



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 19, 2015

### Pastor:

Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. V.F. (x108)

### Parochial Vicars:

Rev. Jojo Chettiyakunnel, M.S. (x128)

Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M.

Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (x193)

### Deacons: (x106)

Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett

Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson

Rev. Mr. Mark Mitchell

### Parish Office CLOSED

June 22-26, 2015

770 - 432-8579

Fax. 770 - 432-8570

### Regular Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday—Friday

9:00AM—7:00PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

### Religious Ed. Office

770 - 432-5296

### Summer Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00AM—5:00PM

Closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

### Preschool Office

770-293-1267

### Regular Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

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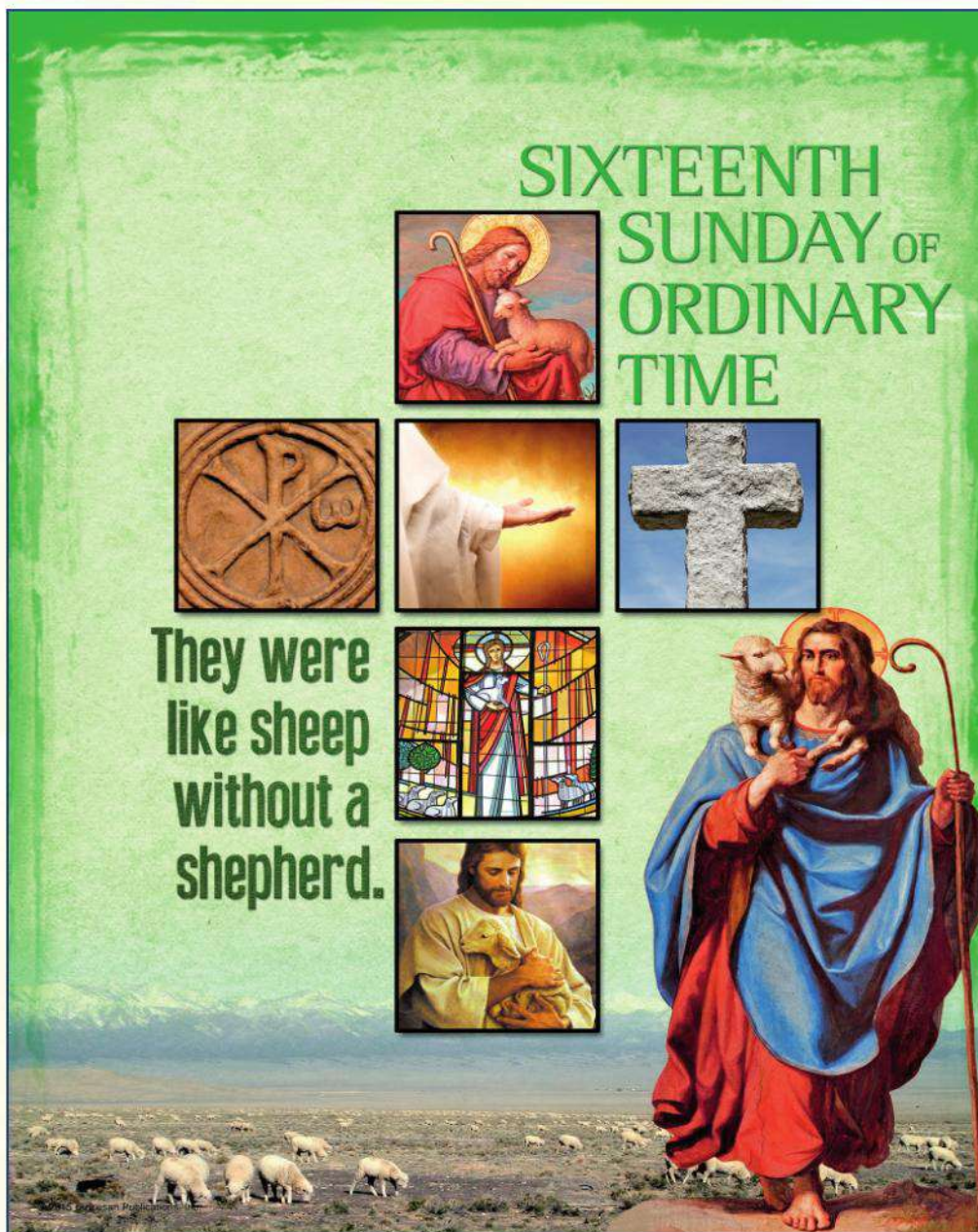
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678-626-3939 (English Hotline)

