

CHOOSE THE BETTER PART

I was tempted this morning to engage discouraging thoughts about any number of things. Then I acknowledged the Lord's Presence and gradually re-focused. The better choice of gratitude chased away the pessimism and I was ready to face a new day!

My top priority this week is complete; sent in my passport renewal request. I know, I know I should have done this already! I am behind on promoting this awesome trip, too!! I first applied for a passport in 1995; I had been ordained less than a year and the St. Thomas Aquinas choir had invited me to visit Rome, Italy with them! It was my one and only trip over seas; to date! That'll be changing this December 27th!!!

I'm hoping some more of our parishioners will be able to come with—Judy Walker, Mary Fellers, Valerie Urmetz, Lynn Warren and there are six—to my knowledge—others seriously considering joining Dr. Ambrosio and me on a pilgrimage of a lifetime.

While it is my hope that others can find the money to fly away to the Holy Land with us, I know many who would love to go simply will not be able to. Even if you cannot travel with us I AM INVITING YOU TO JOIN US and learn about the places where our Lord walked, worked miracles, suffered, died and rose from the dead! We will be presenting a DVD ON THE HOLY LAND and review a book entitled WALKING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS. This will prepare those who are going on the HOLY LAND TRIP and those who just want to learn more about these ancient sites! We will take "holy cards" with us of the sites we study and touch them to those places we visit and bring them back to share with you! I'm really looking forward to traveling with people I know and with whom we can share together wonderful memories!

St. ANNA'S FEASTDAY CELEBRATION is next week, July 30th, after the 5:30 Mass!!!

- ▶ Holy Land DVD will be presented in the Hall on Sundays in August after 9am Mass!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5:30pm for justice and peace to reign among the citizens of USA.

Sun 9:00am for the parishioners of St. Anna's.

Sun 12:00pm for the repose of the soul of Harold Ledford at the request of the Shaffer family.

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory: \$ 8,040.00

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The first meeting for FAMILIES OF FAITH has been changed to **Sunday, August 7th** from 5:30-7pm. Families of Faith is a faith sharing/social group for families raising children.



Please join us on Sunday, August 7th. Child care is available.

It's that time of year again. Time to start planning for the 2016-2017 School of Religion year.

CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED for our Pre-School and Kindergarten class. Contact Deb Farabaugh to volunteer or for more information (770-267-7637 or dfarabaugh@st-annas.com).

St. Anna's is hosting this year's

FAITH FORMATION DAY!

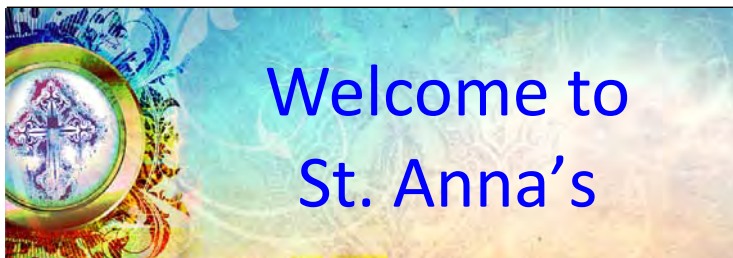
Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith is invited to attend. There will be many workshops for you to choose from. For more information, contact Deb Farabaugh at dfarabaugh@st-annas.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS




CALLING ALL YOUTH!

The next WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is Wed., July 27th beginning with Mass at 6 pm, followed by pizza, fun and fellowship. YWN is for all youth (grades 6 to 12) of the parish.




Welcome to St. Anna's


Catholic Parent Revival
 Sept 10th; 6:30-9:30 at Good Shepherd Cath. Ch.
 3740 Holtzclaw Rd., Cumming (30041)
 Sept. 11; 6-9pm @ Holy trinity Cath. Ch
 101 Walt Banks Rd., Peachtree (30269)
 Daycare for ages 5-11



Parish Wide - Thursday Emails
 If you are not receiving our emails or if you have information that needs to be shared with the parish, email the church office at: secretary@st-annas.com




Ultreya will be held in the Chapel on Friday, July 22nd at 6:30pm




Is your heart leading you *to help others*?

- Pack summer lunches for kids
- on Fridays or any day!

Contact Nancy Long at 706-362-9008 to lend a helping hand



A Family Night at the Gwinnett Braves
 Friday, August 12
 \$13.00 ticket includes a free cap
 Tailgate @ 5:00PM, Game @ 7:05PM,
 Contact: Roger Coyne 770-309-5623
 Tickets going on sale soon! (Hosted by K of C)




All Pregnancy Resource Center's Baby Bottles need to be returned




Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is August 12-14
 Call **678-242-WWME**

Do you have an insurance policy you no longer need? Donate it to the **parish endowment fund**. The process is simple and it will help the parish for many years to come. You will receive a nice tax deduction based on the cash value in the policy. For details contact: Juliet Greco at The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440. More estate planning ideas are available at www.cfngalegacy.org




St. Anna's Feast Day
 Saturday, July 30, after 5:30 Mass
 Information to come!

Save the date - September 18, 2016
 Evening for Life - Pregnancy Aid Clinic Annual Fundraising Gala Egyptian Ballroom, Fox Theatre Atlanta GA.
 For more information contact Cory: cbrown@pregnancyaidclinic.org 404.849.5644



Women of St. Anna's... You are invited to the **WOMEN'S CRHP RETREAT** on August 20th & 21st. This 36 hour retreat will renew your spirit and fill your heart with joy as you make new friends with the women of St. Anna's. Register online at www.st-annas.com/crhp or use the registration form in the brochure in the Narthex. Registration forms can be turned in at the church office.




TRIVIA NIGHT
Knights of Columbus Family Trivia Night
Sat., August 6, at 7pm
 Bring a team or join a team.
 \$10.00 per player. Cash prizes for the winning teams, door prizes and snacks provided.
 BYOB is OK. Proceeds support the Knights Charities.

Meeting times for the week:
 OLPH - Every Mon. @ 4:30pm (Conf)
 Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
 Women's CHRHP - Every Tues. @ 6:30 (6/MR)
 Women's Bible Study - Every Wed. @ 10am (8GR)
 Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)
 FISH 4 Kids -Every Fri. @9:30am(FISH Thrift Monroe)
 Parish Council - Wed. 7/20 @ 7pm (8GR)

The New church directory is available for pick up

Weekly Readings
 July 17 - July 23



9:00 Mass
 July 17 - Susan Breda
 July 24 - Marianna Tanner
 12:00 Mass
 July 17 - Yaricxa Roman
 July 24 - Meagan Xydias



Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM
Sunday: Gn18:1-10|Ps15(14):2-3.4.5|Coloss.1:24-28|Lk 10:38-42.
Monday: Micah6:1-4.6-8|Ps50:5-6.8-9.16-17.21.23|Mt12:38-42.
Tuesday: Micah7:14-15.18-20|Ps85(84):2-4.5-6.7-8|Mt 12:46-50.
Wednesday: Jer 1:1.4-10/ Ps 71:1-2.3-4a.5-6ab.15ab.17|Mt 13:1-9.
Thursday: Jer2:1-3.7-8.12-13|Ps36:6-11/ Mt 13:10-17.
Friday: Song 3:1-4a. / Ps 63(62):2.3-4.5-6.8-9. / Jn 20:1-2.11-18.
Saturday: Jer. 7:1-11. / Ps 84(83):3.4.5-6a.8a.11. / Mt 13:24-30.