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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.

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1401 Alcovy Street  
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#### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent



**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:**

St. Anna's Parishioners & Families  
Salvatore & Mary LeFerla (D)  
Rev. Lucien GB Fernando (D)

Patricia Buttner (L)  
Lucille Calmes (D)  
Reparations for Desecration

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



## SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

### **March 17<sup>th</sup>: St. Patrick/Seventh Sunday of St. Joseph**

St. Patrick

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 escaped back to Britain where he was reunited with his family. After a few years at home, Patrick received another vision telling him to return to Ireland, which he did.

Patrick 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. 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 the blog to read instructions for completing this devotion.

### **March 19<sup>th</sup>: ST. JOSEPH**

Very little is known about St. Joseph. Indeed, Scripture attributes no words to him at all. His last appearance in the Bible is finding the 12-year-old child Jesus in the temple in Jerusalem. Because St. Joseph is never seen during the course of Jesus' public ministry, it is believed that he died some time before the Wedding at Cana. He would have died in the presence of Jesus and Mary, and, for this reason, he is the patron of a happy death among other things.

Although St. Joseph was from Israel just like Jesus and the Blessed Mother, many of the best-known traditions for celebrating his feast day come from Italy. There is a Sicilian tradition known as "St. Joseph's Altar," or *La Tavola di San Giuseppe* that involves a three-tiered table representing the Trinity that is covered in breads, pastries, and other foods. It is elaborate and beautiful, and, real talk, I am never going to have time to do one. But, if any of y'all are Italian and want to embrace your heritage, I would love to come over if you're doing this! You can totally come to my St. Paddy's shenanigans! The blog has recipes, videos, and activity suggestions for the solemnity.

### **March 24<sup>th</sup>: PALM SUNDAY**

Today we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Palm fronds are distributed at Mass to remind us of the palms laid before Jesus on the road. These are sacramentals—objects of ecclesiastical origin intended to aide in devotion. The palms are blessed, so they **cannot be thrown away**.

Palm Sunday is also the Sunday when we hear the *really long* Gospel reading. It's Jesus' entire Passion, and we get to participate by shouting, "Crucify Him!" at the appropriate times. I don't know about you, but this always turns my stomach a little. I think, "I would never crucify Jesus." But, the truth is that I have, I do, and I will again. And, so do you. Jesus was crucified for *our* sins. Yours and mine. We all had a share in nailing Him to that cross, and I think it does us good to remember that. The priest also wears red vestments to remind us of the suffering of Jesus.

SCAN ME



**ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:** Holy Week is the highest and most important week of the liturgical year. St. Gregory of Nyssa called it "the days when we are closest to Jesus. We walk his paths, live his events and experience all the things that he did and said." Funnily enough, the Church does not oblige us to attend Holy Week Masses. It only asks us to attend Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. But I daresay that many of us could not think of celebrating Holy Week without attending Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or even the Easter Vigil, which is considered the greatest liturgy of the year. Thus, the somber days of Holy Week lead us to the great Resurrection feast. Holy Week at St. Anna's will seem different this year because the clergy and leadership will follow closely the prescriptions laid down by the liturgical books. There are so many things that have been recovered these last 10-15 years. But it might seem unfamiliar. And that is okay. The liturgies of Holy Week or "Great Week" in many circles are some of the oldest liturgies in the calendar of the Roman rite. They preserve so many aspects of our belief that it is just too difficult to summarize them in a mere article. But it can best be said in the Latin phrase, "Christus factus est pro nobis obediens, usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis." It translates to "Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, on the cross." Good Holy Week. I look forward to celebrating these most wonderful liturgies.

## 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 liturgy are located under the TV screen in the Narthex—sign ups are first come, first serve.**

**We also need altar servers for the Saturday Easter Vigil at 8:00PM**

**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](mailto:secretary@st-annas.com)

## YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)

### MARCH MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

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[ldibble@st-annas.com](mailto:ldibble@st-annas.com)

## RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)

### MARCH MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00PM

3/17

[emmarlowe@st-annas.com](mailto: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](mailto:hstewart@st-annas.com)) or Nancy Sykes ([nssykes1950@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

**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 candy to stuff eggs 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 *Wednesday, March 20th* from 10:00AM—12:00PM. Just come to the office to be seen. No appointment is necessary. We will not offer reconciliation during Holy Week.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:**

3/16-17: Easter Ham Raffle Tickets (after all Masses)

3/20: Ecumenical Luncheon—First Methodist of Monroe 12:00PM

3/23: RCIA Retreat

3/24: Palm Sunday / Easter Ham Raffle Drawing (Palm Sunday)

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

**(Maundy) Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Last Supper 7:00PM  
Garden of Repose (Processing after Mass till Midnight)

**Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross 3:00PM

Liturgy of Good Friday 7:00PM

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil 8:00PM (Meet at firepit 7:50PM)

**Easter Sunday:** Mass 9:00AM & 12:00PM

Easter Egg Hunt 1:00PM

**ST. ANNA'S LENTEN FISH FRY:** We only have ONE more Fish Fry left! Join us this weekend 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.

### **WEEKLY MEETINGS MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>—MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>:**

#### **Sunday:**

Mass—9:00AM

Easter Ham Raffle—(PH)

SOR—10:30AM

Mass—12:00PM

#### **Monday:**

Mass—9:00AM

Girls Choir—4:00PM

#### **Tuesday:**

Mass—12:15PM

RCIA—7:00PM

#### **Wednesday:**

Open Reconcil.—10AM-12PM

Ecumenical Luncheon—12:00PM

Mass—12:15PM

#### **Thursday:**

OFFICE CLOSED

NO MASS

#### **Friday:**

Adoration 9:30AM-3:30PM

Fish Fry—5:00PM

Stations of the Cross—6:00PM

#### **Saturday:**

RCIA Retreat 9:00AM

Reconciliation—3:30PM

Vigil Mass—5:00PM

\* Palm Sunday procession will take place at the 12:00PM Mass next weekend. We will have modified procession at 5PM & 9AM

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

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

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**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 processing as a parish to the Church after the blessing of the Easter Candle.

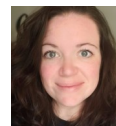
Please, remember to stop by the counter in the Narthex to sign up for the Easter Sunday Mass Liturgy schedule.

**FRIDAY ADORATION:** We have extended Friday Adoration during lent until 4:30PM. This includes Vespers at 4:00PM with Benediction and Repose at 4:30PM. This will remain for First Fridays of the month moving forward. We may have a need for more Eucharistic Guardians. If you are interested, please contact the office.

**2024 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Next month, we will vote for 1 man and 1 woman to be elected for our Parish Council. Our nominees are:



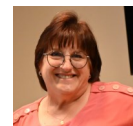
Zach Williams



Jaime Ruoff



Mike McGuire



Patricia Buttner

\*See the TV screen for information on our candidates! Voting will take place the third weekend of April with our new council members announced in May and attending their first meeting in June.

**LIVE THE LITURGY:** Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each of one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

**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

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

**Palm Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39