678-626-3949 (Línea en español)

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# Celebrating 50 years of UNITY in COMMUNITY

# Celebrando 50 años de UNIDAD en COMUNIDAD



### Stone Mountain Parish Outing: Laser Show on Tuesday, July 21st

#### Update:

- Bus boarding time – begins 5:30 p.m. in the Saint Thomas Parking Lot
- Bus departure: 6:00 p.m. SHARP
- Bus return – approximately 11:00 p.m. to the St. Thomas Parking Lot
- Everyone must have a seat, and children cannot sit on adults lap
- Babies need a seat and must ride in their car seat
- Snacks, picnic food, and soft drinks in cans or plastic bottles (no alcoholic beverage) can be brought to the show
- Seating for the show is on the lawn - bring folding lawn chairs or blankets
- Bus is air-conditioned and has storage for folding lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets, and small to medium coolers

Contact Linda Veit at 678 626-3961 for additional information.

### Paseo Parroquial a Stone Mountain: Show de Láser el 21 de julio

#### Actualización:

- Tomaremos el bus a las 5:30 p.m. en el estacionamiento de Santo Tomás
- El bus sale a las 6:00 p.m. EN PUNTO
- El bus regresa aproximadamente a las 11:00 p.m. estacionamiento de la iglesia
- Cada persona (incluyendo niños) debe viajar en su propio asiento
- Se puede llevar comida y bebidas en lata o botella plástica. No se permite alcohol.
- Nos sentaremos en la gramilla y se pueden llevar cobijas o sillas plegables
- El bus tiene aire acondicionado y espacio para guardar hieleras medianas, sillas plegables, canastas de picnic.

Llamar al 678-626-3940 para más información.

The Altar Flowers this weekend are offered by:  
**Alejandra and Sergio Dorronsoro in thanksgiving for their son's life:**  
**Lucas Dorronsoro**

#### Support the Altar Flower Fund:

If you would like to remember a special occasion by donating to the Altar Flower Fund, please contact the Parish Office.  
Suggested offering: \$40.

### Altar Flowers



### In Our Prayers / En nuestras oraciones

We ask you to take a moment to pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Please call the Parish Office to place a name on the list below.

The names will be kept in our bulletin for three consecutive weeks.

Camilla Ali  
Fran Cowie  
Lucas Dorronsoro  
Suzanne Gabbert  
Sandy Haines  
Emmanuela Irebuisi  
Damian Njoku  
Elizabeth Ogbugo  
Monica Ogbugo

Angelina Agalaba  
Anniston Eustace  
Autumn Eustace  
Eileen Miles  
Tom O'Donnell  
Anthony Ogbugo  
Christopher Ogbugo

Michelle Barnes  
Assunta Jackson  
José Ramón Hernández  
María Laura Ramírez  
John Scannaliato

### Prayer Line / Cadena de Oración

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle we have a Prayer Line Ministry. The members of this ministry are dedicated prayer warriors. If you have a prayer request that you would like to place in the care of the Prayer Line, contact Valerie Panditaratne at vpandit@emory.edu

### Pray For Our Troops / Orando por nuestras tropas

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member who is serving in the military:

CDR Dominic R. Lovello, USN • ET2 Carolyn Deacon Brewer, USN  
Ensign Tanner Collins, USN • E5 Spencer Hanemann, USN  
HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN • SPC Dakota Nash, USA •  
A1C Johana Tatia, USAF • A1C Earl Zachary Shelton, USAF

We ask that you call the Parish office with the names of your loved ones so that we can have a current list. Thanks!

### Regular Mass Schedule / Horario Regular de Misas

#### ENGLISH MASSES

##### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: .....4:30 PM  
Sunday: .....7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

##### WEEKDAYS:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: .....12 Noon  
Wednesday: .....6:30 AM & 7:00 PM  
Thursday: .....7:00 PM

Confession: Saturday: .....3:00 PM –4:00 PM

Adoration: Wednesdays: .....7:00 AM-6:45 PM

#### Misas en Español

##### HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA

Sábado: .....6:30 PM  
Domingo: .....6:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 7:30 PM

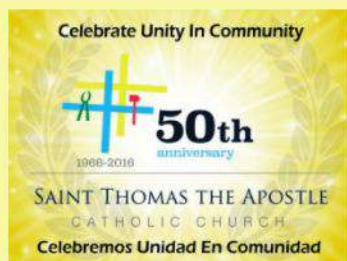
##### HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA

Lunes: .....7:30 PM  
Jueves: .....8:00 PM

Confesiones: Antes de Misas, los fines de semana.

