

St. Ann

Catholic Church

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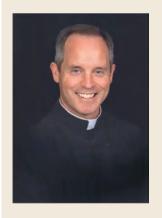


St. Ann's Parish Mission

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,



This Monday, 08 December 2025, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.** It is a holy day of obligation. Thus, we will have Masses at 7 a.m., 12 noon, and 6 p.m., so please plan to attend one of those Masses. I am grateful to the many of you who are praying the Novena in preparation for the

dedication of our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which we will celebrate after the 6 p.m. Mass on Monday. This is something we've been doing for several years now, and it's something that I believe brings great graces to our parish.

In years past we've offered an annual *Rorate Mass* on a Saturday in December. This votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes its name from the first words of the Introit: "Rorate coeli, désuper et nubes pluant justum," which is translated: "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just." While we are no longer allowed to offer Latin Masses at St. Ann's, we're still going to have a special Advent Mass in honor of Our Lady on Saturday, 20 December at 6:30 a.m. As with our Rorate Masses in the past, this Novus Ordo Mass will be celebrated using only candlelight, a reminder that the world was in darkness before the coming of the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ. I'll think you'll find it a Mass that is so wonderfully suited to the Advent theme of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Christ Child. Please come and join us as we anticipate the dawning of the Son of God at Christmas.

Lastly, we still have not met our **Diocesan Support Appeal** Goal (DSA) for this year. We are roughly \$18,000 short of our assessment. If you haven't

donated to the DSA yet, now is a great time to do so. If we fall short of our assessment (which is \$149,240 this year), we must make up the missing funds from our general operating account. And please consider giving generously to the **5-Year Plan** as you plan your end-of-year giving. We still have a debt to pay off for rectory mortgage, and several other projects we hope to undertake in the coming years. Thanks for your generosity!

In hopeful expectation of our Lord's coming,

RW TSRD

Fr. Reid

Please support our St. Vincent de Paul Society

People across the Charlotte area, Catholic and non-Catholic, call the church looking for some emergency assistance. Volunteers from our St. Vincent de Paul Society talk to these neighbors of ours and can provide some short term help, like with a power, water, or gas bill. There are many people looking for help and the St. Vincent de Paul treasury is depleted, even with a generous subsidy from the parish tithing fund. You can of course donate any time online! Or if you are interested in volunteering with our St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact our office and Sr. Mary Lydia can connect you with the right person. Thank you for your generosity to your neighbors in need!

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 7

8:00 am

Intentions of Ava Shayeghi by the family

10:30 am

For our parish

12:30 pm Intentions of Greg and Christine Wolman by the Louis Picciola Family

Monday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 am

+Magdalena Mulke by Kati Roy

12:00 pm

Intentions of Carolyn Clinard

by the Rayano Family

6:00 pm For our Parish

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 am

Intentions of Diane Schroeder

by the Family

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 pm +Jerry White by the Bilbao Family

Thursday, December 11

7:00 am

+John Paul Mack

by the Family

Friday, December 12

7:00 am

+Donald and Rosemary Eno

by Les and Karen Auth

8:30 am Intentions of Diann Schroeder by the Family

Saturday, December 13

4:30 pm

+Vincent Deehan by Matthew Garner

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am

+Abbey Lejk by the Rick Lejk Family

10:30 am

For our parish

12:30 pm

Intentions of the OLMC Carmelites

by the Community

Please Pray For...

