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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am,
12:30pm 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation
See Bulletin for schedule

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. & Tues.
9:00am & 6:30pm

Wed. & Thurs.
6:30am & 9:00am

Fri.
9:00am & 12:10 pm

Sat. 9:00am

OFFICE HOURS

9:45am – 4:30pm

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Father Carlos Mario
Bustamente
678-992-2516

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404-374-1714

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770-530-8509

Spanish Masses:
Friday – 8:00pm
Saturday – 7:30pm
Sunday – 2:30pm

Masses For The Week



- Saturday August 29**
 9:00 am Michelle Dimeo (SI)
By Anne Hennessy
 5:30 pm Richard Hidding (D)
By Collette Hidding
- Sunday August 30**
 8:30 am Martha Ferrecchia (D)
By Joanne and James Willis
 10:30 am Gerald and Joanne Harrison (SI)
By Diane Davidson
 12:30 pm The People of St. Monica
 5:30 pm Thomas McMahon (D)
By Ed and Marie Cilibrasi
- Monday August 31**
 9:00 am In Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary
By Jean Day
 6:30 pm Ralph Ward (SI)
By The Tom Smith Family
- Tuesday September 1**
 9:00 am Joseph And Stella Lill (D)
By Catherine Lill
 6:30 pm Mass of Thanksgiving
By Geraldine Elysee
- Wednesday September 2**
 6:30 am Ann Ashcraft (SI)
By Eileen Leyland
 9:00 am The Fidero Family (SI)
By Anne Hennessy
- Thursday September 3**
 6:30 am Special Intention
 9:00 am Fr. Pavol Brenkus (SI)
By Dennis and Nancy Andrews
- Friday September 4**
 9:00 am Kyle Copija (D)
By Sally Copija
 12:10 pm Linda Boyers (D)
By Bill and Dottie Ouimette
- Saturday September 5**
 9:00 am Madonna Estafen (D)
By Janine Kourieh
 5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Maloof Family
By Tony and Marilyn Maloof
- Sunday September 6**
 8:30 am William Headford (D)
By The Homan Family
 10:30 am George J. Bailey (D)
By Rose Marie Bailey
 12:30 pm Karen and Mark Lastufka (SI)
By Mark Lastufka
 5:30 pm The People of St. Monica

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Contributions from August 16, 2009

Contributions	\$36,525.00
Average Weekly Parish Needs	\$48,280.00
Envelopes Used	840
Loose Checks	120
Families using envelopes	35%
Children's envelopes- \$36.00.....	23 Envelopes

There are 2403 registered families

**2009 Archbishop's Appeal
As of August 5, 2009**

2009 Goal	Pledged	% Goal	+/-Pledged Goal
\$156,914.00	\$136,981.00	87%	-\$19,933.00

Please Pray For

For all those in our faith community who are serving our nation overseas and their loved ones here at home. For those among us who are sick and suffering, that by our ministry and the help of the Holy Spirit, they may be healed according to God's will especially, Kathryn Gamble, Debbie Colehower, Drew Foley, Nancy Todd, Ivory Moon, Alan Lang, and Joye Jones. And for friends and family who have gone before us including Michael Santiago, Emmit Dean, Marilyn McDannald, Paula Sydney, Jim Sharkey, and Vernie Marcos, we pray to the Lord. Please become active in praying for those who are ill, deceased, or have special needs by joining the Prayer Chain Ministry by contacting Julie Perry at 678-473-9660 or juliaperry@charter.net. You can be notified of prayer intentions via e-mail or Calling Post.

Readings for the Week of August 30, 2009

Sunday	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	Col 1:15-20; Ps 100; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

For parish verification, required for Baptisms, Marriages, Catholic school admittance, etc., a person must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly and be involved in Time, Talent & Stewardship. Participation through parish offertory envelopes is one means of verification. If you choose not to use envelopes or are unable to contribute at this time, please make a notation of your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the offertory basket. We will then be aware of your participation and not move you to our inactive list.

If you would like to commemorate a special event, anniversary or



the memory of a loved one, by making a donation for the altar flowers, Please contact Cyndy Fugieule for more information 678-584-9947 ext 26, or cyndyf@saintmonicas.com.

Next Monday, September 7th there will only be a 9:00am Mass— no 6:30pm Mass. The Parish Offices will be closed for the Labor Holiday on the 7th. Office Hours will resume on Tuesday the 8th.



