



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 7, 2024



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**Parish Office Hours**

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

**Liturgical Schedule**

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

*(Changes in the schedule noted inside)*

**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**

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.

+ Deceased	Mass Intentions	Meetings & Events
<b>Sunday, July 7</b>	<p><b>8:00 am</b> (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Macia &amp; Jerry Schmidt <i>by the family</i></p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> (Novus Ordo) Intentions of our Parish</p> <p><b>12:30 pm</b> Intentions of Stephanie Shayeghi <i>by the family</i></p>	<p>9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3)</p>
<b>Monday, July 8</b>	<p><b>7:00 am</b> (Novus Ordo) + Maxine Sinkbeil <i>by James and Lynda Transue</i></p>	<p>7:00 pm Fraternus (Gym, Café)</p>
<b>Tuesday, July 9</b>	<p><b>7:00 am</b> (Novus Ordo) + Kathy Ammend <i>by James and Lynda Transue</i></p>	<p>8:00 am Adoration begins (Chapel) 6:30 pm Young Adult Happy Holy Hour (Church) 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group (Library)</p>
<b>Wed. July 10</b>	<p><b>6:00 pm</b> Intentions of the Navaroli family <i>by the family</i></p>	<p><i>Adoration continues (Chapel)</i> 5:00 pm Holy Hour (Church) 6:00 pm Young Adult Basketball (Gym) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Ministry (CL 1&amp;2)</p>
<b>Thursday, July 11</b>	<p><b>7:00 am</b> (Novus Ordo) + Michael McMahon</p>	<p>5:30 pm Confessions (Church) 7:00 pm Young Adult Ballroom Dancing (Gym) Sacred Art Class w/Deacon Yellico (CL 1&amp;2)</p>
<b>Friday, July 12</b>	<p><b>7:00 am</b> + Adele R. Thevaos <i>by the Roy family</i></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Fr. Reid's birthday <i>by the St. Ann Staff</i></p>	<p>5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Church)</p>
<b>Saturday, July 13</b>	<p><b>4:30 pm</b> (Novus Ordo) + Catherine McWhirk <i>by the Johnson family</i></p>	<p>8:00 am Carmelites (All rooms) 1:30 pm Wedding (Church) 3:00 pm Confessions (Church)</p>
<b>Sunday, July 14</b>	<p><b>8:00 am</b> (Novus Ordo) + Elisabeth Dierkes <i>by the Navaroli family</i></p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> (Novus Ordo) Intentions of Sam Hucko <i>by the family</i></p> <p><b>12:30 pm</b> Intentions of our Parish</p>	<p>9:00 am Legion of Mary (Classroom 3) Baptism Class (Classroom 3)</p>





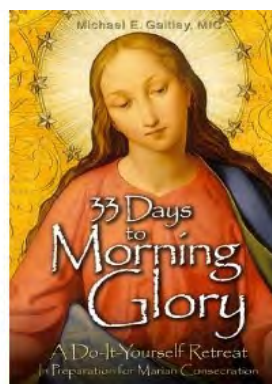
Dear Parishioners,

In the old liturgical calendar of the Church, July 1<sup>st</sup> is the **Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus**. With the reform of the calendar in the late 1960s, this feast was (sadly) suppressed. It was reasoned that since the Precious Blood of Jesus is already venerated in solemnities like Corpus Christi and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, it wasn't necessary to have a singular feast devoted to the Most Precious Blood.

Nevertheless, the month of July is still regarded as the Month of the Most Precious Blood, and Catholics are encouraged to practice devotion to the Most Precious Blood during this month. Therefore, I heartily encourage you to pray the **Litany of the Most Precious Blood** every day this month. I especially encourage you to pray it in reparation for sin, to ask for spiritual

protection against evil, or as a means of praying for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Copies of this litany are available in the back of Church. It's also easily found online.

