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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

LENTEN PENANCE

Every Wed. 10:00AM –
12:00PM (In Parish Office)

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

Every 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**



March 10th 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)



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:

The Cook Family (L)
John & Rose Cocchi (D)
St. Anna's Parishioners & Families
Manuel Sanchez (L)
Monsignor Henry Gracz (D)

IN PEW OFFERTORY RECAP: 03/03/2024: \$11,524

You can give online by scanning the QR code or visit:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/PS-993>



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

SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

March 10th: Laetare Sunday/Sixth Sunday of St. Joseph

Laetare Sunday

Congratulations! You've made it halfway through Lent! *Laetare* is a Latin word that means *rejoice*. It comes from the introit (entrance antiphon) for today's Mass, which reflects on Isaiah 66:10-11. *Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; Rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—So that you may be satisfied from her consoling breast; That you may drink with delight at her abundant breasts!*

Sixth Sunday of St. Joseph

See the blog entry for Fifth Sunday of St. Joseph.

March 15th: St. Longinus

Longinus was the Roman centurion who pierced Jesus' side during the crucifixion. He suffered from near blindness, but when some of the blood and water from the Lord's body fell into his eyes, he was miraculously healed, causing him to cry, "Indeed, this was the Son of God!" After this, Longinus converted. He left the army and joined the apostles, seeking their direction. Eventually, he became a monk in Cappadocia. See the blog for more!

March 17th: St. Patrick/Seventh Sunday of St. Joseph

St. Patrick

Now, y'all know your Irish DRE is going to have plenty to say about the Feast of St. Patrick! Strap in, kids!

Patrick was born in the fifth century to a Catholic family in Roman Britain. When he was about 16 years old, he was abducted by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland where he was made to work as a slave herding and tending sheep. At this time in history, Ireland was peopled by Druid pagans, but Patrick leaned into his Catholic faith during his captivity.

Patrick's enslavement came to an end when, at age 20, he received a dream from God telling him to flee to the coast where he would find a boat waiting for him. He did, indeed, find the boat as well as some sailors who ferried him back to Britain where he was reunited with his family. After a few years at home, Patrick received another vision wherein a man named Victorinus came to him from Ireland carrying many letters, which contained the pleadings of the Irish people for Patrick to return to them.

This vision inspired Patrick to study for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus and was later elevated to bishop. The new bishop was sent back to Ireland to spread the Gospel message. He arrived in Slane, a village in County Meath, on March 25, 433. He spent the next three decades working tirelessly to teach the Irish about the Catholic faith. Entire kingdoms were converted by his teaching. He built churches across the country and famously used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. Patrick died on March 17, 461.

The Blog is **jam-packed** with recipes, crafts, and other resources for this feast. Go check it out!

Seventh Sunday of St. Joseph

See above under Sixth Sunday of St. Joseph

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-5/>

SCAN ME



ST. CECILIA'S CORNER: PASSIONTIDE: On the 5th Sunday of Lent (March 17), we commence the end of Lent, which is called Passiontide. In the old order, there were two Sundays for Palm/Passion Sunday. The 5th Sunday was Passion Sunday and the Sunday now known as Palm Sunday was the same. In the new order of Mass, Palm and Passion Sunday are one and the same. However, the season known as Passiontide still applies.

Passiontide is known as a season of diminishment. It is the season when the statues are covered, the crosses are covered, no Glory Be's at the end of the propers, and the focus is on the events of Holy Week. The statues are covered to force us to focus on the Passion. We will not see the crucifix again until the Triduum, and there is no language of glorification. The propers, prayers, and the hymns focus on the Passion. Passiontide disappeared in many places in the 60s. But its reappearance is a wonderful reminder that our Catholic tradition is ageless and still quite powerful. Let us rejoice even as we enter these last weeks of Lent for those moments which ensure our connection to the ancient faith.

2024 EASTER MASS TIMES:

3/30 Easter Vigil—8:00PM (*meeting at the Firepit 7:50PM*)

3/31 Easter Sunday—9:00AM

3/31 Easter Sunday—12:00PM

Easter Sign Ups for 9:00AM & 12:00PM are located under the TV screen in the Narthex—sign ups are first come first serve.

ALL LITURGY VOLUNTEERS: We know the past few months have been difficult for people navigating our Liturgy Sign Up online. The website was recommended to us by a parishioner but has not served our community in the way we had hoped. We are implementing a new strategy for scheduling using ParishSoft systems. This will require our volunteers to notify Delilah via email any days they are unavailable again. We plan to run 3 month cycles through an "auto scheduler" that should take all of the extra work out of signing up for our volunteers. Anyone already signed up for March and April will remain on their scheduled dates. May dates will be included in this schedule as well. If you know of any dates you are unavailable please email Delilah: secretary@st-annas.com

You serving in the Mass is an intricate part of a smooth liturgy for the whole parish, and we appreciate your time and talents being used to serve the Lord.

YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)

MARCH MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

3/13

ldibble@st-annas.com

RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)

MARCH MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00PM

3/17

emmarlowe@st-annas.com

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS: We have volunteer opportunities available for 9th and 10th grade students. We need teens to help with the Lenten Fish Fry. Please contact Heather Stewart (hstewart@st-annas.com) or Nancy Sykes (nssykes1950@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. Students need to wear black pants and white shirt!

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POPE FRANCIS' MARCH PRAYER INTENTION:

For the new martyrs—We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. Amen.

PRAYER FOR LAETARE SUNDAY: *Dear Jesus, We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to recommit myself in this time—renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen.*

EASTER HAM RAFFLE: It is almost that time of year again! Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Easter Ham Raffle the weekend of March 16-17 or online anytime. See a Knight in the Parish Hall to purchase your tickets!



EASTER EGG HUNT: We are getting ready to start preparing for our annual Easter Egg hunt! We are in need of eggs and candy to stuff them with. If you are able to donate, we will be collecting them in the bucket in the Parish Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 31st, following the Noon Mass. This event is open to ALL children in the Parish.

LENTEN PENANCE: Father Randy will offer Reconciliation **every Wednesday** during Lent from 10:00AM—12:00PM. Just come to the office to be seen. No appointment is necessary. We will continue to offer Reconciliation every Saturday from 3:30-4:30PM in the Sanctuary as well.

ST. ANNA'S LENTEN FISH FRY: *We only have two more Fish Frys left!* Join us this weekend and next at 5:00PM for dinner with Stations of the Cross, led by Deacon John and Father Randy at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

3/12: UGA Catholic Center Penance Service 7:00PM
3/13: Ecumenical Luncheon—First Baptist of Monroe 12:00PM
3/16-17: Easter Ham Raffle Tickets (after all Masses)
3/23: RCIA Retreat
3/24: Easter Ham Raffle Drawing (Palm Sunday)

WEEKLY MEETINGS MARCH 10TH—MARCH 16TH:

Sunday:	Mass—12:15PM
Mass—9:00AM	Thursday:
Easter Ham Raffle—Online	OFFICE CLOSED
SOR—10:30AM	NO MASS
Mass—12:00PM	Friday:
Monday:	Adoration 9:30AM-3:30PM
Mass—9:00AM	Fish Fry—5:00PM
Girls Choir—4:00PM	Stations of the Cross—6:00PM
Tuesday:	Saturday:
Mass—12:15PM	Reconciliation—3:30PM
RCIA—7:00PM	Vigil Mass—5:00PM
Wednesday:	Easter Ham Raffle—All Masses
Open Reconcil.—10AM-12PM	
Ecumenical Luncheon—12:00PM	

The church office will be closed March 28th—April 1st

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

DONATE WHILE YOU SHOP! VISIT: WWW.KROGER.COM/ACCOUNT/COMMUNITYREWARDS/

A MESSAGE FROM THE STRAUBS: We would like to thank everyone for their kindness and love that has been shared with us over many years. Whether our paths crossed due to a committee, a ministry, or purely by chance, each and every one of you has made an impact in our life. We are family!

Our faith life would never be the same without the blessings of our Lord, as well as the blessings of all the friendships we have here at St. Anna's. Now Our Lord has blessed us with the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the mountains; yet, the beauty of Walton County will remain in our hearts! We are not sure what the Lord has planned for us but we are confident it will be something just as spectacular as our journey at St. Anna's!

We haven't been able to say "see you later" to everyone but know you all are in our prayers and we ask *God to Bless You All!!*

Love always, Karen and Mike Straub

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION: We will celebrate the Easter Vigil on March 30th at 8:00PM. This year we will have several adults and children receiving Sacraments this year. We are so excited to welcome them into the Church! Following the Vigil we will have a reception for them in the parish hall. We are in need of donations of hor d'oeuvres for the reception as well as assistance setting up and serving at the reception. If you are able to assist or provide a donation of food, please contact Deb Farabaugh 814-602-7668, Betsy Marshall 770-331-9222 or Mary Lynne Reinagle 770-722-3862. Thank you for helping make this a memorable night for our confirmands and candidates!

We will be meeting at the fire pit at 7:50PM with the lighting of the Easter fire and process as a parish to the Church after the blessing of the Easter Candle.

Please, remember to stop by the counter in the Narthex to sign up for the Easter Sunday Mass Liturgy schedule.

LIVE THE LITURGY: Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10TH 2024

Laetare Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 **Scrutiny:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45