



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 10, 2022



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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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN		
+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
Sunday, April 10th	8:00 am Intentions Abbey & Rick Lejk Anniversary 10:30 am Intentions of Jennifer & Anthony Sanctis <i>by the family</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass Our parish family	
Monday April 11th	7:00 am Intentions of Maria Faustina Ferrante <i>by the family</i>	7:00 pm RCIA (Classrooms 1&2) Fraternus (Gym & church) Legion of Mary (Classroom 3)
Tuesday April 12th	7:00 am +John Ignatowski <i>by the Chapman family</i>	<i>Adoration begins at 8:00 a.m. (Church)</i> 6:30 pm Classrooms 1 & 2 in use
Wednesday April 13th	6:00 pm Latin +Lisa Baldwin <i>by the Lauer family</i>	<i>Adoration continues until 5:00 p.m. (church)</i> 8:00 am CCE Middle & High School (All rooms) 5:00 pm <i>Holy Hour (Church)</i> 7:00 pm Fidelis (Gym) / Classroom 3 in use / St. Vincent de Paul Ministry (Classrooms 1 & 2)
Holy Thursday April 14th	7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper	Adoration until midnight
Good Friday April 15th		12:00 pm Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm Confessions 3:00 pm Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday April 16th	8:30 pm Our parish family/RCIA	8:00 a.m. Eater Dinners (Kitchen & café) 10:00 am Church in use 12:00 pm Bless food (Chapel)
Easter Sunday, April 17th	8:00 am +Elizabeth & Dominic Picciola <i>by Nancy & Lou Picciola</i> 10:30 am +Terri Benton <i>by the family</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Emilia Ferrante <i>by the family</i>	



Dear Parishioners,

With today's Palm Sunday liturgy we enter into that most important week of the year for us Catholics, that week which we call *holy*. And we call this week *holy* because God, in His infinite goodness, takes what should be considered the most horrific and unjust of crimes: the wrongful indictment and execution of His own Son, and makes of it the means for our salvation. In our liturgies this week we will see the conspiracy that brought about Jesus' wrongful arrest. We will sit with Christ at the Last Supper as He gives us the inseparable gifts of the priesthood and the Eucharist, and we will follow Him into the Garden of Gethsemane to watch with Him. We will witness all that He suffers for us, and we will stand at the foot of the cross with His Mother as Jesus dies for our sins. And finally we will peer into the empty tomb on the third day and experience anew the glory of His resurrection.

What a holy week indeed!

As your pastor I personally invite all of you to come and participate in the liturgies. Meditate on all the great mysteries of our salvation. Enter into the mysteries of our faith, for this week is different than any other week of the year. And be sure to pray for our fellow parishioners who will be entering into full communion with the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

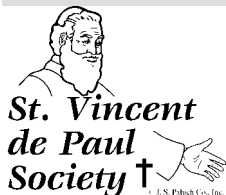
Our **Holy Thursday Mass** will be at 7 p.m., and we will have Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until Midnight. On **Good Friday** we will have Stations of the Cross at noon, and confessions from noon – 2pm. The Passion Liturgy of Good Friday will be at 3 p.m., and our **Easter Vigil** on Holy Saturday will begin at 8:30 p.m. Bear in mind that this is a long Mass – often around 3 hours – so plan accordingly. Our Masses on Easter Sunday will be as normal: 8am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm (Latin).

As a reminder, in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, which is always the Sunday immediately following Easter, it is customary for Catholics to pray the Divine Mercy Novena daily, beginning on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. Additionally, Catholics who receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, go to confession within 20 days of Divine Mercy Sunday, and who pray for the intentions of the pope (a *Credo* and an *Our Father* will suffice) are granted a plenary indulgence. Copies of this novena can be found in the North Vestibule. This is a very spiritually beneficial devotion that I hope many of you will participate in.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Reid

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



I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. -John 13:34.

Your Stewardship of Treasure

807 registered families

	Weekly		YTD	
March 6, 2022	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekly Collection	24,075.46	21,091.35	780,127.05	759,288.60
Other Revenue Streams:	1,462.25	1,173.07	64,403.25	42,230.52
Total Revenue:	25,537.71	22,264.42	844,530.30	801,519.12
YTD Surplus/Deficit:			43,011.18	

DSA 2022:

Goal:	142,362.14
Pledged:	62,516.50
Received:	42,278.33
Balance:	20,238.17
Donors:	72

If you have not yet turned in your DSA pledge envelope, please fill it out and return it to the Parish Office or go to charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.



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 the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear the owner of the colt had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

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Food Collections Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry

1st and 3rd weekends of every month
April 16th & 17th and April 30th & May 1st.

