

March 10, 2024



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Pastor		
Deacon	.Rev. Mr. Thomas Sanctis	704-523-4641 x223
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Financial Administrator		
Office Assistant		

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.

Sunday Mass Schedule Saturday Anticipated Mass (Novus Ordo): 4:30 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. (Novus Ordo); 10:30 a.m. (Novus Ordo); 12:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 a.m. (Novus Ordo) Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Friday: 7:00 a.m.; 8:30 a.m. (Novus Ordo)

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.

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service.

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

+ deceased	Mass Intentions Meetings & Events		
Sunday, March 10	8:00 am (Novus Ordo) Intentions of our Parish 10:30 am (Novus Ordo) + Chuck Solland by Deacon Tom and Teresa Sanctis 12:30 pm + Michael Farnon by John Kenny	9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) Baptism Class (Classroom 3) 9:30 am Baptism (Church) 2:00 pm Homeschool Graduation Photos	
Monday, March 11	7:00 am (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Isabella Ferrante by the family	2:45 pm Rosary Club (Hall by Classrooms 1&2) 7:00 pm Fraternus (gym and café) RCIA (Classrooms 1&2)	
Tuesday, March 12	7:00 am (Novus Ordo) + Magdalena Mutke by Roy family	8:00 am Adoration begins (Church) 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball (Gym) 6:30 pm Young Adult Holy Hour (CH) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group (Library)	
Wed., March 13	6pm + Joel Swensson by the Murdico family	Adoration continues (Church) 7:45 am Homeschool HS (Cl 1-4, library) 5:00 pm Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 pm Young Adult Basketball (Gym) 7:00 pm Fidelis Handmaidens (Café) St. Vincent de Paul Society (CL 1&2)	
Thursday March 14	7:00 am (Novus Ordo) Intentions of the Sharron family by Sandra Sharron 9:00 am Holy Trinity Mass	8:00 am Mary Women of Joy (CL 1-4, lib, conference) 5:30 pm Confessions (Church) 7:00 pm Young Adult Ballroom Dancing (Gym) Great Adventure Bible Study (Class 1&2)	
Friday, March 15	7:00 am + Joseph John by Michael Vari 8:30 am (Novus Ordo) + Lee Hannigan by Mike and Jan Colin	8:00 am Homeschool CCE (Cl 1-4, Library) School Rosary (Chapel) 9:00 am Homeschool CCE Nursery (Cry room, Classrooms 1&2) 4:00 pm Baptism (Church) 6:00 pm Holy Hour (Church) 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)	
Sat., March 16	4:30 pm (Novus Ordo) + JoAnn Prascak by the family	8:00 am Church Cleaning 2:00 pm Baptism (Church) 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)	
Sunday, March 17	8:00 am (Novus Ordo) + Deceased Members of Dominican Order 10:30 am (Novus Ordo) Intentions of our Parish 12:30 pm + Mary Ann Vari by Michael Vari	9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Teen Apologetics (Classrooms 1&2) Deacons and Dogma (Cafe) 11:00 am Homeless Ministry (Kitchen) 11:15am Homeschool Easter Cards 4:00 pm Solemn Vespers-St. Joseph Seminary (Church)	



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Laetare Sunday. "Laetare" is a Latin word which means "rejoice", and we are rejoicing because we are now at the midpoint in our Lenten journey. In just three weeks we will be celebrating the glories of Easter. Today the Church encourages us to have a foretaste of that Easter glory. Like a ray of light breaking through dark clouds, we are given a brief respite from the rigors of our fasting and penances so that we can focus ourselves more clearly on the joy that is to come. Thus, the violet representing our penance is set aside for the day in lieu of a more festive rose color that symbolizes the lightening of our penance, and we are called to rejoice because we will soon see the redemption that Christ will procure for us at Easter!

I am grateful to all of you who completed the **pastoral planning survey** for our parish. We received hundreds of completed surveys, which is enough to ensure statistical accuracy. The information that we've now collected from you will help the Parish Council and me plot out a course for St. Ann's future. So, thank you for making the time to fill out the survey.

Hopefully, everyone is keeping up with their Lenten disciplines by praying more, fasting more, and giving more. Don't forget that we're having a **Holy Hour of Reparation** and **Stations of the Cross** every Friday of Lent through March 15th. The Holy Hour of Reparation begins at 6pm, and Stations of the Cross begins at 7pm. On Friday, March 22nd, we will have **Tenebrae** at 7pm. The same evening our Men's Club will be hosting their annual **Fish Fry.** So please join us!

Lastly, several families in our parish are looking for part-time nannies. If you are interested in taking on some part-time nanny duties, please call the office. We may be able to match you with a parish family.

