

“REPENT for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”

As John the Baptist announced long ago Jesus is the promised One who has baptized with the Holy Spirit! Baptized into our Lord’s death and resurrection we have simultaneously been anointed with the Holy Spirit as believers in the only begotten Son of God!

Repent? How are we supposed to repent? And of what are we to repent? As we turn more fully away from our self, concerns of this world and from any and all evil we dare to hope for deeper enlightenment. With a humble prayer to the Lord of all hopefulness, Who risen from death to new and eternal life, will come to our assistance.

The purity of the Most Holy Trinity is experienced in prayer where the “otherness and holiness” of our God reveals our utter unworthiness.

Our focus is not to be upon ourselves however as our spirit rests humbly in the One we love above all else: Jesus Christ, our Lord, our God! His Holiness is pure grace and felt as peace and joy and light...

We will acknowledge our Mother Mary’s distinct honor by our Creator to be conceived “full of grace”...

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wed, Dec 7

Vigil Mass at 6:30PM

Thurs, Dec 8

Feast Day Mass-12:15pm

[HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION]

During the 2nd week of Advent, the father prays: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.” (The oldest child then lights the purple candle from the 1st week plus one more purple candle.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 5:30pm for the repose of the soul of Joan McCairns as requested by Ed & Carol O’Leary. **Sun 9:00am** for the repose of the soul of Maxine Gleason as requested by Alan and Deb Farabaugh **Sun. 12pm** for everyone who worships with us at St. Anna’s.

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory: \$ 8,505.50

Our Weekly Average Operational Expense is \$9,000

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

School of Religion classes resume today. Students will be **DIMISSED FROM THE CLASSROOM** today due to the Christmas Craft Bazaar in the Parish Hall.

There is no “God and Coffee” Adult faith class today due to the Christmas Craft Bazaar in the Parish Hall.



ATTENTION 10TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

AND PARENTS! The 10th grade Confirmation CANDIDATE/PARENT meeting is Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This meeting is for all candidates and their parents. We will be discussing the responsibilities for this year as well as announcing the date of Confirmation.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

THANK YOU to all who purchased tee shirts during our Faith Factory tee shirt sale. The sale was a huge success! Four to five youth will have the opportunity to attend the Steubenville Atlanta Conference in July! You will be notified by either email or telephone when the tee shirts come in.

YGAB (Youth Group Advisory Board)

meets this Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in room 105.

The next **WYN (Wednesday Youth Night)** is Wed., December 14th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join other youth from St. Anna’s for food, fellowship and fun!



Welcome our newest Parishioners: Adolfo and Perla Roldan

Let's go Shopping at St. Anna's Christmas Craft Bazaar on Saturday 10-7 and this Sunday 10-2 in the Parish Hall.



Join us for our FUN Holiday **Friends of the Heart** gathering, Monday, Dec. 5th at 6:30pm. Hostesses: Maria Bartosz, Helen Lowry and Jeanne Sullivan will provide the drinks and desserts, while the rest of us bring our favorite dishes! Bring a WRAPPED, fun gift to exchange, between \$5-\$10. Hope to see you there and get your jingle on!



Next Weekend, Dec. 10th & 11th, there will be Hand Craved Olive Wood figurines from the Holy Land on sale in the Narthex.

ACES (Active, Catholic, Enthusiastic, Senior)

Christmas Luncheon is Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 Following 12:15 Mass in the Parish Hall. \$5/Person. Please bring Wrapped White Elephant



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.



Did you know...the bar on our exterior doors is called a "panic bar." When the door can be freely opened as at mass time, the bar is in the "dogged" position (unlocked). When locked it is in the "undogged" position. When exiting the building and the door is "undogged" (locked) make sure you hear it click closed. This insures the door closed properly to lock itself. Sometimes the locking mechanism gets out of sorts and fails to close all the way. Usually pressing the panic bar all the way in, resets the locking mechanism and all is well...**now you know.**

Nursery

Available for Mass

9:00 Mass
Dec. 4- Marianna Tanner
Dec. 11 - NEED SOMEONE!

12:00 Mass
Dec. 4 - Yaricxa Roman
Dec. 11 - Meagan Xydias

Holy Day of Obligation is Dec. 8th

There will be a Vigil Mass on Wed. Dec. 7th at 6:30pm and



Mass on Thursday, Dec. 8th at 12:15

Send your Bulletin items to Secretary@st-annas.com December 18th bulletin is due : Thursday, Dec. 8



St. Anna's is composed of people like you! Is God calling you to share your faith, time and talents? Mark your calendar for the Ministry Fair, January 14-15, 2017. Spend time in prayer and discern the ways to share your gifts of time and talent. The Fair will showcase all our parish ministries and you will be able to see how your particular talents can be used to serve others.

Please email all calendar request items for booking the parish hall, kitchen, classrooms, ticket sales, ect. to secretary@st-annas.com

Thank you to everyone who prepared desserts for FISH on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. St Anna's always comes through for FISH!!

Thank you to: Tom Golden, Angie and Tim McElveen, Dawn and Robbie Criss, Gordenia Murdoch, Linda and Rick Robinson, Pat Green, Tammy Cown, Terry Still and Wylie Stokes, Sharon Criss and Gina and Bill Griego for putting up St. Anna's Christmas tree.



Meeting times for the week:

- OLPH - Every Mon. @ 4:30pm (108)
- Women's CRHP - Every Mon. @ 6:30pm (108)
- Men's CRHP - Mon. 12/5 @ 6pm (
- Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
- Choir Rehearsal - Tues. 12/6 @ 7pm
- RCIA/RCIC - Every Tues. @ 7:15 pm (107/8)
- Parish Bible Study - Every Wed. @ 10am (105)
- Rosary Makers - Thurs. 12/8 @ 7pm (101)
- Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)



WEEKLY READINGS - Dec. 4 thru Dec. 11
Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM

Sunday: Is 11:1-10. / Ps 72(71):1-2.7-8.12-13.17. / Rm 15:4-9. / Mt 3:1-12.
Monday: Is 35:1-10. / Ps 85(84):9ab-10.11-12.13-14. / Lk 5:17-26.
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11. / Ps 96(95):1-2.3.10ac.11-12.13. / Mt 18:12-14.
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31. / Ps 103(102):1-2.3.4.8.10. / Mt 11:28-30.
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15.20/Ps 98:1-3ab.3cd-4/Ephes1:3-6.11-12/Lk 1:26-38.
Friday: Is 48:17-19. / Ps 1:1-2.3.4.6. / Mt 11:16-19.
Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4.9-11. / Ps 80(79):2ac.3b.15-16.18-19/ Mt 17:10-13.