



Just some of the smiling faces from Hinche, Haiti that our children's envelope contributions go to help with their educational needs.

Pick up the children's envelope boxes today in the back of the Narthex or contact Terry Kolodzy at 678-584-9947 ext 17.



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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 & 12:10pm
Sat. 9:00am

RECONCILIATION
By Appointment or
Mon. & Tues. 5:45pm-6:15pm
Sat. 3:45pm-5:00pm

1st Fri. of month 6:30pm-7:00pm
1st Sat. of month 8:30am-8:50am
1st Sun. of month After the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses

OFFICE HOURS
9:45am-4:30pm

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Spanish Masses at Mission

Friday- 7:00pm
Saturday- 6:30pm
Sunday- 9:00am & 11:00am

Masses For The Week



Saturday	November 14
9:00 am	Rufina Diaz (D) <i>By The Kozen Family</i>
5:30 pm	Susan LaHatte (D) <i>By Greg and Meg LaHatte</i>
Sunday	November 15
8:30 am	The People of St. Monica
10:30 am	Nancy Hurley (D) <i>By Louisa Wiles</i>
12:30 pm	Kyong Agnes Koh (D) <i>By Kae, Mark and Sean Woo</i>
5:30 pm	Stephen Lau (D) <i>By Deacon Joe Carter</i>
Monday	November 16
9:00 am	Vicki Dannemar (SI) <i>By Dee Dee Shonhor</i>
6:30 pm	Edward Kerker (SI) <i>By Carol Perkins</i>
Tuesday	November 17
9:00 am	Thomas Murray (D) <i>By The Murray Family</i>
6:30 pm	Walt Copija (D) <i>By Sally Copija</i>
Wednesday	November 18
6:30 am	Charles and James Serrechia (D) <i>By Gloria Serrechia</i>
9:00 am	Edmond Frick (D) <i>By Constance Frick</i>
Thursday	November 19
6:30 am	Special Intention
9:00 am	Don and Lorriane Helfrich (SI) <i>By The Glen Sharpe Family</i>
Friday	November 20
9:00 am	Dale Zessack (D) <i>By John and Sabrina Crone</i>
12:10 pm	Marie Carmel Perie-la-Perez (D) <i>By Marie Anne Perie-la</i>
Saturday	November 21
9:00 am	Vernie Marcos (D) <i>By The Lin Family</i>
5:30 pm	Eleanor Litts (D) <i>By Norman and Pat Litts</i>
Sunday	November 22
8:30 am	Capt. Thomas Fleck (SI) <i>By Bette Fleck</i>
10:30 am	The People of St. Monica
12:30 pm	Mrs. Glynn Grady (D) <i>By Shaun Hallaran</i>
5:30 pm	Brad Adams <i>By John and Deborah Whilchel</i>

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009

Sunday	Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
Monday	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28,
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29: 10-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37



Contributions from November 1, 2009

Contributions	\$39,421.00
Actual Budget Need	\$34,057.70
Children's envelopes- \$29.00.....	26 Envelopes
There are 2426 registered families	

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, Jennifer Valure, Jane Kerns, Mike Robinson, Jackie Sigur, Susan Nolin, Bill Rausch, Phyllis McNeil, Doris Kirouac, Ray Bosn, Jesse Morris, Catherine Michels, Isabel Shea, Amy Schwartz, Mary Anne Paque, Marcia Lopez, Anna Peterson, Peggy Purser, Giselle Zavala, and Laurel Fair, . And for friends and family who have gone before us including Marion Rolland, Rochelle Bertellini, Alice Davis, Nancy Dibble, Joan Hennessy, Alma Dickerson, Julius Piszczak, Gary Ahem, Tom Ohaus, Joseph Shields, and Pierre Schrichte, 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 Diane Lin at 770-623-4099 or danielin39@gmail.com. You can be notified of prayer intentions via e-mail or Calling Post.



Volunteer families are needed to light the Advent Wreath Candle during Advent. For those wishing to participate, please use the sign up sheet in the sacristy. For more information, please call Marty and Marie Rouch @ 770-781-5285 or email rouchm@bellsouth.net.



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

The relic of St. Mary Magdalene will be visiting the U.S. for the first time and will be at St. Monica's November 22 and 23. Venerating a relic can be a very powerful way to ask for the intercession of the Saint. All those who are in need of conversion and who are in need of healing of heart, mind, or body are encouraged to ask St. Mary Magdalene to intercede for them. The relic will arrive before the 12:30 Mass and will be on display for veneration throughout the afternoon on Sunday and all day Monday until 8:30 in the evening. Sunday at 2:00 we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament including praise and worship. The Priest accompanying the relic will give a talk on Mary Magdalene and the relic during the exposition as well as on Monday evening after the 6:30 pm Mass. For further information please call Cyndy Furguele 678-584-9947.

