



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 10, 2021



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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

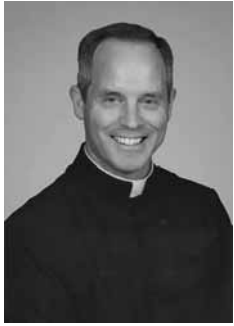
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 7:00 a.m.  
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form)  
Friday: 7:00 a.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form) and 8:30 a.m.

### 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,

While in the Novus Ordo Masses this weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, in the Latin Mass we're celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord being celebrated this Wednesday, 13 January 2021. With our Lord's baptism, we move from Christmastide into what used to be known as the Season after Epiphany, which will last until Septuagesima Sunday. In the Gospels stories we'll hear at Mass, we will see Jesus asserting His divinity not through angels, stars, and Magi, but by His teachings and miracles. As such, this period in the liturgical year is a great time to meditate on our Lord's greatness and omnipotence before we turn our hearts and minds to His suffering in Lent.

Due to the increased number of people suffering from COVID in our area and around the world, I do strongly encourage you to wear masks at Mass. While masks are not strictly required at Mass, and while their efficacy may be in question, they along with social distancing and frequent hand washing can help reduce the risk of spreading the virus. This is helpful as social distancing is often difficult in our church. We've been very blessed at St. Ann's that a relatively low number of our parishioners have been infected so far, but we must increase our level of vigilance in this matter, as I'd hate to have to reduce the number of people allowed inside the church at any given time.

Although the governor's mask mandate does not affect our Masses and other liturgical gatherings, it does apply to all that goes on in the school and in the Allen Center. So, in these buildings, a face covering must be worn whenever one is sharing a space with someone who is not of one's household. If we fail to comply with this, we can be cited and fined. Thus, I ask for your cooperation, patience, and good humor in this matter. Let's continue to pray that the pandemic will soon be over.

Lastly, many of you have been asking about the moral legitimacy of taking the newly-available COVID vaccines. This is a complicated issue that first requires making distinctions between levels of cooperation with evil, and what is morally ideal versus what is morally permissible, and then researching each company's vaccine to know how it was developed. Regrettably, many drug companies developing a COVID vaccine are utilizing aborted fetal tissue cell lines in the creation or testing of their drug. There's a very good analysis on this topic by Phil Lawler ([Covid vaccines and fetal tissues: the moral calculus](https://www.catholicculture.org)) at [www.catholicculture.org](https://www.catholicculture.org).

In a nutshell, it is morally permissible (though not ideal) to take a vaccine that has been *tested* on aborted fetal tissue cell lines because the cooperation with evil is so remote (which is the case with the Pfizer vaccine). Yet, the Church teaches that Catholics are to refrain from taking vaccines *created* with aborted fetal tissue cell lines (which is the case with Johnson & Johnson's and AstraZenica's vaccines), unless there is no other option available and there is grave reason for doing so (cf. *Dignitatis Personae*, #35). Ideally, Catholics will make use of vaccines that have no connection with abortion (NovaVax, Sanofi, and Inovio are all developing such ethical COVID vaccines), and protest the use of aborted fetal tissue cell lines in drug production as a means of persuading pharmaceutical companies to be more ethical.

Grateful for all the Lord's blessings,

Fr. Reid

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Helen Hamilton <i>by Nancy &amp; Lou Picciola</i> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Sofia & Myron Skorupa <i>by the family</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> +Dorothy Lauer <i>by the Davey family</i>	9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (School)   Confirmation (Gym & Classrooms 1 & 2)
<b>Monday 11th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Deceased Dominicans <i>by Mark Dorsett</i>	9:30 a.m. Conference room in use 5:30 p.m. World Rosary (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (Scout room)   RCIA (Classrooms 1 & 2)   Fraternal (Gym)
<b>Tuesday 12th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Deceased Dominicans <i>by Mark Dorsett</i> <i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (church)</i>	
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	<i>Adoration continues until 5:00 p.m. (church)</i> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <i>Holy Hour (Church)</i> <b>6:00 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Keith Lauer <i>by CLCM</i>	8:00 a.m. CCE Middle & High school (All Rooms) 6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 6:45 p.m. Fidelis (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Church in use
<b>Thursday 14th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b> +Anna Mae Katz <i>by Patty &amp; Brion Blais</i> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions (Church)</i>	6:00 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 in use 6:30 p.m. Church in use
<b>Friday 15th</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. Latin</b> +John Vooreneveld <i>by the Bayard family</i> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Intentions of Joseph Lauer <i>by the family</i>	8:00 a.m. CCE (All rooms)   Rosary (Church) 5:00 p.m. Rehearsal (Church) 6:00 p.m. Church in use   Classrooms 1 & 2 in use
<b>Saturday 16th</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> <i>Confessions (Church)</i> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> +Sister Aloysius Shoemaker RSM <i>by Virginia Doman</i>	9:30 a.m. Church in use 10:00 a.m. First Confession Retreat (Church & All Rooms) 1:00 p.m. Wedding (Church)
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Our parish family <b>10:30 a.m.</b> +Jurij & Rose Sawkulycz <i>by the Skorupa family</i> <b>12:30 p.m. Latin</b> Intentions of Patrick Mahoney <i>by the family</i>	2:00 p.m. Baptism (Church)

