



ST. ANN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 15, 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
Sunday, January 15	8:00 am Intentions of Hadi family <i>by Han family</i> 10:30 am Intentions of Kate Miller <i>by the family</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass Intentions of the parish	9:00 am Teen Apologetics (Classroom 1&2) 9:00 am Baptism Class (Conference room) 9:15 am Donuts and Dogma (Café) 12:00 pm Diocesan Anniversary Reception (Cafeteria)
Monday, January 16	7:00 am <i>Intentions of Thais Turner, Sr. by the Palanos family</i>	OFFICE CLOSED, NO SCHOOL 3:00 pm Church in Use 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Classroom 3), Fraternus (Gym, cafe) RCIA (Classroom 1&2)
Tuesday, January 17	7:00 am <i>Intentions of Mary Palanos by the Palanos family</i>	8:00 am Adoration begins (Church) 6:00 pm INF basketball practice
Wednesday, January 18	6:00 pm Latin Mass +Mary R. Nigro <i>by Debbie Walsh</i>	<i>Adoration continues (Church)</i> 8:00 am Library, classrooms 1,2,3,4 in use 5:00 pm Holy Hour Church 7:00 pm Fidelis (Gym) Parish Council (Cafe)
Thursday, January 19	7:00 am +Sheila Kay Chastain <i>by the Gallagher family</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
Friday, January 20	7:00 am Latin Mass <i>Intentions of Farah Shayeghi by the family</i> 8:30 am + Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>by the Duncan family</i>	8:00 am Rooms 1-3, cryrooms, chapel in use 6:00 pm INF basketball practice
Saturday, January 21	4:30 pm <i>Intentions of the Parish</i>	8:00 am LoveEd (Rooms 1-4, library) 8:30 am INF basketball game 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)
Sunday, January 22	8:00 am <i>Intentions of Fr. Ramiro Pijerino by the family</i> 10:30 am <i>Intentions of Marie Schroeder by Mary Gober</i> 12:30 pm Latin Mass <i>Intentions of Helen Nobers by the family</i>	9:00 am Teen Apologetics (Classroom 1&2) 9:15 am Donuts and Dogma (Café) 2:00 pm Baptism (Church)
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Dear Parishioners,

During the month of January, we will be praying the Rosary before our 8am Sunday Masses. As you know, this month is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in our country. While Roe v. Wade was overturned last summer, abortion is not gone. So, we must still pray for an end to abortion, especially here in North Carolina.

Currently, I am working with the Willet-Hauser company to design new lower stained-glass windows for our church. Willet-Hauser recently refashioned our chapel windows (and did a very nice job). Our current lower stained-glass windows were installed when the original part of our church was built in 1960. And after serving us well for over 60 years, they are now buckling and cracking. Unfortunately, they were not of very high quality, which is why we need to replace them.

As we have 12 windows, we will have windows representing the apostles. The hope is to design the windows such that they fit in seamlessly with our very beautiful upper windows – which is no small task. Once we have the designs completed, I will make them available for viewing.

At present, I do not know how long this project will take. Right now, we are just in the design phase. But I do know that the project will cost \$300,000. To pay for the windows, we will be memorializing each window for \$25,000. If you'd like to reserve one of the windows to honor or memorialize a loved one, please contact me directly.

Hope your 2023 is off to a good start!

Fr. Reid

Rw TS RD

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



Diaper Drive

This is the Last week we will be collecting Diapers and baby wipes for MiraVia! We will be collecting baby wipes and diapers in sizes 4,5,6, and 7. place all items in the bin in the Narthex!

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
December 11	22,999.19	22,961.53	37.66
December 18	27,147.67	22,961.53	4,186.14
December 25	31,910.50	22,961.53	8,948.97
YTD July 01-December 25, 2022			
	\$635,463.44	\$ 597,000.00	\$ 38,463.44

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:

Goal:	\$ 142,362.00
Pledged:	132,258.04
Received:	125,857.97
Pledge Balance:	6,400.07
Assessment Balance	16,504.03
Donors:	186

Priest Retirement 2022

Assessment:	\$36,932.00
Received:	33,445.88
Assessment Balance:	3,486.12

Give Electronically at 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!



1. Thank you to all the volunteers who cleaned our church during church cleaning day in preparation for Christmas.

2. We are in need of a volunteer or volunteers who would like to handle our food collection ministry. This would entail picking up the non perishable food items collected after the masses the first and third weekends of the month and taking them to Catholic Charities for their food bank. Please contact Chris Brunhuber at 704 241-2577 or ccb2691@icloud.com

EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Respect Life

Respect Life for January: Spiritual Adoption of the Abortion Vulnerable. Our unborn baby is 3 months old! The poster showing the development of a 3-month-old unborn baby is on display in the narthex this weekend.

PRAY: The January Mass for Our Blessed Lady's Respect Life intentions will be **Saturday, January 28th, at 8am (MEF)**. Holy Hour of Reparation and prayers at PP will follow as usual.

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: There are THREE pro-life marches this month! We invite you to attend one, two, or all of them!

Charlotte March for Life: Friday, January 13th. Mass at 9am, Rally at 11am, March at 12pm. More info at <https://www.marchforlifeforcharlotte.com/>.

North Carolina March for Life: Saturday, January 14th. Mass at 11am, Rally at 12:30, March at 2:30. The diocesan Family Life office is organizing a bus trip - more info at <https://charlottediocese.org/ofl-bus-trip-to-raleigh-registration-form/>.

