

Saturday- April 12 Lenten Weekday

2-6 p.m. Plant Sale
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass †Gerald Miller r/b Cecilia & Jim

Sunday- April 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 a.m. Mass †Eugene Oakill r/b The Laun & Choiniere Families
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
10:30 p.m. Plant Sale
10:30-12 p.m. Faith Formation/Easter Carnival
12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Pro Populo

Monday- April 14 Monday of Holy Week

8:00 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Mass †Edward Snyder Sr. r/b Karen Snyder

Tuesday- April 15 Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Mass †James & Geraldine Martin r/b Family
6:00 p.m. Alanon

Wednesday- April 16 Wednesday of Holy Week

1:00 p.m. Daughters of Mary Meeting
6:00 p.m. Rosary
6:30 p.m. Mass †Bill & Olga Throneburg r/b Cecilia & Jim
7-8 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday- April 17 Holy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Alanon
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper †Gerald Miller r/b Liz Nichols

Friday- April 18 Good Friday

3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday- April 19 Holy Saturday

11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Food
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass †Mayra Vargas r/b Gabi Sutton

Sunday- April 20 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 a.m. Mass †Joseph & Margie Belliotti r/b Family
NO Coffee & Donuts
NO 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: Carolyn Sain



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

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

April 13, 2025

Responsorial Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Gospel: Luke 22:14--23:56

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

Easter Schedule 2025



April 17 Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 18 Good Friday

3 pm Passion of the Lord
7 pm Stations of the Cross

April 19 Holy Saturday

11 am Blessing of the Food
8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

April 20 Easter Sunday

9:30 am & 12:15 pm Spanish



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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 Fri. April 18 & 21.

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 19th Phyllis Kupsick & April 20th Randy Stevens.

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. **116lbs.** of food were donated last week. **Please NO outdated food. Egg cartons are NEEDED.**

EWTN

Triumphant Hour: Many well-known actors from early television, radio, and movies appear in this Resurrection story that begins with the prayer of the Rosary in a parish church. April 20, 10pm.

The God of Mercy: Fr. Bala Udamala offers unique insights into the important messages Our Lord revealed in His appearances to St. Faustina Kowalska. April 21-25, 5:30pm.

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!

Palm Sunday

Let us join in the words of the Gospel and say to Christ: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Let us wave before Him like palm branches His dying words on the Cross. Let us greet Him, not with olive branches, but with the good deeds of mercy shown to one another. Let us strew beneath His feet like garments the desire of our hearts, that He may walk in us and dwell wholly in us, that He may reveal us whole in Himself and Himself whole in us.
-St. Andrew of Crete

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.

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.

Divine Mercy

Anyone wishing to pray the Novena to Divine Mercy should start Good Friday, April 18th. Pamphlets are in the front of the church. The Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service will be held Sunday, April 27th, at 3pm. Please plan to attend and receive special graces.

Offertory

Fiscal year: **Budgeted:** \$265,933.08 **Actual:** \$256,090.00

As of April 6th: **Budgeted:** \$6,623.36 **Actual:** \$5,592.00

We THANK YOU for your continued support!!!

DSA 2025 Goal \$30,743.00 Paid & Pledges \$4,365.00 (Under) (\$26,108) as of 4/08/25

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.

Veiled Statues

The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss and they serve as a reminder to get ready!

The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veils seem out of place, and even counterintuitive. It can seem strange that the crucifix is covered up during Passiontide. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened and we become more aware of what is missing.

Similarly, the suppression of the Alleluia during Lent effectively demonstrates that we are in exile from our true Home, where the angels sing Alleluia without ceasing.

When images are unveiled at the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through his Resurrection.

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26

Plant Sale

It's here! This Saturday (4/12, 2-6pm) and Sunday (4/13, 10:30am-2pm)!
Come on down to the FLC to shop for all your plant needs!

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!

Upcoming Faith Formation

April: 13th, 27th

NO CLASS: 20th

May: 4th (LAST CLASS)

What do you call a zen egg? An ommmmmmlet

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, May 5, 7pm, downstairs FLC.

Mar. Knight of Month: Vince Lombardo
Mar. Family of the Month: Terry & Diane Birdsong

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://annunciationcatholicbemarle.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.

April Birthdays:

Nancy Barker, Kimberly Bost, Gene Ciampini, Lynn DeJaco, Walt Deppe, David Dydo, Carol Fox, Elijah Hartsell, Donna Hinson, Martin Long III, Theresa Long, Ivan Lopez Jr, Lynn Matthews, Linda Mellema, Joan Miles, Bob Miles, Janet Pampinella, Sally Pleasant, Gary Robinson, Jim Runyon, Samuel Salazar, DJ Salvanera, EJ Salvanera, Thomas Sang, Olivia Sanniravong, Filemon Solorio-Sanchez, Camille Spence, Lori Storms, Cora Thompson, Robert Vierkant, Jeffrey Watson, Dottie Watts, Ronald Yarbrough

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is May 2-4, 2025 in Hickory, NC, & Sept. 26-28, 2025 in Hickory, 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.