

All are on a journey: Who knows where?

The longest journey begins with first step....

(using Luke 9:51-62 to guide reflection)

Step 1: I exist -no cosmic accident-there is a God who knows why we are here. (v.51a “days...fulfilled”) **Step 2:** Determine to know, love and serve God. (v51b “resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.”) **Step 3:** Think like those in my community, like those I know. (v52 “entered to prepare welcome for Him”) **Step 4:** Learn of those who think differently and do not treat them as we would want to be treated (v53 “would not welcome him”) **Step 5:** Our fallen nature turn to violence. Our response is to defend our notion of God with heated words (v54 “want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?”) **Step 6:** Learn from Jesus to go another way (v55-56 “Jesus rebuked them and they journeyed to another village.”) **Step 7:** We see now a new path to love and serve our God; make commitment to follow Jesus’ way (v57 “I will follow you wherever you go”) **Step 8:** Only natural for us to make homes for ourselves while on this earth but Jesus longs to prepare eternal place for us elsewhere (v58 “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head) **Step 9:** The Son of Man prophesied to suffer and redeem us calls us to really believe and follow Him (v59 “He said, “Follow me.”) **Step 10:** But we think of death and wonder if that is all there is at end of our journey (v59b “first go and bury my father”) **Step 11:** Unbelievers lack necessary sustaining relationship with their Creator and Redeemer (V60 “let the dead bury their dead”) **Step 12:** His followers are urged to continue journey with Jesus –in face of death—living the way of the Kingdom of God. (v60b “as for you proclaim the Kingdom of God.”) **Step 13:** As we attempt to live the ways of the Kingdom we will be tempted to lose our focus on the eternal destination of our journey on this earth. We are pilgrims on our way to the new and heavenly Jerusalem! (v61 “but first let me say farewell to my family.”) **Step 14:** Jesus leads us and, like Him, we are to be resolutely determined. (v62 : “Looks to what was left behind is (not) fit for the Kingdom of God.”)

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5:30pm –for all our parish family

Sun 9:00am –for the repose of the soul of Bill Rowan cousin of Denny + Lynn Klein.

Sun 12:00pm –for the repose of the soul of Louis Perez requested by the Shaffer family.

TREASURE:

\$ 4,670 (plus undetermined online amount)

\$ 1,787 Debt Reduction

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.



A BIG THANK YOU to

all our
SUMMER DAYS
VOLUNTEERS!

Summer Days VBS was a
great success thanks to you!

I couldn't have done it without your help
and your willingness to share your faith
with the children of St. Anna's.
God bless you!

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

Do you love children?

Consider sharing your tie 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 wonderful family ministry out! If you are interested or have questions contact Deb Farabaugh (770-2677637 or dfarabaugh@st-annas.com) or Shauna Cantrell (770-905-6603 or cantrellsh@gmail.com).

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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

The next **WYN (Wednesday Youth Night)** is **Wed., July 13th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. If you are entering 6th or 9th grade, please join us for food, fun and fellowship!!



THE WOMEN'S CRHP RETREAT

will be held on August 20th & 21st!
 This powerful 36 hour retreat will renew your spirit and help you grow your personal relationship with God. You'll also make new friends!
 Please prayerfully listen for God's call to attend the CRHP retreat.
YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

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

NEXT WEEKEND IS OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY IN OUR NEW BUILDING!!!

Gentle reminder:
 Narthex for socializing; Nave for praying

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!



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

A church directory is available for each family that had their picture taken. If you are new to our church, Directories will be available after all photographed families have received a directory.

9:00 Mass

July 3 - Marianna Tanner

July 10 - Volunteer needed

12:00 Mass

July 3 - Megan Xydias

July 10 - Joyce Stodghill



Not going to make it to Mass? Be a Good Steward, give electronically! Go to: 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 or by calling 678-242-WWME.



1st Saturday Rosary
 July 2nd
 at 5 p.m.



Come pray with us!



Long warm days... The pace of life slows... A time for picnics and rest in the shade... Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.

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)

- K of C Council Plan. Mtg @ 7pm (PH)
- Women's CHRPH @ 6:30pm (6/MR)
- Men's CHRPH @ 7pm (9GR)



Weekly Readings
 June 26—July 2

Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM

- Sunday:** 1 Kings 19:16-21./Ps 16(15):1-2.5.7-8.9-10.11./Gal. 5:1.13-18. / Lk 9:51-62. *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - Solemnity*
- Monday:** Amos 2:6-10.13-16. / Ps 50(49):16bc-17.18-19.20-21.22-23. / Mt 8:18-22. *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*
- Tuesday:** Amos 3:1-8.4:11-12. / Ps 5:5-6.7.8. / Mt 8:23-27.
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:1-11. / Ps 34(33):2-3.4-5.6-7.8-9. / 2 Tim 4:6-8.17-18. / Mt 16:13-19. *Saint Peter and Saint Paul, apostles - Solemnity*
- Thursday:** Amos 7:10-17. / Ps 19(18):8.9.10.11. / Mt 9:1-8.
- Friday:** Amos 8:4-6.9-12. / Ps 119(118):2.10.20.30.40.131. / Mt 9:9-13.
- Saturday:** Amos 9:11-15. / Ps 85(84):9.11-12.13-14. / Mt 9:14-17.