



St. Ann Catholic Church

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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.

December 1, 2024 • First Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,



A blessed Thanksgiving weekend to you! Please know how thankful I am for our parish family, and for the many graces our Lord has bestowed upon us. I'm especially grateful for your love, patience, and great generosity.

As we give thanks this weekend, I want you to be aware of the many blessings our parish gives to others. In addition to the monies we raise for our St. Vincent de Paul Society and Homeless Ministry, and the money that we collect in poor boxes, we also set aside a portion of each Sunday's collection to give to those in need. Currently, we are using our "tithing" money to provide funds to local ministries and organizations that perform corporal works of mercy (feeding the poor, housing the homeless, etc.); to support pro-life efforts around our country; and to take care of individuals and families whose assistance needs are greater than what our St. Vincent de Paul Society can handle. We also support agencies that aid victims of sex trafficking, as well as MiraVia and ANSWER, a local non-profit that provides scholarships to single working moms so they can get an education and a better job. And, of course, we give generously to the Missionaries of the Poor. Without your generosity every Sunday with our weekly collection, we couldn't do this – so thank you!

In recent years, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become "**Giving Tuesday**" – a day to give to charity to counterbalance the materialistic excesses of "Black Friday" and "Cyber-Monday." If you're disposed to make a special gift on Tuesday, our parish can certainly use it. In particular, we are a little behind on our Sunday collections and what we owe for the Diocesan Support Appeal. Thanks again for your generosity.

As we've done in years past, I invite all of you to join me

in a **special novena to Our Lady** from December 1 – December 9. As we've done for many years, I will re-consecrate our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the 7 a.m. Mass on Monday, December 9. In preparation for this, I ask you to consider fasting from something you enjoy (as you would during Lent) and praying the following Novena Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary each day from December 1 – December 9:

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially that our parish may be consecrated to your Immaculate Heart. We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

Keep in mind that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation. We will have Mass that day at 7a.m., 12 noon, and 6p.m.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fr. Reid

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of the Kaufmann Family
by Mike and Joan Macalka

10:30 am (Novus Ordo)

+Juan and Marta Casali by Renee Casali

12:30 pm

For our Parish

Monday, December 2

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

+Poor Souls in Purgatory by the Duncan Family

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

+Gordon Reid by Fr. Reid

Wednesday, December 4

6:00 pm

+Mary Whitmore by Carolyn Skinner

Thursday, December 5

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

+Josie Sanctis by the Family

Friday, December 6

7:00 am

+Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:30 am

+Raymond Arvelo by Madeline Carchia

Saturday, December 7

4:30 pm (Novus Ordo)

For our Parish

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Derek Ashley
by the Murdico Family

10:30 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Ava Shayeghi by the Family

12:30 pm

Intentions of Allen and Alisha Severson
by Katie Cosby

Thank you
for your
Priesthood.



Please Pray For...

Our Parishioners

Grace Coyne
Daniel Foster
Elena Hildebrand
Arlene and Gene Luczak
Roe Family

Our Friends and Family

Mia Alderman
Albert Ayd
(Brother of Cecilia Balman)
Brian Blatchford
Betsy Devarakonda
Kinley Duncan
Steve Frank
Maureen Frost
(Sister-in-law of Regina Beach Hoar)
Jeremy Kuhn
(Son of Carol & Dennis Kuhn)
Dolly Langley
(Sister of Cecilia Balman)
Marcia York
(Sister of Carol Kuhn)

Our Servicemen and Servicewomen

Lt. Grace Carlson, USN
Lt. Drew Carlson, USMC
Ensign Hayley Derscheid, USN
Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Derscheid, USN
SGT James "Jim" Alston, US Army
2nd Lt. Kenneth Davison III USAF
2nd Lt. Anna Davison USAF
Cadet 2nd Class Therese Davison, USAF
Lt. Thomas Hetzel, Deployed, US Army
Capt. Peter Hetzel, US Army
Sam Hucko, Basic Cadet, USAF
Capt. Thomas Mathis IV, DO, US Army
Lt. Grace Mathis, US Army
1st Lt. Angelina Patrinostro USAF

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am Family Ministry Formation until 12:30
 Cafe and playground

Monday, December 2

7:30 am Classrooms 3&4 in use until 2 pm
 2:45 pm Kitchen in useuntil 3:45 pm
 7:00 pm RCIA.....Classrooms 1&2
 7:00 pm Fraternus..... Gym
 7:00 pm CASA Speaker Event..... Cafe

Tuesday, December 3

7:30 am Classrooms 2,3&4 in use until 2pm
 8:00 am Adoration begins.....Chapel
 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball..... Gym
 7:00 pm St. Joseph Prayer Group..... Library

