



ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 24, 2023



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Pastor.....	Rev. Timothy S. Reid.....	704-523-4641 x222
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Brandon H. Jones	704-523-4641
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Deacon.....	Rev. Mr. Peter Tonon	704-523-4641 x227
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Parish Office Hours

Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

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, December 24	8:00 am + Abbey Lejk <i>by the Martin family</i> 10:30 am Intentions of Gabriella Benson <i>by the family</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of William Nobers <i>by the family</i> 4:30 pm + Abigail Fleming <i>by the Orso family</i> 6:30 pm Intentions of the Kaufmann family <i>by Mike and Joan Makalca</i>	
Monday, December 25	12:00 am Intentions of Fr. Reid's Godchildren 9:00am + Michael J. Brocato <i>by the family</i>	OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Fraternus (Gym, café)
Tuesday, December 26	7:00 am + Lucile White <i>by Amy Bilbao</i>	OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 am Adoration begins (Church) 6:30 pm Young Adult Holy Hour (CH) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group (Library)
Wednesday, December 27	6:00 pm Latin Mass + St. Ann's benefactors and their loved ones	<i>Adoration continues in the Church</i> 5:00 pm Holy Hour (Church) 7:00 pm Handmaidens (Café)
Thursday, December 28	7:00 am Intentions of Neel Shayeghi <i>by Stephanie Shayeghi</i>	10:00 am Catholic Scripture Study (Classroom 3) 5:30 pm Confessions (Church) 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball (Gym) 7:00 pm Young Adult Ballroom Dancing (Gym) Great Adventure Bible Study (Class 1&2)
Friday, December 29	7:00 am Latin Mass + Walter Chimiak <i>by Nancy Frei</i> 8:30 am Intentions of Juleanne Benson <i>by the family</i>	
Saturday, December 30	4:30 pm + Dolores Galantowlez <i>by the family</i>	3:00 pm Confessions (Church)
Sunday, December 31	8:00 am Intentions of the Virgin Mary in thanksgiving <i>by Mike and Jan Colin</i> 10:30 am Intentions of our Parish 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Jessica Ferrante <i>by St. Ann Homeschool Ministry</i>	



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate of the Birth of Christ here at St. Ann's, I want to thank each of you for the many ways you share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our parish family. Your participation in the many good works of our parish community demonstrates that the light and love of the Christ Child shines brightly here at St. Ann's! I am particularly grateful to our dedicated staff and all of our volunteers who give generously of their time and talent to make St. Ann's the beautiful and big-hearted parish that it is.

Recognizing that this is the season of gift-giving, I ask you to prayerfully consider putting our parish on your year-end Christmas giving list. As we strive to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parish family, we must also recognize the practical and financial needs of maintaining our parish on a day-to-day basis. Our weekly collections are not quite meeting our budgetary needs, and we are struggling to meet our assessments for the DSA and the Priests' Retirement Collection this year. As you know, any shortfall on these assessments must be taken out of our parish coffers, limiting our ability to meet other parish needs.

In the past several years, we've been able to take care of several pressing maintenance needs in the church and the Allen Center, including a massive renovation of the Allen Center and the addition of the Marian Grotto. But, there is still much more to do! For example, you may have noticed the terrible condition of our parking lot, which is something we are hoping to remedy next summer (which will cost ~\$200,000). If you'd like to donate to this project, you can do by contributing to the 5-Year plan (either by envelope or on our website).

The good news is that we should retire the debt on the Allen Center project by May! This will leave us only with the debt we have on the rectory, which we hope to pay off in Spring 2027. Thank you for your generosity to our parish's capital needs.

Lastly, please keep in mind that Catholics are obliged to attend two Masses this weekend: one for your obligation for the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, and one to fulfill your obligation for Christmas. We will have Christmas Masses today (December 24) at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and on December 25 at Midnight (Latin) and 9 a.m. Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1) will be 9 a.m. (Latin) and 12 noon (English). Masses next Sunday, December 31, will be as normally-scheduled.

With gratitude for your generosity,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Reid".

