

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2010

K of C to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held January 30th at 1:00pm at St Monica's Church .

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 151,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,100 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. For entry forms or additional information contact:
Henry Rodriguez 404-915-9503.

PASTOR

Rev. Jack Durkin

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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

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Spanish Masses at Mission

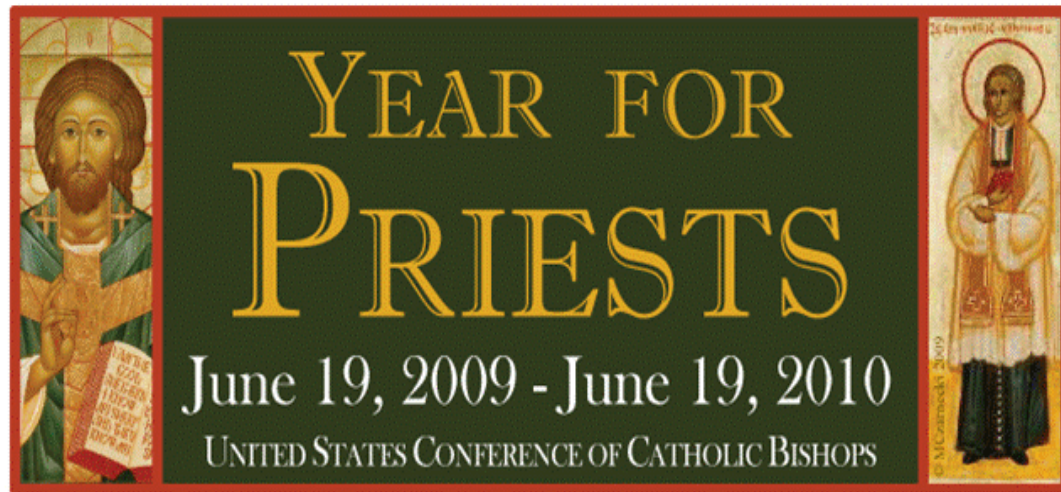
Friday- 7:00pm

Saturday- 6:30pm

Sunday- 9:00am & 11:00am

OFFICE HOURS

9:45am- 4:30pm



Masses For The Week



Saturday	January 23
9:00 am	Freddie Santa Maria (D) <i>By Carolina and Juan Santa Maria</i>
5:30 pm	Fran Cundari (D) <i>By Chuck and Connie Cundari</i>
Sunday	January 24
8:30 am	Charlotte Mitnick (D) <i>By St. Benedict's Young at Heart</i>
10:30 am	Cardone and Morse Families (SI) <i>By Bill and Estelle Cardone</i>
12:30 pm	Anna Laura Fecht (D) <i>By Steve and Marian Stillman</i>
5:30 pm	The People of St. Monica
Monday	January 25
9:00 am	Jim and Ruth Barry (D) <i>By Elizabeth Barry</i>
6:30 pm	Antonio Arribas (D) <i>By Ari McBride</i>
Tuesday	January 26
9:00 am	Bob Santore (SI) <i>By Bette Fleck</i>
6:30 pm	Mary Alice Grant (D) <i>By The Langstine Family</i>
Wednesday	January 27
6:30 am	Tjena Kam (D) <i>By Anne and Eric Hanada</i>
9:00 am	Edmund Summers (D) <i>By Kim and Chris Summers</i>
Thursday	January 28
6:30 am	Special Intention
9:00 am	Rhonda and Jack Murphy (SI) <i>By Dee Dee Shonhor</i>
Friday	January 29
9:00 am	Josephine Giglio (D) <i>By Chris and Gloria Giglio-Ors</i>
12:10 am	Ken Marion (D) <i>By Mary Anne Lehman</i>
Saturday	January 30
9:00 am	Eddie Connor (D) <i>By The McLaughlin Family</i>
5:30 pm	Delia Mendoza (SI) <i>By Martha and Alan Jones</i>
Sunday	January 31
8:30 am	The People of St. Monica
10:30 am	Charlotte Mitnick (D) <i>By New Horizons</i>
12:30 pm	Frank Smith (D) <i>By Karen and Mark Lastufka</i>
5:30 pm	Norma Askew (D) <i>By Gerard and Madeline Murphy</i>



The altar flowers for this weekend's Mass have been donated by Pat and Ken Chivers in memory of their Aunt, Doris C Manning.

