

Saturday- March 29 Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Church Cleanup
 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Rosary
 5:00 p.m. Mass †Yianni Grivizas r/b Hernandez Family

Sunday- March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. Mass †Edward Snyder Jr. r/b Karen Snyder
 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
 10:30-12 p.m. Faith Formation
 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Pro Populo

Monday- March 31 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary
 8:30 a.m. Mass †Oscar Spence r/b Liz Nichols

Tuesday- April 1 Lenten Weekday

NO DAILY MASS
 6:00 p.m. Alanon

Wednesday- April 2 Memorial of St. Francis of Paola

6:00 p.m. Rosary
 6:30 p.m. Mass †Jim Dawson r/b Karen Snyder
 7-8 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday- April 3 Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rosary
 8:30 a.m. Mass †Mary Kate & Clayton Bowers r/b Paulette Bowers
 6:00 p.m. Alanon

Friday- April 4 Memorial of St. Isidore; First Friday

8:00 a.m. Rosary
 8:30 a.m. Mass †James & Irene Sullinger r/b Don & Nancy Barker
 9-11 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 5-6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday- April 5 Memorial of St. Vincent Ferrer; First Saturday

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

Sunday- April 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. Mass †John Heyer r/b Mary Ann Heyer
 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
 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: **IMO Jack & Virginia**



*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,
 Terri Random, Jeanne Boroski, Carl Mogilka,
 Blanche Rudolf, Janet Lavallee, John Forest,
 Joseph Forest Jr., Leah Ciampini,
 Sebastian LaJiness*

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of
 Frankie Hatley*

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

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: April 5th Don Barker & April 6th Sally Pleasant.

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. **167lbs.** 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

Rites of Passage: Leaving Boyhood behind: A revealing look at the crisis in masculinity which can often occur when males are unprepared, emotionally and spiritually, for the transition into adulthood. Jason Craig leads the search for solutions. April 7-11, 5:30pm.

Dying without Fear: A young woman with terminal cancer embarks on a poignant journey of reconciling with her Catholic faith, embracing her final days with peace and hope. This original docudrama offers profound insights into the sacrament of Last Rites, enriched by expert commentary. April 5, 3pm.

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!

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!

Bus Trip – March for Life in Raleigh

Join the Family Life Office in a daylong bus trip pilgrimage on Saturday, May 17, 2025 to our state capitol for a Mass, rally, and march for life! \$25 per person. Contact FamilyLife@rcdoc.org for any questions.

Where does the general put his armies? In his sleeves.

Offertory

Fiscal year: Budgeted: \$251,686.36 **Actual:** \$244,853.00
As of March 23rd: Budgeted: \$6,623.36 **Actual:** \$5,259.00
We THANK YOU for your continued support!!!
DSA 2025 Goal \$30,743.00 Paid & Pledges \$3,655.00 (Under) (\$27,088) as of 3/25/25

Daughters of Mary

The next Daughters of Mary meeting will be April 16th.
 La próxima reunion para las Hijas de Maria será el 16 de abril.

Church Cleanup

Thank you to those who helped this past Saturday in making our church grounds look beautiful! Your help was greatly appreciated.

Plant Sale

Attention Gardeners! Coming soon! There is something for everyone- vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, etc.), herbs (basil, parsley, etc.), annuals (petunias, alyssum, etc.), perennials (purple coneflower, iris, etc.), and houseplants (aloe, philodendron, etc.). Small cash denominations will be appreciated, and checks may be made payable to K of C. Hope to see you rain or shine!

Laetare Sunday

Laetare Sunday (Latin for rejoice), is the fourth Sunday of Lent. The counterpart of Gaudete Sunday, or third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words (incipit) of the traditional Latin entrance (Introit) for the Mass of the day. "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") is Latin from Isaiah 66:10. The priests wear rose vestments to express encouragement and joy.

Annual Spring Fling

Get ready for a day packed with fun, excitement, education, fellowship, and lots of laughter!! The CDOC 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, April 4th: Meatless Chili
 Pricing and the full dinner schedule is available on our website.

Upcoming Faith Formation

March: 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.

New Remind System

We have started to use a new reminder system! It is called Clearstream, and it will be similar to how Remind worked previously. If you would like to sign up to receive Church Information messages, text the word "CONNECT" to (704) 343-8870. You will receive a confirmation text saying you have joined! You can also call Lori in the office to sign up.

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.