



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.

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

Masses For The Week



Saturday	September 12
9:00 am	Theodore Milby (D) <i>By Katherine Milby</i>
5:30 pm	The People of St. Monica
Sunday	September 13
8:30 am	Harry Moran (D) <i>By Catherine Moran</i>
10:30 am	Nicola Vetrano (D) <i>By The Terrazzano Family</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Ann Bedinghaus (D) <i>By The McLaughlin Family</i>
5:30 pm	Thomas McMahan (D) <i>By The McCallum Family</i>
Monday	September 14
9:00 am	Brennon Meyer (D) <i>By Marian and Steve Stillman</i>
6:30 pm	Mark Coles (D) <i>By The Wimmer, Coles and Deitsch Families</i>
Tuesday	September 15
9:00 am	Fr. Pavol Brenkus (SI) <i>By Dennis and Nancy Andrews</i>
6:30 pm	The Severe Family (SI) <i>By Nina Alcide</i>
Wednesday	September 16
6:30 am	Life in the Eucharist <i>By Maureen Alexander</i>
9:00 am	Lucille Shannon (D) <i>By Janine Kourieh</i>
Thursday	September 17
6:30 am	Special Intention
9:00 am	Dr. Luis Guerrero (D) <i>By The Guerrero Family</i>
Friday	September 18
9:00 am	Roberta Schwind (D) <i>By Marian and Steve Stillman</i>
12:10 pm	Rose Costante (D) <i>By Dolores Gallagher</i>
Saturday	September 19
9:00 am	Dennis Griffith (D) <i>By Eileen and Bob Leyland</i>
5:30 pm	Ryan Michael Gilbride (D) <i>By Jackie Yates Salon</i>
Sunday	September 20
8:30 am	The People of St. Monica
10:30 am	Nair More (D) <i>By The Altoe Family</i>
12:30 pm	Harry Moran (D) <i>By Catherine Moran</i>
5:30 pm	Thomas McMahan (D) <i>By Ministry of the Infirm</i>

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Contributions from August 30, 2009

Contributions	\$30,811.00
Average Weekly Parish Needs	\$48,280.00
Envelopes Used	633
Loose Checks	112
Families using envelopes	26%
Children's envelopes-	\$31.00..... 23 Envelopes

There are 2407 registered families

**2009 Archbishop's Appeal
As of August 20, 2009**

2009 Goal	Pledged	% Goal	+/-Pledged Goal
\$156,914.00	\$137,263.00	87%	-\$19,651.00

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, Debbie Colehower, Justin Deedy, Kathy Saxon, Beth Panter, Paula Mansapit, Shelly Theaux, Corey Barnard, Kathryn Gamble, Drew Foley, and Nancy Todd. And for friends and family who have gone before us including Norma Askew, and Kathleen Stratton, Ray Slater, Michael Santiago, Emmitt 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 September 13, 2009

Sunday	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
Monday	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 31; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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 Fugieuele for more information 678-584-9947 ext 26, or cyndyf@saintmonicas.com.



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 5:30 Mass
Please check the bulletin frequently for updates!

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.

WOW– Word of the Week

Grade 1	Disciples	Grade 5	Paschal Mystery
Grade 2	Resurrection	Grade 6	Epistles
Grade 3	Pentecost	Grade 7	Transfiguration
Grade 4	Incarnation	Grade 8	none

The Nursery is open after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses each Sunday. This is open for anyone to use on a co-op basis. Please consider volunteering your time for this wonderful ministry. Contact Anne at the parish office.

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!



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!

Upcoming Youth Nights

- September 13th:** Youth Group Kick-off! Fun night/ Heroic Virtue
- September 20th:** GRACED- Overview of the Sacraments
- September 27th:** IMMERSED- the Sacrament of Baptism (Bring a pack of diapers for the night!)



Pizza and Prayer is kicking off on Wednesday, September 16th! All grades 9 – 12, please join us every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. We will hang out, eat pizza, dive into the Word of God and Pray! This will continue every Wednesday throughout the fall, see Courtney for more details.



Next XLT is Tuesday, October 6th! 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.

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!

All High School teens and parents, 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.

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.

Schedule for the Week

Sunday	September 13	
Nursery	8:30 & 10:30	
PreK-K	8:30 & 10:30	
NFP	10:00	3/6
Confirmation Interviews	2:00-5:00	
Youth Group	after 5:30 Mass	
Monday	September 14	
Cub Scout Den Mtgs	6:00-8:00	1,2,4,5,7,8,10
American Heritage Girls	6:30pm	12/13, Nursery
BSA	7:00pm	3/6, 11
Adult Confirmation	7:00pm	14
Sacrament Preparation	7:00pm	Church
K of C	7:30pm	Lyke Hall
Tuesday	September 15	
Sacrament Preparation	10:00am	Church
RE Classes	4:30pm & 6:30pm	
Great Adventures Facil.	7:00pm	10
FPU	7:00pm	12/13
YAM	7:00pm	Lyke Hall
Holy Hour	after 6:30pm Mass	Church
Wednesday	September 16	
Men's Rosary	6:00am	Church
Seeker	9:30am	Lyke Hall
Parenting Class	4:30pm	12/13
RE Classes	4:30pm & 6:30pm	
8th Grade RE Class	6:30pm	Lyke Hall
Pizza & Prayer	6:30pm	Narthex
Thursday	September 17	
55+	6:00pm	Narthex
Great Adventures	7:00pm	LykeHall,3/6,4,11,14,15
RAINBOWS	7:00pm	5, 7, 10
CNC	7:00pm	12/13
BSFC	7:00pm	1
Men's Spirituality	7:00pm	2
Adult Choir	7:30pm	Church
Friday	September 18	
HOPE for HAITI GALA		Gwinnett Marriott
Saturday	September 19	
Parish Assembly	after 9:00am Mass	
Middle School YG Kick Off	6:30pm	Lyke Hall

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.

