



St. Ann

Catholic Church

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www.stanncharlotte.org



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 22, 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,



As we prepare to celebrate of the Birth of Christ here at St. Ann's, I want to thank each of you for the many ways you share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our parish family.

Your participation in the many good works of our parish community demonstrates that the light and love of the Christ Child shines brightly here at St. Ann's! I am particularly grateful to our dedicated staff and volunteers who give generously of their time and talent to make St. Ann's the beautiful and big-hearted parish that it is.

Recognizing that this is the season of gift-giving, I ask you to prayerfully consider putting our parish on your year-end Christmas giving list. As we strive to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parish family, we must also recognize the practical and financial needs of maintaining our parish on a day-to-day basis. Our weekly collections are not quite meeting our budgetary needs, and we are struggling to meet our assessments for the DSA and the Priests' Retirement Collection this year. As you know, any shortfall on these assessments must be taken out of our parish coffers, limiting our ability to meet other parish needs.

In the past several years, we've been able to take care of several pressing maintenance needs in the church and the Allen Center, as well as repaving the parking lot. Following the desires expressed in our parish survey earlier this year, we have also been able to expand our staffing this year, which has been a great blessing. But there is still much more to do! Our next major project will be a rectory renovation and expansion. If you'd like to donate to the project, you can do by contributing to the 5-Year plan (either by envelope or on our website). The good news is that we are on track to retire the debt on the rectory by May 2027! Thank you for your

generosity to our parish's capital needs.

Looking ahead to Christmas, be aware that we will be cancelling Adoration on December 24-25 and December 31-January 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 December 26 will be at 9am rather than 7am, and there will be no confessions on December 26.

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be 6pm on December 31; and 9 a.m. (Latin) and 12 noon (English) on January 1. We will have confessions on January 1 from 10am – 11:30am.

With gratitude for your generosity,

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 website: www.StAnnCharlotte.org



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 22

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

Monday, December 23

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)
+Mr. Grigolon (Father of Gabriele Grigolon)
by Fr. Reid

Tuesday, December 24

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Novus Ordo)
For our Parish

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Novus Ordo)
Intentions of Will Nobers by the Family

12:00 am Midnight Mass
Intentions of Fr. Reid's godchildren by Fr. Reid

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am Mass (Novus Ordo)
Intentions of Bernadette Consoli
by the Russell Family

Thursday, December 26

9:00 am (Novus Ordo)
+Stephanie Shaw by Fr. Reid

Friday, December 27

7:00 am Intentions of the Messer Family
by Justin Smith

8:30 am (Novus Ordo)
Intentions of Caroline Leon by Terry Alderman

Saturday, December 28

4:30 pm (Novus Ordo)
+David Poodiack by the Chapman Family

Sunday, December 29

8:00 am (Novus Ordo)
Intentions of the Kaufmann Family
by Mike and Joan Macalka

10:30 am (Novus Ordo)
+Harold E Chapman Jr. by the Family

12:30 pm
For our Parish

WEDDING BANNERS

II: 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
David 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 22

9:00 am Legion of MaryConference Room
 9:00 am Kindergarten Faith Formation..... Library
 9:00 am Teen Apologetics.....Classrooms 1&2
 11:00 am Homeless Ministry Kitchen

Monday, December 23 Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm Fraternus..... Gym, Café

Tuesday, December 24 Parish Office Closed

NO Adoration

Wednesday, December 25 Parish Office Closed

NO Adoration

Thursday, December 26

NO Confessions

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

3:00 pm Confessions Church

Sunday, December 29

9:00 am Legion of MaryConference Room

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!

To request a facilities reservation:



Please contact:

Mark Donzella, Director of Operations
 (704) 523-4641 x 224

operations@stanncharlotte.org

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THE FUTURE OF HUMAN DIGNITY

MARCH 29, 2025 | 8:00 AM – 5:45 PM | IN PERSON AND ONLINE
 THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PATRICK
 1621 DILWORTH ROAD EAST, CHARLOTTE, NC 28203

PRESENTATIONS

- Human Dignity and the Ethics Of Technology
Jeffrey P. Bishop, MD, PhD
- Science and Ethics of In Vitro Fertilization
Jean Boric-Parker, DBE
- A Catholic Approach to Mental Health
Very Rev. James Patrick Burns, IV, PhD, ABPP
- Health Care, Artificial Intelligence, and Other Forms of Technology
Faculty TBA
- Genetic Screening, Genetic Engineering, and Human Dignity
Caroline Aragón, MS, CGC
- Technology and the Mental Health Crisis in Adolescents
Johann M. D'Souza, PhD

REGISTER HERE [QR CODE]

For more information, contact
 Jessie Sonnen
jessie@forlifeandfamily.org
 832-779-1070

Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

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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



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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 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.