Bulletin Deadlines:

Tuesday, April 19th at 12noon for Sunday, April 24

Tuesday, April 26th at 12noon for Sunday, May 1, 2022

Email articles to: bulletinstann3635@gmail.com



Estate Planning

We are grateful for the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have remembered our parish in their estate plans and would be honored to be a part of your legacy. These gifts help us build a solid foundation for future generations of parish families.

Come, Pray + the Rosary

Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
 every Sunday of Lent
 7:40 am
Please join us!

EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

WEDDING BANNS

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Wedding Banns

I: Stephanie Grochmal-Gustavo LaRotta
30 April 2022 11:00 a.m.

I: Andrea Basertscher-Tyler Iden
30 April 2022 1:30 p.m.

II: Marissa Miller-Ryan Daniel
20 April 2022
Gainesville, FL

Ushers are needed for our 4:30 p.m. Mass and our 8:00 a.m. Mass please contact Chris at 704-241-2577 or email: ccb@2691@icloud.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 the Legion of Mary table.

Respect Life for April

Spiritual Adoption for the Abortion Vulnerable

Our unborn baby is 5 months old! Thank you for your prayers for the abortion vulnerable through our Spiritual Adoption program, PRAY-GIVE-ACT. The poster showing a 5 month old unborn baby is up in the narthex. We will focus on Be Not Afraid (BNA) who offers comprehensive support to parents carrying to term after a pre-natal diagnosis when doctors are often pressuring them to abort.

PRAY: The March Mass for Our Blessed Lady's Respect Life intentions will be Saturday, April 23rd at 8am (MEF). Holy Hour of Reparation and prayers at PP will follow as usual.

GIVE: is to Be Not Afraid. Thank you for your generosity to this wonderful organization. You can donate at: https://benotafraid.net/donate.

ACT: The spring campaign for 40 Days for Life is through April 10! You can find more info and sign up for hours at www.40daysforlife.com/en/charlotte.

To receive last minute reminders and updates, email Rachel Shrader at peregrinenorth@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Catholic Scripture Study Class

The Sacraments with Father Matthew Kauth

May 4 at 10am — June 29

Cost of the Study Guide is \$30

Contact Heidi Clark: hclark12@carolina.rr.com

In celebration of the Diocese of Charlotte's 50th Anniversary, our Corporal Works of Mercy for April is St. Ann's Easter Meals Preparation



Each year St. Ann's supports local homeless shelters and agencies by providing Easter meals to those in need. Your donation of boneless hams and desserts is needed to help ensure each person gets a meal on Easter Sunday. Monetary donations will also be accepted. There will be sign up sheets in the narthex March 27 & April 3 for those who would like to donate a boneless ham or dessert or to volunteer. Desserts and hams can be dropped off at the parish office April 11-13 during office hours or Sat., April 16 by 9am. If you would like to volunteer to help with meal preparation and/or delivery on Saturday April 16th, please contact Tanja Akerblom at tanja.akerblom@gmail.com.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The waitlist for registration for the **Homeschool Our Young Adult Group** aims to bring a faith-enriching community to young adults aged 20 to 35 in our parish and the local Charlotte area. Join us every other Tuesday for our Holy Happy Hour (check Parish Calendar or Groupme for the next meeting), beginning with adoration at St. Ann's from 7:00–8:00 pm, followed by a drink at a local establishment. To be added to our Young Adult Groupme, please use the following link: https://groupme.com/join_group/85293867/k1SkEcXR



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**

Legion of Mary meets on **Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Classroom 3**. Contact Sue Calkins at 704-724-2297 or maxxwellsr@gmail.com.

Formed, great online resources available to every member of our parish at: www.formed.org. 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**. Log in under our parish code, you create your personal profile and login.

Check out CD's, books, and booklets on the Lighthouse Kiosk

Suggested Donations: Booklets: \$3, Books: \$5 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**

Save the Date! Summer Catechesis!: Join us for “Learning and Loving Our Father” on **July 25th-29th**. Open to rising PK (must be 4 years old and fully potty trained) through rising 5th graders. Adult and Teen Volunteers needed. Teens rising 6th grade through 12th grade can earn service hours. **Adult Volunteers:** please contact Trista to volunteer sumcatstann@gmail.com Registration for student volunteers and campers will be posted soon.

Faith Formation

The St. Ann Faith Formation program is for the children of registered parishioners in grades K-8. Classes meet Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:10 a.m. The class schedule can be found on the parish website. Our next class is on **April 3** and we are off for spring break until class on **May 1**. Please contact Virginia Blatchford at the Office of Faith Formation with any questions: 704-523-4641 ext. 231 or via email vblatchford@rcdoc.org

Reminder for 2nd and 8th grade students, please remember to fill out and turn in Mass participation cards.

Confirmation: The next Confirmation Workshop is scheduled for April 3 and then May 1. **Interviews** for each candidate are from 3-6 pm on April 6. Confirmation rehearsal is at 4:00 pm on April 25 followed by time with the bishop and the ceremony at 6:00 pm.