Our Parishioners

Grace Coyne **Daniel Foster**

Elena Hildebrand

James Hochstetler

Arlene and Gene Luczak

Roe Family

Stephany Šhayeghi

Our Friends and Family

Mia Alderman

David Alderman

Brian Blatchford

Betsy Devarakonda

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,

SGT James "Jim" Alston, US Army

1st Lt. Kenneth Davison III USAF

2nd Lt. Anna Davison USAF

Cadet 1st Class Therese Davison, USAF

Lt. Thomas Hetzel, Deployed, US Army

Capt. Peter Hetzel, US Army

Cadet 3rd Class Sam Hucko, USAF

Capt. Thomas Mathis IV, DO, US Army

Lt. Grace Mathis, US Army Capt. Angelina Patrinostro, USAF

Private Caroline Davison, US Army

Private Michael J. DeSantis, US Army

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

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, Dec	eember 7
9:00 am	Faith Formation CL 1&2, library
12:00 pm	
2:00 pm	Baptism Church
Monday, De	cember 8 Parish Office Closed Interfaith BasketballGym
4:00 pm	Interfaith BasketballGym
7:00 pm	Fraternus Gym
7:00 pm	OCIACafe
Tuesday, De	cember 9
7:30 am	All classrooms in useUntil 3:30pm
8:00 am	Adoration begins Church
4:00 pm	Interfaith basketballGvm
6:00 pm	Young Men's Bible Study Class 4
6:30 pm	Classrooms 1&2Reserved
7:00 pm	St. Joseph Prayer GroupLibrary
7:00 pm	Legion of MaryClassroom 3
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	ontinues in the Church
7:30 am	All classrooms in use Until 3:30 pm
5:00 pm	Holy Hour Church
6:00 pm	Young Adult BasketballGym
6:45 pm	Our Lady's Handmaidens Library
7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul
7:00 pm	Bible StudyClassroom 4
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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. Online registration takes place at the St. Ann parish website. Our classes run each Sunday. Contact Virginia Blatchford with questions at faithformation@stanncharlotte.org

1st Communion Parents: Be sure to work weekly at home on the 1st Communion Packet. The homework packet is due at the First Confession Retreat on January 31st from 9-12noon in the Allen Center.

Confirmation Parents: Be sure to work weekly at home on the Prior Knowledge Packet. The signed pages are due at the confirmation retreat on March 14th from 830am-300pm at Belmont Abbey. Note our confirmation students interview before they receive confirmation. Interviews will be on March 23 from 4 to 7 pm. Gather in the entry to the Allen Center and sign in as you arrive. Students will be interviewed by our Deacons, Priests, or teachers.

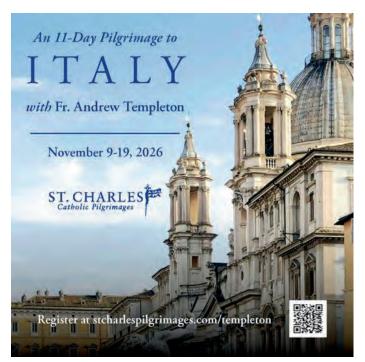
We also have our Confirmation date of April 19th at the 1230 Mass. Rehearsal is the day before on April 18th at 2pm. Sponsors and Candidates will gather in the Church. Be prompt so we can start on time. Teen Apologetics—We meet on each of the Faith Formation days from 9:00am-10:10am. We are using a Fulton Sheen source for our apologetics, and we meet upstairs in the Allen Center, classroom 1 and 2! Bring a friend.

Prayerfully consider if you are being called to be a sponsor for a man, woman, or child that is coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil or being confirmed after a time away from the Catholic Church on Divine Mercy Sunday. This ministry asks you to get to know the person you will sponsor. You can meet with them, share a coffee, and make a phone call to talk or answer questions. You will pray for them as they attend Monday evening classes, and be present on the day they receive their sacraments. If you would like to share your faith in this way, please send me an email to:

faithformation@stanncharlotte.org



Bulletin Articles Deadline:
Tuesday by noon
Email articles to:
bulletinstann3635@gmail.com



The Gift That Endures: As Advent draws us closer to the joy of Christmas, we are reminded that the most meaningful gifts are those that endure. A gift to St. Ann Catholic Church or School in your will or trust or a gift to establish an endowment are ways to extend the love and faith you carry today into the future ... blessing parishioners you may never meet. If you have already made this heartfelt commitment, thank you. If you are discerning, we invite you to learn more about how your legacy of faith can nurture the mission of St. Ann for generations.

Contact Mark Donzella at 704-523-4641 x224 or operations@stanncharlotte.org or visit our Planned Giving webpage below for more information:

It's the final call for Christmas trees and wreaths at the St. Ann Men's Club Charity Tree Event!

