



# ST. ANN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 1, 2023



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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
<b>Sunday, January 1</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Intentions of our parish family <b>10:30 am</b> Intentions of thank and praise <i>by Mike and Jan Collin</i> <b>12:30 pm Latin Mass</b> Intentions of James Hetzel <i>by the family</i>	
<b>Monday, January 2</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Mass intentions of Christine Carrol <i>by the Parides family</i>	OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Classroom 3), Fraternus (Gym)
<b>Tuesday, January 3</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> + David Vandenberg <i>by the Alderman family</i>	8:00 am Adoration begins (Church) 6:00 pm INFL basketball practice
<b>Wednesday, January 4</b>	<b>6:00 pm Latin Mass</b> + Nate Stratton <i>by Eric and Sharon Kucia</i>	Adoration continues (Church) 5:00 pm Holy Hour Church 7:00 pm Fidelis (Gym)
<b>Thursday, January 5</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Mass Intentions of Timothy Lewis <i>by Marvin and Paula Schrum</i>	10:00 am Catholic Scripture Study-Classroom 3 2:30 pm Church in use 5:30 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Gym in use
<b>Friday, January 6</b>	<b>7:00 am Latin Mass</b> + Poor Souls in Purgatory by the Association of Holy Souls <b>8:30 am</b> + Tony Frame <i>by Maria Ebinger</i>	8:00 am All rooms, chapel in use 1:00 pm Church cry room in use 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
<b>Saturday, January 7</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b> Intentions of Matthew and Katherine Gallegos <i>by the Ferrante family</i>	9:00 am Faith Formation retreat, 1st confessions 1:00 pm INFL basketball game 1:30 pm Wedding (Church)
<b>Sunday, January 8</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Intentions of Paula Schrum <b>10:30 am</b> Intentions of our Parish family <b>12:30 pm Latin Mass</b> + Francis Jarvis <i>by the Ferrante family</i>	9:00 am Teen Apologetics (Classroom 1&2) 9:15 am Donuts and Dogma (Café)



Dear Parishioners,

A blessed and happy new year to all of you! 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, 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 weekend in our Novus Ordo Masses, we will celebrate Epiphany on its traditional date, Friday, January 6, in the Latin Mass. As we've done in years past, there will be the traditional blessing of Epiphany water on the Vigil of Epiphany (Thursday, 05 January) at 6:30pm (after Confessions). 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 morefully into the likeness of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Reid*

Fr. Reid

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



### 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.

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](http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub).

**Make checks payable to:  
St. Ann Catholic Church**



**Your Stewardship of Treasure***807 registered families*

<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
December 4	24,930.85	22,961.53	1,969.32

YTD July 01-December 4, 2022

\$ 545,068.08    \$ 528,115.19    \$ 16,952.89

**Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:****Rectory Loan: \$573,479.85    5 Year Plan Loan \$323,690.68**

—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 2022****DSA 2022:**

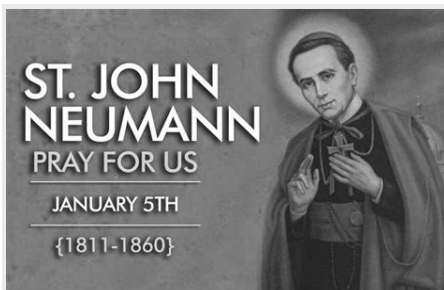
<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 142,362.00</b>
<b>Pledged:</b>	<b>129,868.04</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>121,965.17</b>
<b>Pledge Balance:</b>	<b>8,002.87</b>
<b>Assessment Balance</b>	<b>20,396.83</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>183</b>

**Priest Retirement 2022**

<b>Assessment:</b>	<b>\$36,932.00</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>30,151.81</b>
<b>Assessment Balance:</b>	<b>6,780.19</b>

**Give Electronically at [www.StAnnCharlotte.org](http://www.StAnnCharlotte.org)*****St. Ann's Parish Directory Final photo opportunity!***

In an effort to make the directory a success, volunteers will be available **after all the Masses the weekend of January 21-22**. The directory is an important tool for the parish office, as well as a help to families. If you have not had your family photo taken by the directory photographer or submitted a photo to the parish office yet, here is your chance to have a photo taken at no cost, and no extra hassle for you! **Please stop by the table in the narthex after Mass for a quick snapshot** of your family. We greatly appreciate your help to reach 100% participation in the parish directory!



John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, where he became popular with the Germans.

At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twenty fold within a short time. Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement. Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia.

## EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

**Respect Life**

**PRAY:** Please offer a prayer for the unborn, that the Christ Child - Who became an unborn baby for us - may guide them safely to their birthdays.

