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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

ASH WEDNESDAY:

12:15 PM & 6:00 PM

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

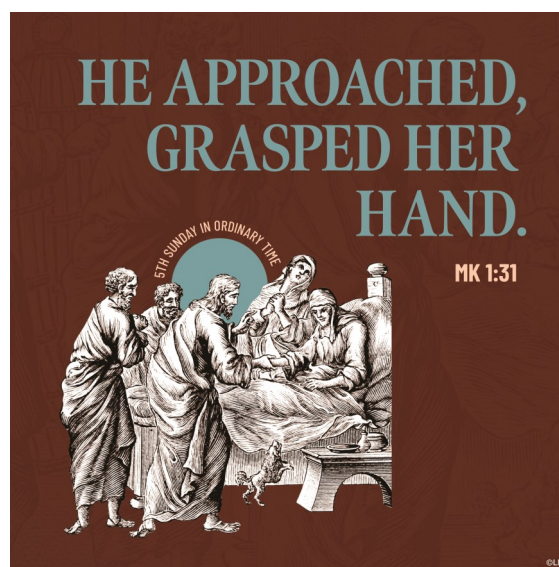
Call at least six months before proposed date. Catholics must be active and registered!

RCIA

Open to those inquiring about the Catholic Faith.

Tuesdays (Sept.-April) 7:00 PM

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**



February 4th 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM:

Catherine and Dan Melton (D)

Sunday 9:00 AM:

Joan Dumford (L)

Sunday 12:00 PM:

St. Anna's Parishioners & Families

Monday 9:00 AM:

Jonathan Webster (L)

Tuesday 12:15 PM:

Wednesday 12:15 PM:

Friday 9:00 AM:

IN PEW OFFERTORY RECAP:

1/28/2024: \$7,373.33

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION:

For the terminally ill: We pray for those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment. Amen.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

THIS WEEKEND IS THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

February 4th: First Sunday of St. Joseph

It has long been customary in the Catholic Church to prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph by dedicating to him the seven Sundays preceding his feast day, which is March 19th. We spend these weeks recalling the seven sorrows and seven joys of St. Joseph. This is as simple as adding some special prayers to your day on each of these Sundays. You can find links for meditations for all seven weeks as well as the Litany of St. Joseph on the blog.

February 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes/St. Abigail

Our Lady of Lourdes

On February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous in a grotto above a rose bush in Lourdes, France. This was the first of several apparitions to Bernadette. On February 18, 1858, Bernadette said the Blessed Mother asked her to return daily to the grotto for two weeks. This period of daily visions is now referred to as *la Quinzaine sacrée*, which means, "holy fortnight."

During the February 25th apparition, The Virgin Mary instructed Bernadette to drink the water from the spring in the grotto, to wash in the spring water, and to eat the herb that grew there. The next day, what had been a muddy spring, had been miraculously transformed into clear, fresh water. Many pilgrims have visited this spring in the hope of receiving a miraculous cure for their ailments.

In July 1866, Bernadette joined the Sisters of Charity. She died at the age of 35 on April 16, 1879 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI in December 1933.

Recipes, videos, and activities are linked on the blog.

St. Abigail

St. Abigail, or St. Gobnait, as she's called in the Irish, was born in County Clare, Ireland around the 6th century. Legend tells us that she once ran away from home to escape the constant feuding of her family. She took up residence on Inis Oírr (pronounced "Inish-ear") in the Aran Islands where an angel appeared to her telling her that this was not her "place of resurrection." The angel instructed Abigail to move inland in search of the place she was meant to spend her life. The angel said she would know the place when she saw a herd of nine white deer.

Abigail was also a beekeeper. Early Celts believed that the soul left the body in the form of a bee or butterfly. Abigail, with her deep faith and profound belief in the Resurrection, was naturally drawn to these creatures. She was known to use their honey to cure illness and treat injuries. She is even credited with saving Baile Bhuirne from the plague. Abigail is the patron saint of bees and beekeepers.

See the blog for more Irish food and fun!