Adoración: Miércoles 7:00 AM-7:00 PM / 2do Sábado del mes a las 9:00 PM





## Our year-long jubilee celebration continues!

This month the African Parishioners Organization share information from the decades 1970-1975 in our parish history

**W**ith the encouragement and guidance of the late Pastor Fr. James Caffery, a group of African Parishioners gathered in the year 2003 to help bring all African Parishioners together.

This effort was deemed necessary since most of our African brothers and sisters find themselves in life changing situations that require the support of friends and family. Since most of our immediate families are far away in Africa, the African Parishioners organization (APO) has been the extended family and many times the only and immediate family that comes around to support in times of sadness and happiness. Such times include but are not limited to: baptisms, graduations, court issues, marriage and when celebrating lives of those that have gone before us. APO has been a great force of encouragement.

APO boasts an African choir that currently sings at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. The ministry is also proud to have been the leading force behind donating and having a cross installed at the church entrance. With the help and guidance of Father Brian, we have steered a fund raising drive to have a sign post installed at the church entrance. With the help of all our brothers and sisters here at Saint Thomas the Apostle, the fundraiser collected over \$17,000. The sign post project is still in the works.

After some 12 years, the African Ministry boasts a membership of about 63 active and participating families. Our leadership has included Drs. Anthony Egwu and Victor Anyanwu both from Nigeria, and currently under Mr. James Johnson from Gambia. We continue to encourage other brothers and sisters of all walks of life to come join with the members of APO to help us support each other, and to give back to Saint Thomas the Apostle, a church that has embraced us and our diverse culture from various African Countries. Anyone that is interested in joining the African Ministry, please send an email to [apoexecutivesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:apoexecutivesecretary@gmail.com)

## TRIVIA CHALLENGE

### FUN FACTS TRIVA:

#### The Adults vs. The Youths- The jubilee edition

There will be a bright yellow trivia box in the Commons where parishioners can submit their answers to these jubilee questions each month. This is a friendly parish competition between the Adults vs. the Youths. Winners will receive a festive prize and will be announced at Mass and in the bulletin!

#### Questions for this month:

##### Adult Question: Adults:

Has St. Thomas ever had a convent house? Where was it located?

Youth: When was the rectory built?



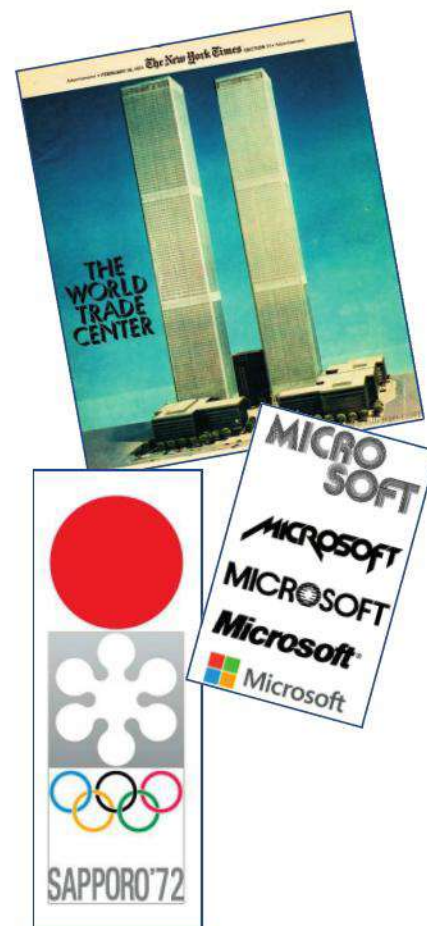
### Blast from the Past:

These were the times in Parish History, in our city and in the world.

#### Years in Parish History: 1970-1975

##### World Events:

- **1972:** Winter Olympics are held in Sapporo, Japan.
- **1973:** The World Trade Center in New York becomes the tallest building in the world.
- **1974:** The name "Microsoft" [for Micro-computer software becomes a registered trademark.