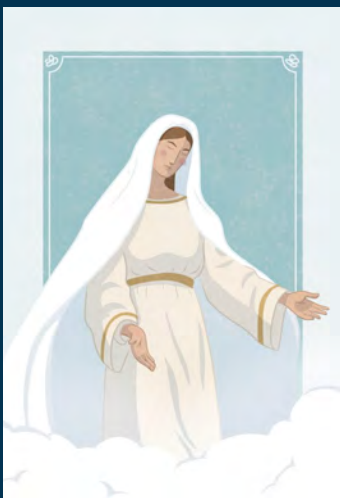
** We are in need of prayer warriors for our two wonderful Deacons.

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



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



and future 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.

33 Hours of Adoration

Tuesdays 8 am-Wednesdays 5 pm in the Church

We are in need of adorers on:

Tuesday at 12 noon or

Wednesday at 9 AM or 1PM

Contact Cecilia Balman at (704) 618-7648

or vabalman@aol.com

Also, currently there is only one adorer and our goal is to have two or more adorers at each hour.

Would you prayerfully consider a weekly commitment to one of these hours?

Tuesday - 10 AM, 12 PM, and 11 PM

Wednesday - 12 AM, 3 AM, 7 AM, 10 AM,

11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM and 3 PM



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

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

QUEM SERVIS?

WHO DO YOU SERVE?

FEBRUARY 8, 2025



SPEAKERS



BISHOP FABRE-JEUNE
 Diocese of Charleston
Celebrant



JOHN FRANKMAN
 Former Green Beret & Seminarian,
 Convert, Political Activist



JOHN EDWARDS
 Former Marine, Convert
 Catholic & Redeemer



EKINOCK
 Father, Husband
 Catholic Rapper



RICK BARRETT
 Weapons Specialist
The Armed Catholic



ANTHONY ABBATE & ROB BLYTON
 Podcast, Humorists
Avoiding Babylon



Day of Faith and Fellowship including keynote speakers, Mass, Rosary, Confession, Adoration and lunch included.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213
 \$40 General Admission | \$35 Specials & Students | \$25 Virtual




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Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

Food Pantry Collection

1st and 3rd weekends of every month

Next collection: Jan. 4-5



Women's Conference Bilingual

1 FEBRUARY 2025
 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 \$40

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH
 14740 Stumptown Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078

A day dedicated to nourishing and restoring women's souls with inspirational talks, adoration, guided meditation and worship.

"The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul." Psalm 23:1-3

TO REGISTER GO TO
HEALEDANDRESTORED.ORG OR USE
 THE QR CODE TO ACCESS REGISTRATION



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.



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



SCAN HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

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

RespectLife@rcdoc.org



704-370-3229

DIocese of CHARLOTTE
FAMILY LIFE OFFICE



*blessed is the fruit
of your womb*
LUKE 1:42

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

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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.

Bulletin Articles Deadline:

Tuesday by noon except:

January 5 bulletin articles due December 26

Email articles to: bulletinstann3635@gmail.com

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](mailto:Virginia.Blatchford@stanncharlotte.org) 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!

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 January 5 after the 10:30 mass** in classroom 1 for our monthly, hour long session. Free childcare provided, email kaloakes@gmail.com to RSVP.

Your Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Stewardship

Collection Date	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	\$ 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	\$141,842.00
Pledged	\$122,550.62
Received	\$119,730.00
Over/Under Pledged	(\$19,291.38)
Assessment Balance	(\$22,112.00)
Donors	157

Priests Retirement Assessment:	43,506.00
Received.....	33,010.40
Balance Due.....	10,495.60

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

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.