Also this week: February 8th: St. Josephine Bakhita

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/>

SCAN ME



ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:

Being the prolific reader that I am (some would say I am obsessed), I offer you a beautiful meditation on the Mass, written by Peter Kwasniewski, a brilliant and sometimes quite polemical writer. This was just too wonderful to not pass along.

"The first and most important thing for us to realize is that the Mass is not about you or me—it's about God. In as much as we are united to Our Lord as living members of His Mystical Body, the Mass could also be said to be "about us"; but clearly because of Him by Whom and to Whom we are united. He is our end or ultimate goal; we are not His end. In that sense, asking "what can we get out of the Mass" is to ask the question somewhat backwards; we should rather be asking: "What do we owe to God, and how can we give it to Him in the best possible way?"

God is the supreme Lord of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things, including your soul and mine by an act of immediate creation. That means He knows and wills and loves each one of us into being at the moment of our conception; He has known and loved us from eternity and calls us to eternal life after this short mortal life has run its course.

Because of the cosmic tragedy of Adam and Eve, the human race is plunged in darkness, misery, and guilt; each one of us suffers from that tragedy, and we cannot rescue ourselves. This is why we need a Savior. Jesus Christ delivered us from the abyss of sin and death by His teaching, by the mysteries of His life, and above all by His death on the Cross, when He offered Himself to the Father as an infinitely pleasing sacrifice of love. He offers us this deliverance, this victory, in the sacraments of the Church He founded on the apostles."

Lent is coming. Let us pray to be prepared for the discipline.

YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

2/7 ; 21 ; 28

ldibble@st-annas.com

RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)

FEBRUARY MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00PM

2/4 ; 11 ; 18 ; 25

emmarlowe@st-annas.com



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.

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ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL: We are so grateful to all our parishioners who have already joined together in pledging their gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign goal is \$9,350,000 and our parish goal is \$53,500. A percentage of the money collected about our goal will be returned to St. Anna's! To learn more about the impact of our support to the appeal and to donate online, visit: donate.archatl.com or scan the QR code! Every pledge makes a difference. Prayerfully discern yours today!



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



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: kmstraub1127@gmail.com

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. Invite your friends and family! We have invited the other local area parishes to attend with us! Dr. Sri will have two of his books available for purchase. There is no cost to attend, but we will be taking up a "love donation" to help offset costs.



WEEKLY MEETINGS FEBRUARY 4TH—FEBRUARY 10TH:

Sunday: Mass—9:00AM SOR—10:30AM Mass—12:00PM	Boys Choir—4:00PM Youth Group—6:30PM Adult Choir—7:00PM
Monday: Mass—9:00AM Girls Choir—4:00PM	Thursday: OFFICE CLOSED NO MASS
Tuesday: Mass—12:15PM RCIA—7:00PM	Friday: Adoration 9:30AM—3:30PM
Wednesday: Mass—12:15PM	Saturday: Reconciliation—3:30PM Vigil Mass—5:00PM KoC Mardi Gras Party—6:00PM

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

GAME NIGHT AT ST. ANNA'S: Join us for a family fun night in the Parish Hall TONIGHT - 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!

ST. ANNA'S LENTEN FISH FRY: One week left until we're back! Join us Fridays during Lent, beginning February 16 in the Parish Hall for our annual Fish Fry, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus! This year the Fish Fry will start at 5:00PM with Stations of the Cross, led by Deacon John and Father Randy at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary.



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.



REDCROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Save the date! **Tuesday, February 13th** the American RedCross will be at St. Anna's from 1:00-6:00PM. You can sign up for an appointment by visiting: www.redcrossblood.org/give and search for us with our zip code: 30655—You can help save lives, sign up today!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: Ash Wednesday is February 14th this year. We will be offering Mass at 12:15PM & 6:00PM with the soup supper following the 6:00PM Mass. This is not obligatory, but rather is a wonderful way to start the Lenten season as we contemplate Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation.

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>.

LIVE THE LITURGY: Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows is still, to this very day. Your life is the town He is visiting, your heart the synagogue where He preaches. Remember that for this purpose, He has come.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4TH 2024

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
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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