

# 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.

# Dear Parishioners,



"Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near." These are the words of the entrance antiphon for today's Mass on this Third Sunday of Advent (also known as *Gaudete Sunday*), and they signal for

us the tone of today's liturgy. While the violet we wear on most days of Advent indicate that there's penitential nature to this season, now that we are roughly halfway through Advent, we take a break from our penance and rejoice in joyful anticipation of our Lord's coming, much like *Laetare Sunday* in Lent. The liturgy today reminds us that soon the great feast of Christmas will be upon us, and this is cause for rejoicing indeed. Symbolizing a lightening of our penance and our joyful anticipation for Christ's coming, our liturgical color switches from violet to rose today. Our readings, too, take on a more joyful nature.

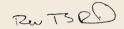
Tuesday, 17 December, our liturgies will begin to take on an even more eager and anticipatory nature as we move into a period of special preparation during Advent known as the Octave before Christmas. During this time special antiphons (known as the "O" antiphons) are used at vespers and for the *Alleluia* verse before the Gospel at Mass. These antiphons have been around since at least the 8<sup>th</sup> century, and each antiphon recalls a particular scriptural title of Jesus, announcing his imminent arrival and recalling the Old Testament prophesies of Isaiah. Moreover, they tell us something about the person of Christ and about salvation history. The famous Advent song *O Come*, *O Come*, *Emmanuel* that is often used this time of year is based upon these antiphons.

Christmas will soon be upon us. While I know many of us are busy with the social obligations, shopping, and domestic chores this season brings, let's not forget to

make time for our Lord in prayer. Preparing our hearts for His arrival at Christmas is the most important part of Advent.

Looking ahead to Christmas, be aware that we will be cancelling Adoration on Dec 24-25 and Dec 31-Jan 1. Our Christmas Mass schedule will be the usual: 4:30pm and 6:30pm on Christmas Eve; Midnight Latin Mass, and 9am Mass on Christmas Day. Mass on Dec 26 will be at 9am rather than 7am, and there will be no confessions on Dec 26.

In hopeful expectation of our Lord's coming,



Fr. Reid

# Legacy of Faith

## A Gift for Future Generations

As we prepare our hearts this holy season, we are especially grateful to those who have included St. Ann Catholic Church or School in their will or trust. Your generosity provides a gift that will last beyond the season, nourishing and inspiring future generations of parishioners. If you have already made this thoughtful commitment and haven't informed us, please reach out to Mark Donzella at 704-523-4641 x224 or operations@stanncharlotte.org.

We would be honored to welcome you into the St. Ann Legacy Society.

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



# **Mass Intentions**

# Sunday, December 15

8:00 am (Novus Ordo)

+Abbey Lejk by the Rick Lejk Family

10:30 am (Novus Ordo)

For our Parish

12:30 pm

Intentions of Nathan Nobers by the Family

## Monday, December 16

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Gianna Fiumara and Ben Corbalis by the Palanos Family

#### Tuesday, December 17

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

+Robert Jorgensen by Clare Jorgensen

#### Wednesday, December 18

6:00 pm

+John Ingallinera by Jennifer Ingallinera

## Thursday, December 19

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Gianna Fiumara and Ben Corbalis by the Palanos Family

## Friday, December 20

7:00 am Intentions of Hannah Nobers by the Family

8:30 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Gianna Fiumara and Ben Corbalis by the Palanos Family

#### Saturday, December 21

6:30 am Rorate Mass

4:30 pm (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Sarah Nobers by the Family

# Sunday, December 15

8:00 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Neel Shayeghi by the Family

10:30 am (Novus Ordo)

For our Parish

12:30 pm

Intentions of Maria Ferrante by the Family

# **Advent Angel Tree**

Thank you for helping us bring Christmas Joy to those in need by donating a gift. We are grateful for your generosity!