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
*728 registered families*

December 20, 2020	Weekly		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	29,222.78	17,673.08	498,327.71	441,827.00
Other Revenue Streams:			18,093.00	56,433.90
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>516,420.71</b>	<b>498,260.90</b>
<b>YTD Surplus/Deficit:</b>			<b>18,159.81</b>	
<b>DSA:</b>				
<b>2020 Goal:</b>	<b>120,163.00</b>			
Pledged:	131,020.20			
Received:	121,836.45			
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](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org)



*The U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in – especially themselves – to the Lord of all."*

**WEDDING BANNERS**

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



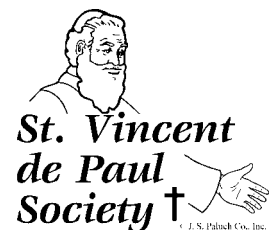
*We are grateful for the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have remembered our parish in their estate plans. These legacy gifts help us build a solid foundation for future generations of parish families.*

*Our ministries and our parish thank you for your support for the DSA throughout 2020.*



**The Combined Mission Collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend.** You should receive a brochure and letter in the mail this week. Please take the time to read the information and contribute as generously as possible in the second collection next weekend. The envelope for that collection is part of your parish envelope packet.

*After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words*



**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 16th-17th, February 6th-7th, and February 20th-21st.**

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

My name is Catherine Eitzenberger from the American Heritage Girls Troop SC 1516 and I am working on a service project for my Harriet Tubman Award. **I am collecting items to make care packages for our police officers.** Collection items include donations of: Sixlets, Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Notepads, Pens, Lollipops, LifeSavers Mints, Starbursts, Gum (individually packaged), Coffee, Snack Packs and Granola Bars. I will assemble and delivered the care packages to the police officers at a near by precinct as appreciation gifts. **The collections will take place at all the Masses on January 16th & 17th and January 23rd & 24th.** *Thank you for your donations!*

**Bishop Jugis has announced the Diocese of Charlotte will extend the celebration of St. Joseph through May 1, 2021.** "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. Many special events are being planned across the diocese. **Visit [www.YearofStJoseph.org](http://www.YearofStJoseph.org) for a list of activities, pilgrimages, devotions, prayers, and more.**

### Bulletin Deadlines are:

Tuesday, January 12th at 12 noon for  
Sunday, January 17, 2021.  
Tuesday, January 19th at 12 noon for  
Sunday, January 24, 2021.

### Reminder on Our Mass Attendance

**Instructions:** Families may sit together as a group. **PLEASE observe 6 feet of distance from other parishioners.** Our church reaches 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 each Sunday, check the Friday Five email and/or 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.*

**Respect Life for January:** Spiritual Adoption of the Abortion Vulnerable. Thank you for your prayers for the abortion vulnerable through our Spiritual Adoption program. **PRAY - GIVE - ACT.** Our **GIVE** for January 2021 is to the **Good Counsel Homes ([goodcounselhomes.org](http://goodcounselhomes.org)),** pregnancy homes throughout the US that serve destitute, pregnant mothers. Founded by Father Benedict Groschel, CFR, they *never* turn a mother away for any reason, opening their doors day and night to new residents! The nearest Good Counsel home is near Greenville, SC. Thank you for your generosity!

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.*"

**ACT** for January 2021:

† **Raleigh March for Life is Saturday, January 16th, at 1:00-4:00 p.m.** The concert begins at 12:45 p.m.

† **Washington, DC March for Life is Friday, January 29th.** The Cathedral of St Patrick will be hosting a bus trip. For more information, visit: [www.stpatricks.org/march-for-life](http://www.stpatricks.org/march-for-life). Respect Life sends periodic emails and they are archived at: [respectlifestanncharlotte.wordpress.com](http://respectlifestanncharlotte.wordpress.com) or email Mary Beth Richardson at [worthingtonmarybeth@protonmail.com](mailto:worthingtonmarybeth@protonmail.com) to be added to the email distribution (NOTE: new website and new email address).

**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](mailto:rcgator@icloud.com).



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

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

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

**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](http://www.stanncharlotte.org).

**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](mailto: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.**

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](mailto: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](http://www.fidelisonline.org)."*

**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 [rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rubbosgirl@carolina.rr.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.



**Pray for ...**

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Margaret Coleman, and  
Anna Sobus & family.

*Our friends and family:*

Fred Battweg,  
Jerry Cuccinello,  
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, Mary Regester (friends of Nancy Totá),  
Grace Portigue (daughter of Barbara Meskill),  
Douglas Edge,  
Albert Ayd, Dolly Langley (brother & sister of Cecilia Balman),  
Joel Rivera,  
Marcia York (sister of Carol Kuhn),  
Michael Pappas,  
Jacqueline Russell (mother of Andrea Hines),  
James Matthew Brennan,  
Terri Brewer Benton (daughter of Pat Brewer),  
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.