Please continue to support our efforts  
and help us to make our annual  
**Summerfest/Kermesse a success**  
**August 1-2**  
At Jim R. Miller Park (Marietta, GA)

#### How you can help:

#### Buy Raffle Tickets:

Available every weekend after Masses, in the Parish Office, and also at Jim R. Miller Park, on the day of event.

#### Support the Food Sales this month:

Delicious food for sale at the end of weekend Masses this month, in the Social Hall.

#### Donate:

Bring brand name soft drinks and bottled water packs to the stage of the Social Hall.  
Donate NEW or semi new cleaned/washed stuffed animals in perfect condition.  
Cash or checks donations also accepted.

*Gracias por su generosidad y por favor  
continúen apoyando nuestros esfuerzos  
para hacer de esta Kermesse  
todo un éxito!*

#### Formas de ayudar:

#### Compra boletos para la rifa.

Boletos a la venta a la salida de las Misas, en la Oficina Parroquial o bien, en el Parque Jim R. Miller en Marietta el día del evento (1-2 de agosto)

#### Venta de Comida este mes:

Disfruta deliciosa comida a la salida de todas las Misas, en el Salón Social.

#### Donaciones:

Solicitamos sodas de marca y juguetes/ peluches nuevos. Por favor dejar sus donaciones en el escenario del Salón Social.

### New Lectors: Training on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m. (Main Sanctuary)

Training and orientation for new lectors.

Interested candidates are encouraged to attend the Retreat at Ignatius House Sunday, August 9th to help discern their calling to the ministry and their ability to proclaim the word in front of the Church Faithful. Refer to the announcement below for more information about the retreat or contact Joe Yorio at 678-237-3469.

### Reading...Praying...Living...The Word of God

ATTENTION: CURRENT AND INTERESTED LECTORS AND LITURGY COORDINATORS:

Join us on Sunday, August 9th, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for an afternoon retreat reflecting on the Ministry of Reading the Word of God, lead by Maria Cressler at Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center. The afternoon will include presentations, silent prayer, group sharing, Mass and dinner. For more information contact Joe Yorio at 678-237-3469.

### Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick:

Help bring some peace and joy to the Catholic elder in our community.

The Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick serves any Catholic unable to attend mass and receive communion. Please contact the Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick if you have someone in your family or you know of someone in the St. Thomas Community who is unable to attend mass.

### Training is available; appreciation is guaranteed!

Please prayerfully consider your unique gifts and talents for this ministry of Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick. Contact the Parish Office at 770-432-8579, Ext. 0.

### Needed: Sacristans for Funerals

Our parish is in need of several people to assist our priests as Sacristans for funeral Masses. The gift of your time would be approximately one weekday morning a month.

Responsibilities include:

- Setting up the altar and sanctuary for the Mass.
- Assisting the priest during the Mass.
- Cleaning up after Mass

This ministry is a small time commitment but an important gift we give to grieving families from our church. Training will be provided. If interested, please call the parish office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 100 or call Jim Boehm at 404-449-3471.

### Mission Trip to Jamaica

Our Annual Jamaica Mission Trip is scheduled for **October 8-13, 2015**. Come and serve with the Missionaries of the Poor and help our brothers and sisters in need in Kingston, Jamaica. For more information please contact Brian Durham at 770-421-0839 or email: CoMayo3948@aol.com

## This week in our Parish

### MONDAY, JULY 20

12:00 PM MASS  
† NERNI CONCEPCION  
7:30 PM LECTORES JUBILEE MTG  
7:30 PM MINISTROS DE EUCARISTIA  
7:30 PM MISA  
8:00 PM EMA CHOIR  
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

### TUESDAY, JULY 21

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: SEE PAGE 3  
12:00 PM MASS  
† HOMERE FAMILY  
6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS  
6:00 PM LASER SHOW (SEE PAGE 3)  
7:00 PM SVdP  
7:00 PM JUBILEE PLANNING MEETING  
8:00 PM EMA CHOIR  
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR  
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

6:30 AM MASS FOR PEACE  
LEO CAMBAL  
7:30 AM ADORATION  
6:45 PM BENEDICTION  
7:00 PM MASS  
† HOWARD BLIELIE  
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION  
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND  
8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

### THURSDAY, JULY 23

6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY  
7:00 PM MASS  
7:30 PM MINISTROS DE EUCARISTIA  
8:00 PM MISA  
† MARGARITA MAYORGA





### Attention Adults in need of Sacraments!

Rite of Christian initiation (R.C.I.A.) classes start in a few weeks. Register now!

#### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE 18 + WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic, but has not completed the Initiation Sacraments?
- Was baptized in another religion and wants to become Catholic?
- Is unbaptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic religion?
- Is Catholic, has been away from the church and needs a refresher course?

#### Requirements:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Provide Certificate of Baptism no later than September 30th (when applicable)
- Must have a Sponsor (practicing Catholic)
- Must attend Mass and Class on Sundays

For more information please contact Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:  
Linda Veit at veit@sttheapostle.org or 678 626-3961.

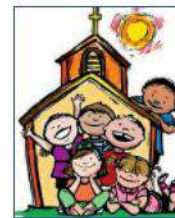
### Atención Adultos que necesitan sacramentos:

Las clases del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (R.I.C.A.) comienzan en pocas semanas. ¡Regístrate ahora!

Las personas interesadas deben ser:

- Mayores de 18 años
- Presentar Certificado de bautismo a más tardar el 30 de septiembre (si están bautizados)
- Tener un padrino o madrina que sea Católico practicante
- Asistir a Misa y clases todos los domingos

Para más información por favor contactar a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa para Adultos al 678-626-3961.



### Attention NEW Students!

#### Registration open during July!

Parish School of Religion (PSR)  
registration now open.

If your child is in need of First Communion or Confirmation now is the time to enroll!

Please visit the Religious Education Office (2nd floor) from Monday to Thursday (10AM-5PM) to register your child.

New student registration is available in July until classes are full. Home School is available once classes are full. For more information please call 770-432-5296.

### Atención NUEVOS Estudiantes:

#### Matrícula abierta durante julio

Matrícula abierta para la Escuela de Doctrina y Catecismo.

Si tus niños necesitan recibir la Primera Comunión o Confirmación ahora es el tiempo de registrarlos!

Por favor visiten la Oficina de Catecismo (2do piso) de lunes a jueves (10AM-5PM) para matricular a tus niños. La matrícula está abierta durante el mes de julio pero el cupo es limitado. Los estudiantes que no alcancen a conseguir campo recibirán materiales para aprender en casa.

Para más información por favor llamar al 770-432-5296.

## Parish Outing: Laser Show Update. See Page 2

Actualización en el paseo parroquial al show de laser. Ver Página 2.

Calendar updated as of July 13, 2015

#### FRIDAY, JULY 24 FOOD SALE

12:00 PM MASS  
ELAINE POWALKA  
6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS  
6:00 PM SP REHEARSAL  
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTE CHOR  
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP  
8:00 PM ASAMBLE DE ORACIÓN

#### SATURDAY, JULY 25 FOOD SALE

8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR  
9:00 AM BAPTISM ELEMENTARY  
10:00 AM AFRICA DAY  
10:00 AM MARIA NIÑA GUITAR  
10:00 AM RECOVERY INT  
2:30 AM CASTILLO QUINCEAÑERA  
3:00 PM CONFESSION  
4:30 PM MASS  
† KATHY ELDREDGE  
4:30 PM ESTUDIANTE  
5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS  
6:30 PM MISA  
GABRIEL DOMINGUEZ  
KATHYA CAMPOS

#### SUNDAY, JULY 26 FOOD SALE

6:00 AM MISA  
PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS  
7:30 AM MASS  
JASON & ZARAH AHAMIOJE  
EKUASE AGANMWONYI  
9:30 AM MASS  
† JIM MCGRAW  
10:30 AM RCIA TEAM MTG  
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY  
11:15 AM PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS  
11:30 AM MASS  
RODNEY ALFRED  
11:30 AM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN

12:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN  
2:00 PM MASS  
4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD  
4:00 PM ESTUDIANTE CHOR  
5:00 PM MASS  
JOSÉ JOAQUÍN SÁNCHEZ  
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN  
7:30 PM MISA





