

**December 31, 2023** 



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Office Assistant		

## Parish Office Hours Liturgical Schedule

(Changes in the schedule noted inside)

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.

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

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

# 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN			
+ denotes deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events	
Sunday, December 31	8:00 am Intentions of the Virgin Mary in thanksgiving by Mike and Jan Colin 10:30 am Intentions of our Parish 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Jessica Ferrante by St. Ann Homeschool Ministry		
Monday, January 1	9:00 am Latin Mass Intentions of Becky George by the Ferrante family 12:00pm Intentions of Linda Goldschmidt by the Gallagher family	OFFICE CLOSED 10:15 am Confessions (Church)	
Tuesday, January 2	7:00 am + Jackie Russell by the Roy family	8:00 am Adoration begins (Church) 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball Practice (Gym) 6:30 pm Young Adult Holy Hour (CH) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group (Library)	
Wednesday, January 3	6:00 pm Latin Mass + Larry Shelton by Megan Gomiz	Adoration continues in the Church 5:00 pm Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 pm Young Adult Basketball (Gym) 7:00 pm Fidelis Handmaidens (Café)	
Thursday, January 4	7:00 am Intentions of Brandon and Rivkah Francher by Garren Di Pasquale 9:00 am Holy Trinity Mass	<ul> <li>5:30 pm Confessions (Church)</li> <li>6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball (Gym)</li> <li>7:00 pm Young Adult Ballroom Dancing (Gym)</li> <li>Great Adventure Bible Study (Class 1&amp;2)</li> </ul>	
Friday, January 5	7:00 am Latin Mass + Poor Souls in Purgatory by the Association of Holy Souls 8:30 am In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help by the Colin family	8:00 am Homeschool CCE (Cl 1-4, Library) School Rosary (Chapel) 9:00 am Homeschool CCE Nursery (Cryroom, Classrooms 1&2) 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball	
Saturday, January 6	10:00 am Latin Epiphany Mass 4:30 pm Intentions of our Parish	8:30 am Interfaith Basketball 3:00 pm Confessions (Church) 7:00 pm Homeschool Epiphany Dance	
Sunday, January 7	8:00 am + Deceased Members of the Picciola family by Lou and Nancy Picciola 10:30 am + Therese Konopasek by the family 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of Timothy Lewis by Marvin and Paula Schrum	9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) 9:15 am Deacons and Dogma (Café) Steering Committee (CL 1&2, library, café) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church)	



Dear Parishioners,

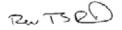
A blessed and happy new year to all of you, and happy Feast of the Holy Family! And thank you for all your many Christmas gifts and goodies. Once again, I will be spending January shedding all the weight I gained at Christmas from all the good stuff I received! Truly, Fr. Jones and I sincerely appreciate all of your gifts and expressions of affection. Being the pastor of St. Ann's is an incredible blessing, and I'm so grateful to all of you for making this parish such a happy assignment for Fr. Jones and me. I've tried to write thank you notes to everyone, but occasionally I receive a gift without a card indicating whom it's from. So, if Fr. Jones or I have neglected to write a proper thank you card for a gift, we apologize and ask for your understanding!

I am also very grateful to all who helped with our Christmas Masses last week. I'm especially grateful to our deacons, altar boys, lectors, musicians, sacristans, greeters, ushers, and all who helped clean and decorate the church. We are blessed to be able to offer such beautiful liturgies here at St. Ann, in large part because of the efforts of so many of you.

While the great feast of the Epiphany is celebrated next Sunday in our Novus Ordo Masses, we will celebrate Epiphany on its traditional date, Saturday, January 6, with a Latin Mass at 10am. As we've done in years past, there will be the traditional blessing of Epiphany water on the Saturday morning after the Mass. Please bring empty water bottles with you if you'd like to take home some Epiphany water.

May our Lord continue to bless our parish in this new year, and may Our Lady, daughter of our patroness, St. Ann, continue to intercede for each of us so that we may all grow more fully into the likeness of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,



Fr. Reid

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



## **Birthright of Charlotte Office Volunteer Training**

Training for office volunteers (individuals who provide one on one assistance to those facing an unplanned or problem pregnancy) is scheduled for January 8th, 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. or January 11th, 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact Hank Chardos, 803.543.8144 or

hank@birthrightofcharlotte.org Birthright of Charlotte is an emergency pregnancy center offering positive assistance and aid to those facing an unplanned or problem pregnancy. Services are free and confidential.

# 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!** 



**DSA 2023:** 

Goal: \$ 134,991.59 Pledged: 126,018.87 118,020.89 Received: **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



# **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

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 <a href="http://www.stanncharlotte.org/mwoj">http://www.stanncharlotte.org/mwoj</a> Newcomers are Welcome! If you have questions please contact Patti Cucci at <a href="mwoj.stann@gmail.com">mwoj.stann@gmail.com</a>

perfectly expressed by our Mother Mary.



