



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.

February 23, 2025 • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,



Last Sunday in the ancient calendar of the Church was **Septuagesima Sunday**, which kicks off a 3-week period of prayer and contemplation right before Lent to help us prepare for the fasting and

penances to come. This *pre-Lent* is a time for us to fix our minds and hearts more closely upon our Lord's Paschal Mystery, to contemplate His goodness and mercy, and to begin the process of conversion. Ideally, the 3 weeks of Septuagesima should be a time for increased prayer and meditation. You will note that while we will continue wearing green in our Novus Ordo Masses through Ash Wednesday, in our Latin Masses we are wearing violet in anticipation of Lent.

As we prepare for Lent (Ash Wednesday is 05 March 2025), please bring in your old palms from last year's Palm Sunday. We burn them every year, and then we use those ashes for our Ash Wednesday Masses. As you collect your old palms, I encourage

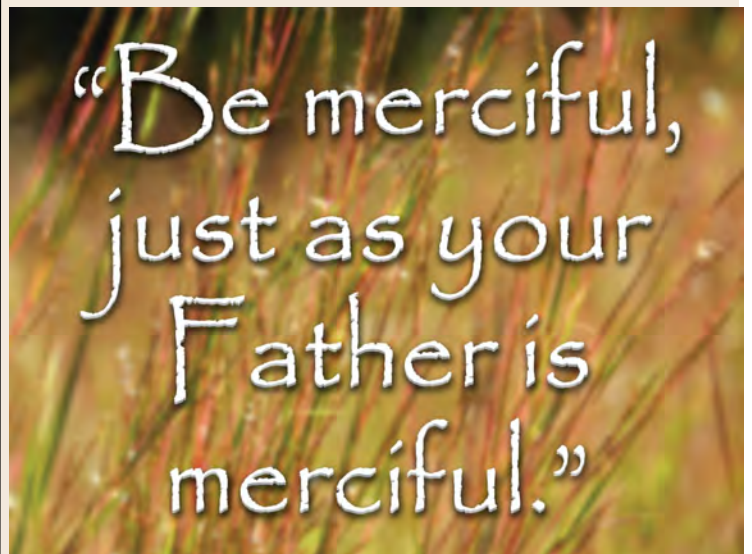
you to give some thought to what sins and vices you would like to burn out of your life in Lent. Remember, Lent is not about

making sacrifices and fasting simply for the sake of sacrificing and fasting. Our fasting and sacrifices should help us root out sin and become holier people. This can only happen when it is coupled with humble prayer and a love for our Lord.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,



Fr. Reid



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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 23

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 Lily Shayeghi by the Family

Monday, February 24

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of David and Chris Longo by Fr. Reid

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

Cancelled

Wednesday, February 26

6:00 pm

Intentions of St. Ann's Benefactors
and their loved ones

Thursday, February 27

7:00 am (Novus Ordo)

+Fr. Raymond Nyquist by the Patrinostro Family

Friday, February 28

7:00 am Intentions of Richard Eudy
by the Skinner Family

8:30 am (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Weston Wright
by the Russell Family

Saturday, March 1

4:30 pm (Novus Ordo)

Intentions of Ciara and Garrett Roelofs
by Katie Sholtis

Sunday, March 2

8:00 am (Novus Ordo)

+Mary Zema by the Lekovic Family

10:30 am (Novus Ordo)

For our Parish

12:30 pm

+Fr. Reid's Grandparents by Fr. Reid

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

Food Pantry Collection

1st and 3rd weekends of every month

Next collection: March 1&2

Beginning in February: Bishop Martin has requested the presence of all priests at a convocation Feb 24-26, 2025. While we will have our normal Masses on Feb 24 and 26, 7am Mass on Tuesday, Feb 25, 2025, has been cancelled.

We will still have Adoration Feb 25-26.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please Pray For...

Our Parishioners

Grace Coyne

Daniel Foster

Elena Hildebrand

Arlene and Gene Luczak

Roe Family

Stephany Shayeghi

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 (deployed)

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, February 23

9:00 am	Legion of Mary	Classroom 3
9:00 am	Kindergarten Faith Formation.....	Library
9:00 am	Teen Apologetics.....	Classrooms 1&2
1:45 pm	Altar Server Basketball.....	Gym
2:00 pm	Baptism	Church
2:00 pm	Cafeteria in use	until 6pm

Monday, February 24

7:30 am	Classrooms 3&4 in use	until 2pm
2:45 pm	Classrooms 1&2 in use	until 3:45pm
7:00 pm	Fraternus.....	Gym, Café
7:00 pm	RCIA.....	Classrooms 1&2

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 am	Classrooms 2,3,4 in use.....	until 2PM
8:00 am	Adoration begins	Chapel
2:45 pm	Kitchen in use.....	until 3:45 pm
6:30 pm	Interfaith Basketball Practice.....	Gym
7:00 pm	St. Joseph Prayer Group.....	Library