Wednesday, December 4

Adoration continuesChapel
 7:45 am HS Homeschool ...all classrooms and library
 5:00 pm Holy Hour Church
 6:00 pm Young Adult Basketball Gym
 6:45 pm Our Lady's Handmaidens Caf e
 7:00 pm Bible Study Classroom 3

Thursday, December 5

7:30 am Classrooms 3&4 in use until 2pm
 5:30 pm Confession..... Church
 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball Practice Gym

Friday, December 6

8:00 am Parent's rosaryChapel
 8:30 am Homeschool CCE Classrooms, library
 6:00 pm Interfaith Basketball Practice Gym

Saturday, December 7

10:00 am Caf e in use until 12pm
 3:00 pm Confessions Church

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am Legion of MaryConference Room
 9:00 am Kindergarten Faith Formation..... Library
 9:00 am Teen Apologetics.....Classrooms 1&2
 2:00 pm Baptism Church



Parish Resources



OPENLIGHT
 MEDIA

Open Light Media materials, produced by the Dominican Sisters, has excellent content! You will find virtue training, fun videos for the family and a parenting series.

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!

Oplatky–Christmas Wafers –Oplatek

Renew the Eastern European Christmas Tradition sharing the Oplatek/Christmas Wafer at Christmas Eve dinner. Breaking the wafer with family and friends with best wishes, expressions of forgiveness; bring joy and happiness to hearts and homes for the coming year thru the birth of Jesus Christ.

Cost: \$1.00 per wafer, state quantity or buy sealed packet of 4 wafers for \$6.00. Order by Dec. 20th. Contact Helen Collins, 704-576-3562 or helen892@att.net.

St. Vincent ACES Senior Club

invite all seniors 45+young to join us. Seats available for 2025 trips **"The Jersey Boys" Tribute, March 2; Parade of Nations-Norfolk, April 24-27.** Contact Peggy pgibbons1@att.net or 704-588-5870 (leave a message).



Retrouvaille Marriage Help

offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage.

Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. For over 40 years, Retrouvaille has provided help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples in the Charlotte area on **Jan. 24-26th**,

email: 3062r@helpourmarriage.org

or Call: 727-343-6701

Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com



The St. Ann Men's Club needs your help for our **Annual Charity Christmas Tree Sale!**



Over 500 Trees and Wreaths to sell, bale, and load this year!



This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, supporting critical community & charity projects.

Can you give a few hours of your time? Scan the QR Code below to register and choose a shift that works for you. Let's come together to make this event a success and spread holiday cheer! Thank you for your support!



Do You Like To Pray

or 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

St Joseph's Men's Prayer Group

We invite the men of our community to gather for a time of prayer and fellowship. Join us every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the chapel as we come together to pray the rosary. Following the rosary, we engage in fellowship activities designed to foster genuine relationships within our parish. For updates or to submit prayer requests, please use the QR code provided.



Help Needed:

An elderly woman (69) is looking for a ride to the 4:30 mass. She lives near the intersection of S. Tryon and Carowinds Blvd. If interested, call Sister Mary Lydia in the office.



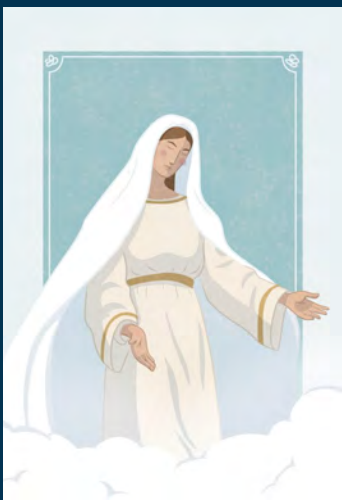
** We are in need of prayer warriors for our two wonderful Deacons.

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

Legion of Mary

Sundays • 9:00 am
Classroom 3
Contact Sue Calkins
At 704-724-2297
or maxxwellsr@gmail.com



Two holy days, two Masses

Catholics should plan to attend two Masses over two days Dec. 8-9:

<p>Sunday, Dec. 8</p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p><small>*Please attend Mass sometime after 4 p.m. Saturday and before 4 p.m. Sunday.</small></p>	<p>Monday, Dec. 9</p> <p>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p><small>*Please attend Mass any time after 4 p.m. Sunday or on Monday.</small></p>
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Please plan to attend Mass for each day. One Mass does not fulfill both obligations.

St. Ann Homeless Ministry

We Are 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.



Social Security 101

Everything you wanted to know.



Securing today and tomorrow

You are cordially invited to join the **Catholic Charities Elder Ministry** for a live virtual presentation which will provide an overview of the Social Security and Medicare programs, including relevant updates for 2025. This information session will be held on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 12 noon**, and led by Lisa Wallace, a Public Affairs Specialist with the North Carolina Social Security Administration. The topics covered will be relevant for pre-retirees and current beneficiaries alike.