First Communion News: Students preparing for 1st Communion should be working on their banner kits and their Baltimore Catechism packets. These items are due at the First **Eucharist Retreat on April 2**, check-in is at 9:15-12:00 noon.

Dogma and Deacons: Please join the Deacons and friends as they dive into the Sunday readings for Lent; sharing their knowledge and wisdom on Scriptures. **Classes meet each Sunday of Faith Formation, 9:15-10:00 a.m.** in the Allen Center Café. The next sessions are on April 3 and May 1. All are welcome!

Apologetics for Teens: Calling all confirmed teenagers! Join us for an apologetics class that will teach you how to answer the tough questions about our faith. The materials will give you the tools you need to discuss our faith with those who have questions. Our meetings will be on Faith Formation Sundays, and we meet in the Allen Center in classrooms 1 & 2. Our next meetings are on April 3 and May 1. You will need a **new book** for the remaining classes. Order: ***Beginning Apologetics Book 2, How to Answer Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons.***

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

St. Ann Fraternal Chapter

Mondays at 7 p.m. in the gym
Boys 6th grade—high school and men of all ages
are welcome to join us.

Fidelis

Wednesday evenings

(following the 6:00 p.m. Mass)

Allen Center gym.

Contact Sr. Mary Jacinta at dvmfidelis@gmail.com.

St. Ann's Parish is excited to share a subscription to Open Light Media with our parish families. To access Open Light Media resources and set up an account go to:

<https://openlightmedia.com/openlight-media-plus-coupon-code-redemption/>

and enter the parish **Coupon Code:**

oplparishstanncatholicchurchdioceseofchlotte ncp0p. The Coupon Code should eliminate fees.

33 Hours of Adoration

Tuesdays at 8 am through

Wednesdays 5 pm

in the church.

Adorers: share your contact information with those who adore during your Adoration Hour. Check out the Sign-UP Genius for Adoration:

www.signupgenius.com/

[go/9040b48aaab2aabf49-eucharistic1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48aaab2aabf49-eucharistic1).

Contact Marcela Bayard: rcgator@icloud.com.

One Bread One Body Booklets

(a guide to daily Scriptures)

available **in the North Vestibule**

Learn how to love Him more deeply, 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 every day.

Due to recent attacks on our religious freedoms, we are encouraging everyone to pray the **"Prayer for Religious Liberty"**

found on our website

(stanncharlotte.org)

under resources.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar

April 10	Passion Sunday-1st class
April 11	Monday in Holy Week -1st class
April 12	Tuesday in Holy Week -1stclass
April 13	Wednesday in Holy Week -1stclass
April 14	Holy Thursday -1sr class
April 15	Good Friday-1st class
April 16	Holy Saturday -1st class
April 17	Easter 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.

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

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

The **Natural Family Planning (NFP) program** of Catholic Charities is continuing to provide online courses, free English and Spanish NFP classes as well as a mother/daughter retreat focused on appreciating femininity and the menstrual cycle as a tool for health and wellness. **For information, go to ccdoc.org/nfp** or contact **Matrice Adcock, MSN**, at Catholic Charities, 704-370-3230 or **bnadcock@charlottediocese.org**.

Natural Family Planning: Couple to Couple League: Sympto-Thermal Method. A three class series will be taught 1:00-4:00 p.m. **April 3rd, and May 1st.** *All classes are necessary to complete the course series.* The class format is **Live In-Person** at North Charlotte. Certified Sympto-Thermal Method teaching couple will help couples naturally plan for family growth in a safe, effective manner, within the Church's teaching. Sign up on-line and purchase class materials at www.ccli.org. Scholarships are available. Postpartum and Pre-menopause transition classes are also available upon request. Contact Joe and Kathy Hack for more information at 704-548-1834 or **hackhouse@bellsouth.net**.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: call: 803-810-9602, visit: **SCMarriageMatters.org**, email: **applications@scmarriagematters.org**.

Retrouaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to help get your marriage back on track. *Don't you owe it to your spouse? Don't you owe it to yourself to take a look at your lives together in a new and positive way?* This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital disillusionment and misery For information or to apply the program beginning **April 8th-10th**, call 434-793-0242 or email: **retrouaillenc@msn.com** or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org. **It is not too late for you!**

Do You Like To Pray? 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 **stannprayers@comporium.net**.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



Our parishioners:

Kathy Roe,
 Chuck Sollard,
 Edward McNally,
 Mark Ponischil,
 Mckenzie Hansen,
 Anna Sobus & family,
 Thomas Lauer & family

Our friends and family:

