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DAILY MASS

Monday 9:00 AM
Tuesday 12:15 PM
Wednesday 12:15 PM
Thursday No Mass
Friday 9:00 AM
(Adoration every Friday
9:30 AM—3:30 PM)

VIGIL MASS

Saturday 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 AM and 12:00 PM

*The church office will be
closed Monday, January 15th*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday:
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Closed Thursdays
Weekly Staff Meeting:
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM
If you need to contact us please
leave a message.

www.St-Annas.com

1401 Alcovy Street
Monroe, GA 30655
GPS: 836 Monroe Jersey Rd

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment.

INFANT BAPTISM

Catholic parents must be active, registered and participate in a Baptism class. Please, call the office to schedule.

MARRIAGE

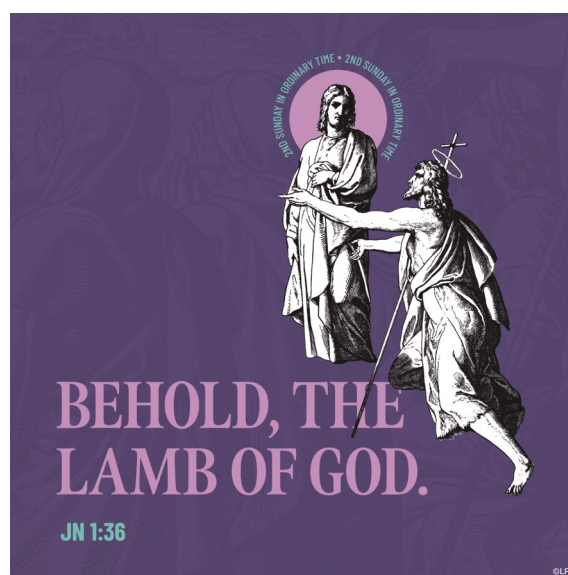
Call at least six months before proposed date. Catholics must be active and registered!

RCIA

Open to those inquiring about the Catholic Faith.

Tuesdays (Sept.-April) 7:00PM

Deb Farabaugh: debfarabaugh@gmail.com



If you become aware of or have a reasonable suspicion of abuse you are required to report within 24 hours by Georgia law. **Reports of child abuse and neglect can be made by phone to 1-855-GA CHILD (1-855-422-4453)** 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Archdiocesan policy **requires** a follow up letter to be sent to your local DFCS office detailing all the information provided to the intake center in order to keep records of our response to allegations of abuse. A copy of the letter also needs to be sent to the Office of Child and Youth Protection.

If an allegation of abuse involves any member of the clergy, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, you must contact the Office of the District Attorney and the Office of Child and Youth Protection in addition to DFCS within 24 hours.

**FOR SACRAMENTAL
EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL:
706-688-9870**



January 14th 2024 | Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM:

Sunday 9:00 AM:

Sunday 12:00 PM:

Monday 9:00 AM:

Tuesday 12:15 PM:

Wednesday 12:15 PM:

Friday 9:00 AM:

St. Anna's Parishioners & Families

T'Shauna Mae Henry (D)

Catherine Cameron (L)

Tom Dombrowski (D)

IN PEW OFFERTORY RECAP:

12/24: \$15,966 ; 12/25: \$9,780.53

12/31: \$ 10,622 ; 1/7: \$7,949.32

(Does not include OLG)

MASS INTENTIONS: Would you like to have a Mass said for a loved one? Contact the office to schedule a Mass! The graces that come with having a Mass said for a special intention are immeasurable. The Mass unites the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. Masses tend to fill up fast at the beginning of each year, so be sure to call and get yours scheduled as early as possible! Altar flowers are another beautiful way to honor loved ones. We order two arrangements a week. If you would like to sponsor one arrangement in honor of someone, the cost is \$65. Checks can be made payable to St. Anna's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

January 14th-January 21st

January 17th: St. Anthony the Great

Not to be confused with St. Anthony of Padua, Anthony the great was a hermit-saint in fourth-century Egypt. Although animals are often associated with St. Francis of Assisi, there is a legend that says animals were Anthony the Great's only companions during his periods of prayer and fasting in the desert.