Religious Education News

Middle School News

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

November 14- "Extreme Spiritual Makeover"
RSVP by November 12 to
middleschool@saintmonicas.com.

November 28- No Youth Group!
Happy Thanksgiving!

December 5- Service Project- Nursing Home.
RSVP by December 3rd to
middleschool@saintmonicas.com.

December 9- MSYG Planning meeting at 7:15pm

December 12- LIFE Event on Saint Joseph and his commitment to Mary, the Mother of Jesus

WOW- Word of the Week for 11/15

Grade 1	Our Father	Grade 5	Doxology
Grade 2	Kingdom of God	Grade 6	Prayer Life
Grade 3	Apostles Creed	Grade 7	Apocalyptic Writing
Grade 4	Lord's Prayer	Grade 8	Temptation

Parents, we will be having Reconciliation during RE on the weeks of November 20th and November 28th. Please talk with your child about Reconciliation beforehand. All children, grades 3-8, are invited to partake in this special opportunity.

Men's Spirituality Group will meet this Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 in the RE Building. All men of the parish are invited to join this group. We gather to grow in our faith and spirituality, in a program based on the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. Sessions include Bible verses, a Salesian Perspective, discussion, music and prayer. Our topic this month is "**Ten Qualities For Holy Living**". We invite you to consider joining us on the journey. All materials are provided by the Men's Club.
For more information: John Volpert 770-652-3485 or JVSellsATL@aol.com.

Advent Traditions LIFE Event!

Learn "His-Story" of Our Salvation!

Keep or start a tradition in your family by attending

Advent Traditions

on Saturday, Nov. 21st between 10:00am and 1:00pm!
NO sign-up necessary! Enjoy crafts, activities, prayer service, bazaar, and refreshments as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus!



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 Night

Nov. 15th: VOCATIONS! How is God calling YOU to live Holiness?

Nov. 22nd: The BEAUTY of Marriage, the Sacrament!

Nov. 29th: GAME NIGHT 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!

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

A Pilgrimage to EWTN

"Come away by yourself to a quiet place, and rest awhile" Mark 6:31

Join Father Jack Durkin on a pilgrimage to EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network)- the largest religious media network in the world located in Birmingham, AL . We will be leaving on Wednesday, January 13th and returning on Thursday, January 14th, 2010.
Wednesday: Network tour and prayer with the Brothers
Thursday: Mass at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville, AL; Adoration, Rosary with the Nuns, Spiritual talk, Bookstore etc.
We will depart St. Monica on Wednesday at 11:00am and return approximately 5:30pm on Thursday.
Bring your spouse or friend- Wednesday- dinner and Comfort Inn, Thursday- continental breakfast, sack lunch, charter bus transportation- \$100.00 per person double occupancy, \$130.00 for single. First come, first serve RSVP-ASAP no later than December 1, 2009. If you have questions and/or to sign-up please call Trish and Charles Benson at 770-614-7728 or Patrick Klein at 678-584-9947 ext 12.

There will be NO RE Elementary Classes on November 24th & 25th. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on December 1st & 2nd with our last class and Mass.

Schedule for the Week

Sunday	November 15		
Nursery	8:30am & 10:30am		
PreK-K	8:30am & 10:30am		
Inquiry	8:30am		7
OCIA	8:30am		
Special Needs	9:30am		11
OCIC	10:00am		12/13
NFP	10:00am		3/6
Children's Inquiry	11:45pm		12/13
Young Apostles	3:00pm		3/6
OCIT	3:30pm		12/13
Youth Group	after 5:30 Mass		
Monday	November 16		
PARISH MISSION	After 6:30 Mass		
Tuesday	November 17		
RE Classes	4:30pm & 6:30pm		
PARISH MISSION	After 6:30 Mass		
Wednesday	November 18		
Men's Rosary	6:00am	Church	
Seekers	9:45am		12/13
RE Classes	4:30pm & 6:30pm		
8th Grade RE Class	6:30pm	Lyke Hall	
PARISH MISSION	After 6:30 Mass		
Thursday	November 19		
Children's Choir	6:00pm	Church	
55+	6:00pm	Narthex	
Great Adventures	7:00pm	Lyke Hall, 4,7,11,14,15	
RESCUE	7:00pm		8
BSFC	7:00pm		1
SOUL	7:00pm		2
Men's Spirituality	7:00pm		12/13
Adult Choir	7:30pm	Church & 10	
Friday	November 20		
Great Adventures	10:00am	Lyke Hall, 14, 12/13	
Saturday	November 21		
LIFE Event: Advent Traditions	10am-1pm		
Bake Sale	After 5:30pm Mass		

The November meeting of the Menuettes will be held on Tuesday, November 17th at 11:30 at Carol Carter's.

