

## We “ought always to pray!”

“He spoke a parable to them that men ought always to pray and not to faint.” Jesus told of the unjust judge who didn’t fear God or man. As she persisted he just wanted the woman to stop bugging him about the matter so he tended to it. Then Jesus asked, “*Won’t God answer His own elect who cry to Him daily?*”

Our spiritual life must be rooted in prayer. Our daily prayers undertaken for we believe God will answer.

“Lord, I would seek you, calling upon you—and calling upon you is an act of believing in you.” These words of St. Augustine, found in the opening sentences of his *Confessions*, express a simple, profound truth: any and all turning toward God—whether in sorrow, pain, or need—is an act of faith. And faith is always a gift. “My faith, Lord, calls upon you,” Augustine continues, “It is your gift to me. You breathed it into me by the humanity of your Son...”

But concluding this passage –unexpectedly—Jesus asks, “*When the Son of man comes, will He find faith on the earth?*” In Matthew 24:12, where Jesus was speaking about the time just before His return, He said, “*Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold.*”

The legalization of the taking of innocent human life, the pollution and crime, drugs and increasing income gap: and all the other *inequities* abounding in our country can erode God’s gifts of “Faith, Hope and Charity” unless we are persistent in our prayer believing that GOD hears us!

Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed, and that Holy Church proposes for our belief, because he is truth itself. By faith "man freely commits his entire self to God." For this reason the believer seeks to know and do God's will. "*The righteous shall live by faith.*" Living faith "*works through charity.*" And no faith; no hope.

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Jesus makes charity the new commandment. Jesus says: "*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.*" And again: "*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*" Fruit of the Spirit and fullness of the Law, charity keeps the commandments— "*Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love.*" Christ died out of love for us, while we were still "enemies." The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our enemies, to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ himself.

**Such living faith is a sign of hope + the fruit of prayer!**

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sat. 5:30pm** repose of the soul of Carmen Camuglia at request of Bill and Gina Greigo. **Sun 9:00am** for all the people of St. Anna’s parish.

**Sun 12:00pm** repose of Dick Allman and Bonnie Linne at the request of Diane Villalvazo.

### TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

**Offertory: \$9,166.00**

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Class resumes today for the students in the School of Religion

3rd & 6th Grade Classes (& students new to St. Anna’s) will participate in the **PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN** program today. **NO CHILD** will be able to participate in the program without a signed parental permission slip. If you have forgotten yours, extra permission slips are in the classroom. The presentations begin at 10:30 a.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

Next Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9th Grade Class (& students new to St. Anna’s) will participate in the **PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN** program. Permission slips were sent home 2 weeks ago and are necessary to participate in the program.

**9th grade Confirmation meeting** for **BOTH** Confirmation candidates **AND** their parents is Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Room104) Please plan to attend this important meeting.

**9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT** is Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm beginning in the Parish Hall! This is a **mandatory** retreat for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation candidates.

### “GOD AND COFFEE”

Adult Faith Formation continues **TODAY** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

We will be starting Matthew Kelly’s series

“**Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose**”

A dynamic Catholic speaker who will lead you closer to Christ through his enthusiasm & love of our faith.



### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**FALL RENT-A-YOUTH** is only two weeks away!! **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**.

The youth of St. Anna’s can do anything around the house...rake leaves, clean your house, clean your gutters...whatever you need done!

Contact Delilah Barron 770-773-6259/

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347-840-4794/[david325i@yahoo.com](mailto:david325i@yahoo.com)



WYN (Wednesday Youth Night)

is next Wed., October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Starting Mass followed by Pizza and Fun!

"Abbey Hospice is seeking volunteers in your area! Whether you're interested in visiting with patients and their families, delivering treats, or attending events, there are plenty of ways to show you care! If you are dedicated to caring for people in mind, body, and spirit, Abbey Hospice needs you! For more information, please contact Rachael at (770) 464 5858, or email at [volunteer@abbeyhospice.com](mailto:volunteer@abbeyhospice.com) "

	2017	2016
Goal	\$465,000	\$400,000
Pledged	\$367,946	\$412,238
# Pledged	206	241
Over/Under	-97,054	+\$12,238

To those who have pledged, I thank you! I ask everyone to pray that God's will be done, so that our goal may be met.