Wednesday, February 26

Adoration continues in the Chapel

7:45 am	HS Homeschool.....	all classrooms, library
5:00 pm	Holy Hour	Church
6:00 pm	Young Adult Basketball	Gym
6:45pm	Our Lady's Handmaidens	Cafe

Thursday, February 27

7:00 am	Mary's Women of Joy	Classrooms 1&2
7:30 am	Classrooms 3&4 in use.....	until 2pm
2:45 pm	Gym in use	until 4:00 pm
5:30 pm	Confessions	Church
6:00 pm	Café, gym kitchen in use	until 9pm

Friday, February 28

8:00 am	Parent's rosary	Chapel
8:30 am	Homeschool CCE	Classrooms 1-4, library
7:30 am	Conference room in use.....	until 11:30 am
6:00 pm	Catholic Quiz Bowl ..	All rooms, library, cafe

Saturday, March 1

7:30 am	Catholic Quiz Bowl ...	Library, classrms, cafe
2:00 pm	Baptism	Church
3:00 pm	Confessions	Church

Sunday, March 2

9:00 am	Legion of Mary	Classroom 3
9:00 am	Kindergarten Faith Formation.....	Library
9:00 am	Teen Apologetics.....	Classrooms 1&2
12:00 pm	Natural Marriage Group.....	Classrooms 1&2
1:45 pm	Gym in use	Until 3:30 pm
2:00 pm	Baptism	Church

February 23: SAINT POLYCARP (died 155)

“Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and Savior?” Boldly answering the official who demanded he worship pagan gods, Polycarp, today’s “Senior Citizen Saint,” demonstrates that courage, far from being the preserve of the young, is a virtue cultivated through life-long fidelity and crowned by final perseverance. A disciple of Saint John, who is said to have consecrated him bishop of Smyrna in modern day Turkey, Polycarp witnesses to the truth that, whatever time and space may separate us, Jesus’ gift of the Eucharist unites us. Polycarp’s final words, preserved by the Church of Smyrna, sounds like a Eucharistic Prayer in which the saint offers himself: “Lord, almighty God, Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of yourself . . . may I be received among the martyrs as a rich and pleasing sacrifice . . . through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ . . . through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.” —Peter Scagnelli

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!

Retrouvaille Marriage

Help offers a welcoming and loving space

Retrouvaille brought our marriage to a place where we could truly heal, forgive, and trust. It was a true miracle. It helped us achieve a relationship that is now better than it was when we were first married. Something we never thought possible.

-M & P - Tampa, Florida



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 email:

3062r@helpourmarriage.org or Call: 727-343-6701 Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Bulletin Articles Deadline:

Tuesday by noon

Email articles to:

bulletinstann3635@gmail.com

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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 F. Bishop, MD, PhD
- Science and Ethics of In Vitro Fertilization
Jean Baric-Parker, DBe
- A Catholic Approach to Mental Health
Very Rev. James Patrick Burns, IVD, 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

Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

REGISTER HERE

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

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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.

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2025**

Reflecting God's Light

The Diocesan Support Appeal provides vital funding for agencies and ministries that reach the poor, hungry and homeless across our diocese. It also supports programs that help in the faith formation of children, families, seminarians and many others. Its impact is broad and deep in our community. Each of us is called to share our gifts in support of the Church. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial support for the DSA in 2025. Please scan here to learn more and to make a donation (when donating, please be sure to note St. Ann as your home parish). Thank you!



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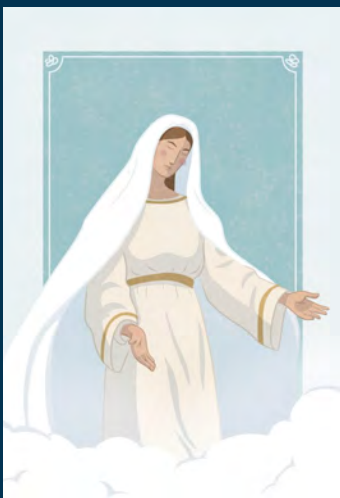
** We are in need of prayer warriors for our two wonderful Deacons.

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



33 Hours of Adoration

Tuesdays 8 am-Wednesdays 5 pm
in the Church
A big thank you
to our newest adorers on Tuesday

We are still in need of adorers on:
Wednesday at 12am, 3am,
12 noon, 1pm, or 3pm

Contact Cecilia Balman
at (704) 618-7648
or vabalman@aol.com

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.



Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Dymphna

You are invited to join Fr. Benjamin Roberts, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Monroe, NC, on a 3-day pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Dymphna located in Massillon, Ohio. The dates are **March 16 - 18, 2025**. The itinerary includes Holy Mass both days, a tour of the National Shrine of St. Dymphna and the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. We will spend time in prayer in front of the relics of all twelve apostles, St. Dymphna, and a relic of the True Cross. The cost is \$199.00 per person which includes all meals and roundtrip transportation aboard a luxury motor coach. For more information, please see our website at: www.stdymphnapilgrimage.org or email StDymphna2013@gmail.com or call Sue 704-431-2861



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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.

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, email Tony Antonangeli at:

saintannprayers@gmail.com

Faith Formation: 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. Classes meet in the St. Ann school building, and families enter the doors at the upper parking lot. Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at 704 523 4641 ext. 231 or faithformation@stanncharlotte.org

Teen Apologetics: Our Sunday classes have started. We meet on Faith Formation days from 9:00am-10:10am. The faith formation calendar is also on the parish website. Our next study is with the book, "A Daily Defense" by Jimmy Akin. Come join us!

1st Communion and 1st Confession students have several special dates approaching. We will have our 1st Communion retreat on **April 5th** from 9-12 in the Allen Center. In May, we celebrate 1st Communion on May 17th. The **photography information** was sent in an email to all parents. If you are preparing your children at home, be sure you are registered to attend the retreat. You can send Virginia any questions at faithformation@stanncharlotte.org

Attention Confirmation Students: Confirmation by Bishop Martin will be on **June 10th at 6pm** in St. Ann Church. Listen at class for more details.

To request a facilities reservation:

Please contact: Mark Donzella, Director of Operations
(704) 523-4641 x 224 or operations@stanncharlotte.org





Donated by the Rick Lejk family
in honor of +Abbey Lejk

Legacy of Faith

Name Us Last. After caring for your loved ones, have you considered including St. Ann Catholic Church or School in your will or trust? By naming us in your estate plans, you can continue to support our parish or school for generations to come. Thank you to those who have already chosen to leave a lasting legacy of faith through an estate gift. To learn more about how your gift can make a difference, contact Mark Donzella, the Director of Operations, at 704-523-4641 x224 or operations@stanncharlotte.org. 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.



Family, friends, & prospective families are invited to a

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FEAST DAY FEST

Sunday, March 2nd • Belmont Abbey • 11AM-2:30PM

Join us on Sunday, March 2nd, for a special celebration honoring our patron, St. Katharine Drexel (feast day: March 3rd). The event begins with 11 AM Mass at the Abbey Basilica, followed by lunch, music, and lawn games at the Alumni House. Current and prospective Drexel families, supporters, and friends are all invited!



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L A W N
G A M E S

Please RSVP by Feb. 27th

Prospective students & parents are invited to

DREXEL DAY COME & VISIT

Monday, March 3rd 8AM-3:30PM

Join us for a special "Come & Visit" event on St. Katharine Drexel's feast day! Feel free to join us for any or all parts of the day. We'll begin with 8:10 AM Mass at Belmont Abbey Basilica, followed by donuts and coffee at Drexel High School (304 McAdenville Rd, Belmont, NC 28012). Students—and parents if they'd like—are welcome to sit in on classes, shadow students, and stay for lunch, where we'll provide pizza and host a fun trivia game celebrating our patron!



Please RSVP by Mar. 2nd

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DREXEL HIGH & UPCOMING EVENTS, HOW TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER VISIT, OR TO BEGIN ENROLLMENT, HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE



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Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
January 5	58,196.91	27,212.50	\$ 30,984.41
January 12	26,386.23	27,212.50	\$ (826.27)
January 19	25,444.54	27,212.50	(1,767.96)

YTD July 1-January 20, 2025

\$859,408.86 \$816,375.00 \$43,033.86

929 Registered Families

Outstanding Parish Loan Balances

Rectory Loan\$297,871.03
 5 Year Plan Loan Paid in Full\$0.00

Offertory



St. Vincent
de Paul

DSA 2025

Goal\$149,240.16
 Pledged.....\$ 0
 Received\$ 0
 Donations to St. Ann7,237.00
 Balance Due.....\$142,003.16

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.

Priests Retirement Assessment 0
 Received.....0
 Balance Due.....0



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

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Thomas Sanctis
x223

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Peter Tonon
X227

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ari Lekovic

Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization

Virginia Blatchford
X231

Faith Formation and Evangelization

Clare Beltran
x231

Liturgical Ministries

Helen Nobers
x229

Music

Terese Rowe
x234

Maintenance/Facilities

Raymond Mosley
X233
Chris Hall
X233

Accountant

Alejandra Seagle
x237

Accounting Assistant (Part time)

Sandra Sharron
x232

Administrative Assistant

Sister Mary Lydia, DVM
x221

Director of Operations and Facilities Scheduling

Mark Donzella
X224

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.