National March for Life in DC: Friday, January 20th. The Family Life office is organizing a bus trip - more info at <https://charlottediocese.org/ofl-pilgrimage-to-washington-registration-form/>.

Please join our email list for up-to-date information and alerts on pro-life issues and events. Email Rachel Shrader at peregrinenorth@gmail.com to be added to the list.

**Food Collections Catholic Charities
Diocese of Charlotte Food Pantry**
1st and 3rd weekends of every month
January 21-22

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 `oplsaccdcp0pfreeyear`

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/](https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-1/season:1/videos/the-saints-our-heavenly-friends)



[brother-francis-1/season:1/videos/the-saints-our-heavenly-friends](https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-1/season:1/videos/the-saints-our-heavenly-friends)

* 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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation 2022-23

Classes 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. For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231. No class this weekend. We are back at class January 22 and 29.

**First Communion Families:**

Please note that the 1st Communion Date is April 29th. Our First Confession Day is on January 28th at 10:00 am. Everyone stays until the last child completes their confession. Those who are waiting are present for adoration. If we do not have your baptism certificate, please bring it to the office.

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

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 do not have class this weekend, but we resume on January 22 and 29th.

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. We do not have class this weekend, but we have class on the 22 and 29th of January.

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, vlblatchford@rcdoc.org with any questions.

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN*Valentine's Event*

The Young Couples and Families ministry is comprised of newly married couples and families in the beginning years of parenthood! Our next event is a Valentine's Event on February 5th. Please email clarajdavison@gmail.com for more information about this event and to be added to the Young Couples and Families email list.

**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/9040b48aaab2aabf49-eucharistic1. Contact Cecilia Balman: vabalman@aol.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.



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 or contact Denae at 512-657-4388 -denae@yourhollyfamily.org

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

LATIN MASS CORNER**Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Calendar**

January 15	Second Sunday after Epiphany - 2 nd class
January 16	St. Marcellus I - 3 rd class
January 17	St. Anthony, Abbot - 3 rd class
January 18	Feria - 4th class
January 19	Feria - 4th class
January 20	Ss. Fabian and Sebastian - 3 rd class
January 21	St. Agnes - 3 rd class
January 22	Third Sunday after Epiphany - 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? Email: info@charlottelatinmass.org.

For Latin Mass news, visit www.charlottelatinmass.org

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

MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on Oct 14-16, in Charlotte, contact Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: billlynfolsom@gmail.com (3 L's in a row) or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Catholic Quizbowl of North Carolina

All students, grades 5th-12th, are invited to compete in the first annual Catholic Quizbowl of North Carolina competition on March 4 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. Please email Mary Margaret Lewis at mary-margaretlewis03@gmail.com with any questions.

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.



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.

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Bus Trip to *National March for Life* January 19-21

Depart from Charlotte Thursday, January 19 and return Saturday, January 21. Includes the Vigil Mass at the National Shrine, NC Pilgrim Mass, and March for Life, as well as a trip to the National John Paul II Shrine in DC. Cost is \$200/person (double room), \$300/person (single room), or \$50/person (college student).

Register at <https://charlottediocese.org/ofl-pilgrimage-to-washington-registration-form/> or use the QR code.



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
rtn2108@aol.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

call: 803-810-9602,

visit: SCMarriageMatters.org,

email: applications@scmarriagematters.org.



A popular saint about whom little is known, Agnes is said to have been a beautiful, wealthy Roman maiden who had, in childhood, dedicated herself to God. Some say that a rejected suitor betrayed her to authorities; others say that she was asked at 13 to sacrifice to the gods and marry, both of which she refused. Legends tell of her being thrown into a brothel, where her purity was miraculously preserved. Having escaped that fate, she was martyred. In the IV Century, Constantia, the daughter of Constantine, built a basilica on the site of her tomb. St. Ambrose wrote about Agnes in De virginitate, and Damasus I wrote an epitaph for her. Prudentius composed a hymn in her honor. Her emblem in art is the lamb because of the similarity between her name and the Latin word for lamb, agnus.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESSTM
FORMATION SERIES

YEAR-ROUND MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES OF SPOUSES

SERIES ONE: Family, a 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 ashley@forlifefamily.org

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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

REMINDERS

Please to be mindful of our Lord's presence whenever you are in the church. **Making sure to genuflect whenever you pass before the tabernacle, maintaining a prayerful silence in the church, dressing modestly** and silencing cell phones are practices that we would all do well to follow—not simply out of respect for our Lord, but for the benefit of our fellow parishioners as well. Thank you!

As you come into the church, please keep in mind that we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Make sure to lock your cars and trucks. Either keep your personal items with you in church or lock them in your trunk. *This is for your safety.*

If you are approached by panhandlers on the church campus, **please do not give them money.** Instead, direct them to the parish office for financial assistance. *We have the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need.* Thank you!

Low gluten hosts are available at Holy Communion for those who need them. To receive a low gluten host, go to the eagle lectern after everyone else has received Holy Communion.

Be sure you are up to date on your **Protecting God's Children information & the Virtus monthly bulletins.** You need to up date your **Background Check every five (5) years.** All forms are online on the Diocese of Charlotte website: under Safe Environment & Volunteers.

If you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns safely, securely and anonymously 24/7 over the phone using the diocese's new hotline, 888-630-5929, or online: **www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.**

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