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.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Contributions	December 25, 2009	December 27, 2009
	\$48,452.25	\$27,097.50
	January 3, 2010	January 10, 2010
	\$34,661.00	\$35,635.66
Actual Budget Need		\$34,057.70
Children's envelopes-	\$160.00/ 110 Envelopes	(these dates)
	There are 2436 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, Jane Kerns, Monsignor Bill Hoffman, Al Lepore, Bob Barry, Kelly McPhee, Mary Cirulli, Regina Ogene, Glenn Gamble, Sr., Mary Anne Waggoner, Joseph Mueller, Don Strohmeyer, Gid Parrish, Dan Pergrin, Roy LaFontaine, and Michael Adcock. And for friends and family who have gone before us including Clara Julian, Bill Foster, Robert Ambreau, Jordan Woods, Glenda Eaton, Marcia Lopez, Evelyn Lampert, Vivian Carraway, and Stephanie Davis, 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 Ouellette at 770-271-2349 or at julie_ouellette@mindspring.com. You can be notified of prayer intentions via e-mail or Calling Post.

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**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.

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.

Religious Education News

Middle School News

On site events are held on Saturday nights after the 5:30 pm Mass. Service projects & socials are also held on Saturday nights. Please check the Bulletin for proper times and Dates. Have a blessed Christmas!!

January 29-30 – Middle School Retreat at Covecrest: “Be Not Afraid.” 5:00 pm Friday – 6:00 pm Saturday. Cost \$85.00 per person. Permission forms may be found in the foyer of the RE building. Contact Anne Hennessy at 678-584-9947 ext. 16 for more information. This retreat will be capped at the first 65 participants.

February 6 – Journey with Joseph! LIFE event credit offered.

February 24 – Planning meeting for parents and core 7:15 pm in the RE building

February 27- Service Project– Super Service Saturday, time, TBD

March 6– Learn about St. Peter– live life on the Rock!

WOW– Word of the Week

- Grade 1 Creator Grade 5 Inspiration
- Grade 2 Almighty Grade 6 Hope
- Grade 3 Annunciation Grade 7 Canon of Sacred Scripture
- Grade 4 Sacred Scripture Grade 8 Missionary

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who are teaching Religious Education this year. You are so wonderful.

RAINBOWS, a weekly support group for children who have experienced a significant loss or change in their lives such as death, divorce, or remarriage, will start February 9th at 7:00pm at Saint Monica’s. This is a 12 week program occurring each Tuesday night. For more information, contact Anne Hennessy at 678-584-9947 ext 16.

Question of the week:

Children: How often do I ask God to help me become a better person?
Adults: Which quality in the beatitudes am I most in need of?

Summer Schedules for youth group trips are already out for teens and spots are going to fill up quick. Secure your spot with a down payment and see Courtney for more details about Steubenville Atlanta, CoveCrest Summer Camp and more!



Sunday night Youth Groups are immediately following the 5:30pm Mass until 8:30pm.

Upcoming Life Nights

- Jan. 24th: Attitude Check: The call to live out Social Justice!
- Jan. 31st: Vita Nox: Love the Lord with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself!
- Feb. 7th: **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PARTY!** Come hang out as we watch the Super Bowl and have other Games as well!
- Feb. 14th: Valentines Day Dance! Bring friends, it’s going to be a blast!



Pizza and Prayer is starting up again on **Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm!** Join us this spring for pizza, fellowship and prayer as we strive for holiness and address the 7 Capital Sins: how they impact our lives and world and what we can do to overcome them to be saints!

GUYS and GALS RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR MEN’S AND WOMEN’S RETREATS! Start raising now ! We are going to COVECREST and the dates are **February 26th – 28th (Guys) and March 26th – 28th (Gals)!** Forms are available in the lobby of the RE Building.



On Saturday, January 30th, the Youth Group is going to the Soup Kitchen in Atlanta. Spots are limited so sign up at youth group in early January with Beth Mays!

Save the Date! Jason Evert, internationally known chastity speaker, is coming to St. Monica’s Youth Group on **Sunday, February 21st!** Parents are strongly encouraged to attend!

CALLING ALL PARENTS, who are the primary catechists of their children; Jason Evert wants to speak to YOU at 3 PM on Sunday, Feb. 21st! Come to St. Monica’s for a parent session on “Raising Chaste Teens” with Jason. He will be available for any questions you may have!