**GIVE:** Please continue your great generosity to our beloved MiraVia and Be Not Afraid. You can learn more about their missions and donate at their websites, <https://miravia.org> and <https://benotafraid.net>.

**ACT:** The **17th annual March for Life Charlotte** will be Friday, Jan. 13, 2023. Marchers may start to gather at 11:00am at the school bus parking lot across the street from 1123 S. Church St. Instructions before the march will be at 11:45am and we will march at noon to the corner of Trade and Tryon Streets for prayer and a prolife witness. Fr. Aaron Huber, Parochial Vicar of St. Mark Catholic Church will be our guest preacher. On the day of the march there will be a Mass offered for The Unborn at 9:00am at St. Vincent de Paul and on Jan. 12th the night before the march there will be a Traditional Latin Mass offered for The Unborn at 7:00pm at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please join us to pray and stand up for God's precious Little Ones! Visit [marchforlifecharlotte.com](http://marchforlifecharlotte.com) for details on parking and Mass and march schedule.

A n y q u e s t i o n s  
email [marchforlifecharlotte@fidei.email](mailto:marchforlifecharlotte@fidei.email)

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

1st and 3rd weekends of every month

**January 7-8 and 21-22**

**Chaplet of the Holy Face of Jesus Christ**

is prayed in our chapel every Tuesday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

Please join us for this beautiful chaplet honoring the five wounds (five senses) of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to ask of God the triumph of His holy Church. We say the version that is 15-20 minutes.

Any questions email Chantal at:

[mommytots@att.net](mailto:mommytots@att.net).

**St. Ann** has just renewed our parish membership for Open Light Media. To access the content, please sign up to create an account as though you are purchasing the membership. When you get to the checkout step, enter the parish code and your balance should go to zero. Our parish code is `oplsaccdocp0pfreeyear`

This code will allow you to access all the material on the site. The materials are produced by the Dominican Sisters so the content is excellent!

\*I recommend the Manners Mondays which are a 2-3 minute clips found here <https://openlightmedia.com/manners-monday/>

\*They also have a variety of videos on their channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/OpenlightMedia/videos>



\*At St. Ann's we also have **Formed.org** which has a collection of kids programs in the series by Brother Francis. Our parish code is `Y6ZQ8M`

The link to the program is here: <https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-1/season:1/videos/the-saints-our-heavenly-friends>

\*We also recommend the **90-day free trial for the Hallow app** during Advent. This app is an authentically Catholic source that brings you the daily Gospel, Rosary, meditations, homilies, and many sources of Advent music. It has special content for families to guide little ones to prayer, Mass preparation, Bible stories, and the sacraments. As each day closes, you can use it for Night Prayer, Examination before sleep, and much more. Take part in the Pray 25 challenge in your family.

**Seven Sisters Apostolate  
for our Deacons**

Thanks be to God, we have Fr. Reid and Fr. Jones covered in prayer seven days a week - 1 holy hour/day. Now I am looking for prayer Warriors for our DEACONS...Deacon Thomas Sanctis and Deacon Peter Tonon. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Sarah Miller at [Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com](mailto:Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com).

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**Faith Formation 2022-23**

Classes have started and meet Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:10 a.m. Forms for registration will be available at the church office and on the parish website. Payment is due at the time of registration. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231. We are off until January 8th.

**First Communion Families:**

Please note on your calendars that we have **changed the 1st Communion Date to April 29th. The First Mandatory Confession Retreat is on January 7th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Remember to bring the completed packet of homework that goes with the St. Joseph Catechism Book. If we do not have your baptism certificate, please bring it to the retreat.**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Our RCIA team meets for classes on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Center. Meetings are held from September through May. The RCIA program is an introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, and exploration of what it means to be a Christian, and preparation to enter fully into the Catholic community through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please contact Virginia Blatchford, Director of Faith Formation, with any questions [vlblatchford@rcdoc.org](mailto:vlblatchford@rcdoc.org)

**Prayer cards of our Statues**

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

**Deacons and Dogma**

Deacon Tonon will host a class for adults from 9-10:10 in the café. These classes take place on each class day for Faith Formation. This is a great time for parents of Faith Formation students to deepen their beliefs, and enjoy faith filled conversations with other adults as they gather tools to use in the world. All adults are invited! We are off until January 8th.

**Teen Apologetics**

All students who have been confirmed are invited to join the Young Adult Apologetics classes. Classes are from 9-10:10 am, follow the faith formation schedule, and meet in the upstairs classroom at the Allen Center. We are starting Apologetics 7: How to Read the Bible by San Juan Catholic Seminars. Our next class is on January 8th.