Fr. Reid

Your Stewardship of Treasure

929 registered families

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
December 3	27,835.12	24,892.30	2,942.82
YTD July 01, 2023-December 3, 2023	\$ 539,289.52	\$570,453.36	\$ (31,163.84)

Priest Retirement Assessment:	\$37,409.00
Received:	25,378.93
Balance Due:	12,030.07

—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!*

DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2023

to **SERVE** is to **LOVE**

DSA 2023:

Goal:	\$ 134,991.59
Pledged:	126,018.87
Received:	118,020.89
Over/Under Goal Pledges:	(8,972.72)
Pledge Balance:	7,997.98
Assessment Balance:	16,970.70
Families that Pledged:	174
Registered Families:	929

Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:

Rectory Loan: \$443,333.62
5 Year Plan Loan: \$81,724.83

Give Electronically at www.StAnnCharlotte.org

Tickets on sale now

REBOOT
a life-changing event

Rediscover the Joy
of Christ in your
life



Chris Stefanick
is coming to St. Mark!
January 10, 6:30 pm



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purchase your
tickets to Reboot!



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access to The
Search program!

REBOOT
FEATURING
CHRIS STEFANICK

Tickets: \$33 - \$39
www.reallifecatholic.com

EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

St. Ann's Mary's Women of Joy- Registrations

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Semester Study

+ Sisterhood for Women beginning Feb 8th!

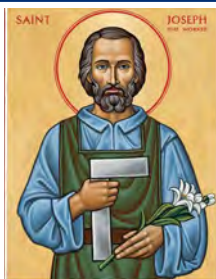
What started at St. Marks in Huntersville over 26 years ago has grown to over 400 women in 4 parishes and has now made a home and sisterhood in our parish! Our second semester begins in February. Mary's Women of Joy is a sisterhood that celebrates our beauty and dignity as beloved daughters of God and honors the feminine genius perfectly expressed by our Mother Mary.

All Women are invited and encouraged to join our 12-week Spring Study: Lectio: Evangelization with Dr. Mary Healy. To hear Fr. Reid's message about MWOJ or to register online please visit <http://www.stanncharlotte.org/mwoj> New-comers are Welcome! If you have questions please contact Patti Cucci at mwoj.stann@gmail.com

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Sunday, December 31st bulletin

Due by Noon, December 21

**The St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group** is continuing to grow!

The group has decided to taken on the extra discipline of the Exodus 90 program leading up to Easter 2024 with a focus on Prayer, Acestorism, and Fraternity. Please contact Frank Schofield to discuss in more detail if interest-

ed in participating at 571-221-8640 or join us at our meetings on Tuesday at 7:30.

The purpose of the group is to join men of faith in prayer and fraternity to strengthen our relationships with God and deepen the bond within our parish community. Please meet in the courtyard at the Statue of Our Lady at 7:30 PM. We will pray the Rosary then afterwards enjoy some fellowship in the Allen Center. +AMDG+

The Men's Club of Saint Ann
is looking for new members
and volunteers.

If your interested in joining,
contact Paul Sorge
at 704.430.8129/paulsorge@yahoo.com



Donated by the Lejk family

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE UPDATE:**

**** We are in need of prayer warriors for our two wonderful Deacons. You will be asked to pray for BOTH Deacon Tom and Deacon Peter one day/week. Please let me know if you can give Our Lord just one hour. If God is calling you to make a Holy Hour/week for either of our**

needs, please contact Anchoress, Sarah Miller at Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation 2023-24 The St. Ann Faith Formation program for the children of registered parishioners in grades K-8 takes place from 9:00 to 10:10am between the Masses on Sunday. **Classes** will start back on **January 7th**. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlatchford@rcdoc.org



At St. Ann's **Formed.org** account has many resources for our parish. They have movies and devotionals for Advent. Be sure to look at all the options. They have many audio books available, such as, *Father Elijah*. Our parish code is Y6ZQ8M. A direct link is found on our parish website.

