

Saturday- March 8 Memorial of St. John of God

4:00 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary
 5:00 p.m. Mass †Dick Gates r/b Deb & Fred

Sunday- March 9 First Sunday of Lent (Daylight Savings, spring forward)

9:30 a.m. Mass †Mary Ann R Oakill r/b the Laun & Choiniere Families
 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
 10:30-12 p.m. Faith Formation
 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Pro Populo

Monday- March 10 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary
 8:30 a.m. Mass †Bertha Sue Beason r/b Cecilia, Jim, & Journey

Tuesday- March 11 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary
 8:30 a.m. Mass †Bill & Olga Throneburg r/b Liz Nichols
 6:00 p.m. Alanon

Wednesday- March 12 Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. Rosary
 6:30 p.m. Mass †Gerald Miller r/b Bill & Karen Peak
 7-8 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday- March 13 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary
 8:30 a.m. Mass †Art Stegall r/b Cecilia & Jim
 6:00 p.m. Alanon

Friday- March 14 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary
 8:30 a.m. Mass †Jack & Virginia Doman r/b Cecilia & Jim
 9-10 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 5-6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday- March 15 Lenten Weekday

4:00 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary
 5:00 p.m. Mass †Bill Wentzel r/b Judy Wentzel

Sunday- March 16 Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. Mass †Bill Kubiak r/b Greg & Janet Gartner
 10:15 a.m. K of C Pancake Breakfast
 10:30-12 p.m. Faith Formation
 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Pro Populo

Red Rose by Mary: **Knights of Columbus**

Flowers on the Altar: **LENT**

Lily by Joseph: **Dwan Hahn**

The Sanctuary Lamp: **Liz Nichols**



Ramelle Staton, Ann Dortan,
 Joan Storms, Lisa Deppe,
 Walt Deppe, Rose Ann Maiden,
 Theresa Long, Marian McCann,
 Frankie Coley, Carol Fox,

Dan Huffman, Teofista Floyd, Mary Christie,
 Barbara Dawson, Frank Jaimes, Ginger Ball,
 Terri Random, Jeanne Boroski, Dallas Ellis,
 Blanche Rudolf, Carl Mogilka, Janet Lavallee,
 John Forest, Joseph Forest Jr.,

Parish Family members in the military services:

Will Welsh, Tyler Ostrander,
 Hunter Osterhout, Steven Pressley,
 Frank Sawicki, Rick Davis, Tim Roberts,
 Cameron Crayton, Theresa Fox, John Tenney,
 Ethan Matthew Grefrath, Tristan Huff,
 Ben Zona, Joseph Monteleone,
 Christopher Lopez, Jared Carrasco

If you know of any parishioner (or former parishioner) who is ill or in a care facility, would you please let Father know so he may visit them. Also, if you are planning to enter the hospital, please let Father know. Hospital patient records are not available to Father. Thank you and may God Bless you.

Homebound: Please notify the Parish office (704) 982-2910 if you or your spouse desire Holy Communion at home.

Hospital visitations: Please notify church office if you or your Catholic family member desires Anointing of the sick or Holy Communion in a hospital. The hospital does not notify us.

Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Church

90 years a parish

First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
 2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

March 9, 2025

Responsorial Psalm: 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment only

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Confessions: Saturday 4-4:45 p.m. & Wednesday 6-6:20 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday & Friday

Pastor: Reverend Father Peter Fitzgibbons

Faith Formation: B. Storms

Chief of Staff: L. Storms



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Carolina Catholic Corner Bookstore: Open Sat-Sun. After Mass & during office hours.



The parishioners of Our Lady of the Annunciation Church are happy to extend a warm welcome to the visitors who join us for Mass today. Please join us for coffee & donuts in the Family Life Center after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

"You are so loved by God"

Office Hours

Office hours: Monday – Friday 7:30am – 1:30pm

The Office will be closed March 11-14.

Altar Servers

Anyone wishing to serve on the altar please contact Carolyn Sain (704) 550-6933 (Cell). If you want to serve and need training, Carolyn will plan to meet with you after Mass.

Readers

Readers for: March 15th Liz Nichols & March 16th Kathleen Miller.

If you would like to be a reader, please call Liz Nichols (704) 474-5729.

