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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:

12:15PM & 6:00PM

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 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

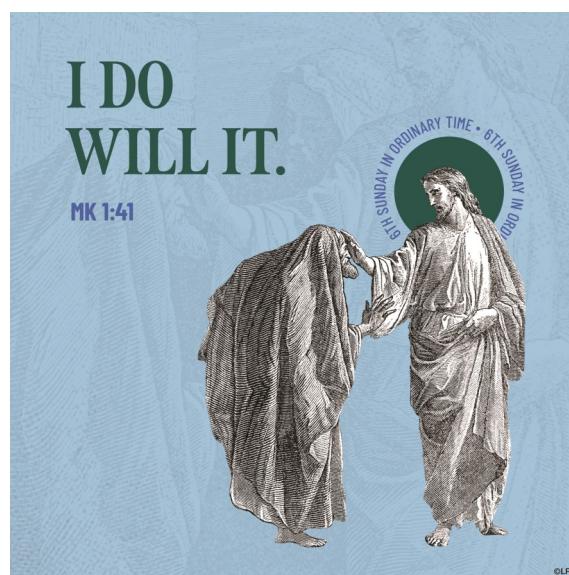
Call at least six months before proposed date. Catholics must be active and registered!

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**



February 11th 2024 | Sixth 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:

Wednesday 6:00 PM:

Friday 9:00 AM:

Knights of Columbus #14425
St. Anna's Parishioners & Families
St. Anna's Carmelite Community
Robbie McMenomy (L)

Homer Biffle (D)
Bella Tangredi (D)

IN PEW OFFERTORY RECAP:

02/04/2024: \$9,979

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION:

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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

2/13: RedCross Blood Drive 1:00-6:00PM

2/14: Ash Wednesday 12:15 & 6:00PM followed by Soup Supper

2/16: Friday Fish Fry 5:00PM with Stations of the Cross at 6:00PM

2/21: Ecumenical Luncheon 12:00PM (First Presbyterian)

2/21: Dr. Edward Sri 7:00PM

2/22: Lenten Penance Service 7:00PM

SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

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

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. Find recipes, activities, and more information about the apparitions on the Liturgical Living Blog!

St. Abigail

St. Abigail, or St. Gobnait, as she's called in Irish, was born in County Clare, Ireland around the 6th century. Abigail served as the mother superior for the community of women religious in the convent where she spent her life devoted to works of charity. She was also a beekeeper. Learn more about her legends, and find recipes using honey as well as some fun bug-themed activities on the blog!

Second Sunday of St. Joseph

See the blog for instructions for this lovely devotion recalling the seven joys and seven sorrows of St. Joseph as we journey toward his feast day on March 19th.

February 13th: Shrove Tuesday

More commonly known in this country as, "Mardi Gras," Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, and it is a final day for celebrations and rich foods before the great fast of Lent. The word "shrove" is the past tense of *shrive*, which means to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or to free from guilt. Traditions for Shrove Tuesday vary wildly from place to place. Find out about all of them on the blog!

February 14th: Ash Wednesday/St. Valentine

Ash Wednesday

Remember man that thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return.

Today we begin the season of Lent, a penitential season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. Although not a Holy Day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday is an important day in the liturgical year, and the Masses are typically well-attended. Ash Wednesday Masses at St. Anna's will be at 12:15PM and 6:00PM.

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence. Get all the info you need about Lenten fasting and penance on the blog!

St. Valentine

Visit the blog to learn how you ended up gifting flowers and chocolates to each other to commemorate one man's savage martyrdom.

February 18th: Third Sunday of St. Joseph

See devotion instructions on the blog!

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-4/>

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:

You sing, He sings...we all sing.

The primary consideration of music in the Roman Mass is that we sing the Mass. We do not sing at Mass. We SING THE MASS. And, of course, this has implications for us all. Let's start with the priest. You will notice Fr. Randy sings some portions of the Mass. He is fulfilling his role at Mass as the Missal (that big book he uses) understands that he will sing his parts. And, if he sings his parts, that means we must sing our parts in dialogue with him. FYI: he is a great singer, and I am thrilled he sings so well. We are very lucky. And, he does not do it for show. The liturgy demands that he do it.