Yours in Christ,

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Fr. Reid

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

Many of you know the story of the Crespi Family and the tremendous suffering they've faced in the past 18 years (see www.crespifamilyhope.org). You may also be aware that Kim Crespi (who is a St. Ann Parishioner) is now suffering with debilitating health issues, rendering her unable to care for herself. A trust has been created by her friends to help support Kim. If you'd like to help, you can donate on the family website or make out a check to: "Crespi Health-Care Trust" and mail it to: Crespi Family Hope, PO Box 77844, Charlotte, NC 28271. Thanks for your generosity and prayers for the Crespi Family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure

929 registered families

 Collection Date
 Actual
 Budget
 Over/Under

 February 4
 20,938.67
 24,892.30
 \$ (3,953.63)

 February 11
 38,440.67
 24,892.30
 13,548.37

YTD July 01, 2023-February 11, 2024

\$ 844,864.21 \$818,476.56 \$26,387.65

Priest Retirement 2023 Final

Goal: 37,409.00 Received: 32,504.29 Shortfall Due to the Diocese: (4,904.71)

Give Electronically





DSA 2023 Final:

Goal: \$ 134,991.59 Pledged: 130,179.98 Shortfall Due to the Diocese: (4,811.66)

DSA 2024 Goal: 141,842.00 Increase from last year: + 6,850.41

Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:

Rectory Loan: \$421,260.93 5 Year Plan Loan: \$40,929.74



A Retreat for Young Adults: St. Ann's is proud to support the 3rd annual Vigilant Retreat for Young Adults (ages 21-35, men & women, married & single) from **April 5-7th**. This overnight weekend experience is hosted at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC, and includes inspiring talks, time for prayer and recreation, small groups, & more! Head to the to the vigilant retreat.com to learn more and register before March 15th!

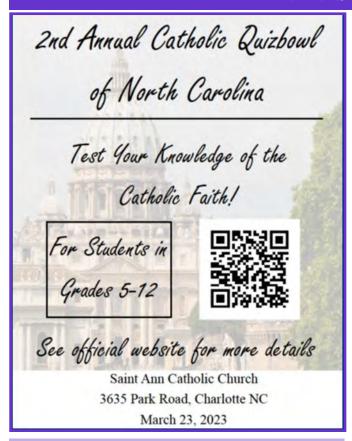
Email <u>info@thevigilantretreat.com</u> if you have any questions. We can't wait to see you there!



Volunteers Needed for Easter Vigil RCIA Reception - March 30

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, our parish welcomes NEW Catholics into our church. At St. Ann's we also celebrate this special event with a large reception after mass to personally welcome these individuals into our wonderful community! We greatly need volunteers to help make this celebration special for our participating RCIA candidates and their family and friends! Please consider volunteering to provide food or beverages for this event! We also need assistance with setting up, serving during the event, and clean-up! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45AFA822A57-48139016-2024#/ Contact Brenda Kresak at 678-793-2510 or bkresak@gmail.com for more info!

EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S



Bereavement Committee:

St. Ann Church is in need of members for our Bereavement Committee. Please prayerfully consider joining this group to support fellow parishioners in their time of loss. Attend and pray with parishioners during the Funeral mass, send a note of prayers and encouragement, or commit to praying for the repose of the soul of our deceased parishioners and for the comfort of their loved ones. For more information, please contact:

Maria Kunisch at Maria.Kunisch@gmail.com or (561) 252-5040

St. Ann Homeless Ministry

is in need of more volunteers on 3/17, 4/21 etc. We cook and serve a hot meal one Sunday a month for those in need.

Email consolielliot@gmail.com or text

704-497-6998 if you would like to help and for further details. You must be 16 to serve at the shelter but no age required to help cook and prepare meals.

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.

ORIENTATION COME + SEE!

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGEL GROUP

When: Tuesday, March 19th @ 7 pm

Where: Classroom 1 & 2 of the St. Ann Parish Allen Center

The group, led by Jennifer Ingallinera, will meet monthly to pray and to study Opus Angelorum's Formation Letters in preparation for the Consecration to the Holy Guardian Angel.



"BEHOLD, I SEND AN ANGEL BEFORE YOU, TO GUARD YOU ON YOUR WAY AND TO BRING YOU TO THE PLACE WHICH I HAVE PREPARED." EXODUS 23:20

Read more about the program at: https://opusangelorum.org/consecrations (or scan QR code below)

Register by March 10th: Email st.annangelgroup@gmail.com

Provide: your First Name, Last Name, Email, Phone.

