

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

Monday- April 21 Monday within the Octave of Easter

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday- April 22 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

NO DAILY MASS

6:00 p.m. Alanon

Wednesday- April 23 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:00 p.m. Rosary

6:30 p.m. Mass †Stephanie Martin r/b Family

7-8 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday- April 24 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Mass †Ted Kupsick r/b Phyllis Kupsick & Theresa Long

6:00 p.m. Alanon

Friday- April 25 Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Mass †Dallas Ellis r/b Cecilia & Jim

9-10 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday- April 26 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:30 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass †Thelma McNamara r/b Cecilia & Jim

Sunday- April 27 Second Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. Mass †Mike Strand r/b Lori & Adam Storms

10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

10:30-12 p.m. Faith Formation

12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Pro Populo

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy

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

Flowers on the Altar: **EASTER**

Lily by Joseph: **Dwan Hahn**

The Sanctuary Lamp: **IMO Patrick Reilly r/b The Laun & Choiniere Families**



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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

April 20, 2025

Responsorial Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Gospel: John 20:1-9

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. &

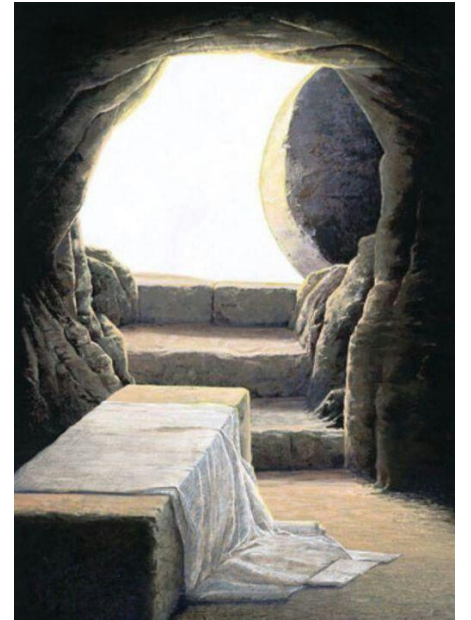
Wednesday 6-6:20 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday & Friday

Pastor: Reverend Father Peter Fitzgibbons

Faith Formation: B. Storms

Chief of Staff: L. Storms



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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 Mon. April 21st.

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 26th Vince Lombardo & April 27th 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, soup, salad dressings, tomato sauce & diced tomatoes. **135lbs.** of food were donated last week. **Please NO outdated food. Egg cartons are NEEDED.**

EWTN

A Marvelous Gift: A teenager whose passion is video games meets a group of young Catholics preparing to receive Confirmation in this story about growing in faith and becoming witnesses of God's love. April 27, 10pm. Holy Mass with Canonizations: This Holy Mass celebrates Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be beatified by the Catholic Church, known for his great devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. April 27, 4:30am, 7pm.

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!

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!

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

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.

Quo Vadis Days

Young Men (ages 15-19): Jesus has a great plan for you! At *Quo Vadis Days*, spend an unforgettable week exploring what that plan may be, talk one-on-one with priests and seminarians of the diocese, get equipped with tools to strengthen your faith, plus have fun with other young men like you from around the Diocese of Charlotte. Sign up soon- space is limited to 100 applicants! Mon-Fri, June 16-20, 2025, at Belmont Abbey College. Cost is \$150, deadline to apply is June 2. Learn more and pre-register at www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days. For more info, contact Father Brain Becker at bjbecker@rcdoc.org, or Lainie Lord at ldlord@rcdoc.org.

What do you call a bunch of bunnies hopping backwards? A receding hare line

Offertory

Fiscal year: Budgeted: \$282,485.44 **Actual:** \$267,019.00
As of April 13th: Budgeted: \$6,623.36 **Actual:** \$10,929.00
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 May 21st.
La próxima reunion para las Hijas de Maria será el 21 de mayo.

Duc in Altum

Young Women (ages 16-19): Spend a week diving into your faith, following the example of Our Lady, at *Duc in Altum*, a summer vocations camp uniquely designed for young women to discover how the Lord is calling you as His beloved daughter, learning how to enhance your prayer life, and having fun with others. Mon-Fri, June 23-27, 2025 at Belmont Abbey College. Cost is \$150, deadline to register is June 9. Get details and register at www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/woman-religious/duc-in-altum. For inquires, contact Sister Mary Jacinta at mjacinta@stjcs.org.

Plant Sale

A TREMENDOUS thank you to all our plant buyers – you made the plant sale even better than last year (over \$1,500)! We hope your plants enjoy their new home. Of course, without plants there would be no plant sale, so a special THANK YOU to the following plant growers/donors: Nancy Barker, Walt Deppe, Jane McLaughlin, Donna Rubio, Terry & Diane Birdsone, & Sherry Hill. Also, a special THANK YOU to the Knights and spouses who helped in setting up and cleaning up. We are looking forward to next year and even more growers/donors/helpers. If there is a certain plant you are interested in, please let us know and we will try to grow it. BTW: Any reusable containers can be returned to the FLC and will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks again!

Talitha Koum

Young Women (ages 12-15): *Talitha Koum* is like a “mini” *Duc in Altum* exclusively for you! At this one-day retreat/camp, experience your faith, open your heart and grow in confidence, and have lots of fun. 8am-4pm, Mon. June 23, 2025, at Belmont Abbey College. Cost is \$25, deadline to register is June 9. Get details and register at www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/religious/duc-in-altum. For inquiries, contact Sister Mary Jacinta at mjacinta@stjcs.org.

Importance of the Mass

“If we knew the value of Holy Mass, what a great effort we would make to attend it!”
-St. John Mary Vianney

Upcoming Faith Formation

April: 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, 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://annunciationcatholicalbemarle.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 Mellena, 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.