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

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Schedule for the Week

Sunday	January 24		
Nursery	8:30am & 10:30am		
PreK-K	8:30am & 10:30am		
Inquiry	8:30am	7	
OCIC	8:30am	12/13	
Catechumen	8:30am		Lyke Hall
Special Needs	9:30am	11	
Confirmation	3:00pm		Lyke Hall
Youth Group	after 5:30 Mass		
Monday	January 25		
American Heritage Girls	6:30pm	12/13	
Twinning	7:00pm	15	
BSA	7:00pm	3/6, 11	
Cub Scout Parents	7:15pm		Narthex
Knights Auxiliary	7:30pm	14	
Knights of Columbus	7:30pm		Lyke Hall
Tuesday	January 26		
Holy Scrappers	10:00am	1	
Total Consecration	6:30pm	15	
Great Adventures Facil.	7:00pm	10	
Holy Hour	7:15pm		Church
Wednesday	January 27		
Seekers	10:00am	12/13	
RE CLASSES	4:30pm & 6:30pm		
Pizza & Prayer	6:30pm		Narthex/Church
Thursday	January 28		
Children's Choir	6:00pm		Church
Middle School Retreat Png	6:30pm	1	
Great Adventures	7:00pm		Narthex
Retreat Planning	7:00pm	2	
SOUL	7:00pm	5	
Adult Choir	7:30pm		Church, Lyke Hall
Friday	January 29		
Great Adventures	10:00am		Lyke Hall
LIFE Event: Movie Night	7:00pm		Narthex
Saturday	January 30		
First Reconciliation Practice	10:00am-1:00pm		Narthex

VINNY D'S RAISES \$1,008 FOR HAITI RELIEF
Thanks to all our parishioners and friends who attended last Friday's VINNY D'S HOUSE OF PASTA. We collected \$672 in donations with the MEN'S CLUB matching 50 cents for each dollar collected totaling \$1,008. All proceeds will go to our MEDICAL MISSION TEAM.

St. Monica's Career Network group will hold their first meeting of 2010 at 6:30pm on Monday, February 1st in Lyke Hall. The ministry is in need of new volunteers who are willing to give a small amount of their time to serve as Job Search Coaches. Attendance at the bi-monthly meetings is not required to serve as a Job Search Coach. If you are feeling called to serve others in our parish and want to celebrate the blessing of your own employment, please consider joining this important ministry. Anyone interested can get more information and sign up with Paige Barry in the Narthex after Mass.

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.



COME celebrate your love at ST. MONICA'S annual Valentine Dance/Catered Dinner & Vow Renewal on Saturday evening, February 6th. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be on sale after Masses— look for our table in the Narthex. The event is sponsored by St. Monica's WEDS group.

Are you getting the maximum enjoyment from your Greatest Gift: your Spouse??

For "Take-Home Lessons" join us for a romantic Weekend Retreat February 19 - 21 or April 23-25 at the Marriott Norcross.

You can register or learn other dates at www.wmmeatlanta.org or call Bob & Joy Lambie at 770-587-1506.

We also offer Spanish speaking weekends. Call Esteban & Gloria Nolasco at 770-425-1328 for those dates.

World Wide Marriage Encounter -
Making Good Marriages Great



Today, January 23rd/24th St. Monica's Respect



Life Ministry is hosting a BABY SHOWER to benefit local crisis pregnancy centers and our own St. Vincent de Paul. We are collecting NEW baby

items for this event. Along with the other items donated they are in need of these two larger items – if you are in a financial position that will allow you to donate one of these items (or give a gift card for Wal-Mart so they can order/purchase one of the items) please bring that to the baby crib the weekend of Jan.

23rd/24th. Thank you for helping us build a CULTURE OF LIFE, one little life at a time!!

**For more information:
triplejmk@bellsouth.net.**

ATTENTION QUILTERS!!!!!!

Do you have an interest in quilting?
Any level: Beginners, Intermediate or Advanced.
Please contact Eileen De Ville @ (770) 962-3379 or email: ei quilt@earthlink.net

Take "stock" in our parish

Making your gift with long term appreciated securities may be a tax wise method of supporting our parish. When making a gift of appreciated stock, bonds, or stock options with long term gains, the donor pays no tax on the capital gains and can take a charitable tax deduction for the fair market value of the security (assuming this is less than 30% of AGI). Consider the following gift example:

You purchased a publicly traded stock 10 years ago for \$5,000, now worth \$10,000

Tax savings from the \$10,000 deduction (Assuming a 33% income tax rate)	\$3,300
No tax on unrealized gain*	<u>0</u>
Total tax savings from the \$10,000 stock gift	\$3,300

LIFE Events Reminder:

All students in grades 1st-8th are required to attend 8 LIFE Events each school year to receive credit for Religious Education at our parish.