*The repose of the souls of Carol Brunhuber, mother of Steve Brunhuber, who died December 27, 2020, and Patricia Sanctis, mother of Deacon Tom Sanctis, who died December 30, 2020.*

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

**MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN**

**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](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub). **Make checks payable to St. Ann Catholic Church.**

Christ and His church mad 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](http://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.**

**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](mailto:holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com).

**LATIN MASS CORNER**

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar for the week of **January 10th-January 17, 2021**

January 10th	The Holy Family-2nd class
January 11th	Feria after the Epiphany-4th class or St. Hyginus -4th class
January 12th	Feria after the Epiphany -4th class
January 13th	Commemoration of The Baptism of Our Lord -2nd class
January 14th	St. Hilary-3rd class
January 15th	St. Paul the first Hermit -3rd class
January 16th	St. Marcelles I-3rd class
January 17th	2nd Sunday after the Epiphany-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](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org).  
**For Latin Mass news,** visit [www.charlottelatinmass.org](http://www.charlottelatinmass.org)

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

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**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](mailto:cp.homeschool@outlook.com).**



Our Catholic Schools in the Charlotte area 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](http://discovermacs.org).**

### EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**Faith Formation Program Assistant:** St. John Neumann Church seeks a part-time Faith Formation Program Assistant. Main responsibilities include: assisting with Faith Formation office responsibilities, parent communication, catechist resources, student curriculum and sacramental preparation.

**Requirements:** Practicing Roman Catholic, faithful to Church teachings and bilingual in English and Spanish. Contact Kelly Flowers, [kelly@4sjnc.org](mailto:kelly@4sjnc.org) with a cover letter and resume.



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

[rtn2108@aol.com](mailto:rtn2108@aol.com) or Grand Knight Sergio Miranda at [sergio.miranda.usa@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### **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, please visit the parish website or contact Patty Blais at the office of Faith Formation: 704-523-4641 ext. 231 or email: [pablais@charlottediocese.org](mailto:pablais@charlottediocese.org).

**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. **Classes for the month of January are: TODAY, 10th, 24th and 31st.** **NOTE: there will be no Faith Formation class on January 17th.**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, please remember to fill out and turn in Mass participation cards.** Extra copies are available at the Faith Formation check in table.

**Reconciliation Retreat:** The Reconciliation Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** This retreat is for all eligible, registered second grade students who are preparing to make their First Reconciliation this winter.

**Confirmation:** Workshop attendance is mandatory for all Confirmation candidates. **Upcoming Confirmation workshops are scheduled for TODAY, January 10th, and January 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. A complete listing of Workshop dates on the parish website: [www.stanncharlotte.org](http://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.**

**Sacrament of Confirmation** will be **Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, July 11, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.** (Extraordinary Form).



## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**St. Vincent ACES Seniors Club invite all St. Ann seniors 50+ young to join them on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m** in the Activity Center for our celebration of winter and the Superbowl. Entertainment by Crooner Tom Billotto with music from the 30's-50's. Cost is \$7 per person for members and \$10 per person for guests. **RSVP by TODAY, Sunday, January 10th**, to Betty Smith at 864-517-4557 or bettymurraysmith@gmail.com with sandwich selection. Information available on upcoming 2021 trips.

## 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](http://ccd.org/nfp) or contact Batrice Adcock, MSN, at Catholic Charities, 704-370-3230 or [bnadcock@charlottediocese.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:hackhouse@bellsouth.net).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**, visit: [SCMarriageMatters.org](http://SCMarriageMatters.org), call: 803-810-9602, email: [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto: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](mailto:retrouvaille@msn.com) or visit: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.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. Please call Tony Gagliardo 254-644-4267 for any questions or concerns.

**Workshop on Lectio Divina.** Get your spiritual life jumpstarted this New Year. The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is offering a **one-day workshop Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**: *Discover the Ancient Practice of Lectio Divina.* The presenter will be Judy O'Toole, an experience practitioner and presenter of contemplative practices. The workshop will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost of \$35 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. **Visit our website: [www.catholicconference.org/lectio](http://www.catholicconference.org/lectio) or call 828-327-7441 for information or to register.**

**Converging Roads Medical Ethics Conference Hippocratic Medicine: Do No Harm.** On **Saturday, March 20, 2021**, in-person and online at Cathedral of St. Patrick. Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Diocese of Charlotte, and Belmont Abbey College. Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. In-person Registration: \$69-\$149 based on CME/CNE inclusion. Online Registration: \$39-\$119 based on CME/CNE inclusion. For more information, please visit [convergingroads.com](http://convergingroads.com) or email [amelia@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:amelia@forlifeandfamily.org).

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**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>**

## 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](http://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](http://www.TheSundayMass.org).

Let's be Social! Follow @StAnnCharlotte on:



**To book a room in the Allen Center,** call Savas Mallos at 704-523-4641 x233.

As you come into the church, please keep in mind that we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Make sure to lock your cars and trucks. Either keep your personal items with you in church or lock them in your trunk. *This is for your safety.*

### 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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