)
Sunday 13th	8:00 a.m. Our parish family 10:30 a.m. +Intentions of Elizabeth Cabral <i>by the family</i> 12:30 p.m. Latin +Marta & Juan Casali <i>by Renee Casali</i>	9:00 a.m. Confirmation (Classrooms & Gym) Faith Formation (School) 5:00 p.m. Vespers (Church)

Your Stewardship of Treasure
728 registered families

	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
November 15, 2020				
Weekly Collection	16,458.36	17,673.08	391,084.02	353,4461.60
Other Revenue Streams:			8,483.00	49,796.79
Total Revenue:			399,567.02	403,258.39
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			(3,691.37)	

DSA:

2020 Goal:

Pledged:	131,020.20
Received:	115,283.44
Assessment Balance:	4,879.56
Donors:	168

Priest Retirement:

Goal:	24,035.00
Received:	26,109.30

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



Give of your time, talent, and treasure until you feel good about your gift, and your heart knows that you have done something for God.

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. **Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.**



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.

Only one month left to fulfill your DSA pledge. Our ministries and our parish are counting on you. 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 needs. If you have an outstanding pledge, please complete your pledge payments by December 31.



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: **December 5th-6th, December 19th-20th and January 2nd-3rd.**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.



COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Bulletin Deadlines are:

Monday, December 7th at 12 noon for Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Thursday, December 10th at 12 noon for Sunday, December 20, 2020.

Wednesday, December 16th at 12 noon for Sunday, December 27, 2020.

Monday, December 21st at 12 noon for Sunday, January 2, 2021.

Advent Angel Tree Gifts Are Due Now. Please remember to return the gift with the tag(s) you removed from the angle tree in the narthex. **They need to be returned to the tree or the parish office no later than Sunday, December 13th** so they can get to the MiraVia residents before they leave for Christmas break. MOP donations can be dropped in collection baskets, dropped off in the office or completed online through the parish website. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Solemn Vespers at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 13th, at St. Ann's.

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!

Due to Christmas, there will be NO Respect Life MASS on Saturday, December 26th. Rather, please pray in a special way at the Christmas Mass your family attends for the intentions of Respect Life. Prayer cards (if you need more/another, take as many as you'd like!) and packets (if you didn't receive one already) will be available again at all Masses this weekend by a poster showing the development of an unborn baby.

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.

Holy Hour For Father Reid's Intentions. CCHS parents will be offering a holy hour in the church on **Thursday, December 10th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Church** for Father Reid's intentions as chaplain of Charlotte Catholic High School, Vicar of Education and pastor of St. Ann's. You do not need to be a parent of a child at the high school to join in our prayer. All are welcome and encouraged to come. We will be offering a holy hour for Father Reid on the first Thursday of every month of the school year (unless the school is out of session and then it will move to the following Thursday).

Men's evening of recollection given by Father Larry Kutz from the Reston Study Center in Virginia, will be held on Friday, December 11th, 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

Church Christmas Cleaning is Saturday, December 12th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please come by and help prepare the church for the birth of Jesus Christ. We will have all the cleaning supplies, coffee and donuts! **Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12th, at 9:00 a.m. to help! Contact Chris: ccb2691@icloud.com.**

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: regator@icloud.com.

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.*"

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.**

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.

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

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 also 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.*



Pray for ...

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Our parishioners:
Nancy West,
Edward McNally,
Joe Lawton,
Chuck Solland,
Mark Ponischil,

Anna Sobus & family.

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,
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,
Trudy & Jimmy Dixon,
Alison Moyer (sister of Lorelle Grant),
Muriel Johnson,
Robin Sabates.

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.

For the repose of the soul of John Oliver Grant III, father of John Grant.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN


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 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. **Light-house 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.**

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.**

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

WEDDING BANNERS

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LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the week of **December 6th-December 13, 2020**

December 6th	2nd Sunday of Advent -1st class
December 7th	St. Ambrose-3rd class
December 8th	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary -1st class
December 9th	Feria of Advent-3rd class
December 10th	Feria of Advent-3rd class
December 11th	St. Damasus-3rd class
December 12th	Feria of Advent-3rd class or (USA) Our Lady of Guadalupe-3rd class
December 13th	3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)-1st class

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

Latin Mass Q&A:

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

Questions? Email:

info@charlottelatinmass.org.
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.** For more information, please visit the parish website or contact Patty Blais at the office of Faith Formation: 704-523-4641 ext. 231 or through email, pablais@charlottediocese.org.

As a reminder: Screening checklists should be completed just prior to arrival each week of Faith Formation and signed by a parent. Be sure to check the FF schedule for class dates.

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 TODAY, December 6th and next Sunday, the 13th.** 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. All Confirmation candidates will need to complete the regular health screening process prior to class and are required to wear a face covering. 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.

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.



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

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 inviting prospective families, and community members to connect to us during "Discover Catholic Schools Week" November 8th-14, 2020. Join us and see what makes the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools unique and discover the right school for your children. **MACS opened Admissions on November 2nd.** Visit our website: discovermacs.org.

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

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.

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.

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 ccdoc.org/nfp or contact Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities, 704-370-3230 or bnadcock@charlottediocese.org.

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.

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.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

The **Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the Oplatek or Christmas Wafer at your Christmas Eve Wigilia, Vilia, (Stedry Vecer) Kucios, or dinner can be rekindled.**

Traditionally, breaking and sharing the Christmas wafer with family and friends is accompanied with best wishes and expressions of forgiveness, helping us to bring joy and happiness to our hearts and homes for the coming year thru the birth of Jesus Christ. **Orders for the wafers will be taken until December 20th. Cost will be \$1 per wafer and you state your quantity or buy a sealed packet of 4 white wafers for \$5.** Please call Helen Collins (St. Gabriel Parishioner) at 704-576-3562 or e-mail order request to: helen892@att.net. Proceeds will go to a church charity to help needy

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Part-time Registered Nurse needed at Belmont Abbey College. Please send your resume to: www.belmontabbeycollege.edu/about/employment/employment-opportunities/

MiraVia is beginning a search for a new location for our local Outreach Center here in Charlotte. Our current facility provides diapers, clothing, groceries, and other baby essentials to new moms, as well as empowering them through lifeskills classes and other support. We are growing, and we need your help to find a new space for this important work! **If you have skills or connections in commercial real estate and would be willing to donate your time to help in our search, please contact Mary Ellen Gustainis at megustainis@gmail.com.**



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

rmt2108@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.

A Christmas luminary event. Celebrate Joy, Celebrate Life: Share the Light! Holy Angels and the Sisters of Mercy invite you to our campus to *Share the Light* on **Sunday, December 20th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** The community can drive through our illuminated campus to enjoy: Thousands of candle luminaries, Illuminated angels, Progressive nativity scene featuring our residents and staff (weather permitting). You can make a donation in someone's honor or memory for a luminary tribute or an angel on campus. The honoree or the family of the person being memorialized will be notified on your behalf and invited to attend. This event marks the 65th anniversary of the start of Holy Angels. The nonprofit cares for the intellectually developmentally disabled and medically fragile.

15th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE will be Friday, January 8th in Charlotte! 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., Charlotte. 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**

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.**

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.

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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