"LIFE Events are the way we learn together, pray together, get to know one another, and celebrate!"

Please find the Schedule and Attendance Record on the counter under "LIFE Events" in the Religious Education Building.

Parents maintain their child's LIFE Event Attendance Record which should be completed and submitted by May 31, 2010.

Please contact Carol - carol@saintmonicas.com - with any questions.

Upcoming LIFE Events:

- Jan. 29th, 7pm - Movie Night, "Mission to Nicaragua"
- Feb. 5th, 4pm - Family Holy Hour, First Friday Adoration
- Feb. 13th, 10am-1pm (Open House format) - Lenten Traditions- **Note: There is no sign-up for Lenten Traditions this year.**

24 Hour Adoration Coming to St. Monica's
 Please sign-up to be a guardian. First Friday 24-hour Adoration begins on February 5th.
 Come experience the joy and peace of spending time with Jesus. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.
 Contact DeeDee Shonhor at DEISHO@aol.com or at 770-623-3449.

Interested in Joining the Festival Committee
 Our 2010 Festival date is April 17. We are ready to begin planning for this year's event.

If you have ideas that you'd like to work with us on, to help the continued growth of this "Family Day", please contact Doug Schwendy at schwendyd@bellsouth.net or 770 831-0437.

We are in need of nursery volunteers at the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer contact Anne Hennessy for more details. Teens are welcome as well!

The Rosary is prayed before Masses:
 8:30am Monday through Saturday
 6:00pm Monday and Tuesday
 6:00am Wednesday
 Please come join us in prayer.



***** Rite of Acceptance and Welcome *****

This Sunday, January 24, the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming will be celebrated at the 8:30am Mass. The individuals receiving the Rite of Acceptance are unbaptized and, from this day until the beginning of Lent 2011, will be called catechumens. In the Rite of Acceptance, these catechumens will acknowledge Christ's coming, ask for faith and to be accepted into the household of God. These catechumens journey towards the celebration of the Easter Vigil when they will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Most Holy Communion. Please pray for these catechumens as they continue on their journey: Adhith Pisipati, Akash Pisipati, Andrew Stout, and Evan Stout.

The individuals receiving the Rite of Welcoming have been baptized in other Christian traditions or as infants in our Catholic tradition. These baptized individuals are called candidates. In this rite, they now wish to express their intention to continue their instruction and formation. The candidates seek full reception into the Catholic Church and seek to complete the rest of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil in 2011. Please pray for these candidates as they continue on their journey: Sabrina Aravena, Stewart Connor, Pamela Diaz, Jordan Holder, Amber Johnson, Aaron Johnson, Amanda McCreedy, Renato Montoya, Rodrigo Montoya, Andre Moussignac, Chike Nwanka, Emeka Nwanka, Tobe Nwanka, Markus Paiz, Isabella Polanco, Nicholas Polanco, Isabella Rubio Cardozo, Alejandro Rubio Cardozo, Jalen Thomas.

New Horizon's luncheon-- Thursday, January 28th, at 11:30am, at the Crossroads Grill, 360 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Suwanee -- 770-614-7880. For directions or any info. please call Gigi Lombardo at 678-714-2370, or Irene Cuil at 770-814-8589.

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.

CANCELLATION INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON 11ALIVE TV AND ON 11ALIVE.COM INTERNET SITE.

**Pine Straw Fundraiser
Boy Scouts of America, Troop 827
Catholic Church of St. Monica
\$4.25 per bale, 10 bale minimum for
Free Curbside Delivery**

Thursday March 4th-Saturday March 6th

Orders Due by February 20th, 2010 to Troop 827

Return completed order form with payment to a

Troop 827 scout or return to Boy Scout Mail Box located in the Volunteer Room:

Check Payable to BSA Troop 827

Questions: Contact Steve Hilscher 678-542-9737

Troop 827 at Catholic Church of St. Monica

1700 Buford Hwy.

Duluth, GA 30097

All proceeds will support the activities of the scouts of BSA Troop 827

Thank you for your support of Scouting!!!

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ **Zip Code**_____

Phone Number_____

Subdivision_____

Directions_____

bales ordered_____ **@ \$4.25/bale Enclosed total**_____

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