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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

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

12/24: 6:00PM
12/25: 12:00AM & 10:00AM

OFFICE HOURS

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

www.St-Annas.com

1401 Alcovy Street
Monroe, GA 30656
GPS: 836 Monroe Jersey Rd

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

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

INFANT BAPTISM

Catholic parent(s) must be active, registered and participate in a Baptism class, please call the office to schedule.

MARRIAGE

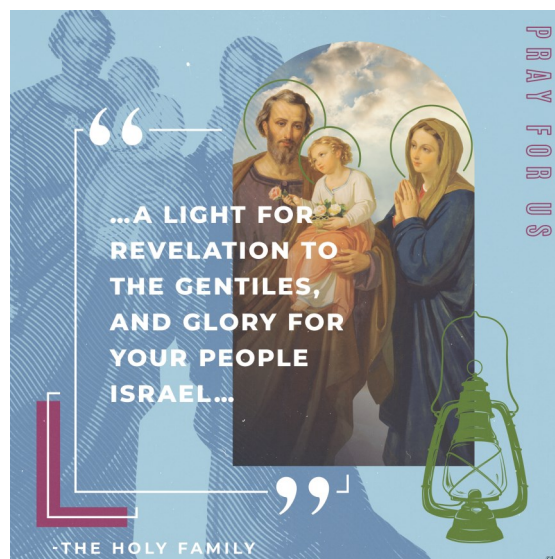
Call at least six months before proposed date. Catholics must be active and registered!

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**



December 31st 2023 | Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus Mary & Joseph



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:

Miguel Tapia (D)
Carlos Moreno (D)
St. Anna's Parishioners & Families
Catherine Cameron (D)

OFFERTORY RECAP:

12/17: In Pew: \$8,698 Online: \$3,425 Total: \$12,123

12/24 & 25 Recap :TBA, Bulletin due early

SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

December 31st-January 7th

December 31st: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

On this feast day, celebrated on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day, we reflect in a special way on the example of holy family life presented to us by the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This is a perfect day to plan a special activity for your family, whatever your family will enjoy doing together. Some suggestions might be a family game or movie night, a hike or camping trip, a visit with extended family, or doing some kind of project together. It's also a day to be especially sure that your family prays together. There is ***A TON*** of information for this week on the blog. Please, take a look!

January 1st: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Happy (Secular) New Year! Happy Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God! AND, HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!! *It's still Christmas, y'all!* It's only Day 8. You've got **four more days** of Christmas-ing!

This feast commemorates the circumcision and formal naming of Jesus according to Jewish tradition. This is significant for us because it is the first time Jesus' blood was spilled. It was the beginning of the Redemption. This event is also considered to be a demonstration of Christ's humanity and His submission to the Mosaic Law.

This was one of the earliest Marian feasts observed by Christians. Over time, however, the focus of the feast shifted to Jesus' circumcision and naming. But, with the revision of the calendar in 1969, the focus on Mary's motherhood was restored, and January 3rd was made the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.

January 5th: Twelfth Night

Depending on whom one asks, Twelfth Night is either January 5th or January 6th. Currently, you're asking me, and I'm here to tell you it's on the 5th. Twelfth Night is the night of the Twelfth Day of Christmas, and it's Epiphany Eve. It's a final day for Christmas festivities and foods.

January 6th: Epiphany (Traditional)

Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the wisemen in Bethlehem to adore the infant Jesus. In my house, the wisemen from all our nativity sets start out across the room from their respective creches, and slowly make their journey from December 25th-January 6th. I don't really have a standing tradition for dinner on the Epiphany. It's kind of just whatever Christmas foods and treats are left. I just make sure to have a king cake!

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-2/>

Live your faith out loud!

SCAN ME



CONGRATULATIONS: Brother Vincent Maria made his Perpetual Profession on December 8th. We pray that he is carried by God's grace and mercy on his journey of faith. "Those who today love to live in the Divine Will and to know It form the seed, the conception, and maybe even the birth of this Divine Volition in their souls." - Luisa Piccarreta

IMPORTANT UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

NO DAILY MASS: JANUARY 8-12TH

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:

A little bit of Catholic trivia for you on this Holy Family weekend, which is still Christmas, despite the commercial news of the day.

Originally, the Sunday after Christmas was just called "Sunday within the Octave." Holy Family was a later addition. January 31st is usually the feast of Pope Sylvester, who is the last saint of the year. And, January 1st was the feast of the Holy Name because, in Jewish tradition, the child is named and circumcised on the 8th day. Mary, Mother of God is now January 1st, but you can still hear the remnants of the Holy Name in the readings and orations for the day. In an old missal (circa 1985), January 1 has three different names because the Church was still trying to balance old and new traditions.

Lastly, the octave (8 days) between Christmas and Jan. 1st has some wonderful feasts. St. Stephen is Dec. 26 (also known as Boxing Day in British parlance). St. John, the writer of the 4th gospel, is on Dec. 27th. The Holy Innocents is Dec. 28th (remember Herod and his attempt to kill all the Hebrew children) and my personal favorite, St. Thomas Becket, is Dec. 29th.