St. Anthony the Great is the patron of many things including amputees, animals, basket makers, basket weavers, brush makers, butchers, cemetery workers, domestic animals, eczema, epilepsy, epileptics, ergotism (which, funnily enough, is what killed Anthony of Padua), erysipelas, gravediggers, hermits, hogs, monks, pigs, relief from pestilence, skin diseases, skin rashes, swine, and swineherds. The skin rash shingles is sometimes referred to as "St. Anthony's fire."

In Italy on his feast day animals are blessed, and *pane Benedetto* (blessed bread) is distributed.

Throughout his hermitage, St. Anthony was frequently tormented by the devil who had taken the form of a pig. This is what led to him being named the patron of bacon and butchers. Because our Church is puckish sometimes, tonight seems like a fine time for a bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin to me!

A Sardinian legend says that there was no fire on earth during Anthony's lifetime, and the people asked him for help. Anthony is said to have marched right up to the gates of hell with the piglet that was his only companion (Presumably, this is a different pig than the one being impersonated by the devil.). The demons knew of Anthony's power, and they refused to answer the door, but the little piglet was able to squeeze in. The animal began running around and terrorizing the demons who then begged Anthony to come in and collect his pet. The legend says that as Anthony and the piglet made their way back to earth, Anthony's walking stick caught fire and brought warmth to the people.

You can access the blog by scanning the QR code with your phone or visiting the following web address: <https://www.st-annas.com/liturgical-living-3/>

Live your faith out loud!

SCAN ME



POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION:

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church. Amen.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

OFFICE CLOSING: 1/15/2024 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND: FEBRUARY 3RD & 4TH.

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER: 2024: A beautiful year to look forward to.

A blessed New Year to all of you, or at my house we say "Bonne Annee" (Good Year) in French.



There is so much to look forward to in 2024. Of course, the big excitement will be the arrival of the organ, which I hope will be before June. One must remember that all parts of the organ are HANDMADE and must be fashioned with care to last a long time. In fact, the builder noted in his contract that he will warranty the organ for 20 years. Now, say that to your car maker or your appliance maker or, even better, your cell phone maker (Phones..ugh). So, I must remind myself to be patient. Also note that St. Anna's will have the only mechanical action organ in this part of North Georgia. We will have a stunning instrument that will attract listeners (and players) from all over the state. Mechanical action means that the instrument will function mechanically and that the only electrical part will be the air blower. Every other aspect of the instrument will be mechanical. This technology has been proven to last hundreds of years and has been around since the early 1600s. Once again, I offer a reminder that organs have been in Catholic churches since about 1500 (and possibly before). Organs are the instrument par excellence for the Church. In fact, the Vatican II documents note the organ is the best suited for the liturgy.

Lastly, it is time to develop a comprehensive program to get children of St. Anna's into 2 activities: singing and serving. We do not have enough of either. Watch for "Campaign 2024," my effort to involve more children in the liturgy. After all, they are our future and the Church's future. We need them, and they need us!

Looking forward to an exciting and blessed 2024!

YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

1/10; 17; 24; 31

ldibble@st-annas.com

cdibble@st-annas.com

RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00PM

1/14 ; 1/21

emmarlowe@st-annas.com

We are still accepting donations for meals for our Youth Groups. If you would like to sponsor a meal please contact Heather; hgardner@st-annas.com.

****PLEASE DO NOT FEED ELIJAH****

January 14th 2024 | Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULES JAN-FEB: We are now using Signup.com to schedule our volunteers at the Masses. You may sign up on your own for the Masses you would like to serve, or you may email Delilah the dates you are unavailable and she will add you to the schedule accordingly. The schedule has been posted on the website as of January 5th. You may view it anytime at Signup.com. If you are having difficulties navigating the site, please call the office.

