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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

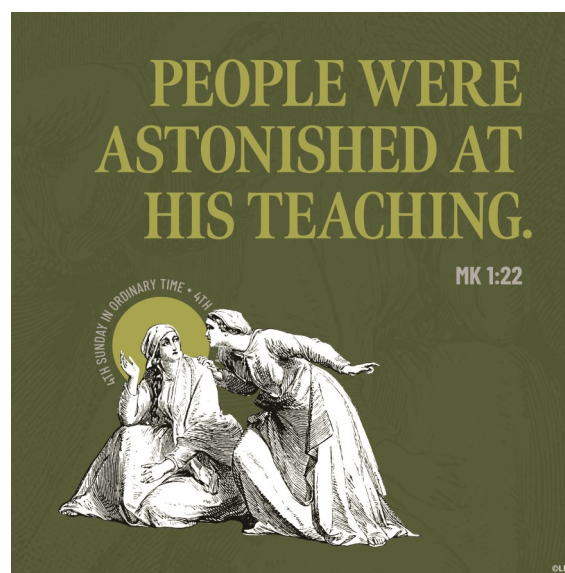
Call at least six months before proposed date. Catholics must be active and registered!

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 28th 2024 | Fourth 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:

Jose Jesus Soto JR. (D)
St. Anna's Parishioners & Families
Eric Barnes (D)
The Sullivan Broome Family
Ed Broome Family

IN PEW OFFERTORY RECAP:

1/21/2024: \$10,882

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.**

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:



Some notes on the Church Year: Don't forget that Feb. 2 is Candlemas. Candlemas (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) is when the Church blesses candles and celebrates the end of the 40 days of Christmas. Be sure and bring your candles from home to be blessed.

The three Sundays before Lent begins are called the "Gesima" Sundays. They are Septuagesima (70 days before Easter), Sexagesima (60 days before Easter), and Quinquagesima (50 days before Easter). These are preparation Sundays as the Church "prepares" to celebrate Lent. Though not official in the current Mass calendar, these Sundays help us to begin our Lenten preparations. It also raises the solemnity of Lent because whenever the Church celebrates something, it "prepares" us to do so. Kinda like when I bake bread. I have to prepare to bake it. I get the stuff out. I make my poolish, let it set overnight, and then I make the bread.

Septuagesima - Jan. 28 Sexagesima - Feb. 4

Quinquagesima - Feb. 11

For your information, the official name of Lent is Quadragesima or 40 days before Easter.

YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

1/31

ldibble@st-annas.com

RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)

FEBRUARY MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00PM

2/4 ; 11 ; 18 ; 25

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 or visit our website to sign up for the meal train.

SERVICE HOURS: There are many events coming up that are available for service hours for our youth during Lent. If you would like to volunteer to receive hours, please contact the office, and we will get you in touch with coordinators for upcoming events. There will be opportunities with parish social events, the liturgy, and community services. All students are required to have 40 hours for Confirmation. Hours are able to be counted starting the summer after 8th grade.

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.



Last weeks altar flowers were purchased by the Casey Family in honor of Susan Price.

MASS INTENTIONS: Would you like to have a Mass said for a loved one? Contact the office to schedule a Mass. 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:

February 1st: St. Brigid of Kildare

St. Brigid was born to a pagan family in Ireland in 452, which was during the ministry of St. Patrick. When she became a nun later in life, she founded the first order of nuns in Ireland with the help of seven followers. The sisters earned a living by selling jam made from wild berries they picked. St. Brigid is held in such high esteem in Ireland that she is often referred to as "Mary of the Gael."

See the blog for some Irish recipes, instructions for making your own butter, and the legend that explains why we associate Brigid with butter.

February 2nd: Candlemas

Also referred to as "The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord," Candlemas commemorates the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem, Mary's ritual purification post-childbirth, and the meeting of the Holy Family and St. Simeon and St. Anna the prophetess ("The Meeting of the Lord"). The Meeting of the Lord is described in Scripture in Luke's Gospel (Luke 2:25-38). This is the well-known story wherein Simeon tells the Blessed Virgin Mary that she, too, would be pierced by a sword.