For more details or to join this live event, please contact Sandra Breakfield, Program Director Elder Ministry, at sandrab@ccdoc.org or call 704-370-3220 by December 2nd.

St. Ann Family Ministry Corner

Equipping Parents in their Mission of Love and Building a Prayerful Family

As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31

Family Formation Sunday!

Sunday, December 1

after 8 and 10:30am masses

Come over to the Allen Center for a short talk and family activity providing practical advice on how to pray more effectively as a family. Toys, games, and light refreshments will be provided.

Save the Date

Saturday, December 14:

Family Potluck/Rosary night

Fun for the whole family, hiking trails, playgrounds, sports, bonfire and more.

For more information go to abearacres.org

Register Now

Friday, Dec. 27–Monday, Dec. 30

Carolinas Retreat for Families at

Heartridge Retreat and Cultural Center,

SC. Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family

in a new way. Your Holy Family has been running retreats for over 10 years and

looks forward to sharing this gift with your family. **Registration at:** YHFRetreat.org

Challenge

Share how the Holy Spirit has enlightened you on a passage of scripture as a family.



Legacy of Faith

A Heartfelt Thanks This Thanksgiving

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we extend our deepest gratitude to those who have shared with us their intention to include St. Ann Catholic Church or School in their estate plan. Your generosity is a true blessing to our faith family, ensuring that future generations will enjoy the same experiences we have enjoyed as a parish family. For those considering this thoughtful gift, your legacy will continue to strengthen and sustain St. Ann for years to come. To learn more about leaving a lasting legacy, contact Mark Donzella, Director of Operations, at 704-523-4641 x224 or operations@stanncharlotte.org, or Gina Rhodes, Diocesan Planned Giving Director, at 704-370-3364 or gmrhodes@rcdoc.org.

33 Hours of Adoration

Tuesdays 8 am-Wednesdays 5 pm in Church

We are in need of adorers on:

Tuesday at 8 AM, 12 noon, or

7PM and Wednesday at 9 AM or 1PM

Contact Cecilia Balman at (704) 618-7648

or vabalman@aol.com

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

1st and 3rd weekends of every month

Next collection: Nov. 30/Dec. 1

THE CASA CORNER

The Courtyard at Saint Anns - For Young Adults 21-39

Upcoming Events



MINI ADVENT RETREAT

Monday, Dec. 2nd | 5:30pm-9pm St. Ann Church & Cafe



HOLY HAPPY HOUR

Tuesday, Dec. 10th | 6:30pm St. Ann, 7:45pm Selwyn Pub

STAY CONNECTED

Follow for event details & more
@courtyardatstanns



JOIN OUR GROUPME



New Year's Retreat

Jesus used questions to promote healing, forgive the past, repair brokenness, and instill hope.

The retreat, **"Questions Jesus Asks You for the New Year"**, will invite you to answer the same life-altering questions.

There will be five engaging reflections, Mass, confession, Matins, Vespers, and Adoration. Plus, plenty of time to reflect upon the New Year in our sacred spaces while enjoying the fireplace in our lounge or exploring the beautiful grounds of the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC.

Two nights: December 30-January 1.

As a special treat, there will be a New Year's Eve banquet with traditional festivities. The last two years have sold out, so register now at:

www.catholicconference.org/new-years

For more information email:

info@catholicconference.org

or call 828.327.7441.

Box of Joy

The Boxes need to be returned to our parish **no later than December 2nd**. Please **drop them off as you fill them** at the designated cartons found at the entrance of the Allen Center, the back of the Church, and the entry to Faith Formation. Thank you for your generosity! **Be sure to include you \$9 donation for the shipping**. You can write a check and put it in an envelope that you slide under the rubber band for the box, or place it on top inside the box, or use the QR code. Thanks for your generosity!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
3. **Please do not put monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to boxofjoy.org to make your \$9 donation for each gift box or scan the QR code to pay.
4. If needed, secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).

GIFT IDEAS

PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love it when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

TOYS

Ball (deflated) with pump*
Balloons
Binoculars
Cars or trucks
Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)
Doll*
Finger puppets
Handheld toys
Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument
Jump rope
Lego building blocks
Mini board games
Mini puzzle
Small balls (tennis, etc.)
Small plush animals*
Slinky
Unopened fast-food toys
Yo-yo

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Coloring book*
Crayons*
Erasers
Flash cards
Glue stick (no liquid)
Notepads
Pencil case
Pencil sharpener
Pencils, colored pencils
Pens, markers
Safety scissors
Small board books
Solar calculator
Stickers

CANDY & GUM

Unexpired candy that will not melt, sealed in a zip closure style bag

APPAREL

Bandanas
Dresses*
Flip-flops
Hats
Plastic poncho
Socks
Shorts
T-shirts*
Underwear

NECESSITIES/HOME

Bandages
Comb or brush
Cup or bottle with lid*
Hand wipes
Lip balm
Manicure kit
Nail clippers or emery board
Toothbrush*

ACCESSORIES

Barrettes
Bracelets
Earrings
Hair bands or headbands*
Hair ribbons*
Necklace*
Purse or wallet*
Scarf
Sunglasses*
Watch

USEFUL ITEMS

Cross or rosary
Compass
Drawstring bag*
Sewing kit
Utensils

*Highly desired items.