SENIOR LUNCHEON: The Senior Luncheon will be taking a break for the months of January and February. *Save the date and be sure to enjoy food, fun & fellowship on March 20th!*



PLENARY INDULGENCE: As you might know by now, on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the “Nativity scene of Greccio,” the Apostolic Penitentiary is granting a plenary indulgence to all the faithful who, through Feb. 2, 2024 (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord), will visit a Nativity scene in a church entrusted to the Franciscan Friars anywhere in the world. The Franciscan-led parishes in the Archdiocese of Atlanta are: Holy Cross, Atlanta and Saint Philip Benizi, Jonesboro. Also, Archbishop Hartmayer personally requested the Apostolic Penitentiary to grant this privilege to his Cathedral Church, since he is a Franciscan Friar himself. As of today, **the Apostolic Penitentiary granted the Cathedral of Christ the King this privilege.** The faithful may obtain the plenary indulgence under the usual conditions: Going to confession, receiving the Eucharist, praying for the intentions of Pope Francis, and devoutly pausing before the nativity scene prepared in the mentioned churches; as well as spending an appropriate period of time in pious meditation and concluding with the Our Father, a profession of faith, and invocations to the Holy Family of Jesus (Mary and Joseph), and St. Francis of Assisi (see below). Those who are sick or unable physically to participate can receive the plenary indulgence either by offering up their sufferings or by carrying out acts of piety. If you are curious to know more about Plenary Indulgence, call the office!

DOUGHNUTS AFTER MASS: Join us for doughnuts after the 9:00AM Mass! Please, consider offering a love donation to this ministry of fellowship! A BIG thank you to Joan Dumford for providing a time of fellowship for our families!

WEEKLY MEETINGS JANUARY 14TH— JANUARY 20TH:

Sunday: Mass—9:00AM SOR—10:30AM Mass—12:00PM	Boys Choir—4:00PM Youth Group—6:30PM Adult Choir—7:00PM Parish Council—7:00PM
Monday: *MLK Day OFFICE CLOSED Mass—9:00AM Girls Choir—4:00PM	Thursday: OFFICE CLOSED NO MASS
Tuesday: Mass—12:15PM RCIA—7:00PM	Friday: Mass—9:00AM Adoration 9:30AM-3:30PM
Wednesday: Mass—12:15PM	Saturday: Reconciliation—3:30PM Vigil Mass—5:00PM

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: Our meeting day is changing! Join us on the 1st Sunday of each month at 1:00PM in room 107/8. **Join us for our next meeting: 2/4 at 1:00PM**

Did you know the March for Life in D.C. will be held on Saturday, January 20th? You can spiritually participate with us by reciting this prayer: “Come Lord, Jesus. We pray for our country to be a home where all human beings—those made by You in Your image—would be welcomed into the world and protected by laws. Father, You are the true King in our world. Please, help us in this election year to put men and women in high places that value life in all stages of development, from the womb to tomb. Amen.”

CANDLEMAS: Mark your calendar for Friday, Feb. 2. The Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. This wonderful feast, marking the end of the 40 days of Christmas, is the last great solemnity right before Lent. The Church blesses its candles for the year and sings some of the loveliest music in the repertory. You can also bring your candles from home to be blessed and we will light candles in our hands and all over the Church. The great canticle, the Nunc Dimittis, will be sung, and the story of Simeon and Anna meeting the baby Jesus in the temple is read. All in all, this is one of the great liturgies of the Roman rite. Come one and all, light your candles, and bring your candles to be blessed.

GAME NIGHT AT ST. ANNA’S: Join us for a family fun night in the Parish Hall on Saturday, February 3rd at 6:30 PM. ALL PARISHIONERS are invited! Bring your own beverages and an appetizer/snack to share. There will be a large selection of games to play, but you’re welcome to bring your favorites! For more information please contact: Nancy Sykes—404-786-7020 or Senta Penvose—678-910-6907
A NIGHT OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: Return Gifts to the Lord: You can create a tradition of giving to the parish which supports you. For more info about making a legacy gift to your parish endowment fund, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation at 404-497-9440 or go to www.cfnga.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY: Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep the same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14TH 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

DONATE WHILE YOU SHOP! VISIT: WWW.KROGER.COM/ACCOUNT/COMMUNITYREWARDS/