

## But WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Happy Fathers Day to all of our fathers this day. Who do I say you are?

You're the best! I say that because you are claiming Christ by your sacrifice, by your taking up the cross this day, so as to worship your God with your brothers and sisters in the Lord.

This pleases me; your spiritual father and I'm proud of your choice. This choice says more loudly than words that you believe Jesus is the Christ of God.

But I say to you, who do you say that your sons and daughters are? While it is more important perhaps at a certain point in adolescence that they know you're proud of them....that they please you and that they hear you as you reinforce some of their positive, desirable behavior, even as grown-up adult children is, I believe, still desirable and helpful. Sincerity and love are necessary ingredients in this effort to share your and Christ's love.

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." To the extent that we do this, in our daily lives, is the extent to which we can truly claim that we have chosen and continue to choose Christ. Choosing to follow Christ, means to deny oneself in every way that we are not currently actually following him.

Not to deny oneself usually looks like a self-centered, pleasure seeking attitude that clearly chooses to deny oneself nothing but rather seeks more and more self-gratification.

Choosing Christ changes this focus instead to deny ourselves and offer our time and support to building up our family, our parish and our community. Choices like these say more loudly than words that you believe Jesus is the Christ of God.

To say that Jesus is the Christ is to be a recipient of the Holy Spirit. Jesus in fact chooses us before we choose him. And He said we would know who belongs to him by the fruits they bear. Spiritual fruits, the kingdom of God, we bear as believers as we claim Jesus is the Christ and give glory to our Heavenly Father through good deeds not apart from him but as we say at this mass "in Him and through Him and with Him oh God Almighty Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours forever and ever."

**AMEN**

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5:30pm - for fathers of the parish living and those who have gone before us.

Sun 9:00am - for all our parish family

Sun 12:00pm - for fathers of the parish living and gone before us.

*Our weekly average operational expense is \$8,000*

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CD'S are available in the church office from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every day except Monday.

### SUMMER DAYS VBS begins

TOMORROW NIGHT,  
June 20<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall.

Dinner is from  
5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with the  
program beginning at  
6:00 p.m.

If you haven't registered yet, it's still not too late!  
Registrations will be accepted tomorrow evening  
from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**GROW WITH THE SAINTS &  
THE VIRTUES OF  
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE!**



Are you looking for some way to share  
your gifts at St. Anna's?

Do you love children?

Consider sharing your time with the children of  
St. Anna's while their parents meet once a month  
for adult faith sharing!

The FAMILIES OF FAITH ministry is looking for  
a couple of adults to care for the children for an  
hour once a month! Please prayerfully consider  
volunteering to help this ministry out! If you are  
interested or have questions contact  
Deb Farabaugh at 770-267-7637 or  
[dfarabaugh@st-annas.com](mailto:dfarabaugh@st-annas.com).

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Students attending STEUBENVILLE ATLANTA  
& their parents are required to attend the  
information meeting on Wed., July 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.  
in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. This is a mandatory  
meeting for all youth attending Steubenville  
Atlanta (and parents).

There is NO WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) this  
Wed., June 22<sup>nd</sup> as most of our youth will be assist-  
ing with Summer Days VBS. The next WYN is  
Wed., July 13<sup>th</sup>!



Not going to make it to Mass? Be a Good Steward, give electronically! Go to: [www.st-annas.com](http://www.st-annas.com) click on "on-line giving" to set up an account



**HAVE A GOOD MARRIAGE?**  
**Want to step up to a Great, Exciting & Romantic One?** Why settle for merely good when you can have the exciting and romantic relationship you both dreamed about just a few years ago? Now is the time to reach out for more and attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend. The next Weekend is scheduled for August 12-14 at the Atlanta Marriott Peachtree Corners. You can get more information or register online at [GATN-wwme.org](http://GATN-wwme.org) or by calling 678-242-WWME.



**There are only 8 more weeks until the WOMEN'S CRHP RETREAT!**  
**I hope you are prayerfully listening for God's call to attend this wonderful retreat!**  
**It's not too early to sign up!**  
**Registration flyers are in the Narthex under the t.v. or on line at [www.st-annas.com/crhp](http://www.st-annas.com/crhp).**  
**Come and spend some time with God!**

The June ULTREYA will be held Friday, June 24th at the home of Allison and Patrick Graham, 355 Calumet Lane, Monroe. Their home is located in 'The Downs' subdivision. Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner to follow.



We are sending out parish wide emails. Please email the office if you are not receiving them or if you have information that needs to be shared.  
 Contact: [secretary@st-annas.com](mailto:secretary@st-annas.com)

**Save the Date - August 27th!**  
**Deo Gratias Society**  
**Mass and Luncheon**  
 with Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory  
 10:00 am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
 4465 Northside Drive, NW o Atlanta, GA 30327

F.I.S.H. needs your help this summer to prepare sack lunches for needy children in the community. We meet in the building behind the Monroe Thrift Store  
 M-F at 9:30am.  
 Friday is St. Anna's day, but help is needed every day. God Bless!



**white-collar workers needed.**  
 Quo Vadis? Where are you going? Is a retreat for High School men sponsored by the Vocations Office that will be held July 2th—29th at Camp Gideon in Acworth, GA. The retreat is open to rising 10th grade through graduating senior guys. For more information, [www.calledbychrist.com/quovadis](http://www.calledbychrist.com/quovadis)

Pope Francis said, "It is not possible to remain indifferent before knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods. I think of the adoption of children for the extraction of their organs, or women deceived and forced to prostitute themselves, of workers exploited and denied their rights of a voice. This is human trafficking."  
 For information, visit the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking at [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

9:00 Mass  
 June 26 - Susan Breda  
 July 3 - Marianna Tanner  
 12:00 Mass  
 June 26 - Yaricxa Roman  
 July 3 - Megan Xydias



**Baby Bottle Boomerang!**  
 Pick up an empty baby bottle in the Narthex, fill it with change, and return the filled baby bottles by Sunday, June 19th. Thank you for your continual support of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Walton and our community!



**Meeting times for the week:**  
 OLPH - Every Mon. @ 4:30pm (Conf)  
 Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)  
 Women's Bible Study - Every Wed. @ 10am (8GR)  
 Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)  
 FISH 4 Kids - Every Fri. @9:30 (FISH Thrift Monroe)  
 Summer Days VBS - All Week  
 Ultreya - Fri @ 6:30 pm (Graham)

**Weekly Readings**  
 June 19—June 25

**Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM**  
**Sunday:** Zech. 12:10-11.13:1. / Ps 63(62):2.3-4.5-6.8-9. / Gal. 3:26-29. / Lk 9:18-24.  
**Monday:** 2 Kings 17:5-8.13-15a.18. / Ps 60(59):3.4-5.12-13. / Mt 7:1-5.  
**Tuesday:** 2 Kings 19:9b-11.14-21.31-35a.36. / Ps 48(47):2-3a.3b-4.10-11. / Mt 7:6.12-14.  
**Wednesday:** 2 Kings 22:8-13.23:1-3. / Ps 119(118):33.34.35.36.37.40. / Mt 7:15-20.  
**Thursday:** 2 Kings 24:8-17. / Ps 79(78):1-2.3-5.8.9. / Mt 7:21-29.  
**Friday:** Is 49:1-6. / Ps 139(138):1-3.13-14ab.14c-15. / Acts 13:22-26. / Lk 1:57-66.80.  
**Saturday:** Lament. 2:2.10-14.18-19. / Ps 74(73):1-2.3-5a.5b-7.20-21. / Mt 8:5-17.