The St Monica's Men of the Rosary will be offering rosary prayer on Wednesdays at 6:00am. All are invited to join in pray.

Religious Education News



Events are held Saturdays after the 5:30pm Mass!
Please check the bulletin frequently for updates!

August 31 – Middle School Youth group CORE meeting.
6:30 p.m.

September 19 – Middle School Youth Group
Kickoff!! This will be one event you won't want to miss!
RSVP to Anne Hennessy by September 17.

September 26– Learn about some radical living!! Hear
what John the Baptist has to say about living out our
faith.

**Looking for a way to evangelize?
Love working with children?**

Then consider joining the team for Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC)! OCIC helps prepare children with no previous religious education prepare for the sacraments and meets on Sundays. We are still in need of five more catechists. Families are welcomed and encouraged to participate together. Prior knowledge of the Christian Initiation process is encouraged but not required. Please contact Katherine at ext. 22 for more information.



- Would you like to get to know the Bible more but don't know where to start?
- Would you like to get the "bigger picture" before doing an in depth study on one particular book of the Bible?

Is it hard for you to follow the storyline in the Old Testament? If you have answered "yes" to any of these questions, we have a study that is just right for you!

St. Monica's will be hosting a study this fall known as "The Great Adventure." This study will take you step by step on a journey through the Sacred Scriptures. You will be given great tools to help you get familiar with the overarching story told in the Scriptures.

Know that there is no previous Biblical experience needed! Jeff Cavins will be our guide as we embark on this *Great Adventure*. He'll provide all of the information you need to get started and he will be with us every step of the way. Jeff's captivating and informative DVD presentations will be sure to keep you coming back for more!

I look forward to seeing you there! See the bulletin articles in August for more details about the study or contact Patrick Klein at 678-584-9947 ext.12.

Attention parents of second graders:

All Parents of children who are eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are reminded to fill out the sacramental preparation registration form. The form may be found on our web page or on the front counter of the education building and is for all eligible Catholic School, Home School, Home Study, and regular Religious Education both Fall and Spring Semester families. If you have any questions please call Katherine at 678-584-9947 ext 22.



High School Youth Group is kicking off on Sunday, September 13th. Youth Group is immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass until 8:30 PM. All registrations for High School Youth Group are past due!

Please pray for our CONFIRMATION RE-TREAT this weekend!

REUNION FOR CONFIRMATION RETREAT IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at St. Monica's.

Adults of all ages, do you have a love for the Lord and a desire to witness that to teens? Please contact Courtney in youth ministry if you're interested in helping on the CORE Team!



Next XLT is Tuesday September 1st! Come join other teens from around the diocese as we gather for adoration, worship, fellowship and prayer! We will depart St. Monica's at 5:45 PM and stop for dinner on the way to St. John Neumann.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS AND PARENT'S IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE YOUTH GROUP EMAIL LIST AND RECEIVE EMAILS ON UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS, PLEASE EMAIL COURTNEY, THE YOUTH MINISTER AND ASK TO BE PUT ON THE LIST!

Courtney.desmond@saintmonicas.com

Active PARENTING NOW in 3! by parenting expert Dr. Michael Popkin. For parents of children ages 5 to 12, we're bringing this acclaimed video and discussion program directly to St. Monica's! The three-session workshop will be offered Wednesdays on Sept. 16, 23, & 30 from 4:30-6:00pm. Learn effective ways to...

- discipline, communicate with your children, teach responsibility, stimulate independence,
- defuse power struggles, and encourage your children to be their very best!

Space is limited so register today by contacting carol@saintmonicas.com, or call Carol: 678-584-9947 x.23 to sign up!

Free childcare will be available in our Parish Nursery on a first-come basis.



