



“One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, “What are you doing?” The youth replied, “Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don’t throw them back, they’ll die.” “Son,” the man said, “don’t you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can’t possibly make a difference!” After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said, “I MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR THAT ONE.”

If you know me well, you know that I love the “starfish story”. As a matter of fact, for the last 26 years, it has been my mantra. Twenty-six years ago, God called me to become a Director of Religious Education at a church in Erie, PA. Then in 2006, God called my husband and I to GA, where He led me to St. Anna’s to be a DRE. This story constantly reminds me of what I have been called to do (what we all have been called to do)...to make a difference in the lives of others! I have been fortunate to have done this long enough that I often am able to see the difference made in a child or teens life. What a blessing it is to watch a child grow in their faith from Pre-K to Communion and Confirmation into adulthood! I always share this story with the catechists of St. Anna’s because they are truly making a difference in the lives of the children and youth they teach.

Today is the first day of School of Religion classes for the children of St. Anna’s. It is always an exciting (and slightly nerve racking) day for me. But this year is special to me! As many of you already know, this is my last “first day of School of Religion” as your DRE. I am retiring at the end of this year! After 26 years as a DRE (14 in PA and 12 at St. Anna’s), it is time to let a younger person lead St. Anna’s children, youth, and catechists. What a blessing it has been for me to be able to serve God as a Director of Religious Education for so many years and in two parishes. What a blessing it has been for me to watch so many children grow into wonderful, faith filled Catholic adults.

Below is a list of dedicated catechists at St. Anna’s who everyday **“MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD OR YOUTH.”**

Cathy Craven, Kerri Brooks, Haley Herrick, Freda Hamryka, Julie Mitchell, Rachel Tew, Ginny Harlan, Mary Lynne Reinagel, Becky Goodwin, Cindy Hyde, Larissa Daniel, Bridget Adamson, Jeanette Casey, Laura Martin, Dorota Hang, Chris Penvose, Antoine Bardy, Deacon John Duffield, Regina Duffield, Russ Hamryka, David Quintanilla, Betsy Marshall, Ace Willis & David Smith.

God bless,  
Deb Farabaugh

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. 5:30pm** for the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Dolores and Ernie Theisen

**Sun 9:00am** for all in the path of Hurricane Irma

**Sun 11:00am** for the people of St. Anna’s Parish Family

**TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:**

**Offertory On-Line Giving for 8/27 & 9/5 : \$2,806.00**

**Offertory 9/5: \$6,223.65**

*(Average of \$9,000 per week to balance budget)*

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



**SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!**

Class is held from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Children in grades Pre-K to Grade 4 must be dropped off at class by their parents.

Dismissal will be from the Parish Hall.

Please wait for your children in the Parish

Hall at the designated area. If you have not registered your child for School of Religion classes, please go to Mrs. Deb’s office BEFORE taking them to class.

A School of Religion **PARENT MEETING** will be held next Sunday, Sept. 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for **ALL** parents who have children in the School of Religion. Family Handbooks will be distributed (with the calendar) and many topics relating to School of Religion will be discussed. Please plan to attend this meeting.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

returns to St. Anna’s on Sun., October 1 at both the 9:00 a.m. and 12 Masses. If you volunteered to do CLW with the children, please attend the training session on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. in room 102/3.



**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

The next WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is this Wed., September 13th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Middle and High School students are encouraged to join us for food, fun & fellowship!

**Other News**

**RCIA begins on Tuesday, September 19th!**



If you are considering becoming Catholic or would just like a refresher class on your faith, please join us for RCIA. Classes are held every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. In addition to learning more about the Catholic

Faith, you’ll meet a group of wonderful people to share your faith journey with.



**Trunk or Treat** planning meeting is this Monday, Sept. 11th at 6pm. Come and share your ideas with the group. Meet us at the playground.

Questions? contact Shauna Cantrell at 770-905-6603.

Tickets for **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** auxiliary fund drive will be sold Sept. 9-10 & Sept. 16-17 after all the Masses. Donation is \$5.00 for a book of 6 tickets. The St. Anna's Quilters have made two lap quilts to raffle off. When you buy the raffle tickets, you are taking chances to win one of the quilts. Thank you for your kind and generous support of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home.

**Let's Get Moving with ACES ...**

Calling all Seniors to Exercise Class on Friday, Sept 15th from 1-3pm in the Parish Hall . Valerie Urmetz will led us with some Rockin' Oldies, but Goodies.