Teen Apologetics classes run from 9:00-10:10 am in classroom 2 in the Allen Center. We resume our classes in the new year on **January 7th**. We are currently working on **Apologetics, the Catholic Argument, and Natural Law**. Please purchase the new book for our return class, *Why We're Catholic* by Trent Horn. This class is open to all students who have been confirmed.

Confirmation Students resume classes after Christmas break on **January 7th**. Confirmation is available for rising 8th graders who have completed at least two years of religious education. All Candidates must be active participants in the faith and should plan to attend our **full year program**. This includes all Theology of the Body classes offered in September-October, Confirmation Workshops which begin in November, and 8th grade Beginning Apologetics classes offered at the end of second semester. If you have any questions about our program, please contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlatchford@rcdoc.org

Deacon and Dogma will resume on January 7th. The class schedule for the new year is: January 7th and 28th, February 4th and 25th, March 3rd and 17th, and April 14th and 21st. We meet in the Café at the Allen Center during Faith Formation from 9-10 am. This is a great time to share your faith with fellow Catholics in a discussion led by Deacon Peter Tonon.

Parish Resources

St. Ann renewed our parish membership for **Open Light Media** on October 6th. The materials are produced by the **Dominican Sisters** so the content is excellent! You will find virtue training and fun videos for the family. ***Manners Monday*** is a favorite series. The kids love them! To access our new subscription, please follow the steps listed.

Users join the St. Ann group in 3 simple steps!

1. Go to Open Light Media subscription.
2. If individuals do not have a login on Open Light Media, you will be prompted to create a free account or log in using an existing user account.
3. Fill out the form. Copy and paste this into the search bar:

St. Ann, 3635 Park Road, Charlotte, NC, 28209
You must type in the name and address exactly as above or the account will not pop up!



MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

**St. Ann Family Ministry Corner**

**Equipping Parents in their Mission of Love
and Building a Community of Joy**

**“All you peoples, clap your hands;
shout to God with joyful cries.” Psalm 47:1**

Join us for these Upcoming Events:

1. Sign up for the Carolinas Retreat for Families or
 2. Attend the New Year's Eve Family Party: Dinner and Dance December 31, 4PM-12PM at Heartridge Retreat and Cultural Center, SC
- For more information and to register go to vhfretreat.org

Challenge: Be intentional this Advent and spend time preparing your families hearts for Jesus.

LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar

December 24	Vigil of Christmas - 1 st class
December 25	The Nativity of Our Lord - 1 st class
December 26	St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr - 2 nd class
December 27	St. John the Evangelist, Apostle - 2 nd class
December 28	Holy Innocents, Martyrs - 2 nd class
December 29	5th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2 nd class
December 30	6th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2 nd class
December 31	7th Day in the Octave of Christmas - 2 nd 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.

More Questions?

Check out the Latin Mass table in the Narthex every Sunday before and after the 12:30 Mass.

Or email Mike FitzGerald with the St. Ann Latin Mass Ministry at: saintannlatinmass@gmail.com

Next event: December 26

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

HOLY HOUR

Happy Hour

HOLY HOUR AT ST. ANN'S • 6:30-7:30PM

Happy Hour at Selwyn Ave Pub • 7-15PM

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming weekends in Charlotte area, call Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

For more information about upcoming **Retrouvaille Weekend** programs,
Email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or
Call: 727-343-6701
Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

call: 803-810-9602,
visit: SCMarriageMatters.org,
email: applications@scmarriagematters.org.

Prayer cards of our Statues

are available in the North Vestibule.
A donation of \$0.50 per card.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

33 Hours of Adoration
Tuesdays 8 am -
Wednesdays 5 pm
in the Church

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

prayer Requests

**Our Parishioners**

Roe family
Chuck Sollard
Anna Sobus & family
Thomas Lauer & family
Stephanie Kaufmann
Pauline Williams

Our friends and family:

Albert Ayd
(brother of Cecilia Balman)
Dolly Langley
(sister of Cecilia Balman)
Marcia York
(sister of Carol Kuhn)
Jeremy Kuhn, (son of Carol & Dennis Kuhn),
Steve Frank
Kinley Duncan
Maureen Frost
(Sister-in-law of Regina Beach Hoar)
Brian Blatchford
Lauren Alderman
Baby Boy Berdine
Betsy Devarakonda

Our servicemen and servicewomen:

Lt. Grace Carlson, USN,
Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC
Ensign Hayley Derscheid
Petty Officer 1st Class
Jeffrey Derscheid
SGT James "Jim"
Alston, US Army.
Cadet 1st Class Kenneth
Davison III USAF
Cadet 2nd Class Anna
Davison USAF
Cadet 4th Class Therese
Davison USAF
Lt. Thomas Hetzel,
Deployed
Capt. Peter Hetzel,
US Army

**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. Any questions or to join, call Nancy Picciola at 803-389-5530 or email stannpray_ers@comporium.net



DIOCESAN EVENTS



18th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE Charlotte Friday, Jan. 12, 2024

The following Masses will be offered for The Unborn on Jan. 12, 2024: **St Ann Catholic Church at 7:00am** Traditional Latin Mass and at the **Cathedral of St. Patrick at 10:00am** Novus Ordo Mass. At 11:00am 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 12:00pm we will march to Trade and Tryon to be a witness for The Unborn. Fr. Raymond Ekosse will be the guest preacher and Deanna Tyler Glenn "Miss Huntersville 2023" will be the prolife speaker followed by the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. ***Please join us to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives!***

See schedule details at
www.marchforlifecharlotte.com



Knights of Columbus Council 770 Meetings

First Tuesday of every month
St. Patrick Church

Agenda for the meeting is:
6:30pm rosary,

7pm business meeting,
7:30 social, bible study.

K of C is a Catholic men's
fraternal and service organization.

Membership is open to all
practicing Catholic men.

For more information about the Knights, contact
knights@stpatricks.org or info@kofc770.org



COME AND BE HEALED

A Bilingual WOMEN'S RETREAT

Come to me all who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest. Matthew- 11:28

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 8AM-3PM

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH CENTER

To register go to www.healedandrestored.org

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Come and join us for a full day of inspiring talks, fellowship, praise and worship music, confession, and so much more! Breakfast and lunch are included with the registration fee of \$20. Inspirational talks by Christine Wisdom, Carloryn Franks.

Featured talk by Elza Speedy: "Renewing the Heart: Replacing the Devil's Lies with God's Truth and Mercy."

Food Collections

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

Food Pantry

1st and 3rd weekends of every month

Next collection: Jananuary 6-7

A Catholic apostolate for men and women who experience same-sex attractions and for their family members and loved ones. Whether you experience same-sex attractions (Courage) or you have a family member or loved one who identifies as LGBTQ+ (EnCourage), you are not alone. Join the Courage and EnCourage family and discover an apostolate that provides confidential support for living by the Catholic Church's teachings on chastity and keeping family bonds intact. To learn more, visit Courage International at Couragerc.org.



Inquire about our local Courage chapter at

courage@rcdoc.org and

our local EnCourage chapter at: encourage@rcdoc.org.

REMINDERS

**CATHOLIC DIVORCE HEALING PROGRAM**

☀️ Join Us for ***Build A New Life Workshop*** ☀️

A life-changing 12-Week Virtual Catholic Divorce Support & Healing Program.

Discover proven guidance to not just survive but thrive before, during, and after divorce – emotionally, spiritually, interpersonally, and as a parent.

Whether you're discerning separation, have been divorced for years, or are somewhere in between, this program is tailored for you!

Catholic - Compassionate - Caring - Comprehensive

📅 Starts January 4th on Zoom - Register NOW at <https://www.AboundingJoyMinistry.com/events> or call Carolyn at 608-547-9484.

Early Bird Discount until Dec 20th! Don't miss your opportunity to receive the healing and support you deserve.

🌿 ***Build A New Life Workshop*** -
Guiding You to Greater Healing & Joy! 🌿

[AboundingJoyMinistry.com](https://www.AboundingJoyMinistry.com)