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



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. **March 24th and 31st** we are off for Holy Week. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlblatchford@rcdoc.org



Important First Communion Dates: Students received their banner kits, and they should be completed by April 20th. If your child missed our confession day, please contact me to reschedule. The Eucharist Retreat is on Saturday, April 20th from 9-12:30. This mandatory retreat will focus on a greater understanding of the Eucharist, and students will have an opportunity to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular. We need 8 parent volunteers to act as guides and helpers during the retreats. Please contact Virginia Blatchford, Faith Formation Director, if you can help.

Confirmation: All Candidates need to complete their volunteer and adoration hours, sponsor form, saint report, and letter to Fr. Reid before our retreat. The Confirmation Retreat is on March 16th from 9am-3pm at Belmont Abbey in the student center. Our date for Confirmation is April 21st at the 10:30 Mass. Rehearsal will be at 8:30 am in the gym on April 21st. Sponsors must attend. For questions call: Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or Vlblatchford@rcdoc.org

Teen Apologetics classes run from 9:00-10:10 am in classroom 2 in the Allen Center. We are currently working on **Apologetics**, the Catholic Argument, and Natural Law. Our book is *Why We're Catholic* by Trent Horn. This class is open to all students who have been confirmed. We follow the Faith Formation Calendar so we will not have class on March 24th and 31st for Holy Week.

St. Ann Summer Catechesis is Calling **All Saints in the Making!** Save the date for Summer Camp at St. Ann's. We fly up, up, and away with the **Saints on the Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love.** Our catechesis will take place on July 22-26th from 8:30am-12:15pm each day so save the dates. The campers will learn about several saints and study how to emulate the virtues of faith, hope, and love in their own lives. This exciting week is filled with crafts, songs, games, stories, and special scriptures to learn. Currently, we are looking for teachers for each station and adults to act as group guides. We would also love to have an online assistant for sign-ups and emails. Additionally, we welcome teens to help with each group of campers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Virginia Blatchford, Faith Formation Director at sumcatstann@gmail.com

Deacon and Dogma: The next classes are March 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.

St. Ann's **Formed.org** account has many resources for our parish. They have movies and devotionals for Lent. Be sure to look at all the options. They have many audio books available with classic Ignatius titles, several by Joseph Pierce. Our parish code is Y6ZQ8M. A direct link is found on our parish website.



2024 Diocesan Youth Conference: DYC brings together high school youth from around the diocese for a theme-centered weekend of workshops, led by youth and adults alike, keynote speakers, entertainment, daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and confession – all providing the opportunity to grow in the Catholic faith. This conference is held at Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, N.C. from April 26th to 28th. Please go to the Charlotte diocese website to register!

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



St. Ann Family Ministry Corner

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

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." St. Therese of Lisieux

Save the Date
Family Potluck/Rosary
night: March 9, 2024
For more information go to
abearacres.org



Challenge: Take time this week to spend time in front

of a crucifix.. Discuss the 10 Commandments with your family using our Lenten Family Companion at yourholyfamily.org/2024-lent

Caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ During this Lenten season please consider donating personal hygiene items to the Missionaries of the Poor. The brothers in Monroe will be sending a container truck to Jamaica. A collection container will be in the south vestibule this weekend through the end of March. Items needed are: bars of soap, men's deodorant, women's deodorant, lotion for men and women, toothpaste, tooth brushes, men's cologne, women's perfume, baby powder. Please contact Chris Brunhuber if you have questions at ccb2691@icloud.com. The collection will run until March 31st

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MEDIA

Nannies wanted. Several young families in our parish are looking for part-time nannies. If you are interested, please call the parish office (704-523-464, ext. 221), or send an email to the office address (stanncharlotte@rcdoc.org).

Parish Resources: Open Light Media materials, produced by the Dominican Sisters, has excellent content! 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 OPENLIGHT

in the name and address exactly as above or the account will not pop up!

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

Virtus is changing to CMG Connect. The Diocese of Charlotte is enhancing its Safe Environment program with new, comprehensive policies and procedures updated for today's issues and needs. Among other updates, the diocese has shifted from Virtus to a streamlined platform called CMG Connect. All who volunteer or work in the Diocese of Charlotte will need to be set up and certified through CMG Connect. If your Virtus account contained your email address, please look for an email from the diocese or your local Safe Environment coordinator with instructions for how to access your new CMG Connect account. For **new volunteers,** please contact your local parish's Safe Environment coordinator, Virginia Blatchford for further instructions or you can visit https:// charlottediocese.org/offices/safe-environment/ register as a new volunteer.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry Collection