St. Anna's Adult Faith Program, "Spiritual Short Courses for Christians" will begin on

Sunday, Sept. 24th at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This program is for all adults who want to learn more about and grow in their faith. Each week a different topic will be presented and discussed. Join us for a cup of coffee and as you **learn and grow in your Catholic faith.**

**Columbus Day Banquet:** Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Mass and 1:00pm Banquet 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Anna's Knights of Columbus Chapter , Honoring Widows of St. Anna's Parish- Everyone is invited Tickets on sale Sept. 23/24, 30 and Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. After Masses Widows please complete the form at the ticket sales or RSVP to Don (770) 639-3305 or [empirefire1@windstream.net](mailto:empirefire1@windstream.net)



Thank you to those who signed up to serve in the Nursery. Prayerfully consider giving your time and love to this Ministry . **We are still in need of 5 more people !** Contact Mrs. Deb to HELP at the 9:00 or NOON Mass

**CHILDREN'S PRAISE CHOIR**

**WHO:** 2ND graders thru 6TH graders  
**WHEN:** 9AM Mass, Every 1st Sunday of the month  
**First rehearsal:** Wednesday, Sept. 13th @ 6:30pm  
**Frist time singing:** At the 9AM Mass on Oct. 1st, please arrive at 8:30 in the Choir Room  
**GOT QUESTIONS???????** See Mary Jane Insull after any Mass for a registration form.



**This year's Christmas musical, Only Love.**

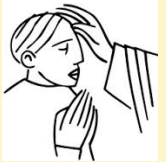
This is your opportunity to participate in this uplifting, joyous Christmas experience. We need Singers, Dancers, Narrators and more!!!!



Please join us and other local faith communities for a peaceful, prayerful, silent witness to life and for the end of abortion. We will be meeting at the Old Courthouse downtown around 2:15 on Sunday, October 1. The Life Chain lasts from 2:30 to 3:30. Life

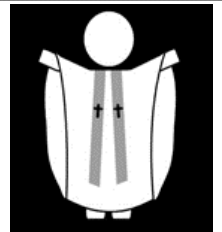
Chain is a national and international event. For more information, contact Becki Bennett 404.731.9441.

Please attend the **Healing Service** here at St. Anna's on Friday, September 15th at 7 pm. Fr. Jim Blount from the SOLT (Society of our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity) will preside.



The annual **Silent Auction and Luncheon** sponsored by the auxiliary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home will be held at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church on Saturday, Oct. 7. Doors open at 11:00 am for the Auction. Tickets for the Luncheon are \$45.00 per seat. Please call Barbara Ginn if you would like to attend the Luncheon. I'd love to have you join me at my table. Barbara Ginn, 404-538-0520.

**SAVE THE DATE: October 29, 2017** Following Noon Mass, please join us in the Parish Hall to celebrate Fr. Dan , Deacon Tom, and Deacon John. Come share words of love and appreciation, as well as Cake and Punch. Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood and especially our own clergy: Fr. Dan and Deacons Tom and John. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church, as very important one. Questions? Contact Jerry Hobbs: 678-858-3922 or Karen Straub: 770-377-3731 Stewardship Council



**Meeting times for the week:**

- OLPH - Every Mon. @ 3pm (102/3)
- Men's CRHP - Every Mon. @ 6:30pm (SoR)
- Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
- Stewardship Council - Wed. 9/13 @ 7:15pm (Lib)
- Rosary Makers - Thurs. 9/14 @ 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

**Sept. 10 thru Sept. 16**  
**Saturday: Confessions**  
**begin at 4 PM**

- Sunday:** Ezek. 33:7-9. / Ps 95(94):1-2.6-7.8-9. / Rm 13:8-10. / Mt 18:15-20.
- Monday:** Coloss. 1:24-29.2:1-3. / Ps 62(61):6-7.9. / Lk 6:6-11.
- Tuesday:** Coloss. 2:6-15. / Ps 145(144):1-2.8-9.10-11. / Lk 6:12-19.
- Wednesday:** Coloss. 3:1-11. / Ps 145(144):2-3.10-11.12-13ab. / Lk 6:20-26.
- Thursday:** Numb. 21:4b-9. / Ps 78(77):1-2.34-35.36-37.38. / Jn 3:13-17. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast
- Friday:** Heb. 5:7-9. / Ps 31(30):2-3a.3bc-4.5-6.15-16.20. / Jn 19:25-27. Our Lady of Sorrows - Memorial
- Saturday:** 1 Tim 1:15-17. / Ps 113(112):1-2.3-4.5a.6-7. / Lk 6:43-49.