We still have a great selection of fresh-cut 6–7 ft trees waiting to go home for the holidays.

Thank you for helping us support our charitable mission!



Calling all gentleman of the parish!
We are in need of ushers for all weekend masses.
The ushering commitment would be once a month at a mass time that is convenient for you.
Prayerfully consider giving of your time to this important ministry! If you are interested or would like more details, please email Helen at liturgy@stanncharlotte.org. Thank you!

Bring Books: Donate Bibles + Christian literature to be shipped to



Natural Marriage Group

Knowing that marriage and the family constitute one of the most precious of human values, the Church wishes to speak and offer her help to those who are already aware of the value of marriage and the family and seek to live it faithfully, to those who are uncertain and anxious and searching for the truth, and to those who are unjustly impeded from living freely their family lives. Supporting the first, illuminating the second and assisting the others, the Church offers her services to every person who wonders about the destiny of marriage and the family.

These words were not written today, but come to us from our beloved St John Paul the great in 1981, in his Apostolic Exhortation Familiaris Consortio. They are obviously even more true today than they were then. With our passionate conviction that marriage and family is, as he says, "one of the most precious of human values", we at this parish seek to support and accompany families to a greater degree than they might normally find. All of our ministries are directed at helping form, encourage and support our families' growth in holiness at every age and stage. One new way we have been doing this for the past year, is hosting an NFP support group here at the parish, for seasons in marriage where more support is needed - whether that be emotionally, physically or spiritually.

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.

Are you in a season where you have serious reasons for avoiding pregnancy, but NFP still feels burdensome and hard? This is what our NFP support group is for. One hour, once a month, for both spouses, led by trained couples - and with free childcare!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 7, in classroom 1 (upstairs in the church office) after the 10:30 mass, from 12-1pm. Our next meeting will be the first Sunday of every month. Email kaloakes@gmail.com to rsvp.

ADVENT ANGEL TREE

IS HERE!

Please help us bring **Christmas joy** to those in need by donating an **Angel Tree gift.**

Please consider helping a MiraVia resident and her baby, the Missionaries of the Poor, Catholic Charities and Families in need.

Here's how:

- CHOOSE an Angel ornament
- RETURN it along with your unwrapped gift to the Tree by Sunday, December 7th.
- . OR SCAN this QR Code to Donate



CONTACT Jennifer Ingallinera st.annangelgroup@gmail.com with questions.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

We will be collecting gifts for MiraVia,
Catholic Charities and Missionaries of the Poor.
Please take a tag and return your UNWRAPPED gift
by Sunday, December 7th.
Thank you for your generosity!

St Joseph's Men's Club

If you're interested in becoming a member of the St Ann Men's Club or would like more information, please contact **Paul Sorge** at **704-430-8129** or **paulsorge@yahoo.com**. The Men's Club is looking for men to assist in in fine tuning the church pews. If you have skills in basic tools or woodworking, we can use your assistance.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

December 28th bulletin articles are due no later than noon on Thursday, December 18th and January 4th bulletin articles are due no later than noon on Monday, December 22nd



Support Catholic Education and St. Ann Catholic School St. Ann Catholic School is excited to launch the inaugural Raising Saints Annual Fund! Your gift strengthens the heart of our school—supporting the students, teachers, and programs that

make a daily difference.

Gifts to the Annual Fund stay at St. Ann Catholic

School and directly enhance our programs, facilities, and opportunities for both students and staff. This year's goal is to make meaningful improvements that enrich our students' daily experience.



Every gift is a blessing and is greatly appreciated. Together, we're Raising Saints!

To learn more or donate, visit: stanncatholic.org/support-st-ann/annual-fund
Questions? Contact us at giving@stanncatholicschool.net
or 980-960-0699.







THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:30PM

On Saturday, December 13th at 7:30 PM, the Cathedral of Saint Patrick will host its annual Concert of Sacred Music for Advent and Christmas. Performing at the concert will be the Cathedral Choir, Children's Choir, and High School Choir. The choirs will sing the Magnificat in C by Johann Georg Reinhardt, and other works by Parsons, Rathgeber, Bach, and Mendelssohn. All are invited to attend.