Michelle Obruba
 (friend of Skorupa family)
 Betty Suran
 (friend of Skorupa family)
 Maxwell O. Raines
 (grandson of Terese Raines)
 Jennifer Arnold
 (friend of Nancy Tota)
 Mary Register
 (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)
 Michael Pappas
 Jacqueline Russell
 (mother of Andrea Hines)
 James Matthew Brennan
 William "Will" Shack
 (grandson of Pat Niemer)
 Christine Weiss & family,
 Jimmy Dixon

(Mary Ann Wolff)
 Muriel Johnson
 Thais Turner
 (mother of Carmel Palanos)
 Josie Sanctis
 (daughter-in-law of Deacon Tom & Teresa Sanctis),
 Judah
 (grandson of Carol Fiore)
 Ann & Fred Kaufmann,
 (parents of Karl Kaufmann)
 MOP Brothers & Residents in India
 Rena Butler
 Everleigh Moore
 (granddaughter of Maryann Conrad)
 Mary Jo Shannon
 (niece of Jim & Wilma Crates and Kathleen & Rick Miner)
 Don Perkins (friend of Mary Ann Wolff)

Our servicemen and servicewomen:

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
 SGT James "Jim" Alston, US Army.

For the Repose of their Souls:

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

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.

MiraVia's 21st Annual Golf Tournament "Links FORE Life" presented by Monk Law Firm, PLLC

is on Monday, May 23 at Carmel Country Club. Round up a group of your friends for a beautiful day on the golf course! Tournament price includes the greens fees, cart, range balls. Breakfast, lunch and on-course beverages, plus dinner. Awards and reception. Also a player gift, individual and team prizes. Register on line at MiraVia or with Megan Whiteside at meganwhiteside@miravia.oeg.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 10, 2022

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7a

Catholic Shoppe at Belmont Abbey College the annual Spectacular Spring Sale. Take 40% off one item of your choice! Take 10% off the remainder of your purchase Take advantage of hundreds of items already marked down to 30, 50, and 75% off. Offer can be used once a day throughout the two months! We are open Monday-Saturday 10-4 . Please call 704-461-5100 for additional information. We do not process web orders, but our staff will be happy to assist

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte food pantry is implementing a new scheduling system for dropping off food donations. Please share with your parishioners that if they would like to donate grocery items they can now schedule a time on our webpage: <https://www.ccdoc.org/en/donate/donate-grocery-items> Additionally, I have included food pantry business cards we ask you share with any parishioners in need of food.



Knights of Columbus Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Family Life Center. Learn more about how the Knights of Columbus serves God's people. Contact: Richard Mills, Financial Secretary at rtm2108@aol.com.



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**Simply Love,
A Catholic Marriage Day of Renewal
April 30th 9:00 am -9 pm**
St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Fort Mill, SC
\$50 per couple

When you work on your marriage, you both win. The Office of Family Life is pleased to offer this day as a "vacation for your marriage" through inspiring talks, couple prayer, discussion, and activities with guest speakers and popular authors Troy & Kathleen Billings and Allen & Denae Hebert. For information or to register contact Natalie Burt at nburt@charlestondiocese.org or 803-899-4946. Registration deadline is April 25th.

The Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Charlotte is seeking a part-time bilingual administrative support specialist. This position would provide support to the programs and personnel of the Office of Family Life, assist in planning and executing events and conferences, and help maintain a web and social media presence for the department. The Office of Family Life organizes and promotes pro-marriage, pro-family, and pro-life ministries and activities in the diocese of Charlotte. Fluency in English and Spanish is required, as well as strong communication and computer skills. To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to recruiting@rcdoc.org.

Registration is NOW Open
34th Annual Spring Fling

Catholic Charities Elder Ministry invites senior adults from across the diocese to join us for fun and fellowship at the **34th Annual Spring Fling**. Come discover something new and build upon your faith while enjoying exciting activities, presentations and performances. This is where friendships are strengthened and memories are made.

Wednesday, May 11th – St. Matthew Catholic Church
8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28277
\$15 per person (includes lunch)

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 3

Please join us: **Catholic Charities 19th Annual Vineyard of Hope April 21 at 6pm** Sonesta Executive Park Charlotte. New this year we will welcome guests with elevated southern cuisine tasting stations throughout the space, a hosted bar and DJ with dancing and a brief program highlighting the work of Catholic Charities. To register: ccdoc.org/voh

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!*

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.*

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!

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.

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.

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.

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

To 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.

The general dispensation to miss Mass has been rescinded. Everyone without a serious reason to miss Mass is obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. As has always been the case, we may legitimately miss a Sunday Mass if we are sick, if we care for the sick and infirmed, have a health condition that would be seriously compromised if we were to contract a communicable disease, or if we have good reason to think we might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness. Feel welcome to continue wearing a mask if you are more comfortable doing so. As for the Allen Center, masks are not mandated.

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