

**BE RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD!**

Saints, down the ages to this very day, are rich in what matters to God! What might that be? Faith is the first step. Take St. Anna, for example! We hear of her in the Protoevangelium of James, which dates from the second century. We learn that Anna, wife of Joachim, was advanced in years and her prayers for a child had not been answered. She kept knocking and asking patiently and persistently in faith, hope and love. Once as she prayed beneath a laurel tree near her home in Galilee, an angel appeared and said to her, "Anne, the Lord hath heard thy prayer and thou shalt conceive and bring forth, and thy seed shall be spoken of in all the world." Anne replied, "As the Lord my God liveth, if I beget either male or female, I will bring it as a gift to the Lord my God; and it shall minister to Him in holy things all the days of its life " And thus Anna became the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She prayed with the gifts of God's grace (faith, hope, love) and fulfilled her destiny, her path to heaven) as she gave birth to Our Lord's mother, Mary!

Now let's hear from one, like all of us, is in process. Eric Odum, like others from our Youth Group, has gone on mission to Nicaragua. He has now gone 3 times!

*"My journey to Nicaragua over this past month has been full of many gifts from God. Amigos for Christ's short-term servant leadership program had a total of 6 people from all over the U.S. Working as a servant leader we lead others by serving them. Working with Amigos for Christ is to work side by side with the groups that visit that week. We developed our leadership by helping them with questions, always asking how they feeling while working, including them in many activities, and even changing how we talk to help them feel welcome (using "us/we" rather than "I/you"). After spending a month of my summer serving others & serving God, I found peace, joy, and love for the country and all around me.. If it is in God's plan, nothing would make me happier than being able to join Amigos for Christ again next summer but as a long term servant leader in their three-month long program."*

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. 5:30pm** for our parish (and particularly for **Tom & Marilyn Gourley on their 50th wedding anniversary** **Sun 9:00am** for peace & justice in our country **Sun 12:00pm** for St. Anna's parish family

**TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:**

**Offertory: \$ 7,313.00**

Our Weekly Average Operational Expense is \$8,000

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

The first meeting of **FAMILIES OF FAITH** is next Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share for dinner and then enjoy some "adult" faith sharing time while your children are being take care of by adult volunteers.

**WHAT IS A CATECHIST?**

*A catechist is faith, hope & love attached to arms & legs, aches & pains, family duties & not enough time. A catechist is an ordinary person who is extraordinary because he or she teaches as Jesus did. A catechist is faithful to the past, open to the future, but especially dedicated to deepening the faith of the present generation.*

***A CATECHIST IS YOU!***  
***Catechists & aides needed for the Pre-School & Kindergarten classes. Contact Deb Farabaugh for more information.***



**St. Anna's is hosting this year's**

**FAITH FORMATION DAY!**

On Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, catechists and parishioners from all over northeast Atlanta will come together to learn more about their faith. There will be many workshops for you to choose from. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:30 with the program beginning at 9:30. Register online at <http://tiny.cc/ffd2016> or contact Deb Farabaugh.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

The next **WYN** (**Wednesday Youth Night**) is **Wed., August 10<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall.**





**2016 Parish Financials** are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, if you have any questions or would like a copy, please email or call Brandy Lake at [blake@st-annas.com](mailto:blake@st-annas.com) or 770-267-7637

**All ladies are invited to Friends of the Heart,** THURSDAY, August 4th at 6:30 in the parish hall. Bring a salad or your favorite dish to share! Our hostesses, Pat Green and Joyce Stodghill will provide drinks and the desserts! It is too HOT to be outside, so come cool and relax with friends and/or take the opportunity to make some new ones!



**Family Trivia Night**  
**Sat., August 6, at 7pm**

\$10.00 per player. Cash prizes for the winning teams, door prizes and snacks provided. BYOB is OK. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

**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 after mass!  
(Hosted by K of C)



**Families of Faith** will meet on Sunday, Aug. 7th (5:30-7pm) in the Parish Hall.

**Leaving a GIFT to St. Anna's in your memory:**  
Make St. Anna's a beneficiaries on your IRA, 401K, or other retirement plans. Leave a dollar amount or a percent of your plan that will go directly to St. Anna's to help our Parish for the future. For more ways to help with a future gift, contact Juliet Greco at The Catholic Foundation of N. GA. 404-497-9440/ [jgreco@cfnga.org](mailto:jgreco@cfnga.org)

**Meeting times for the week:**

- OLPH - Every Mon. @ 4:30pm (Conf)
- Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
- Women's CHRP - Every Tues. @ 6:30 (6/MR)
- Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)
- FISH 4 Kids -Every Fri. @9:30am(FISH Thrift Monroe)

- YGAB - Wed. 8/3 @ 7pm (8GR)
- Friends of the Heart - Thurs. 8/4 @ 6:30pm (PH)

- Women's Bible Study -returns -Wed, Sept. 7th
- ACES - returns - Fri., Sept 16th



**Weekly Readings**  
**July 31 - August 6**

**Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM**

**Sunday:** Eccl1:2.2-21-23/Ps 90:3-6.12-17/Colos. 3:1-5.9-11/Lk12:13-21.  
**Monday:** Jer. 28:1-17. / Ps 119(118):29.43.79.80.95.102. / Mt 14:13-21.  
**Tuesday:** Jer. 30:1-2.12-15.18-22/Ps 102:16-21.29.22-23. / Mt 14:22-36.  
**Wednesday:** Jer. 31:1-7. / Jer. 31:10.11-12ab.13. / Mt 15:21-28.  
**Thursday:** Jer. 31:31-34. / Ps 51(50):12-13.14-15.18-19. / Mt 16:13-23.  
**Friday:** Nahum2:1.3.3:1-3.6-7/Deut32:35-.39abcd.41/Mt16:24-28.  
**Saturday:** Dn7:9-10.13-14/Ps 97:1-2.5-6.9/2 Peter 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36.

**THE WOMEN'S CRHP RETREAT** is rapidly approaching...August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>! REGISTER TODAY by picking up a brochure in the Narthex or online at [www.st-annas.com/crhp](http://www.st-annas.com/crhp). We'd love to see you there & know that you will love being a part of CRHP V.



Our second collection today, is the Mission Cooperative Program of the archdiocese. Several different mission organizations, religious orders and financially struggling (arch)dioceses will directly benefit from your generosity. Thank you for your charitable response last year and please give generously in today's collection.

**A Special Ladies Tea & Luncheon**  
On Sunday, September 18th at 1:30  
Tickets go on sale Aug. 27th.  
\$10 Ladies, \$5 girls (10 & under).  
Proceeds go towards the Kitchen and Parish Hall.



The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia is looking for professional advisors in our parish, including **attorneys for wills and trusts, accountants, and financial planners**. They often get asked for names of professional advisors in their area. **If you would like to be listed as a referral** throughout the Archdiocese, please contact Juliet Greco, at [jgreco@cfnga.org](mailto:jgreco@cfnga.org).

**December 27<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>**



9:00 Mass  
July 31 - **Volunteer needed**  
August 7 - Marianna Tanner  
12:00 Mass  
July 31 - Joyce Stodghill  
August 7 - Yaricxa Roman