ADMISSION IS FREE FOR THIS CONCERT; A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK 1621 DILWORTH RD. E CHARLOTTE, NC 28203

For more information contact Cramfranco De Luca at gleluca@stpatricks.org or 704-334-2283.



Praise be to God

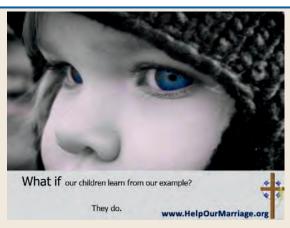
we have all spots filled for our 2 priests, Fr Reid and Fr Jones. We always need Prayer Warriors for our 3 Deacons.

Reach out to me if you would like to be added to the Sub List. Anchoress, Sarah Miller at: Holyfamilyacademy4@yahoo.com

St. Ann Homeless Ministry

We cook and serve a hot meal the 3rd Sunday each month for those in need. For details and signups, please 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.

We Are Always In Need of Volunteers



Retrouvaille Marriage Help

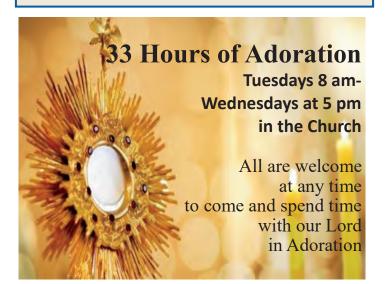
offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, 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. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/ crises.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in the Charlotte area for couples,

email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or

Call: 727-343-6701

Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com



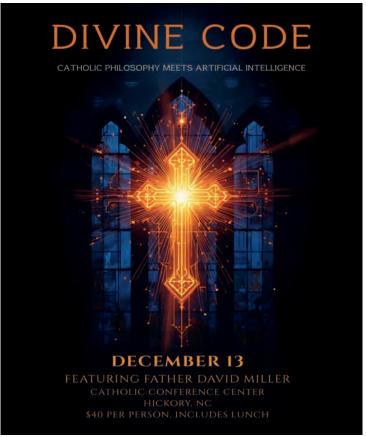


Altar Flowers Donated by the Rick Lejk Family

Hospitality Committee

St. Ann's Hospitality Committee is one of our most important parish ministries. The Hospitality Committee is in charge of providing receptions for 1st Communion, Confirmation, the Easter Vigil, and other parish-wide social events as they arise (usually 5 or 6 total events/year), and organizing monthly coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses. We are currently looking for two new co-chairs for this committee. One co-chair will be responsible for recruiting volunteers and planning food for events, while the other co-chair will be responsible for directing set-up and clean-up for events. If you are willing to serve as one of the co-chairs of this vital committee, please contact Sr. Mary Lydia at 704-523-4641, ext. 221.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte
Food Pantry Collection
Next collection: December 20-21







Legion of Mary

Tuesdays ● 7:00 pm Classroom 3 Contact Sue Calkins at 704-724-2297 or maxxwellsr@gmail.com

Please join us in peaceful prayer at **Planned Parenthood on Torrence Street** for an end to abortion, for expectant mothers,

to save and protect the lives of the unborn. Please contact Sue Calkins at 704 724 2297 or maxxwellsr@gmail.com for dates and times of prayer each week.

Please join the Legion of Mary in the Chapel on the **First Saturday of each month** to pray the rosary for Our Blessed Mother at 3:45pm before the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Your contribution to the Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection provides for the future pension

and retiree health benefits of our beloved priests, so they can live out their retirement years in comfort and dignity. Please use the code below and donate today ... thank you!



Oplatek– **Christmas Wafers** – **Oplatky**

Renew the Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the Oplatek/Christmas Wafer at Christmas Eve dinner. Breaking and sharing the wafer with family and friends accompanied 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. Orders taken until Dec. 23th. Contact Helen Collins at 704-576-3562 or helen \$92@att.net.

All proceeds go to St. Gabriel Church charity to help needy families and the Priest's Retirement Fund.