Please bring a dish to go with Ham or a desert. Please give Carol a call if you plan to attend. 770 682 5837.

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO GIVE TO A SPECIAL PROGRAM TO HELP THOSE IN NEED? – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Chamblee is looking for individuals with computer skill to assist in tax preparation for people at the poverty level. All of the training is provided and certification is given by the IRS. The volunteer opportunity will begin at the end of January and run through April 15th. This service has tremendous impact on people, allowing them to receive deductions for which they are eligible and, saving the costs of Income Tax services that often take advantage of those in need. For further information please visit the Society's website www.svdpatl.org or call Marilyn Gonzalez at 770-576-4085.

Men's Club Christmas Tree Pre-Sales. Pre-pay for your **FRESH CUT PREMIUM FRASER FIR**



Christmas Tree and you will receive free delivery, tree bag and a \$5 discount for a total of a \$37 savings. Parishioners can pre-pay for their Christmas Trees after all weekend Masses through November 22nd.

Christmas Tree Lot Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to assist at Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot. Please signup at the volunteer table after all weekend Masses. Attention Youth Group members this is the perfect opportunity for you to receive community service hours towards your Confirmation requirements.

The Knights of Columbus Car Raffle

The **Knights of Columbus** have joined forces with Chick-Fil-A, Gwinnett Place Ford and Jeff Francoeur in a **raffle** to benefit the Knights of Columbus' charities. **Gwinnett Place Ford** donated a 2010 Mustang LX and each \$10.⁰⁰ ticket has \$10.⁰⁰ in Chick-Fil-A coupons effectively making it a **free ticket**. See the Knights of Columbus after all Masses to get your raffle tickets today.

Volunteers Desperately Needed!!!

Would you like to volunteer but don't have the time to do it on a regular basis? The Christian Initiation Process for adults is in need of some volunteers to help with items such as setup and hospitality. If you can make coffee, bring some breakfast treats, or set up some chairs, this ministry is for you! The help would be greatly appreciated! With enough volunteers, I will set it up on a rotating schedule. The times that we need help are on Sunday mornings from about 8:00am-8:30am. Helping out shouldn't take more than about 30 minutes of your time. Give Patrick Klein a call if you are interested or have questions (678-584-9947 ext. 12).

The November meeting of the 55 Plus Club will be held on Thursday, November 19th. Start time is 6:00pm. The menu is Mediterranean Chicken and Cobbler. Dinner is \$12. Buddy Norman and his musical friends will be playing for us. They are a lot of fun. See you there. Please send an email to Ruth Ann McGuinn, ruthannmcguinn@gmail.com or Carol Carter carter.carol@att.net to confirm. We need to provide the number to the Martin's by November 15th.

Prayer Blanket Ministry- you are covered in prayer!



God has used this beautiful ministry to touch countless people who have received the blankets while enduring difficult times in their lives. Anyone who is afflicted with physical or emotional burden and needs an enormous gift of love and warmth is eligible to receive a blanket. Blankets are available at the front desk of the Parish Office.

BAKERS WANTED: Once again it is time for the Annual **Monica's Menuettes' Bake Sale.** The Bake Sale will take place after all Masses next weekend- **November 21st and 22nd.** Items will be available for sale till everything is gone. If you enjoy baking or if you enjoy eating baked goods we need your help.



If you would like to help by donating your favorite baked goods you may deliver them on Saturday, the 21st, during the day, to the kitchen, or just bring them to Mass with you.

Don't forget to stop after Mass and pick up something good to eat. Jars filled with cookie mixes will be available again as well as goodies made with splenda.

Proceeds help our Parish Community in many ways.

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

Dating your Spouse

**St. Monica Church,
1700 Buford Hwy,
Duluth, GA**

**Saturday December 5, 2009
7:00 - 9:30pm**

**Please RSVP to Karen Wise 678.923.6596
or krwise1@comcast.net**

*FAMILIA Atlanta brings you the first of two series
of Fascinating Marriages*

Advent Parish Mission

November 16,17,18, 2009

6:30 pm - Mass 7:00 pm- Mission

BRINGING CHRIST TO BIRTH IN OUR LIVES!

The Parish Mission will be in two parts; Monday and Wednesday, Fr. Book will give a talk entitled Bringing Christ to Birth in our Lives and on Tuesday, Fr. Jack will lead a Holy Hour of Adoration, Praise and Worship.

An Atlanta native, Fr. Theodore Book entered the seminary in 1997 after completing his undergraduate studies at Georgia Tech. He completed his theological studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University, and earned an advanced degree in liturgy at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute, in Rome. A priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, he serves as director of the Archdiocesan Office of Divine Worship, and is an adjunct faculty member at Southern Catholic College. He is fluent in 5 languages. He is frequently requested as a speaker on liturgy and spirituality.