But, where did we get the name, "Candlemas?" St. Simeon says in Luke's Gospel, *for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel* (Luke 2:30-32). Jesus is the light of which Simeon speaks—the light of the world. For this reason, the Church traditionally blesses candles on this day, both those used in the Church and candles brought by parishioners for blessing. Hence, "Candlemas," candle Mass. Fr. Randy will offer blessing of candles at daily Mass for Candlemas on Friday, February 2nd at 9:00 AM. You are welcome to bring candles to be blessed. These candles can then be used in your home throughout the year. I like to light them during dinner.

It is traditional to eat pancakes or crepes on this feast day. I have a go-to recipe for each. Find them linked on the blog!

Also this week: February 3rd St. Blaise; February 4th First Sunday of St. Joseph

Live your faith out loud!

SCAN ME



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/>

January 28th 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

FRIENDS OF THE HEART: We will gather THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st at 6:30 in the parish hall! Dolly Deprospero and Cindy Palmer will be our hostesses and provide the drinks and the desserts while the rest of us bring our favorite dish to share! Ponder...should we move FOH to 6- instead of 6:30???? It would at least get us THERE in the daylight! Please remember those who don't feel comfortable driving at night! Also, doors in the FRONT are always open! Less walking and more lighting! We are in need of hostesses for MARCH and APRIL!

ST. ANNA'S LENTEN FISH FRY: Join us Fridays during Lent. Beginning February 16 in the Parish Hall. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Join us for the Fish Fry at 5:00PM with Stations starting at 6:00PM. More info TBA.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: Join us on Saturday, Feb. 10th from 6:00PM—9:00PM in the parish hall! Tickets are \$25 per person. Dinner will be: Maque Choux, Shrimp & Grits, Chicken & Andouille Jambalaya, Muffuletta Sliders, and King Cake! Please RSVP by Feb. 5th—Text: 770-355-5390 or scan the QR to RSVP



5K & FUN RUN: Please consider being a sponsor and runner/walker for the St. Patrick's 5K & Fun Run! Saturday, March 16, 2024
Knights of Columbus #14425
See one of the Knights after Mass to sign up.



DR. EDWARD SRI IS COMING TO ST. ANNA'S: SAVE THE DATE! Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author, and well-known Catholic speaker who presents to tens of thousands of people from around the world each year, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists, and laity. Join us for an amazing and informative one night event with two talks by Edward Sri on February 21st. At 7:00PM he will be speaking on "The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and Freedom to Love", followed by "Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age: Today's Challenges for Parents and Families" at 8:00PM. More information is to come!



WEEKLY MEETINGS JANUARY 28TH— FEBRUARY 3RD:

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM
SOR—10:30AM
Mass—12:00PM

Monday:

Mass—9:00AM
Girls Choir—4:00PM

Tuesday:

Mass—12:15PM
RCIA—7:00PM

Wednesday:

Mass—12:15PM
Boys Choir—4:00PM
Youth Group—6:30PM
Adult Choir—7:00PM

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED
NO MASS
Friends of the Heart—6:30PM

Friday:

Candlemas Mass—9:00AM
Adoration 9:30AM—3:30PM

Saturday:

Reconciliation—3:30PM
Vigil Mass—5:00PM
Family Game Night—6:30PM

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

ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL: Next weekend is our commitment weekend for Archbishop's Annual Appeal. This collection helps support many ministries and services in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Our Parish goal for 2024 is \$53,500. Any and all donations help make a difference. Anything over our goal will be given back to St. Anna's for us to use in our yearly budgets. Prayerfully consider giving to the appeal. For more information please visit the website or scan this QR Code.



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 feast 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

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER: SAVE THE DATE! Ash Wednesday will be on February 14th this year. We will be having our annual soup supper, hosted by RCIA. We will need parishioners to bring soups/crackers/bread/butter. Please, stay tuned for more details. If you have any questions please contact Karen Straub: kmstraub@gmail.com

LIVE THE LITURGY: With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite Him into our hearts, asking Him to cleanse the darkness He finds there.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28TH 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (cf. 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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