Don't forget that we will begin our annual **Marian Consecration** preparation beginning on July 13<sup>th</sup>. You can use either Fr. Michael Gaitley's book: *33 Days to Morning Glory*, or St. Louis de Montfort's *True Devotion to Mary* (just be sure to get a version with the consecration preparation included in the book). Then, following each of the Masses on August 15<sup>th</sup>, which is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (and the anniversary of our parish founding), those who have prepared will make the consecration to Mary. *If you have made the consecration in the past, I encourage you to renew it every year.*



Countless saints throughout our Church's history have encouraged the faithful to turn to Mary in their every need, and solemnly consecrating oneself to her is "the surest, easiest, shortest, and the most perfect means" to becoming a saint (St. Louis de Montfort).

Please don't forget that our summer seminarian, Deacon Joseph Yellico, will begin an **adult education class** this week. The classes will take place on Thursday evenings at 7pm in Classrooms 1&2 of the Allen Center, beginning Thursday, July 11th. In this class Deacon Yellico will be talking about sacred art and beauty, which is one of my favorite topics. As beauty is one of the best ways we come to know God, this class will be worth your time. I also think you'll find Deacon Yellico engaging and articulate.

Honoring Our Lord's Most Precious Blood,

*Fr. Reid*

Fr. Reid

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

**Your Stewardship of Treasure**  
*929 registered families*

<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
June 2	37,759.90	24,892.30	\$ 12,867.60
YTD July 01, 2023-June 2, 2024			
	\$1,313,703.64	\$1,219,722.70	\$ 93,980.94



<b>DSA 2024 Goal:</b>	<b>141,842.00</b>
<b>Pledged:</b>	<b>117,440.62</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>87,818.77</b>
<b>Over/Under Pledged:</b>	<b>(24,401.38)</b>
<b>Assessment Balance:</b>	<b>54,023.23</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>141</b>



**2024 DSA**

Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus.

**Outstanding Parish Loan Balances:**

**Rectory Loan: \$376,783.49**  
**5 Year Plan Loan: \$ 0.00 PIF**

There will be Novus Ordo Altar server training on **Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – 8:00pm.** The Novus Ordo mass is the order of the mass for our regular 4:30pm, 8:00 am and 10:30 am masses. This training will be for boys who are currently serving along with boys who have received their first communion and would like to learn to be a server. Please contact Chris Brunhuber at [ccb2691@icloud.com](mailto:ccb2691@icloud.com) if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.



Altar Server  
 Training



**SERVE THE  
 HOMELESS**

**St. Ann Homeless Ministry**

is always in need of volunteers. We cook and serve a hot meal the 3rd Sunday each month for those in need. For details and signups, please scan this QR code or contact Elliot Consoli at 704-497-6998. Must be 16 to serve at the shelter but no age required to help cook and prepare meals.



Deacon Joseph Yellico will be teaching a three-week course in July entitled **“Sacred Art: The Church’s expression of Truth, Goodness and Beauty.”** The course will cover different mediums of sacred art from painting to architecture as well as cover the doctrine, rich symbolism and philosophical thought involved. The first session will begin in classroom 2 on **Thursday July 11th at 7PM;** the following two sessions will occur on the 18th and 25th also at 7PM. Feel free to join and explore the vast treasury of the Church's artwork.



**The St. Joseph Men’s Prayer Group**

is continuing to grow!  
 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. Join us every Tuesday  
 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Chapel for prayer  
 7:30 pm to 8:30 pmish in the Allen Center library for Fellowship & Discussion.

Please contact Frank Schofield to discuss any questions at 571-221-8640 or join us on Tuesday.