Schedule for the Week

Sunday	August 30		
Nursery	8:30 & 10:30		
OCIA Inquiry	8:30am		7
Monday	August 31		
Cub Scout Dens	6:00pm & 7:00pm	1,2,4,5,7,8,10	
BSA	7:00pm		3/6, 11
Adult Confirmation	7:00pm		14
Tuesday	September 1		
RE Classes	4:30pm & 6:30pm		
Great Adventures Facil.	7:00pm		10
FPU	7:00pm		12/13
Holy Hour	after 6:30pm Mass	Church	
Wednesday	September 2		
Men's Rosary	6:00am	Church	
Seeker	9:30am	Lyke Hall	
RE Classes	4:30pm & 6:30pm		
8th Grade RE Class	6:30pm	Lyke Hall	
Retreat Planning	6:30pm	Narthex	
Thursday	September 3		
RESCUE	10:00am		8
Great Adventures	7:00pm	3/6, 4, 11, 14, 15	
SVdP	7:00pm		1
Friday	September 4		
First Friday Adoration	after 9:00am Mass		
Family Holy Hour	4:00pm	Church	
Saturday	September 5		

We have a NEW DAY for the 55 Plus meeting. It will be on the **third Thursday** of the month. The first meeting will be September 17th, in the Narthex. Please be reminded this is our first meeting of the new year and the annual membership dues are payable at this meeting. Dues are \$10 per person for the year. Our dinner fees are \$12 per person. Our dinner menu will be Beef Stroganoff, Salad Bar, Veggie and Apple Pie.

Table set up will begin at 4:30, anyone who would like to help please let me know. Social: 6:00, Business Meeting: 6:30; Dinner: 6:45; the program: 7:30. Bring your thinking caps for Trivia to entertain us. The table who answers the most questions correctly will win the prize. Our facility clean-up will begin at 8:30. All who can help are appreciated. Please contact Carol Carter, carter.carol@att.net or 770.331.3456 for questions.



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I look forward to seeing you there! There are two options for the Bible Study. We have one on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm. The other is on Friday mornings from 10-Noon. The starting dates for the series are Sept 3rd (for the Thursday series) and Sept. 4th (for the Friday series). The series includes 24 sessions and will run through the month of May. The cost of the program is \$45.00. Call Patrick Klein (678-584-9947 ext. 12) to register today!

Attention all married couples. Are you feeling over scheduled and under connected in your marriage? Attend a one day Marriage Enrichment Program at Saint Andrew's Parish, Roswell, on Saturday, Sept 12, 2009, 8:45am to 4pm and learn how to find time and make the most of it while you travel at the speed of life. For more information and to register please contact Jack & Angel LaBate at jackandangel@bellsouth.net or at 678-513-2832 no later than 9/7. Cost \$15/couple. Baby sitting will be available.

Little Rock Scripture starts September 24th, Thursday, from 10:00-11:30am. Hebrews: Examine and enter into the priestly ministry of Jesus and consider your role in the Kingdom of God today. Contact Julie Stewart for information julieastewart@hotmail.com or 404-368-9226.

NEW MINISTRY BEGINNING NEXT WEEK!

Starting next Sunday, September 6th, after the 8:30 Mass, we will have donuts, coffee and fellowship! **This new ministry will occur every first Sunday of the month.** Come to room 3/6 in the RE building and join us for fellowship, a good cup of coffee and a delicious treat.

RAINBOWS is a weekly support group for children who have experienced a significant loss or change in their lives such as death, divorce, or remarriage.

While Rainbows is neither counseling nor therapy, it is a peer support group led by trained facilitators.

RAINBOWS guides children through the myriad of feelings and emotion, helping them work through their grief and focus, instead, on developing constructive coping skills.

The Next Session of Rainbows starts September 10, 2009 and runs through December 2009. To register, please call Anne Hennessy at the Parish office.

Reservations are now being accepted Cursillo Weekend Retreats held at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers. This 3-day "short course in Christianity" is a wonderful opportunity to learn to live the Gospel more fully and deepen your Catholic faith. The Men's weekend will be Oct. 1-4, and the Women's weekend is Oct. 8-11. If you are interested in registering, or would like to learn more about Cursillo, please contact Kolinda Scialabba at 770-614-4234 or log on to the Atlanta Catholic Cursillo website at www.atlcatholiccursillo.org. Also, if you have attended a Cursillo retreat in the past and would like to connect with our Ultreya group, please email kscialabba@charter.net. DeColores!

Attention Married & Engaged Couples

Natural Family Planning Classes will be held at St. Monica's parish in Duluth this fall. The series has three classes – Sundays: September 13, October 18 and November 15 from 10am to 12:30pm in the parish RE building. Classes will give all the resources necessary to easily, simply and successfully practice NFP in your marriage. The classes are great for both married and engaged couples who are seeking to bring their relationship in accord with Church teaching, as well as those seeking to leading a more natural, healthy lifestyle. NFP is perfect for those couples having problems achieving pregnancy and also for those who wish to postpone pregnancy. Class materials include everything necessary to successfully practice NFP for a lifetime. **You must register by August 31.** For more information or to register, call Kate Sell at 678.943.3673 or email at kasell2@gmail.com

Returning Catholics

Are you or someone you know interested in making a journey back to the Catholic Church? Do you need some refreshers on how to practice the Catholic Faith again?