St. Gerard Ministry

Would you like to support mothers after a birth?

The St. Gerard Ministry organizes meal trains to support families after the birth of a child. This is an easy way to practice a work of mercy while getting to know other families in our parish! To get on the Ministry list, please email Clara Davison at:

clarajdavison@gmail.com.

If you are expecting a baby soon and would like to receive meals, please email Clara at:

clarajdavison@gmail.com

Your Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Stewardship

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under	
November 2	\$ 24,229	\$ 30,822	\$ (6,593)	
November 9	35,990	30,822	5,169	
Current YTD	\$603,447	\$ 600,184	\$ 3,263	

929 Registered Families

Outstanding Parish Loan Balances

Rectory Loan\$2	182,719
5 Year Plan Loan Paid in Full	\$0.00

Religious Retirement





Five Year Plan

DSA 2025

Goal	\$149,240
Pledged to be collected	\$11,503
Received	\$130,888
Short	\$18,353
Donors	162

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. Use this link to make a donation today.



Priests Retirement Assessment \$	50,440
Received\$4	13,072
Balance DueŚ	



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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 pastor@stanncharlotte.org

Deacon

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deaconsanctis@stanncharlotte.org

Deacon

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Deacon

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Director of Operations and
Facilities Scheduling

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H.O.P.E Ministry	Mary Beth Titman	mbtitman@gmail.com	St. Vincent De Paul	Lucie Tonon	lucietonon123@gmail.com
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Homeschool Ministry	Homeschool Board	SAHSMSecretary@gmail.com	Young Adult Group (The CASA)	Katie Cosby	Stanncltyoungadults@gmail.com
Hospitality	Brenda Kresak	bkresak@gmail.com	Young Couples and Families Group	Morgan Smith	MinaOstendorf@gmail.com
Lector and Ushers	Helen Nobers	liturgy@stanncharlotte.org			

Sunday Mass
Schedule
Saturday
Anticipated Mass
4:30 pm
Sunday Masses
8:00 am
10:30 am

Weekday Masses
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday
7:00 am
Wednesday
6:00 pm
Friday
7:00 am
8:30 am

Adoration
Tuesday 8:00 am
through
Wednesday at 5:00 pm

Holy Hour Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation
Thursday
5:30-6:30 pm

Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm



12:30 pm

Diocesan is proud to be printing

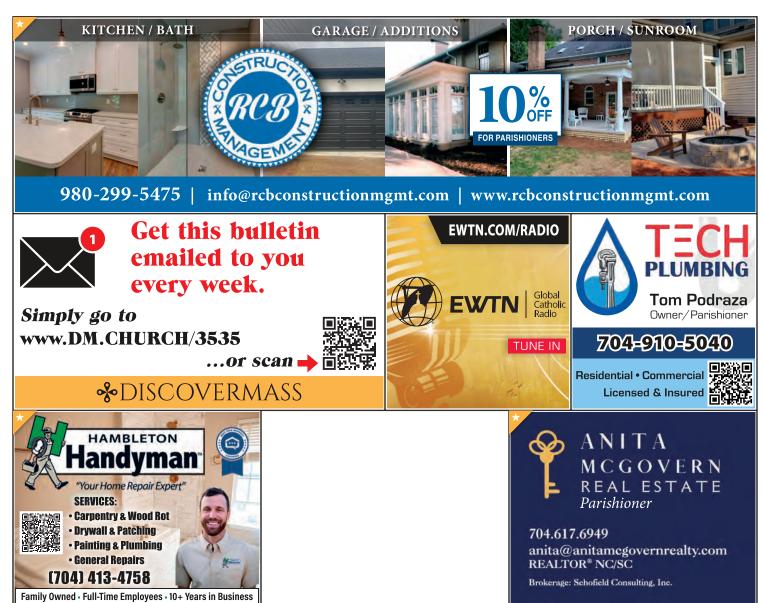
St. Ann's Sunday Bulletin



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For opportunities to advertise, please contact

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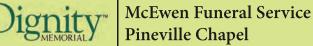


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