Sermon Notes

Copies of last weekend's Sermon notes are at the entrance of the church.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is every Friday, 9-10am, except the first Friday of each month is 9-11am. Wednesdays, 7-8pm.

Adoration

One of the greatest temptations around the Eucharist is to treat it like a regular part of our routine instead of the most significant moment of our week. And the way to move beyond that spiritual obstacle is to begin to build anticipation. Throughout the week, prepare for Mass by praying the Spiritual Communion each day, by reflecting on the Gospel for the coming Sunday's Mass, by fasting in order to intentionally become mindful of the hunger in your soul, and by arriving a few minutes early to quiet your heart, mind, body, and soul before Mass begins. We prepare for everything we consider to be important in this life. Preparation builds anticipation. And anticipation fills our souls with joy. When we don't prepare for Mass, we reveal our misplaced priorities and rob ourselves of so much of the joy God wants to give us through the Eucharistic experience.

Food Pantry

The Knights of Columbus are collecting items for the food pantry. You can leave your items in the entrance of the church under the bulletin board in the baskets. Monetary donations can be made out to the Knights of Columbus.

Needed items: ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, pancake mix, pancake syrup, grits, oatmeal, salad dressings, tomato sauce & diced tomatoes. **65lbs.** of food were donated last week. **Please NO outdated food. Egg cartons are NEEDED.**

Tax Statements

If you would like a 2024 tax statement, please contact Lori in the office, 704-982-2910. Or, email church@annunciationalbemarle.com

EWTN

Lenten Reflections 2025: Enhance your Lenten journey with insightful reflections from priests across England. Each week, explore a new theme designed to inspire and uplift, guiding you through a meaningful and enriching preparation for Easter. Sundays, 3:30pm; Wednesdays, 11:30pm; Saturdays, 9:30am.

A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing II: The Gender Agenda: Original documentary sheds light on the radical progressive influences warping society's traditional attitudes on gender and human sexuality and outlines how this phenomenon threatens our Biblical understanding of marriage and the family. March 15, 8pm.

Coffee & Donuts List 2025

The coffee & donuts volunteer sheet is up on the bulletin board in the FLC. If you would like to volunteer to help with coffee & donuts on Sundays, just put your name on the month you would like to do. **Open months are July, August, & December.** Thank you for your help!

Prayer List Refresh

It's that time of year again! We will be refreshing our prayer list. If you would like your loved ones to stay on the prayer list, please email me at church@annunciationalbemarle.com, or call me in the office. 704-982-2910.

Yard Sale

Good news! I have spoken to the yard sale sorters, and they have told me that if you have anything to drop off for the yard sale, they are ready! Call Lori in the office to set up a time for drop off.

2025 Sanctuary Candles & Flowers on the Altar List

The 2025 Sanctuary Candles and Flowers on the Altar list is now up on the bulletin board. Feel free to sign up for a weekend!

PRC Baby Bottle Boomerang

Update: Thank you again to everyone who supported the PRC Baby Bottle Boomerang drive this year. We had a parish goal of \$1,000 and we exceeded that goal with \$1,701.01 raised. Thank you for supporting women and children in our community! Life begins at conception, love begins with you!

Blood Pressure Machine

American Heart Association of North Carolina Faith-Based Blood Pressure Initiative has awarded us a free blood pressure machine for our church parishioners to use! It is located downstairs in the FLC in the far left corner next to the plant. There are instructions on how to use this machine on the table. Thank you to Gay Welsh for her efforts in getting us this machine!

40 Cans for Lent

The Knights have started their 40 Cans for Lent Campaign! There will be baskets at the entrance of the church for you to drop off your non-perishable food items for this campaign. All food will be going to the SCCM! We thank you for your help!

Why can't you catch a Catholic during Lent? They fast

Offertory

Fiscal year: Budgeted: \$231,816.28 **Actual:** \$226,647.00
As of March 2nd: Budgeted: \$6,623.36 **Actual:** \$6,707.00
We THANK YOU for your continued support!!!
DSA 2025 Goal \$30,742.00 Paid & Pledges \$0.00 (Under) (\$TBA) as of 1/16/25

Daughters of Mary

The Daughters of Mary have their meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month downstairs FLC at 1pm.
Noticias Hijas de Maria, Reuniones el tercer miércoles de cada mes, a la 1pm en el FLC
The next Daughters of Mary meeting will be March 19th.
La próxima reunion para las Hijas de Maria será el 19 de marzo.