Notre Dame Academy in Duluth is looking for a volunteer musician to accompany the Music Ministry during Monday morning Masses (10:00 am) and afternoon rehearsals (3:00 – 4:15 pm) one day a week. If you are a pianist or guitarist and would like to learn more about this service opportunity, please contact Mrs. Amy Lo-Curto at alocurto@ndacademy.org.

MOYC November activities

Monday November 16 Park Day at Peachtree Ridge Park 10am to noon. Bring a picnic lunch. Contact Cindy at cindyastacey@yahoo.com for more information.

Art & Environment News

The A&E Committee would like to invite all parish members to list their loved ones in our Memorial Book. It can be found on the bookstand in the Narthex and it will be placed in the Altar space for the month of November.

Also, have you noticed the different portraits of Mary hanging in the archway of the Narthex? October is the month of Mary, and to venerate her, we are hanging a different painting of Mary each week in the Narthex. They were painted by Maggie Mayer, an A&E member and parishioner of St. Monica's. These paintings are also a way of teaching about our faith. Can you name what each one commemorates? You will see them again on the dates when the feast or solemnity they depict occurs and also in the month of May.

Join local Catholic recording artists Paul Tate and Graham Kuhn as they present a very special concert of sacred and secular favorites on Friday night, December 4th at 8 p.m. at the Red Clay Theatre in Duluth, GA.

Paul has served as music minister at St. Monica (as well as St. Benedict, St. Brendan, and at Emory University), and Graham is the choir director at St. Ann's in Marietta. They are excited to be releasing a recording of many of your favorite holiday songs and inspirational pieces (entitled "Grateful"), many of which they will be performing "live" at their December 4th concert. Come with the whole family to hear "O Holy Night," "Mary Did You Know," "You Raise Me Up," a medley of seasonal carols, and many more. To read more about the event, visit www.reverbNation.com/paultate and to order the CD and concert tickets, click on www.grahamkuhn.com. Tickets are general admission and \$15 each in advance (\$20 at the door, if any seats are available). Seating is first-come, first-served, and a sell-out crowd is expected, so get your tickets soon and arrive early!

Healing Conference is being held at St. Patrick's located at 2140 Beaver Run, Norcross-30071 on Nov.20th from 6-10pm. Holy Mass at 7. Then Nov.21st from 8am-10pm. Holy Mass at 10am.

Chris Crotty, Fathers of Mercy and Moira Noonan, Author of *Ransomed from Darkness*. A Love offering to be taken. For more info-Marlene-678-464-9008 or Anne-770-921-1634.

Severe Weather closing information, if Gwinnett County Schools are closed- all activities at the church are cancelled for that day and evening. This is done for the safety of our parishioners. If the Gwinnett County authorities deem that the road conditions are not safe to travel we abide by their decisions. Safety of the children and the adults is our primary reason for having this policy.

Make Some Money for your Parish!

From now until December 15, 2009, \$10 goes to your Parish when you open an account at the Official Credit Union of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia Federal Credit Union.

Please call us at 770-476-6400, option 3, or visit us at gfcuonline.org/groups/catholic.asp.



Saint Monica's Men's Club 2009 Christmas Tree Pre-Sale Program



Fresh cut PREMIUM FRASER FIR Christmas Trees

Pre-purchase your tree by November 22, 2009 to receive:

- o **\$5 off Regular Price plus a Free Tree Bag! (a \$2 value)**
- o **Free Delivery! (a \$30 value)** (Trees only - within a 10 mile radius of the lot)
- o **Come to the lot any day between 11/28/09 - 12/06/09 to pick out your own tree.**
- o All trees are given a fresh base cut, trimmed, baled & secured on your vehicle.

Tree Lot Location: McGinnis Crossing Shopping Center

(Peachtree Ind. Blvd. & McGinnis Ferry Rd.)

Lot Hours: Fri.-Sun.: 10AM - 9PM

Mon.-Thur: 1PM - 9PM

Price List				
Tree Size	Regular Price	Pre-Sale Price	Accessories	Price
3' Tabletop	\$30.00	\$25.00	o 24" wreath fully decorated:	\$40.00
6'-7'	\$50.00	\$45.00	o 24" wreath undecorated:	\$25.00
7'-8'	\$65.00	\$60.00	o Tree bags:	\$2.00
8'-9'	\$85.00	\$80.00		
9'-10'	\$110.00	\$105.00		
10'-11'	\$155.00	\$150.00		
11'-12'	\$205.00	\$200.00		

Lot Manager Record of Purchase			
Date:		Size/Qty	Cost
Name:		Tree	
		Wreath-D	
		Wreath-U	
		Tree Stand	
Phone:		Tree Bag	
		Total:	

(Make your check payable to "Catholic Church of Saint Monica")