PLEASE DO NOT PACK

Liquids/gels (shampoo, body wash, lotion, nail polish, hand sanitizer, bubbles, paint, glue, etc.)
Food or beverages • Chocolate or JOLLY RANCHER® • Medicine or vitamins • Anything with a battery
Knives, tools or toy weapons • Glass or breakable objects • Cash, checks or gift cards

Box of Joy is a ministry of



Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poor of the Poor

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be vigilant at all times

LUKE 21:36

WEDDING BANNERS

II: Brianna Pavlish—Peter Bernosky
14 December 2024
St. Ann Church



St. Ann's Formed.org has kid movies, audio books, saint shows, and formation materials. Our parish code is Y6ZQ8M. A direct link is found on our parish website.

Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone.

This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories.

Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith.

Watch the series with your spouse, with friends, on your own, or as part of a small group!

The participant guide includes questions for group discussion, topics for personal reflection, and ideas to try at home.

Faith Formation 2024

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. We are back at class on **December 8th**. Classes meet in the St. Ann school building, and families enter the doors at the upper parking lot. [Contact Virginia Blatchford](mailto:VirginiaBlatchford@stanncharlotte.org) with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or faithformation@stanncharlotte.org

Bulletin Articles Deadline:

Tuesday by noon

Email: bulletinstann3635@gmail.com

Teen Apologetics

Our Sunday classes have started. We meet on Faith Formation days from 9:00am-10:10am. The faith formation calendar is on the parish website. We are back at class on **December 8th**. We have started our study on "Where is that in the Bible? A study of scripture and how it is used in apologetics. Come join us!

Volunteer Opportunities

- St. Ann's is looking for individuals who are interested in maintaining our *parish center kitchen*. If you enjoy having a clean, well organized kitchen then this opportunity may be just for you. We are seeking folks who can help clean, maintain and keep our parish center kitchen organized. Please contact Chris Brunhuber at facilities@stanncharlotte.org to learn more details.
- If *gardening and working with planters* is something you enjoy, consider joining the St. Ann's beautification committee. St. Ann's has a beautiful campus, and we need individuals who like to plant, prune and get their hands a little dirty to keep our campus beautiful. Please contact Chris Brunhuber at facilities@stanncharlotte.org for more details.

Your Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Stewardship

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
November 3	\$28,840.33	\$27,212.50	\$ 1,627.83
YTD July 1-November 4, 2024			
	\$ 479,308.91	\$ 517,037.50	(\$37,728.59)

929 Registered Families

Outstanding Parish Loan Balances

Rectory Loan	\$320,558.36
5 Year Plan Loan Paid in Full	\$0.00

**Missionary
Appeal**



**Priest
Retirement**

DSA 2024

Goal	\$141,842.00
Pledged	\$122,625.62
Received	\$108,493.92
Over/Under Pledged	(\$19,216.38)
Assessment Balance	(\$33,348.08)
Donors	157

Priests Retirement Assessment:	43,506.00
Received.....	26,081.41
Balance Due.....	17,424.59

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.



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Parish Office Hours

Monday

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Tuesdays

10:45 am-4:00 pm

Wednesday

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Thursday

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am-3:45 pm

Closed

1:00-1:30 pm for lunch

Your Parish Staff

Pastor

Rev. Timothy S. Reid
x222

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Brandon H. Jones

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Thomas Sanctis
x223

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Peter Tonon
X227

Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization

Virginia Blatchford
X231

Faith Formation and Evangelization

Clare Beltran
x231

Liturgical Ministries

Chris Brunhuber
x229

Music

Terese Rowe
x234

Facilities, Scheduling, and Maintenance Supervisor

Chris Brunhuber
x233

Maintenance

Raymond Mosley
x233

Accountant

Alejandra Seagle
x237

Administrative Assistant

Sister Mary Lydia, DVM
x221

Accounting Assistant (Part time)

Sandra Sharron
x232

Director of Operations

Mark Donzella
X224

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Tuesday by 12:00 pm
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gmail.com

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Anticipated Mass
4:30 p.m. (Novus Ordo)

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.