1st and 3rd weekends of every month Next collection: March 16-17

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



Our Parishioners

Roe 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),

Geremy Kuhn, (son of Carol & Dennis Kuhn) Steve Frank Maureen Frost (Sister-in-law of Regina Beach Hoar) Brian Blatchford Betsy Devarakonda Danny Williams

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



We are in need of an adorer on Tuesdays at 6 PM. If you can help, please contact Cecilia Balman at (704) 618-7648

Lenten Project-WELLS OF SALVATION: Our Parish will take part in the Cross Catholic Project to **supply clean water** to people in desperate need in poor countries. We will collect the boxes the weekend after Easter on April 6th and 7th.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

ONE Body in CHRIST

2024 DSA



We are now six weeks into the Diocesan Support Appeal campaign, and we need each of you to help us reach our goal of \$141,842. Please make your pledge,

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have not yet done so. Any shortfall will be paid out of our operating funds.





Pregnant? Need Help?
Birthright of Charlotte
offers help and hope
Services are free and confidential
Call 704.975.8572
Come to 4435 Monroe Road

birthrightofcharlotte.org

Birthright of Charlotte is an emergency pregnancy center offering positive assistance and aid to those facing an unplanned or problem pregnancy.

St. Vincent ACES Senior Club invite all seniors 45+ young to join us on Thurs., March 14 at 11 am in the Activity Center as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a "Wearing of the Green Contest," a traditional Irish Buffet and music by Celtic Artists "ANANDA." Cost is \$13/pp members and \$14/pp guest. Please RSVP by Fri., March 8 to Donna Anderson text or call 704-607-6880 or email danderson@cottinghamchalk.com. NEWCOMERS WELCOME. Seats available for "The Cross" 4th Easter Trip. 3/16/24: Margaritaville Musical-6/9/24, The Motown Sound -9/8/24; A Capital Christmas-Washington DC 12/13-15/24 contact Peggy gibbons1@att.net or 704-588-5870 (leave a message).





COMPASSION FOR THE SICK & DYING

MARCH 16, 2024 | 8:00 AM - 6:45 PM THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PATRICK | CHARLOTTE, NC

PRESENTATION TOPICS

Legal Trends in Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia
Ethical Concerns for Persons with
Disabilities and the Elderly
Palliative and End of Life Care for
Newborns and Infants
and more!

CONTINUING EDUCATION AVAILABLE FOR:

Physicians | Physician Assistants Nurses | Nurse Practitioners Chaplains | Social Workers



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HEALED AND RESTORED:

Transforming Women's Lives One Heart at a Time WE NEED YOUR HELP





and tend to a need that's been overlooked in our communities and in the Charlotte Diocese in general. **Our mission** is to transform female victims of trauma and assault into strong survivors who positively impact the world, believe their worthiness, and feel God's love. **Our vision** is to strengthen women who are suffering after physically and mentally traumatic experiences through therapy, workshops and retreats. **Our goal** is to provide a safe, faith-filled home for women to receive mind, body, spirit and soul care free of charge with a residential program.

We are growing and so are our needs! We are looking for a space to rent (commercial or residential) in the Lake Norman/Charlotte area with a minimum of 900 square feet where we can hold group and one-on-one counseling sessions, workshops on life skills, nutrition education, and physical fitness therapy for the women we serve. If you or someone you know own a property that you think may fulfill our needs, we ask that you reach out to us by emailing us at info@healedandrestored.org

To learn more about what we do visit our website www.healedandrestored.org. With your help we can continue to make a difference in women's lives! Thank you!

Adore
Restore
Ignite
Serve
Eucharist

Is there a battle plan for your journey of faith? Join us as we gather insights into the meaning of spiritual warfare. Come learn how to be more than conquerors!

Keynote Speaker

Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR



A gifted Spiritual Director, and one of the founding members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Fr. Sudano serves others through pastoral counseling and spiritual deliverance ministry. He has led retreats across the U.S. and Europe, and is an Exorcist for the Diocese of Newark, NJ.

What?

Southeastern Women's Retreat ARISE!

Who?

Women (25 yrs+) from the Dioceses of Savannah, Atlanta, Charleston, and Charlotte

Where?

Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center Maggie Valley, NC

When?

SAVE THE DATES!! April 26-28, 2024

Cost

\$250 – Overnight Guests, Friday and Saturday (Includes Meals, Lodging)

\$85 – Commuter Option Saturday (Does Not Include Overnight)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 17, 2024

Registration is limited! Early sign up is encouraged!
Register and Submit Payment Using Link Below or Scan QR Code Provided

https://forms.gle/7WEH3ZReBJoXJzdSA



Contact for Questions: Sarah Hankes @ 770-906-8783 or Email @ sewomensretreat@gmail.com