EVENTS AT ST. ANN'S

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



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

We are very grateful for our newest  
adorer, but are still in need of two  
permanent adorers on  
Tuesdays at **4PM, 7PM or 11PM.**  
If you can help with either of these times,  
please contact Cecilia Balman at  
[vabalman@aol.com](mailto:vabalman@aol.com)



*St. Ann  
Family  
Ministry  
Corner*

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

“It is Jesus who speaks: 'Amen I say to you: ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.' Pray. In what human venture could you have greater guarantees of success?” St. Josemaria Escriva

**Family 33 Day Consecration**  
[33day.org](http://33day.org) or Resources QR code:



*Save the Date*

**1. Family Potluck/Rosary night: August 10**  
For more information go to [abearacres.org](http://abearacres.org)

**2. St. Ann Family Ministry kick off: September 1** after morning masses

**3. Carolinas Retreat for Families: December 27- December 30, 2024 at Heartridge Retreat and Cultural Center, SC**

**Challenge: Make a plan to participate in the 33 Day Consecration with St. Ann as a family.**



**SEVEN SISTERS  
APOSTOLATE  
UPDATE:**

\*\* We are in need of prayer warriors for our two wonderful Deacons. You will be asked to pray for **BOTH Deacon Tom and Deacon Peter** one day/ week. Please let me know if you can give Our Lord just one hour. If God is calling you to make a Holy Hour/week for either of our needs, please contact Anchoress, Sarah Miller at:  
[Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com](mailto:Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com).

**ST ANN YOUNG  
ADULT SWING  
DANCE GROUP**

St Ann Gym  
Thursdays | 7-9pm

Free swing dance lessons, no prior experience or partner required.



@CarolinaswingDance23  
@gmail.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)



## 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. Registration for our fall classes will begin in August. We would like to thank all our teachers for their time and instruction to our young people! We are currently looking for **a few teachers for the fall**. Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or [Vlbatchford@rcdoc.org](mailto:Vlbatchford@rcdoc.org)

Our **Summer Cat** for fly up, up, and away with the **Saints on the Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love** will take place on July 22-26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-12:15pm each day. Child registration is now closed. However, if you would like to volunteer, we need a couple adults to help as group guides between stations. Please contact Virginia Blatchford, Faith Formation Director at [sumcatstann@gmail.com](mailto:sumcatstann@gmail.com)

**Camp Joshua**-St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville is hosting this two-day pro-life camp July 26 and 27 for high schoolers presented by NC Right to Life. Contact St. Mark's for details.

**Teen Apologetics**- our Sunday classes will begin again in September. A big thank you to all who participated! Fr. Reid will do a talk on the **Angels** for our September 29<sup>th</sup> class. Watch the bulletin for more details.

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



St. Ann's **Formed.org** account has many resources for our parish including movies and devotionals as well as many audio books. To access these resources, just go to: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and click on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the homepage. Our parish code is: Y6ZQ8M.

The first "Children's Cinema" release from Navis Pictures, "St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.

**Sponsors are needed for new families each year. Therefore, we are looking for faith filled adults to sponsor new families for a baptism or new members at the Easter vigil in the coming year. Please prayerfully consider whether Our Lord is calling you to this ministry.** For additional information or questions, contact Virginia Blatchford at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or [Vlbatchford@rcdoc.org](mailto:Vlbatchford@rcdoc.org)

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."** (Matthew 11: 28-30)

St. Ann Parish endeavors to make the **RCIA program** much more than a program. Our desire is for the **RCIA** to be a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ and His Church. We invite you to join us for an evening of inquiry on Wednesday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Allen Center to learn more about our program, and we invite you to bring a friend. Please Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or [Vlbatchford@rcdoc.org](mailto:Vlbatchford@rcdoc.org)

### MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

St. Ann's collects non perishable food items twice monthly to be delivered to Catholic Charities. We are in need of an additional person/ family to assist with this ministry. Please contact the office at 704 523-4641 for more details.



**Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte  
Food Pantry Collection**  
1st and 3rd weekends of every month  
**Next collection: July 6-7**

*Next event: July 9*

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

# HOLY HOUR *Happy* HOUR

HOLY HOUR AT ST. ANN'S • 6:30 - 7:30PM

*Happy Hour at Gilligan Ave Pub • 7:45PM*



## ***Legion of Mary***

meets on **Sundays at 9 am**  
**in Classroom 3.**

Contact Sue Calkins at  
704-724-2297 or maxxwellsr@gmail.com.