Book Club

The book study club will be studying "JESUS OF NAZARETH: Holy Week" by Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI).
Next meeting: Wednesday, March 12th, at 3pm. We will be discussing chapter 2. Please bring your bibles!

Church Directory Photos

Thank you to all those who have signed up for directory photos! If you have not signed up, please do so online. You can sign up for a photo session at www.ucdir.com. Click "Photography Session Sign Up". The church code is: nc545 & the password is: photos
So many people have signed up, we have added an extra date: Wednesday, March 26th, 2-8:30pm. We still have openings Thursday, March 20th, and Friday March 21st.

Annual Spring Fling

Get ready for a day packed with fun, excitement, education, fellowship, and lots of laughter!! The CCDOC Elder Ministry is thrilled to announce that registration for **the 37th Annual Spring Fling for Seniors** is now open! Don't miss out on this amazing event! The Spring Fling will take place May 6th, 2025, at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Charlotte, and May 27th, 2025, at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. The deadline for the May 6th date is April 14th, and the deadline for the May 27th date is May 12th. Get ready for an action-packed day! Here are some of the exciting activities you can look forward to: Group Entertainment, Bingo, Crafts, Chair Exercise, Line Dancing, Health & Wellness Activities, Presentations on a variety of topics, Door Prizes, Music, Mass, and so much more!

Lenten Dinners

Lent is here, and you know what that means... Lenten Dinners!
Next dinner: Friday, March 14: Potato Soup & Broccoli Soup w/ Bread
Pricing and the full dinner schedule is available on our website.

Upcoming Faith Formation

March: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
April: 6th, 13th, 27th
NO CLASS: 20th
May: 4th (LAST CLASS)

Knights of Columbus (K of C)

The K of C is an international organization that meets monthly in the FLC. For more information about the K of C contact Vince Lombardo at 2323vincel@gmail.com. Next Meeting: Monday, April 7, 7pm, downstairs FLC.
Feb. Knight of Month: John Welsh
Feb. Family of the Month: Vince & Alice Lombardo

Al-Anon Family Groups

Al-Anon family groups, sixty years of hope for the families and friends of problem drinkers. Meetings: Annunciation Catholic Church Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 p.m. www.alanon.org

Church Blog

Come take a look at the blog on our website.

<http://annunciationalbemarle.com>

There are so many wonderful things to look through. There is too much to list. If you haven't been able to attend church and miss Father's sermons head on over to the website, you will be able to read them all there. There is no need to have an account or to log in. Just go to our website, if you are on a computer the blog will be listed at the top and if you are on a phone, you will find it in the menu section.

Remind

If you would like to get texts on Church Information, i.e., Mass cancellations, death, funeral arrangements, etc. Text this number: 81010 and send the message: @church416. Once this message is sent, you will get a message from a new number confirming your successful join. You will now receive notifications for church information! **To ensure that you will receive my remind messages, PLEASE download the remind app.** This information can also be found on our website: www.annunciationalbemarle.com

March Birthdays:

Ana Amaya, Kathy Auman, Kaitlyn Barbee, Kerri Borys, Reggie Mae M. De Castro, Hannah Ava De Los Reyes, Susan Dydo, Gary Feierstein, Teofista Floyd, Linda Forsyth, David Grein, Chrisi Hernandez, Isis Hernandez, Marlene Hutchins, Mary Jane Jadlocki, Oliver Keegan, Katherine Kuleba, Esther L'Italien, Ronald Liberto, John Marinich, Catherine McIntyre, Bill Miller, Kathleen Miller, Kathy Miller, Candra Mullins, Betty Paige, Gregoria Perez, Margarita S. Placino, Linda Robert, Emma Grace Salazar, Kirk Stump, Charlie Swikle, Chueyim Vang, Wa Cheng Vang, Judy Wentzel, Destiny Xiong

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is May 2-4, 2025 in Hickory, NC, & June 20-22, 2025 in Raleigh, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at <http://MCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144



Please do not play with your cell phones in church
Please NO gum chewing in Church and please do not put your gum under the pews or kneelers. If you have trash, please do not throw it on the floor in church there is a trash can in the bathroom.