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, Ascetism, 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+"

Last year St. Ann's was featured in the book

52 Masses: A Journey to Experience Catholicism Across America.

This book is now available on the website: <a href="https://52masses.square.site">https://52masses.square.site</a> or on Amazon and other online bookstores. St. Ann's is also featured in the book

101 Places to Pray before You Die: A Roamin' Catholic's Guide,

which is also available on online bookstores.

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.

## 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.

TAN Direction

## The Commentaries: The Interior Castle

Tan Books recently published a podcast series called **The Commentaries: The Interior Castle** featuring Fr. Timothy Reid. He begins the exploration of *The Interior Castle* by putting this Catholic classic into historical context, explaining the castle imagery used by St. Teresa of Ávila, and breaking down how the book is organized. In episode one, Fr. Reid also provides a brief summary of each of the seven mansions and explains the 20 podcast episodes of *The Commentaries: The Interior Castle* will deepen and enrich your spiritual life.

https://tandirection.com/podcast/episode-1-the-interior-castle-st-teresa-and-the-seven-mansions/

# **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 7<sup>th</sup>. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlblatchford@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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 September-October, offered in Confirmation Workshops which begin 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 Vlblatchford@rcdoc.org

**Deacon and Dogma** will resume on January 7<sup>th.</sup> The class schedule for the new year is: January 7<sup>th</sup> and 28th, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, and April 14th and 21<sup>st</sup>. 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

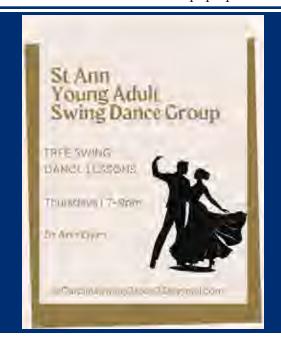


will find virtue training and fun videos for the family. *Manners Monday* is a favorite series. The kids love them! To access our new subscription, please follow the steps listed.

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

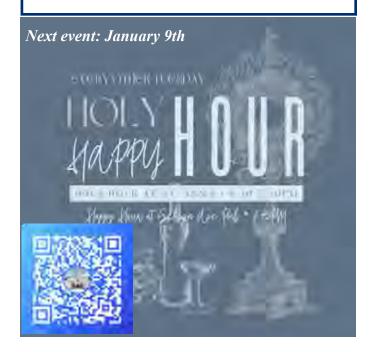
Equipping Parents in their Mission of Love and Building a Community of Joy "How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one!" Psalm 133:1

Join us for these Upcoming Events:
Sign up for 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 yhfretreat.org

Save the Date: Family Potluck/Rosary night: January 13, 2024 For more information go to abearacres.org

Family Dance Saturday, January 27th from 5:00-8:00pm in the Gym

Challenge: Reconcile any grievances with one another each night this week before going to bed.



# LATIN MASS CORNER

Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar		
December 31	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class	
January 1	Octave of the Nativity of the Lord - 1 <sup>st</sup> class	
January 2	Most Holy Name of Jesus - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class	
January 3	Feria in Christmastide - 4 <sup>th</sup> class	
January 4	Feria in Christmastide - 4 <sup>th</sup> class; (USA) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Widow - 3 <sup>rd</sup> class; Jesus Christ the High Priest - 3 <sup>rd</sup> class	
January 5	Feria in Christmastide - 4th class; St. Telesphorus, Pope & Martyr - 4 <sup>th</sup> class; (USA) St. John Neumann, Bishop and Confessor, 3 <sup>rd</sup> class; Sacred Heart of Jesus, 3 <sup>rd</sup> class	
January 6	The Epiphany of the Lord - 1 <sup>st</sup> class	
January 7	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 Ouestions?**

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

# 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,

# **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**



# Our Parishioners

Roe family
Chuck Solland
Anna Sobus & family
Thomas Lauer & family
Stephanie Kaufmann
Pauline Williams
Our friends and

# ur friends and family:

Albert Avd (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 www.marchforlifecharlotte.com

St. Vincent ACES Senior Club invite all seniors 45+ young to join us on Thursday, January 11 at 11 am in the Monsignor Pharr Activity Center as we welcome the new year with our Super Bowl Lunch. Cost of \$13.00/pp members and \$14/pp guest for our Tailgate Buffet and the music of Brian McCann. Wear your favorite NFL team shirt and hat. Annual Membership dues of \$12/pp will be collected. RSVP and advance payment due by January 5 to Donna Anderson at 704-607-6880 or danderson@cottinghamchalk.com. Seats available for ACES Easter Trip to Narroway Dinner Theatre for "The 4th Cross" play with din-\$95/pp. Information-contact Peggy, pgibbons1@att.net or 704-588-5870.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME



# Food Collections **Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry**

1st and 3rd weekends of every month Next collection: January 6-7



John Sequeira: Email: johnseq1@gmail.com Phone: 704-560-5061

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