**LoveEd**

A Catholic Program  
for Parents & Kids

We are happy to once again offer the LoveEd. Program at St. Ann. The LoveEd Program is designed to empower parents to teach both the theology and science of human sexuality within the context of God's plan for love and life. The opening event and information session will be open to all parents of children from ages 2 – 14 years of age, and it will be offered as an at home video session. Follow up sessions for both parents and their children (grades 4-6 and 6-8, fathers/sons and mothers/daughters) are scheduled at St. Ann's Allen Center as follows: the level 1 sessions will be offered on January 21, 8-10 am, and the Level 2 sessions will be offered on January 24, 6-8 pm. The LoveEd program can also be completed in its entirety at home. Please contact Virginia Blatchford, Office of Faith Formation at [vlblatchford@rcdoc.org](mailto:vlblatchford@rcdoc.org) with any questions.

## MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN



You are invited to attend a monthly gathering on the **2nd Saturday of each month** hosted by the Eitzenberger and Hebert Families. The event includes a pot-luck meal, fellowship, recreation and concludes with praying a rosary with other families on their journey to holiness. For more details and to sign up, please visit [abearacres.org](http://abearacres.org) or contact Denae at 512-657-4388 -denae@yourhollyfamily.org



### 33 Hours of Adoration

**Tuesdays 8 am—  
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/9040b48aaab2aabb49-eucharistic1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48aaab2aabb49-eucharistic1)**. Contact  
Cecilia Balman: [vabalman@aol.com](mailto:vabalman@aol.com).

**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](mailto:stannpray_ers@comporium.net)

**The Men's Club of Saint Ann** is looking for new members and volunteers. If your interested in joining, reach out to Paul Sorge at 704.430.8129/ [paulsorge@yahoo.com](mailto:paulsorge@yahoo.com)

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

## LATIN MASS CORNER

### Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar

January 1	Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord - 1 <sup>st</sup> class
January 2	Holy Name of Jesus - 2 <sup>nd</sup> class
January 3	Feria - 4 <sup>th</sup> class
January 4	Feria - 4 <sup>th</sup> class
January 5	Feria - 4 <sup>th</sup> class
January 6	The Epiphany of the Lord - 1 <sup>st</sup> class
January 7	Saturday of Our Lady - 4 <sup>th</sup> class
January 8	The Holy Family - 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 Questions?** Email:  
[info@charlottelatinmass.org](mailto:info@charlottelatinmass.org).  
**For Latin Mass news,** visit  
[www.charlottelatinmass.org](http://www.charlottelatinmass.org)

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

**MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION***Want to Reconnect?***Try a Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat!**

It can help you to remember  
what is important!

And bring you  
back together.

On a Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat, you'll listen to  
engaging talks from married couples, just like you, that  
have navigated the path of reconnecting a disconnected  
marriage. Then, you and your spouse privately share  
guided exercises to practically apply the concepts you've  
learned. And you'll bring home powerful communication  
tools—and meaningful memories, that will help you to  
stay connected for years to come!

Visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)  
to Register for an Upcoming  
Western Carolina Retrouvaille  
Weekend Retreat  
or Call (704) 702-2112  
for Information  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Retrouvaille of Western Carolina is hosting a weekend  
for married couples who are looking to reconnect and  
develop communication and healing Jan. 13-15. Visit:  
<https://community.helpourmarriage.org/weekends.php>  
to register for an upcoming weekend.

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](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa)**  
to make a gift online.

**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.

**Catholic Quizbowl of North Carolina**

All students, grades 5th-12th, are invited to com-  
pete in the first annual Catholic Quizbowl of North  
Carolina competition on March 4, 2023 from 9am-  
4pm in the Allen Center at St. Ann Catholic  
Church. Details and rules can be found on the  
website at [www.nccatholicquizbowl.blogspot.com](http://www.nccatholicquizbowl.blogspot.com).  
Please email Mary Margaret Lewis at [marymarga-  
retlewis03@gmail.com](mailto:marymarga-<br/>retlewis03@gmail.com) with any questions.

**MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN****Our Parishioners**

Roe family,  
Chuck Sollard,  
Edward McNally,  
Mark Ponischil,  
Mckenzie Hansen,  
Anna Sobus & family,  
Thomas Lauer & family  
Maximiliano Cardlle  
Susan Carter

**Our friends and family:**

Ellen Hill (sister of  
Yvonne Dundee)  
Michelle Obruba  
(friend of Skorupa family)  
Jennifer Arnold  
(friend of Nancy Tota)  
Mary Regester  
(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)  
Muriel Johnson  
Christine Weiss &  
family,

Jimmy Dixon  
(Mary Ann Wolff)  
Thais Turner  
(mother of Carmel  
Palanos)

Judah

(grandson of Carol Fiore)

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)

Jeremy Kuhn, (son of  
Carol & Dennis Kuhn),  
Don Perkins (friend of  
Mary Ann Wolff)

Jan Hart

**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

**For the Repose  
of the Soul of:**

Rose Marie (Abbey)  
Lejk



## DIOCESAN EVENTS



**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™  
FORMATION SERIES**

**YEAR-ROUND MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR  
SMALL COMMUNITIES OF SPOUSES**

**SERIES ONE: Family, is Domestic Church**

**FEATURING:**

  
**DANIELLE BEAN**

  
**DAMON OWENS**

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Couples gather monthly for a 7-part series
- A meal and time for fellowship
- Short, compelling video presentations
- A Bring It Home component that translates learning into living
- Available for Spanish-speaking couples through translated materials
- Cost of registration is \$50 per couple

For questions, email Ashley Soriano at [ashleysoriano@stannfamily.org](mailto:ashleysoriano@stannfamily.org)

**PRESENTED BY**  **ST. ANN**

 **SCAN TO SIGN UP  
AND LEARN MORE!**

Sign up for the Formation Series at [www.togetherinholiness.org](http://www.togetherinholiness.org)

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

If you would like to donate grocery items,  
schedule a time on our webpage:

[www.ccdoc.org/en/donate/donate-grocery-items](http://www.ccdoc.org/en/donate/donate-grocery-items)

**Knights of Columbus  
Meetings**

**1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm  
St. Patrick's Family Life Center**

Learn more about how the Knights of  
Columbus serve God's people.

Contact Richard Mills, Financial Secretary at  
[rjm2108@aol.com](mailto:rjm2108@aol.com).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

call: 803-810-9602,

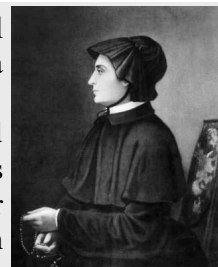
visit: [SCMarriageMatters.org](http://SCMarriageMatters.org),

email: [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org).

St. Vincent ACES Senior Club invite all seniors 45+ young to join us on Wednesday, January 4 at 11am in the Activity Center as we celebrate our 30th anniversary and enjoy a Southern Buffet, and welcome well-known USO and national musician Theresa Eaman with her Swing sound of the 30's, 40's, & 50's. Cost is \$12/pp members and \$13/pp guest. Please RSVP by Friday, December 30 to Betty Smith at 864-517-4557 [betty-murraysmith@gmail.com](mailto:betty-murraysmith@gmail.com). **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND.** Seats available for our "Elvis Presley" Tribute Trip, Sunday, February 12, 2023, 3:00pm. For trip information or registration forms email [pgibbons1@att.net](mailto:pgibbons1@att.net). or 704-588-5870 (leave a message).

Elizabeth Ann Bayley, the first American-born saint, was the daughter of a distinguished colonial family in New York City, her father a physician and professor at what later became Columbia University. Her grandfather was rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Staten Island.

Born in 1774 she married William Magee Seton, a wealthy young businessman, in 1794. They had five children. Mr. Seton had reversals in business and lost his fortune, and a sea voyage was recommended to recover his health. The couple, along with their eldest daughter, embarked for Italy in 1803 and were given hospitality by the Filicchi family of Leghorn. William Seton died in Pisa less than three months later. Influenced by her stay in Italy, **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** became a Catholic upon her return to the United States, against the opposition of her family. In August 1807, she was invited by the superior of the Baltimore Sulpicians to found a school for girls near the Sulpician seminary in Baltimore. With the help of Archbishop Carroll, she organized a group of young women to assist her in her work, received a religious rule and habit from him, and took the vows of religion. In 1809, she moved her headquarters to Emmitsburg, adopted a modified version of the rule of St. Vincent de Paul for the French Sisters of Charity, and laid the foundation for the Catholic parochial school system in the United States. She trained her sisters for teaching, wrote textbooks for classrooms, worked among the poor, the sick, and the black people of the region, and directed the work of her congregation. In 1814, she sent her nuns to open an orphanage in Philadelphia and another in New York City in 1817. She died on January 4, 1821, and was canonized by Pope Paul VI on September 14, 1975. Her body is enshrined at the motherhouse of the American Sisters of Charity in Emmitsburg.



## 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, 8 8 8 - 6 3 0 - 5 9 2 9 , or online : **[www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC](http://www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC).**

**NOTE: If you suspect a child is in danger, contact 9-1-1 or local law enforcement agency.**

### **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.

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

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