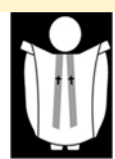


**TRUNK OR TREAT, 10/28, 7-9pm** needs help! They are looking for you to donate something (a gift card to a restaurant, pizza, bowling, etc?) for a door prize for the "BEST DECORATED TRUNK". Any and All donations will be greatly appreciated. Contact Shauna Cantrell (770-905-6603 or [cantrellsh@gmail.com](mailto:cantrellsh@gmail.com)) or Mrs. Deb 770-267-7637/[dfarabaugh@st-annas.com](mailto:dfarabaugh@st-annas.com)



**ACES! HALLOWEEM PARTY**  
 Costumes optional  
 Friday, October 21st  
 From 1pm—3pm in the Parish Hall  
 Contact Beverly Sabatino 770-207-0261 or Aida Villarini 770-267-2341 for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE: Priesthood Sunday: Oct.30.**



There is a box in the Narthex for "Priesthood" items, due by Oct 25. If you have Questions? Contact Jerry Hobbs: 678-858-3922 or Karen Straub: 770-377-3731

**Ladies of the Parish: Save the date** Advent by Candlelight at St. Anna's! Sunday, November 27 at 6p.m.



Table hostesses are needed.  
 Please call Angie McElveen at 678-314-0862 for more info, to be a table hostess, or to RSVP for the event!

**Training for new and experienced persons:**  
 Sat., Oct. 22 @ 9:30am - Eucharistic Ministers  
 Saturday, Oct. 29 @ 9:30 am - Lector

FISH would like to invite you to participate in a new ministry called the Thrive Partnership Program! Thrive is a ministry designed to reach people in our community who are facing desperate situations, by providing support, guidance, and opportunities that empower them to thrive. Please consider becoming a volunteer with our Thrive Partnership Program. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the lobby of the FISH Ministry Office (700 S. Madison Ave.) for all who are interested in learning more about Thrive. Please spread the word, invite others along, and let's join together for change in our community!

**LEARN** more about the Catholic faith?  
 Join the RCIA class on Tuesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 (R108)

Sept.28 through Nov. 6  
 Please join in fasting and prayer for the end to abortion during these 40 days. For more information and signups for prayer times and peaceful vigils at any of Atlanta's 5 locations, visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)



Congratulations to St. Anna's newly professed Lay Carmelites; Mary Williams, Boots Jahns, Valerie Urmetz, Barbara Ginn, and Beverly Sabatino.

**Meeting times for the week:**

- OLPH - Every Mon. @ 4:30pm (108)
- Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
- Women's CHRP - Every Mon. @ 6:30pm (108)
- RCIA/RCIC - Every Tues. @ 7:15pm (107/8)
- Women's Bible Study - Every Wed. @10am (105)
- Men's CHRP - Every Wed. @ 7pm (105)
- Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)
- Parish Council - Wed. 10/19 @ 7pm (105)

**Weekly Readings: Oct. 16 - Oct. 22**

**Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM**  
**Sunday:** Ex. 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8. / 2 Tim 3:14-17.4:1-2. / Lk 18:1-8.  
**Monday:** Ephes. 2:1-10. / Ps 100(99):2.3.4.5. / Lk 12:13-21.  
**Tuesday:** 2 Tim 4:10-17b. / Ps 145(144):10-11.12-13ab.17-18. / Lk 10:1-9.  
**Wednesday:** Ephes. 3:2-12. / Is 12:2-3.4bcd.5-6. / Lk 12:39-48.  
**Thursday:** Ephes. 3:14-21. / Ps 33(32):1-2.4-5.11-12.18-19. / Lk 12:49-53.  
**Friday:** Ephes. 4:1-6. / Ps 24(23):1-2.3-4ab.5-6. / Lk 12:54-59.  
**Saturday:** Ephes. 4:7-16. / Ps 122(121):1-2.3-4a.4b-5. / Lk 13:1-9.

9:00 Mass  
 October 16 - NEED SOMEONE!  
 October 23 - Marianna Tanner  
12:00 Mass  
 October 16 - Joyce Stodghill

