

FIRST SCRUTINY - Third Sunday of Lent - Year A

The Lenten Scrutinies are understood best as training in Christian morality. During Lent all Catholics are called to strengthen their resolve to turn away from sin and to embrace God's grace.

During Lent, adults who are seeking to become Catholic, enter into a period called "purification and enlightenment". These adults are called the "elect". The elect are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation) at the Easter vigil liturgy.

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, we celebrate the Scrutinies with the elect. These are prayerful rites that occur during Mass in which the elect (and, by extension, the whole church on earth), examine the hold sin has on their lives and seek the healing grace that restores our relationship with God. Carefully chosen passages from the Gospel of John are read on the Lenten Sundays for the rite of scrutiny. These Gospel passages invite us to identify what binds us to sin, blinds us to truth, and takes away our freedom to live in perfect relationship with God. The gospel for the first scrutiny is the Samaritan woman at the well, for the second is the man born blind and, the third is Lazarus.

Exciting days ahead for St. Anna's! I hope you were at the fish fry last night. The reason it's been so crowded, according to our visiting priest Fr. Mike, is that everything is just so delicious! This is followed tonight by the St. Patrick's dinner, hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Next comes what I think is REALLY important our **Lenten Mission** given by *Dr. D'Ambrosio. Imagine experiencing joy, according to St. Thomas Aquinas, a sure sign of the Holy Spirit, as you pray. Imagine having some of the confusion you feel about Vatican II cleared up and made clear! Imagine being as enthusiastic about your stewardship walk with the Master as pilgrim on a holy land adventure!*

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
Meal 6:00 -7:00 Childcare! Talk 7:00 - 8:00
THURSDAY
Meal 6:00 -7:00 Childcare! Confessions 7:00
FRIDAY
Stations and Fish fry 6:00

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5:30pm for the people of St. Anna's parish
Sun 9:00am soul of Sandy Allman requested by Alan and Deb Farabaugh **Sun 12:00pm** soul of Bette Lind requested by Richard and Laurie Hester.

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory: \$ 8,249.00

Our Weekly Average Operational Expense is \$9,000

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

"GOD AND COFFEE"

continues today in the
Parish Hall at 10:30 a.m.

The study is "SEVEN DEADLY SINS,
SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES"
by Fr. Robert Barron.

Join us today for coffee and spend time with God.



Another VIRTUS CHILD PROTECTION class will be held on THURSDAY, MAY 11th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. This class is mandatory for all adults over the age of 18 who work with children or youth at St. Anna's. Anyone interested in in volunteering for Summer Days VBS must take this class. Registration can be made at www.virtus.org. This will be the last VIRTUS class scheduled until next fall.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The next WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is this Wed., March 22nd. We will meet in the Youth Group room at 6:00 p.m.



for pizza and fellowship and then attend the Mission program together from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

*Please note time & location change for this week only.



Next weekend, our Confirmation candidates will be on retreat at Camp Westminster in Conyers for their Confirmation retreat. Please keep the following candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Thomas Ashley, Clara Bennett, Sarah Bennett, Wesley Breedlove, Sarah Colgan, Jaxon Cowles, Graham Fenn, Samantha Goodwin, Anastashia Han, Charlie Hester, Catherine Lazenby, Hunter McElveen, Luke Miller, Alexis Needham, Chloe Needham, Morgan Parker, Maria Rodriguez, Austin Schorr, Max Smith, Sarah Sykes, Nicholas Warren & Jacob Wissing. May they experience the Holy Spirit actively working in their lives!



Welcome our newest Parishioner:
Helen Herrick

The ending amount for 2017 Annual Appeal is 34,975.00 in pledges those far.

Knights of Columbus Easter Ham Raffle

On sale after all masses on 3/18, 3/19 and 4/1, 4/2

Ticket cost are:

1 for \$1; 3 for \$2; or 10 for \$5

Drawing: 4/9/2017

Three winners



This year 4 youth from St Anna's and an adult chaperone will be heading to Nicaragua on a mission trip, the first week in April. If you have **any children's books in Spanish** and you would like to donate them, please get your books to Betsy Jourdan or Krista Willis prior to Friday, March 31st. You may drop off your books by the church office any Tuesdays - Fridays (9-3, not from 12-1)

Bulletin deadlines for Palm Sunday and Easter:

April 9th bulletin is due Thurs, March 30th at 9am
April 16th bulletin is due Wednesday, April 5th at 9am

OPERATION RICE BOWL 2017

Encounter Opportunity. We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? crsricebowl.org.



Did you know... That St. Anna's has four different sets of "Stations of the Cross"?



The most obvious set are the windows in the Nave. Another set is in the Chapel, which came from the old church. A third set lines the hallway in

the education wing, they came from another church. The fourth set is outside among the pine trees and long a pathway...now you know!

Nursery

Available for Mass

9:00 Mass

Mar. 19 - NEED SOMEONE!

Mar. 26 - Need Someone

12:00 Mass

Mar. 19 - Yaricxa Roman

Mar. 26 - Meagan Xydias



Stations of the Cross is every Friday during Lent starting at 6pm, then head to the Parish Hall for



The FRY-Day Nights Fish Fries

Take out boxes are available

Abbey Hospice is seeking volunteers!

Please contact Rachael at 770-464-5858, or email at volunteer@abbeyhospice.com

St. Anna's Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, from 1 to 6 pm in the parish hall. You are encouraged to sign up on-line to insure you get the time you need. Simply go to their web site at www.redcrossblood.org. From there you will enter our sponsor code, STANNACC in the Find a Blood Drive box. That will take you to the page where you will click on St. Anna's Catholic Church to then choose a donation time. You can follow the prompts from here. If you have never donated before, please consider giving this life-saving gift. For those that have given before, please do not forget how wonderful it feels to know you have given someone the most precious gift! The gift of LIFE! If you cannot donate blood right now, please consider giving of your time to make this blood drive successful. We can ALL do something to make a difference.



Meeting times for the week:

- OLPH - Every Mon. @ 3pm (102/3)
- Parish Bible Study - Every Wed. @ 10am (105)
- Rosary Makers - Thurs. 3/23 @7pm (108)
- K of C Plan. Mtg. - Thurs. 3/23 @ 7pm (PH)
- Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)

WEEKLY VERSES

A week's worth of God's Word

March 19 thru March 25
Saturday: Confessions
begin at 4 PM

- Sunday:** Ex. 17:3-7. / Ps 95(94):1-2.6-7.8-9. / Rm 5:1-2.5-8. / Jn 4:5-42.
- Monday:** 2 Sam. 7:4-5a.12-14a.16. / Ps 89(88):2-3.4-5.27.29. / Rm 4:13.16-18.22. / Mt 1:16.18-21.24a.
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25.34-43. / Ps 25(24):4bc-5ab.6-7bc.8-9. / Mt 18:21-35.
- Wednesday:** Deut 4:1.5-9. / Ps 147:12-13.15-16.19-20. / Mt 5:17-19.
- Thursday:** Jer. 7:23-28. / Ps 95(94):1-2.6-7.8-9. / Lk 11:14-23.
- Friday:** Hosea 14:2-10. / Ps 81(80):6c-8a.8bc-11ab.14.17. / Mk 12:28b-34.
- Saturday:** Is 7:10-14.8:10b. / Ps 40(39):7-8a.8b-11/Heb10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38.