

Pentecost -Year A

Pentecost is one of the most joyful feasts on the Christian calendar. For 50 days the Church has been celebrating the great mysteries of Easter! Pentecost is the conclusion of the Easter season. Today, the first reading tells how the Spirit blows through the upper room where the disciples are hiding and resides over each of them as tongues of fire. The disciples burst forth from that upper room to preach, teach, baptize, and celebrate the Eucharist. All but one were martyred for their faith. Courage, strength, love, resolve, faith, and conviction were the marks of the apostles as they began their ministry to the world after that experience of the Holy Spirit.

Each Pentecost the Church prays that the same Spirit for the wind and fire of the first Pentecost is needed today as much as the apostles needed it then. The faithful hide today as they did in biblical times. Why? First, some want to sideline religious discussion and keep it far from influencing any policy or government action. They believe that religion is irrelevant to public discourse. If it has to exist at all, it does so as a quaint practice performed on Sunday mornings far removed from the "real work" of governments, business, healthcare, and education. Some of the faithful have been convinced that religious discourse and conversation is solely a private matter. Second, the faith of Christians ought to be joyfully lived by each individual in his or her own life of home, work, and school. Some are afraid to do so. Again, religion is a private matter, or so polite society has declared. Leave your faith at the door, please. And so the Church hides, as the apostles hid.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us open our hearts, minds, and souls to the presence of the Spirit. Let's stop hiding and commit ourselves to living our faith with joy and with the same courage and resolve as did the early Church. From the Spirit each person seeks courage, strength, love, resolve, faith, and conviction. As the apostles burst forth with love and joy, so today's Christians are in desperate need of that same energy.

A committed Christian can bring hope, love, forgiveness, and life to his or her world. A Christian who has been "fired up" by the Spirit does not tolerate hatred, racism, bigotry, gossip, cheating, or lack of respect for human life. If Christians live the Gospel, inspired by the Holy Spirit, they can bring the teachings and life of Jesus Christ to all whom they meet.

The influence of faith has a place in your home, workplace, in the voting booth, and among friends and family. Armed with the message of Christ, Christians can change the world! Let's not be afraid to live the faith! Let's not hide because some in society consider it impolite to discuss faith or morals, or what influences or scares you.

PS: There is a fine line between sharing one's faith and becoming arrogant or pushy. That line needs to be kept firmly in place. Arrogance has no place in Christian discourse.

SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE from
Noon to 11AM

Now until Sunday September 10th

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 5:30pm that Barbara McDonald return to health as requested by her family.

Sun 9:00am for our St. Anna's parish family.

Sun 11:00am for the soul of Christiane Bardy at request of Deb and Alan Farabaugh

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Ascension Offertory: \$ 7,115.00

Catholic Communications: \$1,094.00

Our Weekly Average Operational Expense is \$9,000

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SUMMER DAYS VBS:

"TRACKING MARY; MYSTERIES & MESSAGES"

is next week...

JUNE 12TH TO THE 16TH

from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE
TO REGISTER!**

Register online at

www.st-annas.com or after

Mass. Registration forms

can be found under the

t.v. in the Narthex.

The cost for VBS is \$10.00 for 1 child; \$15.00 for 2 children & \$25.00 for 3 or more children.

JOIN US FOR VBS FUN!



CD'S from the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION are AVAILABLE. The CD is \$5.00 and available from the church office.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YGAB (Youth Group Advisory Board) meeting is this Wed., June 7th at 7:00 p.m. in room 205.

Wednesday Youth Night

There will be NO WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) next Wed., June 14th due to Summer Days VBS.

Our next WYN will be on Wed., June 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and it is also **WYN WATER NIGHT!** Bring or wear your bathing suit and a towel and expect to have fun and get wet.

Students entering 6th grade in the fall are invited to attend **WYN WATER NIGHT!**

Hope to see you there!



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



The first **Grief Support Group** will meet every Saturday at 10am (R#105)



Beautify 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, secretary@st-annas.com or Jessica at 770-267-7637.



Ladies, please join us **MONDAY, June 5th**

for **FRIENDS OF THE HEART** at 6:30 in the Parish Hall! Bring your favorite dish or salad to share. Hostesses Barbie PG and Sherry Cox will provide the drinks and the desserts! Looking forward to see you there!

FRIENDS OF THE HEART WILL N-O-T GATHER IN JULY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY!

Please join us for Scout Sunday, next Sunday, June 11th at the 11:00 Mass as we recognize these for their accomplishments



Mark your calendars! The Archdiocese of Atlanta Eucharistic Congress is Friday and Saturday, June 16 & 17 at the Georgia International Convention Center.

Don't miss this spirit filled event!

Contact the church office for details.

Abbey Hospice is seeking volunteers...

Contact Rachael at (770) 464 5858

DO YOU NEED A VACATION? Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special person who loves you! Make time to enrich your relationship by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next Weekends are scheduled for June 9-11 and July 28-30 at the Atlanta Marriott Peachtree Corners. For more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org

Nursery

Available for Mass

9:00 Mass

June 4 - **NEED SOMEONE!**
June 11 - **Marianna Tanner**

11:00 Mass

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June 11 - **Joyce Stodghill**

Financial Peace University (FPU) teaches God's ways of handling money .



Register for a 9 week class, starting June 20, through the Dave Ramsey website. <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1041438>

The course will cost \$93/couple or individual. Once a couple/individual buys the materials for the course, they can take the course again for life at any location.

Starting this Monday, June 5th and continuing until the CRHP retreat, the women's CRHP group will be meeting **EVERY Monday @ 6:30 (R#108)**

Women's CRHP VI Weekend: August 19-20

Where have you met God? Members of our parish have found the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) RE-NEWAL weekend experience to be an important encounter with God. The CRHP Retreat is led by fellow parishioners & is a powerful experience with God!

For more information: www.st-annas.com

If you missed the Altar Server, Lector, and/or Eucharistic Minister Training and would like to be a part of one of these ministries, please contact the church office.



We welcome Wylie Stokes, Terri Dippel, and Judy Ezell as our new Eucharistic Ministers.

Meeting times for the week:

- OLPH - Every Mon. @ 3pm (102/3)
- Women's CRHP - Every Mon. 6/5 @ 6:30pm (108)
- Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
- Parish Bible Study - Every Wed. @ 10am (105)
- Rosary Makers - Thurs. 6/8 @ 7pm (108)

Call the Church Office at 770-267-7637 to get items on the Calendar!!!!

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

June 4 thru June 10
Saturday: Confessions
begin at 4 PM

- Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24,29-31.34/1Cor.12:3b-7.12-13/Jn 20:19-23.
- Monday:** Tob. 1:3.2:1a-8. / Ps 112(111):1-2.3-4.5-6. / Mk 12:1-12.
- Tuesday:** Tob. 2:9-14. / Ps 112(111):1-2.7bc-8.9. / Mk 12:13-17.
- Wednesday:** Tob. 3:1-11a.16-17a. / Ps 25(24):2-.8-9. / Mk 12:18-27.
- Thursday:** Tob. 6:10-11.7:1,9-17.8:4-9a. / Ps 128:1-5. / Mk 12:28-34.
- Friday:** Tob. 11:5-17. / Ps 146(145):1b.2.6c-7.8-9a.9bc-10. / Mk 12:35-37.
- Saturday:** Tob. 12:1.5-15.20. / Tob. 13:2.6efgh.7.8. / Mk 12:38-44.