

'YOU are the salt of the earth'

The positive use of “salt” in the phrase “you are the salt of the earth” conflicts with other uses of the word salt, including in ancient times when it was spread on land to poison it, as a punishment to landowners who had in some way transgressed against society. Conquering soldiers would sometimes “trample it underfoot” to poison their defeated enemies lands.

The 'excellent' meaning of “salt” in the phrase 'the salt of the earth' was coined in reference to the value of salt. The word “salary” was derived from the word “salt.” Salt was highly valued and its production was legally restricted in ancient times, so it was historically used as a method of trade and currency. The word “salad” also originated from “salt,” and began with the early Romans salting their leafy greens and vegetables. Most people probably think of salt as simply that white granular food seasoning found in a salt shaker on virtually every dining table.

It is that, surely, but it is far more. It is an essential element in the diet of not only humans but of animals, and even of many plants. **It is one of the most effective and most widely used of all food preservatives (and used to preserve Egyptian mummies as well).**

We, as Christians, are being called to act so as to preserve society! We do so by our living faith in the Resurrection and, therefore, have a consistent belief in the value and sanctity of human life-*in all its stages!* We do so by our hopefulness seen even in the midst of “dark, challenging” times for we are thoroughly convinced we know the rest of the story for our Lord has come back from death with Good News! Yes, we are being transformed as we share in the “Love of the Father for the Son AND the Love of the Son for the Father” (a description of the Holy Spirit) and so with love and peace serve others with God’s gentle Love!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5:30pm for the people of St. Anna’s.

Sun 9am repose for the soul of Maxine Gleason at the request of the Shaffer Family.

Sun 12pm Repose for the soul of Howard Green at the request of the Bereavement Ministry

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory: \$ \$ 9,791.50

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



“**GOD AND COFFEE**” is BACK! Starting next Sunday, February 12th Adult Faith Formation will begin a program entitled:

“SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES”.

In this video series Fr. Robert Barron discusses the Seven Deadly sins and the antidotes to each. JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR GOD AND COFFEE!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

WYN (Wednesday Youth Night)

is this Wed., February 8th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The YOUTH GROUP’S ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER is Sunday, February 26th 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.



Come and enjoy a delicious dinner. Menu: Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert.



Do you enjoy working with Middle School students? St. Anna’s is seeking two volunteers to minister to our Middle School Youth group. No experience is necessary!

We will provide training and all resources you need to work with our Middle School youth. You will work with the High School youth ministers who will guide you. The youth are the future of our faith and we need YOU to lead these young people in their faith journey.

Please contact Deb Farabaugh at 770-267-0420 or dfarabaugh@st-annas.com, if you are interested in volunteering or have questions.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING OR PLAN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT? We are looking for singers and musicians for our YOUTH MASSES.

Please contact Mrs. Deb or Jake Mappes at (dfarabaugh@st-annas.com) or (jmappes24@gmail.com).





Friend of



Ladies, join us MONDAY, February 6th at 6:30pm in the parish hall for **FRIENDS OF THE HEART!** Bring a salad or a favorite dish to share with old friends and new friends who may attend different masses! Aida Villarini and Jeannie Tucker our hostesses, will be providing the drinks and the desserts!

It is not too late to have a chance to share your Time & Talent with your parish. If you missed signing up at the ministry fair, contact the church office to sign up for the ministry that God is calling you to help with. Upcoming ways to share your Time & Talents with us are...

- Help with the Friday Night Fish Fries
- Help make scrapbooks for St. Anna's
- Come and Organize the Library
- Help Mrs. Gina get the kitchen ready for upcoming events

2017 Annual Appeal

This year the theme of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." One way we can show our love to our brothers and sisters in faith is to generously respond to the Archbishop's request for a pledge to the 2017 appeal. While much of the Church's ministry takes place in our parishes, we also come together as a archdiocesan Church to carry out critical services and ministries that have impact beyond any one parish. Your support for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps bring spiritual and corporal works of mercy to life in your parish as a part of our overall effort to spread and deepen faith in the Merciful Lord throughout the archdiocese. Through your generous gifts we can continue the work we were called to do as Christians: educate our seminarians, support our retired priests, provide catechists to our children and protect the rights of the unborn. Please be generous in your response. For more information, or to donate online, go to appeal.archatl.com.

The Fun Fundraiser Ministry presents
A Winter Gala Dinner & Dance
Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017
FROM 6:30 – 11:00 P.M.



(BYOB) \$25.00 PER PERSON
ADULTS ONLY. Ticket Sales after Mass

Wellness Coaching

The ACES Group will meet on Friday, Feb. 17th from 1-3pm in the Parish Hall.
Guest Speaker: Emily Gaines, Health & Wellness Coach.
Soup will be served, come hungry!
Contacts: Beverly 770.313.2384 or Aida 770.267.2341

"Lord Help Our Marriage!" If this is your prayer, then Retrouvaille can help to offer hope for a better relationship. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program, March 3rd - 5th, for couples, contact: Zack & Heather @ 317-691-2258 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

Plan Your Will Online: Please go to www.cfngalegacy.org and click on "Plan Your Will." The site is free, confidential and will give you and your spouse a chance to plan in the privacy of your home. When done, simply print out the document to take to your attorney. This will save you time and money. For more information contact: Juliet Greco at The Catholic Foundation: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440.



Beautiful our sanctuary by ordering altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone that is dear to your heart. Contact the secretary to schedule your arrangement.

Altar Flowers

Did you loose something?
Check the Lost and Found basket in the Narthex under the window.



Did you know...there are 510.6 linear feet of pews and 58.7 feet of side bench length and 14 choir chairs. That's almost 300 seats. The sanctuary from front to back is 51.8 feet, and side to side is 80 feet. Height, from floor to peak of ceiling is 34.9 feet...**now you know!**

Meeting times for the week:

- OLPH - Every Mon. @ 3pm (102/3)
- CRHP Men (101) - Mon. 2/6 @ 6pm
- CRHP Women (108) - Mon. 2/6 @ 6:30pm
- Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
- Finance Council - Tues. 2/7 @ 6:45 (Lib)
- RCIA/RCIC - Every Tues. @ 7:15pm (107/8)
- Parish Bible Study - Every Wed. @ 10am (105)
- Stewardship Council - Wed. 2/8 @ 7:15pm (Lib)
- Rosary Makers - Thurs. 2/9 @7pm (108)
- Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)

WEEKLY VERSES
A week's worth of God's Word

Feb. 4 thru Feb. 11
Saturday: Confessions
begin at 4 PM

- Sunday:** Is 58:7-10. / Ps 112(111):4-5.6-7.8-9. / 1 Cor. 2:1-5. / Mt 5:13-16.
- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19. / Ps 104(103):1-2a.5-6.10.12.24.35c. / Mk 6:53-56.
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20-31.2:1-4a. / Ps 8:4-5.6-7.8-9. / Mk 7:1-13.
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9.15-17/Ps 104(103):1-2a.27-28.29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23.
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25. / Ps 128(127):1-2.3.4-5. / Mk 7:24-30.
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8. / Ps 32(31):1-2.5.6.7. / Mk 7:31-37.
- Saturday:** Gn 3:1-8. / Ps 32(31):1-2.5.6.7. / Mk 7:31-37.

Nursery

Available for Mass

9:00 Mass
Feb. 5 - NEED SOMEONE!
Feb. 12 - NEED SOMEONE!

12:00 Mass
Feb. 5 - Yaricxa Roman
Feb. 12 - Meagan Xydias