

“Respecting Life”

This seemingly uncontroversial phrase is wrought with controversy! Life from beginning to end is to be respected—issues of justice arise calling for our efforts to confront abortion, poverty, euthanasia and the care of the environment.

Take abortion for instance: *It would seem that women have the “right”; it's their body and their life. Many of our citizens think its not their problem, it is her body and its legal so why are the conservatives picking on the poor women who are making a legal choice?.*

Its being “legal” did not make slavery right nor was the German law allowing Jews to be placed in concentration camps. Abortion, likewise, is objectively wrong.

A developing human life is not a human person yet—so treating with full rights is absurd! At any point in a life —killing stops all future development. Fetuses are human beings in the fetal stage of human development: everyone you have ever met has passed through this stage of development. Full human rights may not apply at all stages of life but one Human right definitely does—the right innocent human life has not to be killed.

Doesn't the woman have a right to do with her body as she desires? Sounds reasonable but a fetus is not an organ but a separate life with unique DNA. Whenever we speak of the rights of two human beings, we must guard against the more powerful person taking advantage of the weaker person. Birthing the child and motherhood calls for sacrifice. Adoption is an option.

It is said that sex and reproduction are private matters into which we must not intrude. This private matter has very public consequences. It impacts the spread of disease. Another public consequence is the strengthening or the weakening of families impacting society at its foundations. The taking of innocent human life is not a private matter.

Some say that it is better to die before birth than to the live as an unwanted child. To imagine something of someone and then kill them without ever discussing it with them is obviously very wrong. Imagine how horrific the implications to the born “unwanted” child!

The Catholic church is not trying to force her beliefs on others. But if an unborn child is a person how can we not speak out for them? Peace, Fr. Dan

PS: CRHP, both the Women’s and the Men’s, were such tremendous blessings to those who attended!!! My sincere thanks to all the women and men who persevered in your prayer and in your hard work that culminated in such tremendous blessings for St. Anna’s!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5:30pm for the repose of the soul of Jim Toland at the request of his family **Sun 9:00am** in thanksgiving for Joseph and Paula Balegamire’s 25th Wedding Anniversary **Sun 12:00pm** St. Anna’s parishioners

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory: \$7929.00

Our Weekly Average Operational Expense is \$9,000
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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Today is **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**. **8th Graders through High School** will pray a Rosary for Life during class today. Students will gather outside in the Pavilion at 10:30 to pray that all life be respected from birth to natural death. Parents are welcome to attend and pray the rosary with the students.

This week students in Kindergarten (& children new to St. Anna’s in grades 1 & 2) will participate in the **PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN** program. Permission slips were sent home 2 weeks ago. Extra permission slips are in the classroom. **NO CHILD** will be permitted to participate in the program without a signed parental permission slip. The presentation will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Kindergarten



The School of Religion annual **DIAPER DRIVE** to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center of Walton County begins this week and runs until October 30th. Students are asked to donate boxes of diapers. The class donating the most boxes will receive an “Ice Cream Party.”



Permission slips sent home with 3rd & 6th graders today, for **PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN** on Sun.Oct.16

“GOD AND COFFEE”

Adult Faith Formation begins **TODAY** in the Parish Hall from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

We will be starting Matthew Kelly’s series **“LIVING EVERY DAY**

WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE”.

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



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YGAB (Youth group Advisory Board) meets this Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. in room 105.

The next **WYN (Wednesday Youth Night)** is this Wed., October 12th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Mark your calendar...the **FALL RENT-A-YOUTH** is **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**. The youth will do whatever you need done around the house. Contact Mrs. Deb (dfarabaugh@st-annas.com or 770-267-7637) or Delilah Barron (delilah.tbarron@gmail.com or 770-773-6259) to schedule your appointment.

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here

Join us Sunday, Oct. 2, for the annual **Life Chain** in downtown Monroe from 2:30-3:30pm. **Bring your whole family.** Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome and encouraged. Rain or shine!



Friends of the Heart will gather **MONDAY**, October 3rd in the parish hall at 6:30. (Reminder, FOH changed their gathering night **FROM** the 1st Thursday **TO** the 1st Monday.) Hostesses will be Vickie Chancey and Peggy Leicht providing drinks and the desserts, while the rest of us provide our favorite dishes! Come, sit back and relax with your fellow female parishioners!



Thank you to all who supported the **Ladies Tea.**



We raised **\$384** for the parish hall and kitchen. We will purchase stacking high chairs, booster seats and large pots for the kitchen. **Thank you**

to the Tea Team: Gina Griego, Linda Offutt, Tara Coyne, Liz Coyne, Karen Marsh, Mary Lynne Reinagel, Lynn

Warren, Elaine Sotobeer and Carolyn O'Leary.

Thank you also to: Fr. Dan, Tom Golden, Bill Griego, Karen Schorr, Joan Dumford, Betsy Marshall, Jessica



There will be a **Jesse Tree Meeting** on Wed. Oct. 12th at 6:30 in room 108 for all those interesting in decorating St. Anna's Christmas tree and helping coordinate the gifts for those in need. Questions? Contact Gina Griego 770-402-6155

The **ACES** trip to the ATL Botanical Gardens has been cancelled. Information about our **Oct 21 meeting** will be in next week's bulletin.

All are welcome! To the Parish Picnic Sunday, Oct 16 following Noon Mass.

Pot Luck Lunch to be served 1:15

Games, Jumpy, Cake walk,

Fun Times for all!

Stay tuned for more information!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

40 days for Life began September 28 and runs through November 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 40daysforlife.com.

Families of Faith is once again hosting **"TRUNK OR TREAT"** at St. Anna's on Fri., Oct 28th.



WE are looking for donations for door prizes for "the best decorated trunk"! If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact Shauna Cantrell at 770-905-6603 or cantrellsh@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: Priesthood Sunday: Oct.30, Questions? Contact Jerry Hobbs: 678-858-3922 or Karen Straub: 770-377-3731



How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? Psalm 116: 12. 70% of Americans do not have a Will. Save money and time by preparing your Will online and then contacting your lawyer. The Catholic Foundation has a free **"Christian Guide to Wills and Trusts"** at www.cfnga.org



9:00 Mass
October 2 - Marianna Tanner
October 9 - NEED SOMEONE!
12:00 Mass
October 2 - Yaricxa Roman
October 9 - Meagan Xydias



Knights of Columbus Membership Drive is the weekend of Oct. 15 & 16



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you want to know more about your Catholic faith? *Join the RCIA class on Tuesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 (R108)*

Meeting times for the week:

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

Choir Rehearsal - Tues. 10/4 @ 7pm
K of C Bus. Mtg - Thurs. 10/6 @ 7pm (PH)



Weekly Readings
Oct. 2 - Oct. 8

Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM
Sunday: Habakkuk 1:2-3.2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2.6-9/2Tim1:6-8.13-14./Lk 17:5-10.
Monday: Gal. 1:6-12. / Ps 111(110):1-2.7-8.9.10c. / Lk 10:25-37.
Tuesday: Gal. 1:13-24. / Ps 139(138):1-3.13-14ab.14c-15. / Lk 10:38-42.
Wednesday: Gal. 2:1-2.7-14. / Ps 117(116):1.2. / Lk 11:1-4.
Thursday: Gal. 3:1-5. / Lk 1:69-70.71-72.73-75. / Lk 11:5-13.
Friday: Gal. 3:7-14. / Ps 111(110):1-2.3-4.5-6. / Lk 11:15-26.
Saturday: Gal. 3:22-29. / Ps 105(104):2-3.4-5.6-7. / Lk 11:27-28.