

# Happy NEW YEAR!

This year is beginning for me seven hours before it began for you... my fellow pilgrims and I are in the Holy Land at the dawn of this new year of our Lord! (However I will confess to you that I am writing this the Tuesday before Christmas to accommodate our printers desire to relax and take a break at Christmas)

So my imagination tells me that the Holy Land will look anything but "holy." I mean imagine heaven with armed guards, security walls and check points everywhere! That aside, I'm eager to see the sites that millions of Christian pilgrims have flocked to over the centuries—from the infant Christ's manger to our Savior's "via della Rosa" .

But perhaps what I am looking forward to experiencing the most is to breath the air, conditioned by the same Sea and desert, as HE did and to see the desert where He walked and to hear the same species of birds and see the types of trees that Jesus of Nazareth did!

Pilgrims all are we and as St. Augustine said "God is the country of the soul." May this year find us not at odds with others but worshipping in ways ancient yet ever new while breathing in the Holy Spirit's peace and power as we journey together...

Fr. Dan plans to decorate the Wall between the Sacristy and the Chapel.

(This space is through the door on the LH corner of the wall to the left as you face the main altar.) I am using crosses and crucifixes and only crosses and crucifixes. If you wish to donate a cross or a crucifix please place it in the box found the Vestry (to the left of the main door as you enter the Church)  
**THANKS!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 5:30pm Sun 9:00am Sun 12:00pm

For the peaceful repose of the souls of those from our parish who passed from this life in 2016 and for all to have a Blessed and Holy New Year in 2017.

**TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:**  
12/18/16 Offertory: \$ 13.066.75

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Class resumes next Sunday, Jan. 8th for the students in the School of Religion.



Parent/student meeting for 10TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES has been rescheduled for NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please attend this very important orientation session.



Any adult over the age of 18 who wishes to work as a chaperone or volunteer with the children and/or youth of St. Anna's must take the Archdiocese **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** class. This includes volunteers for Summer Days VBS, youth group, catechists & substitute catechists and any other program/activity involving children. The **VIRTUS** Protecting God's Children class will be held at St. Anna's on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You must register for this class at: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Registrations are being accepted now and are limited to 35 so register early. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Deb at [dfarabaugh@st-annas.com](mailto:dfarabaugh@st-annas.com).



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YGAB (Youth Group Advisory Board) meeting is this Wed., Jan. 4th at 7:00 p.m. in room 105.

The next WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is Wed., January 11th (6:30-8pm) in the Parish Hall.

Solemnity of Mary - Year A



Welcome our newest Parishioners:  
Stephanie Carnevale  
Kara Collins  
Kenneth Collins

SOLEMNITY OF MARY  
MOTHER OF GOD  
1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY



**ADORATION:** Every Friday from 6am-12:15pm someone is in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the CHAPEL. Come and adore! Would you spend a set hour with Him every Friday?

**Did you want a Little Blue Book and not receive one? Please let the office know by calling or email the office manager so we can make sure to order enough for all the next season!**  
770-267-7637  
[blake@st-annas.com](mailto:blake@st-annas.com)




**Friends of the Heart** will gather on Monday, January 2 at 6:30pm! Hope to see you then!



**ACES** will meet on Friday, Jan. 20th after Mass at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. Start the New Year off by coming and making new friends!



**Hockey tickets** on sale by the K of C 4th\* for the Atlanta Gladiator's game Sat. Jan. 21st. Tickets are \$20. Tailgate @5pm; Game @7pm. Contact Don Williams at 770-639-3305 to buy tickets. These will not be on sale in the Narthex, you **must call to buy tickets**.




**HAPPY NEW YEAR**


*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11


Please look through the lost and found basket beside the prayer intention book in the Narthex and claim your items... They miss you!



**The 2nd Annual Winter Gala Dinner & Dance** After the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 11th. We will have a sit down dinner along with a live dance band performing.



**Did you know...** St. Anna's kitchen is commercial grade with the appropriate appliances. Freezer, refrigerator, ice maker, stove, dishwasher/sanitizer, vent hood, and sinks are all commercial grade. The stove is gas, which normally all pilot lights would be with lit all the time. Since we don't use the stove that much, the gas is turned off, thus turning off the pilot lights. When the stove is to be used, ten pilot lights must be lit, before the stove is ready to use...now you know.




**Meeting times for the week:**  
OLPH - Every Mon. @ 3pm (101)  
RCIA/RCIC - Canceled  
Parish Bible Study - Canceled  
K of C Bus. Mtg - Thurs. 1/5 @ 7pm (PH)  
Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)

**Nursery** Available for Mass

9:00 Mass	12:00 Mass
Jan. 1 - NEED SOMEONE!	Jan. 1 - Meagan Xydias
Jan. 8 - NEED SOMEONE!	Jan. 8 - Joyce Stodghill

**WEEKLY READINGS - Jan. 1 thru Jan. 7**  
Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM



**Sunday:** Numb. 6:22-27. / Ps 67(66):2-3.5.6.8. / Gal. 4:4-7. / Lk 2:16-21.  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28. / Ps 98(97):1.2-3ab.3cd-4. / Jn 1:19-28.  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29.3:1-6. / Ps 98(97):1.3cd-4.5-6. / Jn 1:29-34.  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10. / Ps 98(97):1.7-8.9. / Jn 1:35-42.  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21. / Ps 100(99):1b-2.3.4.5. / Jn 1:43-51.  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13. / Ps 147:12-15.19-20./Ephes. 3:2-3a.-6./Lk 3:23-38.  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21. / Ps 149(148):1-2.3-4.5-6a.9b. / Jn 2:1-11.