

*Could it be possible that*  
**YOU CAN BE BOTH**  
*sons?*

The parable of the PRODIGAL SON is often interpreted something like this...the Younger Son represents new converts to Christianity who were squandering their lives away in the pursuit of pleasure without meaning and so were estranged from the Father (GOD) while the Elder Son stayed at home and grudgingly did the right thing by his Father (GOD) and so seemed to be in right relationship.

I and many others have been Christian for many years now. The fatted calf has been slaughtered long ago and we have enjoyed our reclaimed status as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father for some time now. I dare say we *may have* grown to take it for granted, as did the Elder Son, that our Father truly loves us. (And so does His Son who first told this parable!)

Alive as our Father's House, the Church, we serve Him by listening to God's word with a living faith. Faith that is lived through grace but through our efforts, too. Being Christian does involve our effort as in "pick up your cross daily and follow me." As this is lived out day by day doing what we tell ourselves at least is our best effort; the truth is we can grow weary. It is at this point we can identify with the Elder Son and while there may be "more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance" it is time for the righteous to celebrate!

The ninety-nine, the Church, are those who have been found and Shepherded by the Lord. We have been inspired to pick up our cross it is true but the Spirit of truth also spoke in this parable through the Father (GOD) who said "you are here with me always, everything I have is yours."

While we are definitely to take the Lord's call to carry our cross daily to heart; I believe we should also listen to these words of the Father (GOD) to the Elder Son. We will not begrudge heaven's rejoicing over one sinner who repents if we also take to heart and celebrate the generosity of GOD our Father!

**Annual Treasure Commitment Weekend**  
**September 24-25**

**OUR GOAL**

**\$9,000 a week or \$465,000 for the year**

**This goal empowers us to pay principle and interest on all loans. Last year's actual Offertory income was \$452,000.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. 5:30pm** for the sick of our parish family.  
**Sun 9:00am** for the repose of the soul of Jack Kilduff at the request of the Shaffer family.  
**Sun 12:00pm** for all the people of St. Anna's parish

**TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:**

**Offertory: \$ 8,196.28**

*Our Weekly Average Operational Expense is \$9,000*

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

School of Religion classes begin **TODAY!** Classes begin at 10:15 am and end at 11:45 am. Students in Pre-K to grade 4 must be brought to the classroom by a parent. **Dismissal of Students in PRE-K TO GRADE 4 will be in the Parish Hall.** Parents are to wait for their children (Pre-K to grade 4) in the designated area in the Parish Hall. Students and parents, please be aware that some of the classrooms have changed so look at the bulletin board next to the classroom to find the class you need!

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION PARENT MEETING** will be held next Sun, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. This important meeting will discuss the School of Religion policies, the Child Protection Program and more. The Family Handbook with yearly calendar will also be distributed. **Please plan to attend this meeting.**

Are you interested in becoming **CATHOLIC?**  
Would you like to learn more about your **FAITH?**  
**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes begin **THIS Tuesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.**  
Classes are held from 7:15-8:30 p.m. in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.  
Please join us on Tuesday night!



**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

The next **WYN (Wednesday Youth Night)** is Wed., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm in the Parish Hall. We will begin with Mass in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m. Be a "WYNNER", be a part of WYN. WYN is for all Middle and High School students of St. Anna's.



**YOUTH MINISTRY IS COMING TO ST. ANNA'S!**

We hope to have our Life Teen Kick Off on Jan. 8, 2017!

**WE NEED YOU TO HELP MAKE THIS A REALITY.**

We are looking for **CORE TEAM** members to assist the youth ministers with the youth AND Musically talented people to be a part of the Life Teen Band. If you are feeling called to be a part of this ministry of this ministry, please contact Deb Farabaugh or Fr. Dan.

# WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here

## Training Times: Saturday, September 17th

**Altar Serving -9:30 am**

(Pizza for the family after training)

**Usher Training After 5:30 Mass**



## **MEN's Christ Renews His Parish** **Retreat Weekend – Sept. 24 & 25**

Register **TODAY** by picking up a brochure in the Narthex or online at [www.st-annas.com/crhp](http://www.st-annas.com/crhp).



### OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Please join us Sunday, Oct. 2, for the annual **Life Chain** event held in downtown Monroe from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m

**ADORATION:** Every Friday from 6am-12:15pm someone is in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the CHAPEL: Come and adore! Would you spend a set hour with Him every Friday?

**CPR/ AED Training Class** to be held in the Parish Hall from 1-4pm on Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> \$3.00 Charge for Card . CALL/770-267-7637



**FISH** Needs you to give your time...If you are able to volunteer, please give me call at (678) 635-8943 or send an email to [deborah.atha@fishofwalton.org](mailto:deborah.atha@fishofwalton.org).



Faith & Sharing Mass on Sun., Oct. 2 at 2pm with Bishop Talley at St. Toribio Romo in Chatsworth, GA 30705

**Honor your loved one.** Create an **endowment fund** in honor of or in memory of a loved one and name the parish as the beneficiary. \$5,000 to start a fund (add to it each year.) When the fund reaches \$25,000, distributions are made to the parish . For details contact: Juliet Greco at 404-497-9440.

**September 18-Evening for Life - Pregnancy Aid Clinic**  
**Annual Fundraising Gala Egyptian Ballroom, Fox Theatre Atlanta GA. Contact Cory: 404.849.5644**

9:00 Mass

September 11- Need a Volunteer

September 19 - Marianna Tanner

12:00 Mass

September 11 - Joyce Stodghill

September 19 - Yaricxa Roman



Blood Drive, this Friday 9/16 starting at 1pm, in the Parish Hall. Call Rhonda at 770-289-1296 to reserve your time slot



## **A Special Ladies Tea & Luncheon**

Sun., Sept. 18th at 1:30pm

All proceeds go to the Kitchen & Parish Hall.

Call the church office for Tickets



**ACES September activity:** In place of our Sept. meeting, join us in attending the Ladies Tea & Luncheon

## **Picnic Ministry will meet Sept. 15 at 7:00 PM**

for planning. Not signed up for this fabulous ministry? Come and join us in the fun of planning this wonderful event! If any questions please call Joy Tuschl: 678-251-7948 or Karen Straub: 770-377-3731



**SAVE the DATE for the picnic: Oct 16!**

## **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home**

auxiliary fund drive will be selling Tickets on Sept.10-11 and Sept 17-18 after all Masses

Tickets are \$5 for a book of 6 tickets or \$1.00 per ticket. **ALL Funds** go to help the terminally-ill cancer patients at the home.

The St. Anna's Quilters donated two lap quilts to be raffled off after the noon Mass on 9/18.

Contact Barbara Ginn @ 404-538-0520 with questions.



## **Meeting times for the week:**

OLPH - Every Mon. @ 4:30pm (Conf)

Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)

Women's CHR P - Every Mon. @ 6:30pm (6/MR)

RCIA/RCIC - Every Tues. @ 7:15pm (MR)

Women's Bible Study - Every Wed. @10am (7GR)

Men's CHR P - Every Wed. @ 7pm (7GR)

Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)

Truck/Treat Comm - Wed. 9/14 @ 6pm (8R)

Stewardship Council - Wed. 9/14 @ 7:15pm (Lib)



## **Weekly Readings**

Sept.11 - Sept. 17

**Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM**

**Sunday:** Ex. 32:7-11.13-14. / Ps 51(50):3-4.12-13.17.19. / 1 Tim 1:12-17. / Lk 15:1-32.

**Monday:** 1 Cor. 11:17-26.33. / Ps 40(39):7-8a.8b-9.10.17. / Lk 7:1-10.

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor. 12:12-14.27-31a. / Ps 100(99):2.3.4.5. / Lk 7:11-17.

**Wednesday:** Numb. 21:4b-9. / Ps 78(77):1-2.34-35.36-37.38. / Jn 3:13-17.

**Thursday:** Heb. 5:7-9. / Ps 31(30):2-3a.3bc-4.5-6.15-16.20. / Jn 19:25-27.

**Friday:** Heb. 5:7-9. / Ps 31(30):2-3a.3bc-4.5-6.15-16.20. / Jn 19:25-27.

**Saturday:** 1 Cor. 15:35-37.42-49. / Ps 56(55):10.11-12.13-14. / Lk 8:4-15.