**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday by noon**

Email articles to:  
**bulletinstann3635@gmail.com**

### MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

Charlotte, NC  
**Community**  
**Baby Shower**

Donations Needed by August 18, 2024

- New or gently worn baby clothes, up to 3 months
- Disposable diapers (up to size 3)
- Baby toiletries & wipes
- Monetary donations

Deliver items curbside by Friday 8/15/24, or purchase through Amazon Wish List!

4435 Monroe Road  
Charlotte, NC 28205  
704-975-8572

**Birthright** of Charlotte

### What is the Catholic perspective on infertility and assisted reproductive technologies like IVF?

Learn more by exploring resources from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) below:



DIocese of Charlotte

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

[Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology](#) uses a question-and-answer format to address the suffering of infertility, how Catholic couples can respond, and the problems with the use of donors, surrogates, IVF, and other reproductive technologies.

[In Vitro Fertilization: The Human Cost](#) outlines the risks associated with IVF, including high death rates for embryos, health risks for women and the children conceived by this procedure, and “mix-ups” and errors that harm families.

[Letter to the U.S. Senate](#) (Feb, 2024) from the U.S. bishops outlining the threats to life, family integrity, and religious freedom in recent legislative efforts to create a “right to IVF.”



MARRIAGE & NFP INFORMATION

Marriage Tip # 63

I THOUGHT I WAS  
BROKEN AND  
NEEDED FIXING.

NOT TRUE!

I WAS HURT  
AND NEEDED  
HEALING,  
A COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT  
CONCEPT.

HELPOURMARRIAGE.ORG

**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](mailto:3062ac@helpourmarriage.org) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

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

MINISTRIES AT ST. ANN

prayer Requests



**Our Parishioners**  
Roe family

**Our friends and family:**

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

- 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
  - Sam Hucko, Basic cadet, USAF

**COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE**

- Natural Family Planning
- Sympto-Thermal Method
- Taught by Couples to Couples
- LIVE Online or Onsite or Self Paced

[WWW.CCLI.ORG](http://WWW.CCLI.ORG)



WEDDING BANNERS

**III: Jennifer Kretz—Seth Miller**  
13 July 2024  
St. Ann Church

**I: Madisyn Perkins—Leo Pimentel**  
27 July 2024  
St. Ann Church

**Charlotte Catholic High School’s Options Program** is growing and seeking to hire two part time teaching assistants. The Options Program at Charlotte Catholic High School provides a Catholic High School education for students with developmental disabilities. Please click on the following link <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1710353142/charlottecatholicorg/dq17ijvfv94eqxcyf2s/OPTIONSASSISTANTFLYER.pdf> or contact Dr. Marie Leahy at [MMLeahy@charlottecatholic.org](mailto:MMLeahy@charlottecatholic.org) for additional details and questions.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

# Catholic Grandparents Prayer and Support Group

SATURDAY,  
JULY 13, 2024

START AT  
6 PM - 8 PM  
FOLLOWING 4:30 VIGIL MASS

LOCATION  
ST ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
THE ALLEN CENTER  
3635 PARK RD  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28209

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL  
FOLLOWED BY OUR FIRST MEETING.

ATTEND IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM.  
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY JULY 10, 2024.  
RSVP TO [CGAKAC24@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CGAKAC24@GMAIL.COM) WITH YOUR  
NAME, NUMBER ATTENDING AND EITHER IN  
PERSON OR ZOOM. IF JOINING VIA ZOOM, A LINK  
WILL BE SENT TO YOU.



DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE  
OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

## NFP CONTINUING EDUCATION

### CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

An online NFP course designed for Parish and Diocesan Ministry Leaders. Limited time offer.



Free until 08.15.24

[www.ccli.org/ministry-education](http://www.ccli.org/ministry-education)

## 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](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.**