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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

**Mass intentions are upon
request. Call the office to
schedule yours today!**

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

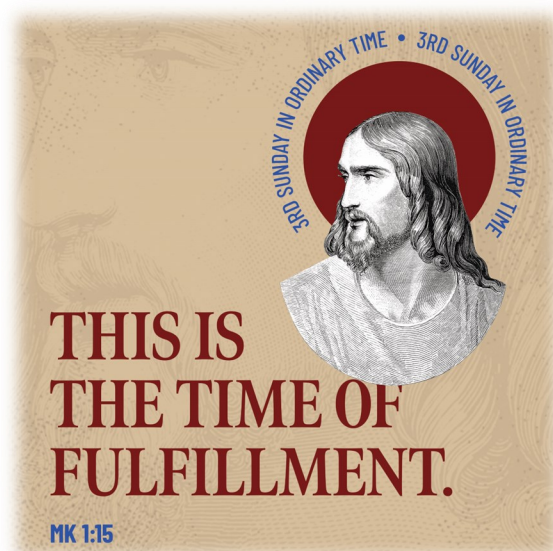
Call at least six months before proposed date. Catholics must be active and registered!

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 21st 2024 | Third 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:

Boots Jahns (L)
St. Anna's Parishioners & Families
Susan Price (D)

Beverly Sabatino (L)

IN PEW OFFERTORY RECAP:

1/14/2024: \$10,747

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:

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

A PRAYER FOR DISCIPLESHIP:

Dear Jesus, When you call to me, help me to listen. Give me the courage to respond bravely and boldly to your invitation for my life. Amen.



ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:

Candlemas Feb. 2 9:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 2nd at 9 a.m. The Mass for the Solemnity of Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, will be celebrated. Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas season and is the day that the Church blesses the candles that are used throughout the year. People may also bring their candles from home to be blessed. There is a procession with lit candles, the canticle of the Nunc Dimittis is sung during the procession along with the propers and the church is lit with candles from the procession along with the space itself. This is truly one of the most wonderful liturgies of the year and if you don't know it, it's time you did. Receive the blessing that comes with the liturgy and bring your candles to be blessed. It's a fully sung liturgy with cool music, Latin texts and beauty beyond all measure. This is the genius of the Roman rite and after all, We are our rites.



YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

1/24; 31

ldibble@st-annas.com

cdibble@st-annas.com

RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00 PM

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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.

Third through eighth graders are invited to participate in the fifth annual Christ is alive essay contest. Winning entries receive \$100 as well as a Bible. Contact your child's SOR teacher for more information, or contact Heather Gardner in the RE Office.



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/>

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

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 21st-January 28th

January 22nd: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22nd is specifically set aside by the USCCB as day of prayer (and I would encourage fasting) for the legal protection of unborn children. Please find more information as well as suggested prayers on the USCCB website.

January 25th: St. Dwynwen

Here's your super obscure saint for this month! Dwynwen is a 5th century Welsh saint, and she is patron of lovers. As I am of Celtic heritage myself, as well as something of a hopeless romantic, I have a great affection for this saint, and I pray a novena to her every year.

She founded a convent in Llanddwyn where there is a well named after her which became a site of pilgrimage after her death in 465. Eels or fish living in the well were believed by visitors to be sacred and capable of predicting whether the pilgrims would be blessed in love. The remains of her church are still visible today. See the Liturgical Living blog for more information on this saint and a recipe for Welsh rarebit.

January 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas

Patron of students and universities, Thomas Aquinas is considered to be one of the greatest thinkers in the history of the Church. He is both a Doctor of the Church and an Angelic Doctor. His *Summa Theologiae*, which he intended to be for beginners (!!!), is one of the greatest works of philosophy and theology ever written. Thomas was born to a noble Sicilian family in 1226, and he was the youngest of seven brothers all of whom became soldiers. When Thomas was discovered to be a great deal slower and clumsier than his athletic brothers, his wealthy parents decided that Thomas should just be a bishop instead. At the age of five, he was sent to the Benedictine monastery in Monte Cassino to begin his studies. Although he enjoyed his schooling, he was somewhat withdrawn, and his classmates nicknamed him the "Dumb Ox."

Because he was nicknamed the Dumb Ox, Kendra Tierney suggests oxtail soup for dinner, and you can find a recipe for that on the blog. Kendra also suggests pin-the-tail-on-the-ox or tic tac toe (Wait for it.) as fun activities for kids today.

Live your faith out loud!

SCAN ME



January 21st 2024 | Third 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	Adult Choir—7:00PM
Monday: Mass—9:00AM Girls Choir—4:00PM	Thursday: OFFICE CLOSED NO MASS KoC Assembly Mtg.—6:15PM
Tuesday: Mass—12:15PM RCIA—7:00PM	Friday: Mass—9:00AM Adoration 9:30AM-3:30PM
Wednesday: Mass—12:15PM Boys Choir—4:00PM Youth Group—6:30PM	Saturday: Reconciliation—3:30PM Vigil Mass—5:00PM KoC 4th Degree—6:00PM

GOLDEN & WHITE ANNIVERSARIES: The 50th and 60th Marriage Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, February 10, at noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church** in Johns Creek, followed by a reception with a light meal. Archbishop Hartmayer will be the principal celebrant. The date change now reflects our effort to highlight National Marriage Week, which occurs February 7-14 of every year.

The RSVP link for anniversary couples is:
<http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass>.



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: The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow him.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21ST 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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