

Epiphany of Our Lord

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning “to reveal”, and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ’s first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ’s Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding feast in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ’s divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ’s divinity is revealed to the Gentiles-the other nations of the earth.

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide –which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

Over the centuries, the various celebrations were further separated in the West, and now the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany, and the wedding at Cana is commemorated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

As we begin this new year, pray that God will reveal himself to you each and every day and continue to guide you on this journey of faith we are all walking on.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 5:30pm: Repose for the Soul of Rosie Nesbit at the request of Duane & Pat Nesbit

Sun 9:00am: Repose for the Soul of Maxine Gleason at the request of a Friend

Sun 12:00pm: In memory of the Nerlino & Capitano Families at the request of Becki Capitano

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

12/27/16 Offertory: \$ 14,210.50

1/1/17 Offertory: \$7,804.00

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Class resumes TODAY for the students in the School of Religion

The parent/student meeting for 10th GRADE

CONFIRMATION



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES is TODAY

at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Please attend this important meeting.

Any adult over the age of 18 who wishes to work with, chaperone or volunteer with children and youth at St. Anna’s must take the Archdiocese VIRTUS PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN class. This includes volunteers for Summer Days VBS, youth group (Life Teen), catechists, substitute catechists and any other program/activity involving children or youth.

The *VIRTUS Protecting God’s Children* class

Where: St. Anna’s in the Parish Hall

Date: SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

You must register for this class at www.virtus.org.

Registrations are being accepted now and is limited to 35, so register TODAY!

If you have any questions, contact Deb Farabaugh at dfarabaugh@st-annas.com.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The next WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is this Wed., January 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Start the new Year off right. Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

The Epiphany Of The Lord - Year A



Welcome our newest Parishioners:
Sean & Edie Sutton
Robert Weeden
Kathleen Weglarz



St. Anna's quilters will begin meeting on January 9th on Monday afternoons. If you are interesting in learning how to quilt or an experienced quilter, all are welcome. Contact Gina Griego at 770-402-6155, for more information.

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?

Next weekend, January 14-15, we celebrate our Ministry Fair. On this very special weekend, we reflect on all God's blessings and decide as to what our gift will be in return for all that God has bestowed upon us. Please visit our Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall to see how you can **share your Time & Talents** as a member of your parish community. Your active participation in our parish community is vital to the life of the Church.



Free refreshments will be served!

Thank You to St. Anna's members for generously giving to the Jesse Tree this year in an effort to help those in our community. This Christmas we gave 114 kids a great Christmas morning and raised \$1,135 for FISH Medical.



ACES will meet on January 20th at 1pm in the Parish Hall, for a presentation by all or some of the pilgrims who recently traveled to **The Holy Land**. They include Father Dan, Barbara Ginn, Judy Walker, Lynn Warren and Valerie Urmetz. Light lunch will be served.

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**.



Epiphany of the Lord Thanks be to God for those who have made a Legacy Gift to the parish in their will or estate plans. The Deo Gratias Society is the planned giving legacy society of the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia for anyone who has included the parish, a Catholic school or other Catholic entity in their will or estate plans. If you have included our parish in your Will, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440.



2016 Giving Statements will be mailed out by Tuesday, January 31. Thank you to all those that gave in 2016!

Did you know... St. Anna's kitchen is commercial grade. Now and Future plans are to rent out the kitchen/parish hall to outside groups. That said, if you are contemplating donating things for the kitchen, please ask Gina Griego (770-402-6155) if the items are needed before bringing them to the church. Space & Needs are LIMITED ...so now you know.



Meeting times for the week:

- OLPH - Every Mon. @ 3pm (107/8)
- Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
- Carmelites - Tues. 1/10 1pm (PH)
- RCIA/RCIC - Tues. 1/10 @ 7:15pm (107/8)
- Parish Bible Study - Wed. 1/11 @ 10am (105)
- Stewardship Council - Wed. 1/11 @ 7:15pm (Lib)
- Rosary Markers - Thurs. 1/12 @ 7pm (101)
- Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)



WEEKLY READINGS - Jan. 8 thru Jan. 14
Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM

Sunday: Is 60:1-6. / Ps 72:1-2.7-8.10-13. / Ephes. 3:2-3a.5-6. / Mt 2:1-12.
Monday: Is 42:1-4.6-7. / Ps 29:1-2.3-4.9-10. / Acts 10:34-38. / Mt 3:13-17.
Tuesday: Heb. 2:5-12. / Ps 8:2a.5.6-7.8-9. / Mk 1:21b-28.
Wednesday: Heb. 2:14-18. / Ps 105(104):1-2.3-4.6-7.8-9. / Mk 1:29-39.
Thursday: Heb. 3:7-14. / Ps 95(94):6-7.8-9.10-11. / Mk 1:40-45.
Friday: Heb. 4:1-5.11. / Ps 78(77):3.4bc.6c-7.8. / Mk 2:1-12.
Saturday: Heb. 4:12-16. / Ps 19(18):8.9.10.15. / Mk 2:13-17

Nursery

Available for Mass

9:00 Mass
Jan. 8 - NEED SOMEONE!
Jan. 15 - Marianna Tanner

12:00 Mass
Jan. 8 - Joyce Stodghill
Jan. 15 - Yaricxa Roman