Would you like to receive a warm welcome back into the parish community? If so, your family awaits your coming home to St. Monica's Catholic Church. Please join us, for our six Monday evening sessions beginning September 21st at 6:30pm in Room 3 of the Religious Education Building. Call Patrick Klein at 678-584-9947 ext. 12 to sign-up!

Seekers: New Series Starting Soon!

Would you like to become a more prayerful person? You don't have to go far in order to find wonderful models of prayerful living. In our new 6 week series entitled, Be-coming a Praying Person, we will take a look at six people from the Sacred Scriptures who exemplify what it means to be a prayerful person. Taking them as our models, we will learn to deepen our own prayer life. **All adult women of the parish are invited to join our new session which will meet Wednesdays in Lyke Hall from 9:45-11:45AM starting September 9th.** Call Patrick Klein (678-584-9947 ext. 12) by August 27th so that he can order you a book.

We have childcare available for participants. If you have children and would like to take advantage of such a service let us know as space will be limited. Contact Kim Johnston at 770-513-3409 (kimmerjohns@charter.net) or Michelle Dickerson at 770-757-5270 (mpdcge@bellsouth.net).

If you have a special needs child who needs to prepare for a sacrament, please contact Anne Hennessy at the parish office. New classes are forming now!
Anne.hennessy@saintmonicas.com.

Financial Peace University

Would you like to get control of your finances so that your finances no longer seem to be controlling you?

Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* can give you the tools to help you eliminate debt and build wealth. Sign-ups will be held on August 22/23 after each of the Masses. A free DVD preview of the materials will occur on August 25th at 7pm. Classes will begin in September and will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7pm-9pm. The cost for the program is \$99. For more information or to sign-up please contact Patrick Klein at 678-584-9947 ext. 12! I (Patrick Klein) participated in the program and eliminated ~\$70,000 in debt! Now, I am debt free!

Hope for Haiti Gala

The time is quickly approaching for our annual Hope for Haiti Gala on September 18th. This night of dinner and dancing includes the auction of new items and services for the support of our brothers and sisters in Hinche, Haiti. Your donations of new products, handmade items and services are needed to make the auction a success. If you are interested in supporting the auction this year, please contact Peg DeMaine at pegmark@charter.net or call Peg at 678-641-8614.

WEDS NEWS! If you have been to a marriage encounter and want to continue that wonderful experience with your spouse, come visit the Saint Monica's WEDS group. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 12th, 7:00pm, at the home of Amy & Dan Doherty.

St. John Neumann invites you to come study with us the Book of Genesis. You will learn salvation history, God's covenant history, how Jesus fulfills the covenant, and how we are participants. The women's study is on Wednesday mornings from 10-12 (contact Judy Butterick 770-630-5893), the adult study is on Monday nights from 7-9 (contact Ann Hayes 770-982-8564), and the men's study is on Saturday mornings from 7-8:30 (contact Ken Fehner 678-380-8960).

Calling all Middle School Artists! Catholic Charities Atlanta is sponsoring a T-shirt design contest for kids in grades 6-8. We want to feature YOUR design on our 8th Annual Scott's Run T-shirt. Additional details can be found on our web site at www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org. Entries must be received by September 4th to C. Fuss, Catholic Charities, 680 W. Peachtree St, NW, Atlanta GA 30308.



The 3rd Annual HOPE FOR HAITI Gala, benefiting the needs of our brothers and sisters in Haiti, will be held at the Gwinnett Place Marriott.

An Unforgettable Night!

- *Friday, September 18, 2009*
- *6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.*
- ***Dancing to The Rupert's Orchestra***
- *Cocktail Reception with Hors D'oeuvres*
- *Open Bar Serving Wine, Beer & Soft Drinks*
 - *Cash Bar Serving Liquor*
 - *Three-Course Dinner*
 - *Silent and Live Auction*
 - *Black-Tie Optional*

Tickets

\$100 per Individual · \$1,000 per Table of Ten

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Tickets available online during August at
www.saintmonicasinhaiti.com.