Nonetheless, we as the community sing our parts, which are the dialogues and the Mass ordinary. The cantor or choir sings the propers (the antiphons). However, there is an addition that we sing here. That is, we sing hymns. Hymns are NOT part of the liturgy; however, that is an addition that is worthy and has roots in catechesis and piety. I should say that I part with respected liturgists when I choose hymns. But, I think it is important to have hymns. Consider it this way: one does not go out of the Church singing the homily. Hymns teach us, especially when they are good theologically and have reasonable melodies.

So, you sing, I sing, the priest sings. When we all sing our parts, it is a foretaste of the heavenly liturgy.



OBLIGATIONS / REQUIREMENTS FOR FASTING:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

2/21 ; 28

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RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)

FEBRUARY MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00PM

2/11 ; 18 ; 25

emmarlowe@st-annas.com

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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: If you have not yet made a gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, there will be pledge cards in the narthex or you can easily donate online at donate.archatl.com. The campaign goal is \$9,350,000, and our parish goal is \$ 53,500. Every gift to the Annual Appeal is vitally important to assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our archdiocese each year through the education of our children and seminary students; evangelization and Christian Initiation; on-going formation for our priests; and so much more!



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: Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year. We will have Mass at 12:15PM & 6:00PM. Following the 6:00PM Mass we will be having our annual soup supper hosted by RCIA. We will need parishioners to bring soups/crackers/bread/butter. Please, see the website to sign up to bring and item. If you have any questions please contact Karen Straub: kmstraub1127@gmail.com

ST. ANNA'S LENTEN FISH FRY IS BACK!!!: Join us Fridays during Lent, beginning February 16th 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.** The menu will include fried cod or fried southern catfish, french fried potatoes, hush puppies and coleslaw. Iced tea, lemonade, water, and Coke products to drink. Two types of cookies are also included in the price. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12.



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.



WEEKLY MEETINGS FEBRUARY 11TH—FEBRUARY 17TH:

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM
SOR—10:30AM
Mass—12:00PM
Rising Youth—1:00PM

Monday:

Mass—9:00AM
Girls Choir—4:00PM

Tuesday:

Mass—12:15PM
Blood Drive—1:00-6:00PM
Finance Council—6:30PM
RCIA—7:00PM

Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday Mass—12:15PM
& 6:00PM
Lenten Soup Supper—7:00PM
Adult Choir—7:00PM

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED
NO MASS

Friday:

Adoration 9:30AM-3:30PM
Fish Fry—5:00PM
Stations of the Cross—6:00PM

Saturday:

Reconciliation—3:30PM
Vigil Mass—5:00PM

GAME NIGHT AT ST. ANNA'S: Thank you to those who were able to attend Game Night. The appetizers were delicious (tons of food), the games were fun, and the fellowship was so special! Looking forward to our next Game Night. Hope to see YOU next time!

DR. EDWARD SRI IS COMING TO ST. ANNA'S:

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 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.

ECUMENICAL LUNCHEONS: Each Service begins at 12:00PM and includes a welcome, singing a song, and sharing a 15-20 minute message. Lunch is served at 12:30PM with a love offering to FISH. The schedule is as follows:

2/21: First Presbyterian	3/13: First Baptist
2/28: First African Baptist	3/20: First Methodist
3/6: Lighthouse World Outreach	* They encourage those working to eat first in order to honor their time.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES: During Lent we should take on some extra penitential practices in order to grow in holiness and be free from the bondage of sin. Because of this, it is fitting that many Catholics choose to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during this holy season. **We will be offering our Lenten Penance Service on Feb. 22nd at 7:00PM.** Father Randy will also offer Reconciliation **every Wednesday** during Lent from 10:00AM—12:00PM. Just come to the office to be seen, no appointment necessary. We will continue to offer Reconciliation every Saturday from 3:30-4:30PM in the Sanctuary as well.

LIVE THE LITURGY: It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked Him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11TH 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 11:2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15 (**First Sunday of Lent**)

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

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