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 this Thursday, 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.

Parent Sacramental Meeting Reminder:

All Parents of children who are eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are reminded to attend the first mandatory Sacramental Meeting. You may choose one of the three available dates for this Informational meeting; Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:15pm, Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 10:00am or Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2:00pm.

This meeting includes 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 ex22

If you have not already done so, please fill out the Sacramental Registration form. It can be found on our Web page or on the front counter of the education building.

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.

Come move your feet for little feet!

Prince of Peace Catholic Church Respect Life Ministry would like to invite you to participate in the Prince of Peace Precious Feet 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run on Oct. 3rd, 2009 at the Shoal Creek Campground in Buford, GA. All proceeds will benefit our local chapter of Birthright International - a pro life crisis pregnancy center. You can register now online at www.active.com. The whole family is welcome!

St. Monica's next BLOOD DRIVE will be held on SUNDAY, Sept. 27th from 8am – 2pm. Please consider volunteering in one of the following ways:

- ◆ Be a blood donor
- ◆ Help sign-up donors after Masses in the coming weeks
- ◆ Sign donors in on the day of the drive
- ◆ Donate food for the donors

Look for the Blood Drive table after Masses. To ask questions, or to volunteer, please call Lisa Dickerson at 770 271-4595 or e-mail lisad1@charter.net. Thank You!

Southern Catholic College Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Chestatee Golf Course in Dawsonville, Georgia on September 28, 2009. All are welcome !! All proceeds go to fund scholarships at Southern Catholic College. Sign up to play as individual or foursome. Each player receives new pair of golf shoes. Great Fellowship, Great Awards and Great Reception. Vince Dooley featured speaker. Help support Georgia's only Catholic College. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, player registration or donations please visit our website @ www.southerncatholic.org or call 706-344-4002 or fax 706-344-4003.

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).

NOVENA FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR TROOPS.

The Blue Star Fan Club is sponsoring the third annual Novena in honor of our country and our troops. It will run from Tuesday, September 29th (Feast of St. Michael) through Wednesday, October 7th (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary). The official kickoff will be at 6:00 PM on September 29th with the Rosary and Novena prayers before the 6:30 Mass. Novena prayers will be included in the bulletin the weekend of September 26-27. Copies will also be available in the Narthex. Please take a copy home and pray the Novena for nine days.

Familia Atlanta brings you the first of two series of Fascinating Marriages

Dating your Spouse

Fill in love all over again as you rediscover those intimate details that make up your spouse in the way God intended. Couples who stay connected with each other's priorities, big and small, are better prepared to cope with stressful events and conflict. The more you know and understand about each other, the easier it is to keep connected as life swirls around you.

Take some time out to reignite that flame in your Marriage, so it can be all Christ wants it to be!

**St. Monica Church,
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**Saturday, October 17, 2009
7:00 - 9:30pm**

A FREE evening for couples:
Wine and Cheese Reception
"Dating Your Spouse"
"Living the Theology of the Body"
Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions available

Please RSVP to Karen Wise at 678.923.6596 or by e-mail: krwise1@comcast.net

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The purpose of the LAOH (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians) is to promote Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity; to foster and sustain loyalty to the Roman Catholic Church and to foster and sustain loyalty to the United States of America among its members; to aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspiration and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence; to promote the Irish culture. To start an LAOH division (for juniors and all ladies who are Irish or of Irish descent), please contact the State President, Dee Ramp at afr201@comcast.net hopefully you will share my enthusiasm for the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians for your city and Parrish. Several Catholic Parishes can join together to have one division in a given city. May the Peace of Christ be with each of you.

From the National Website of St. Vincent de Paul Regarding Pro-Life Health Care

July 31, 2009

The National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul has worked with its Voice of the Poor Committee to develop a sound and thoughtful position for health care reform (<http://www.svdpusa.org/VoiceofthePoor/tabid/167/language/en-US/Default.aspx>) which was adopted by its national membership in 2004. This work is based on and guided by the Church's social and moral teachings and informed by pastoral letters prepared by the United States Bishops as well as through the guidance of Papal Encyclicals.

The basis for this vision of health care reform was captured recently in a letter to Congress on behalf of the United States Bishops written by Bishop William F. Murphy of the Diocese of Rockville Center: "The Bishops' Conference believes health care reform should be truly universal and should be genuinely affordable. ...Health Care is not just another issue for the Church or for a healthy society. It is a fundamental issue of human life and dignity." To see the complete text of this letter: <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/2009-07-17-murphy-letter-congress.pdf>

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA has also worked closely with Catholic Charities USA and the Catholic Health Association. The Catholic Health Association developed a set of health care reform principles to guide our collective work in evaluating and supporting any legislation that leads to health care reform. These principles are that Health Care should be available and accessible to everyone especially the poor and the vulnerable, oriented toward health and prevention, fairly financed, transparent and consensus-driven, patient centered from conception to natural death, and provide the greatest possible quality.

Again, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has not supported any particular or specific legislation; it has expressed its concern for the need for the U.S. Congress to deal with this most urgent need now.

"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul does not support nor will it support any legislation, provision or amendment that fails to uphold the sanctity and dignity of human life," said Joe Flannigan, the National President of the U.S. Society. "Further, we will continue to work with the Catholic Health Association and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities USA to ensure that any legislation will continue to support the conscience clause protection to health care workers and that the Hyde exception continues to ensure no abortion can be funded with federal funds."