I: Grace Hetzel —Thomas Thierfelder December 31 St. Ann Church

# 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

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| Sunday, Dece             | mber 15  |  |  |
| 9:00 am                  | Legion of MaryConference Room  |  |  |
| 9:00 am                  | Kindergarten Faith Formation Library   |  |  |
| 9:00 am                  | Teen ApologeticsClassrooms 1&2   |  |  |
| 11:00 am                 | Homeless Ministry Kitchen  |  |  |
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| Monday, Dec              |  |  |  |
| 7:30 am                  | Classrooms 3&4 in use until 2pm  |  |  |
| 2:45 pm                  | Kitchen in useuntil 3:45   |  |  |
|                          | Classrooms 1&2 in useuntil 3:45pm  |  |  |
| 7:00 pm                  | RCIAClassrooms 1&2   |  |  |
| 7:00 pm                  | Fraternus Gym, Café  |  |  |
| 8:00 pm                  | Conference room in use   |  |  |
| Tuesday, Dece            | ember 17   |  |  |
| 7:30 am                  | Classrooms 2,3&4 in use until 2pm  |  |  |
| 8:00 am                  | Adoration beginsChapel   |  |  |
| 6:30 pm                  | Interfaith Basketball Practice Gym   |  |  |
| 7:00 pm                  | St. Joseph Prayer Group Library  |  |  |
| 7.00 p                   | Angel Group  |  |  |
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| Wednesday, [             |  |  |  |
| 7.45                     | Adoration continues  |  |  |
| 7:45 am                  | HS Homeschool all classrooms and library   |  |  |
| 5:00 pm                  | Holy Hour Church   |  |  |
| 6:00 pm                  | Young Adult BasketballGym  |  |  |
| 6:45 pm                  | Our Lady's Handmaidens Café  |  |  |
| 7:00 pm                  | Bible StudyClassroom 3   |  |  |
| Thursday, De             | cember 19  |  |  |
| 7:30 am                  | Classrooms 3&4 in use until 2pm  |  |  |
| 5:30 pm                  | ConfessionChurch   |  |  |
| 6:00 pm                  | Interfaith BasketballGym   |  |  |
| 7:00 pm                  | Young Adult Swing Dance Cafe   |  |  |
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| Friday, Decer<br>8:00 am | Parent's rosaryChapel  |  |  |
| 8:30 am                  | Homeschool CCE Classrooms 1-4, library   |  |  |
|                          | Conference Room in use until 11:30 am  |  |  |
| 9:30 am                  |  |  |  |
| 12:00 pm                 | Parish Office Closed until 2pm   |  |  |
| 6:30 pm                  | Interfaith BasketballGym   |  |  |
| Saturday, December 21    |  |  |  |
| 10:00 am                 | Interfaith Basketball until 6pm Gym  |  |  |
| 3:00 pm                  | Confessions Church   |  |  |
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| 11:00 am                 | Homeless Ministry Kitchen  |  |  |
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**Box of Joy:** We sent off 160 Boxes of Joy! Thanks for your generosity!

**Save the Date!** Our church cleaning will be on **Saturday December 21st from 8am-12pm**. Any time you can commit to help prepare our church for Christmas will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Chris Brunhuber at <a href="mailto:liturgy@stanncharlotte.org">liturgy@stanncharlotte.org</a> or 704 241-2577 with questions.

# Parish Resources



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
- 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
- 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!



# More Than Just A Weekend



# 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. 24-26<sup>th</sup>*,

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 7 PM** for Rosary followed by reflection and discussion in the library. Following the rosary, we engage in fellowship activities designed to foster genuine relationships within our parish. For updates or to sub-



mit 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 As recently communicated in The Friday Five, our *Pastoral Plan* was presented to the Bishop on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Plan, linked below, is based on survey inputs received from you regarding the current state





vision for our parish. We have just learned that the Bishop has approved the Pastoral Plan, which can now be used as a reference in making strategic decisions for St. Ann going forward. This is good news, indeed!

# 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.





# St. Ann Family Ministry Corner

# Equipping Parents in their Mission of Love and Building a Joyful Family

"He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Mark 6:31

Call to Action: If you know of a family in Western North Carolina that has been affected by Hurricane Helene, please share information about the family retreat. We are offering a Free Retreat Scholarship for these families. Information at

#### YHFRetreat.org

# Sign up for

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

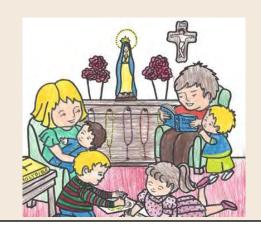
# **Register Now**

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

# Save the Date

Family Formation: Sunday, January 5 after the 10:30am mass Come to the Allen Center for a short talk and family activity. Toys, games, and light refreshments will be provided.