Thus, the Church enriches our Christmas feasting with other celebrations to augment the season. Let us continue the joy of the Incarnation in our days after Christmas, which is still the season.

Piano and voice lessons are available from Kevin. He has 3 slots available. Please contact Kevin if you are interested. Scheduling is more to your schedule than his.

YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

1/3; 10; 17; 24; 31

ldibble@st-annas.com

cdibble@st-annas.com

RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00PM

TBA

emmarlowe@st-annas.com

HELP OUR YOUTH GROUP WITH FOOD DONATIONS!

We are continuing our meal train for both the Rising Youth and Youth Group! Our youth group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the parish hall, and Rising Youth on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-2:30PM. Visit our website to sign up for a date that's convenient for you!

Parents: Love Donations are always welcome to support your child and other youth during their meet ups!

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



December 31st 2023 | Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus Mary & Joseph

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 which 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. Please make sure to make your adjustments and requests no later than December 31st. The schedule will be posted on the website on January 5th. You may view it anytime at Signup.com

FRIENDS OF THE HEART: Ladies of St. Anna's! Join us for dinner after the Holiday, Thursday January 4th at 6:30PM. Plan to bring your favorite dish to share. If you can offer someone a ride, please do! We have many ladies who are uncomfortable driving at night who would love to attend!

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.

Altar Flowers are another beautiful way to honor loved ones. We order two arrangements a week, if you would like to sponsor one in honor of someone the cost is \$65.

DAILY MASS ANNOUNCEMENT: We will not offer daily Masses to the public the week of January 8-12th. Daily Masses will resume on Monday, January 15th.

EPIPHANY BLESSING: An essential Epiphany tradition is the chalking of the doors. Using blessed chalk, the head of the household writes "20+C+M+B+24" over the main entry door of the home, and the family recites a prayer (available on the blog).

The numbers in "20+C+M+B+24" represent the current year, 2024 (So, next year you'll write "20+C+M+B+25."). The letters have two meanings. They stand for the names of the Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. And, they stand for the Latin phrase, "*Christus mansionem benedicat*," which means, "May Christ bless the house." We will be distributing blessed chalk at St. Anna's this year both at the parish Christmas party on December 30th and at all Masses the weekend of January 7th, so make sure you take one for your family!



WEEKLY MEETINGS DECEMBER 31ST— JANUARY 6TH:

Sunday: Mass—9:00AM Mass—12:00PM	Youth Group—6:30PM Adult Choir—7:00PM
Monday: New Years Day Mass—9:00AM OFFICE CLOSED	Thursday: OFFICE CLOSED Friends of the Heart—7:00PM
Tuesday: Mass—12:15PM	Friday: Mass—9:00AM Adoration 9:30AM-3:30PM
Wednesday: Mass—12:15PM Boys Choir—4:00PM	Saturday: Reconciliation—3:30PM Vigil Mass—5:00PM

ST. ANNA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: Thank you so much to our liturgical planning committee for helping host this year's Christmas Party! We all had a fantastic time! A special thank you to the Casey Family for offering hams, helping decorate, and the assistance of the girls accompanying Kevin for our evening music. We look forward to many more parish events celebrating liturgical life!

RESPECT LIFE: If you are against abortion, call Governor Kemp's office to describe the Planned Parenthood signs at the Baggage Claim in our airport and express your feelings about this as Georgia is a pro-life state. The call was well received by the support staff. Let us inundate Governor Kemp's office with these calls today. Be courteous and describe all four signs and your reasons why this is so inappropriate for our pro-life state. Here are two of the four signs, if you would like to see the other two please email Delilah.

The phone number to call is: 404-656-1776.

I wanted to send the pictures to Gov Kemp's office, but there is no electronic way of doing so. I talked to 3 people in the office and for security reasons you cannot send an email directly to his office, so I'm sending a paper letter with the pictures.

Mailing address:
206 Washington Street
Suite 203, State Capitol
Atlanta, GA. 30334

The phone call only took a minute, so please take the time to call.

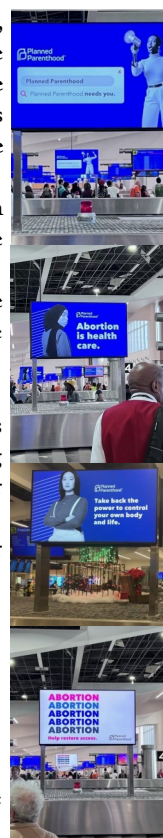
DONUTS AFTER MASS: During our SOR schedule, donuts and coffee are provided after Mass to offer fellowship to our families, consider offering a love donation in support!

School of Religion and Donuts Return: January 7th

LIVE THE LITURGY: God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair, and remember that God keeps His word. It is all in God's time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4
Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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