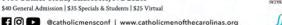


15th Annual Catholic Men's Conference of the Carolinas

#### SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213

\$40 General Admission | \$35 Specials & Students | \$25 Virtual





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

1st and 3rd weekends of every month Next collection: Dec. 14-15



# He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit

# 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

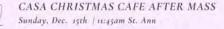
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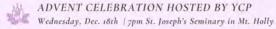
or call 828.327.7441.

# THE CASA CORNER

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

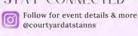






Stay up to date on GroupMe and/or Instagram for more details

STAY CONNECTED











# MARCH FOR LIFE

## CHARLOTTE MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 10, 2025

Mass 10:00am | Cathedral of St. Patrick Gather & Pray 11:30am | March 12:00pm 1123 S. Church St. Charlotte, NC



#### NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE WASHINGTON, DC

JANUARY 23-25, 2025

2 busses this year! Depart & return from Charlotte Bus fare, lodging, breakfasts included Tickets: \$200-\$300; student discount available



SCAN HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

National Prayer Vigil Mass | Life Fest Rally & March for Life | Saturday Pilgrimage



# Natural Marriage Group

Launched last year as a highly successful pilot in three Catholic parishes across the country, this program offers engaged and married couples a space to learn about and support one another in NFP, fertility, and relationships. Led by trained couples, the monthly support groups cover topics such as:

- NFP in practice
- Risks of contraception
- Struggle in times of abstinence
- Fear of pregnancy
- Fertility cycle education
- Coping with infertility
- and more.

Join us Sunday December 8 after the 10:30 mass in classroom 1 for our monthly, hour long session. Free childcare provided, email kaloakes@gmail.com to RSVP.



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 Godgiven 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 start our Christmas break on **December 22**, and return to class on **January 5th.** Classes meet in the St. Ann school building. Families enter the doors at the upper parking lot. Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or formation@stanncharlotte.org

# Teen Apologetics

Sunday classes have started. We meet on Faith Formation days from 9:00am-10:10am. Our Christmas break begins on **December 22** and we return to class on **January 5th.** The faith formation calendar is also on the parish website. 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 <a href="maintain:facilities@stanncharlotte.org">facilities@stanncharlotte.org</a> 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.

# 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. 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Helen Collins, 704-576-3562 or helen892@att.net.

# Your Stewardship of Treasure

# Weekly Stewardship

| <b>Collection Date</b>       | Actual       | Budget        | Over/Under    |  |  |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| November 3                   | \$28,840.33  | \$27,212.50   | \$ 1,627.83   |  |  |
| November 10                  | 28,896.10    | 27,212.50     | 1,683.60      |  |  |
| November 17                  | 29,450.15    | 27,212.50     | 2,237.65      |  |  |
| November 24                  | 31,286.04    | 27,212.50     | 4,073.54      |  |  |
| YTD July 1-November 25, 2024 |              |               |               |  |  |
|                              | 5 568,941.20 | \$ 598,675.00 | (\$29,733.80) |  |  |

## 929 Registered Families

# **Outstanding Parish Loan Balances**

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

# Sunday Offertory





Religious Retirement

# **DSA 2024**

| Goal<br>Pledged<br>Received                               | \$122,550.62                                |
|---|---|
| Over/Under Pledged Assessment Balance Donors              | <mark>(\$19,291.38)</mark><br>(\$22,112.00) |
| Priests Retirement Assessment:<br>Received<br>Balance Due | 33,010.40                                   |

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.



# St. Ann Parish Directory

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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

# Clare Beltran x231

**Liturgical Ministries** 

Chris Brunhuber x229

**Faith Formation** 

and Evangelization

## Music

Terese Rowe x234

# Facilities, Scheduling, and Maintenance Supervisor

Chris Brunhuber x233

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# 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

Bulletin Articles Deadline Tuesday by 12:00 pm Email:bulletinstann3635@ 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.