*Stewardship is...  
what we DO after  
we say we Believe*

#### Offertory/Ofertorio July 4-5, 2015

Actual (Real) .....\$33,150

**New Fiscal Year budget  
to be announced in upcoming weeks.**

#### Operating Financial Statement (10 months) Costos de Operación (10 meses) as of April 30, 2015

Revenue (Ingresos) .....\$2,242,765  
Expenses (Gastos) .....(\$2,199,128)  
Surplus/(Shortfall) from Operations .....\$43,637  
(Ganancia/Pérdida por Operaciones)

Total Assessments .....\$1,301,245  
still owed to Archdiocese as of 04/30/15  
(Deudas Totales a la Arquidiócesis hasta el 30 abril, 2015)

#### Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 24) Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 24)

Goal (Meta) .....\$149,300  
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales) .....\$270,271  
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos) .....\$111,427  
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado) ..... 75%  
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes) ..... 1,192  
Shortfall to Goal (Pérdida) .....\$37,873

#### Children's Offertory Ofertorio de los Niños July 11-12, 2015

Total .....\$1,032.14

Helped Mom! (Ayudé a mamá) ♥ I cleaned my Mom's room (Limpié el cuarto de mamá) ♥ I worked with papi (Trabajé con Papi) ♥ I went to confession today (Me confesé hoy) ♥ I am going to behave (Me porté bien) ♥ I ride my bike (Anduve en bicicleta) ♥ I come to church (Vengo a la iglesia) ♥ Took care of my little siblings (Cuidé a mis hermanitos) ♥ I made my bed (Tendi mi cama) ♥ I helped my counselors (Ayudé a mis consejeros) ♥ I did lots of math (Hice mucha mate) ♥ I did the dishes (Lavé los platos) ♥ Listening to my father (Hice caso a papá) ♥

Offering envelopes are available in the Commons Area.



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

**Universal:** That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

**Evangelization:** That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.



## Around the Archdiocese

### Career Quest: A Job-Seeker Ministry

Meetings at the Catholic Church of St. Ann (Marietta) at 6:30 p.m.

For more information visit: <http://st-ann.org/career-quest/home>. Upcoming presentations:

- 7/21: "Acing Your next Interview" presented by Phil Verstraete
- 7/28: "Identifying your Interpersonal Skills on your Resume" presented by Nadine Walley

### Centering Prayer Retreat

Weekend: July 24th-26th Ignatius House (6700 Riverside Drive NW, Atlanta, GA, 30328)

Centering Prayer Retreat at Ignatius House, from 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 24th to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26th, 2015. Presented by Mark Dannenfelser and Roberta White.

Register on the Ignatius House website: [ignatiushouse.org](http://ignatiushouse.org) or contact Gloria Herle by phone at 404-255-0503, X 223 or by email: [gherle@ignatiushouse.org](mailto:gherle@ignatiushouse.org)

### RUNNING ON EMPTY? Spiritual retreat

Weekend: August 14-16, 2015 (Monastery of the Holy Spirit - Conyers, GA)

Tired of struggling to meet countless demands with little time or energy?

Do you sense an inner emptiness as if you something vital is missing?

Longing for greater meaning and purpose in life?

This retreat provides tools that can enable us to allow God to fill our emptiness with His Loving Presence and reveal to us our deepest meaning and purpose.

Contact Patti at the Monastery in Conyers for a reservation: 770-760-0959 or e-mail: [retreat@trappist.net](mailto:retreat@trappist.net)

### FREE Catechist Faith Formation Day: Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person

Saturday, August 22, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (Transfiguration Church - Marietta, GA)

Speakers and topics for all age level of Catechists/Volunteers!

Online registration closes August 13th. There will be no walk-in registration on the day of the conference. Register early to get your selections!

Register at [www.catechistconference.wordpress.com](http://www.catechistconference.wordpress.com)

- Lunch included!
- Network with other catechists from the Archdiocese!

Sponsored by the Churches in the North and Northwest Metro Deaneries.

### Job Openings at Saint Joseph Catholic School (Marietta, GA)

Extended Care Director: This position is a part-time position, working approximately 22 hours per week during the school year. If you are interested in working in a faith-based community setting, please send a cover letter and your resume to: St. Joseph Catholic School, 81 Lacy Street, Marietta, GA, 30060. You may also fax your resume to 770-424-2960.

After-School Care Staff Position: This position is a part-time position, the hours of operation are 3:00-6:00 pm, Monday – Friday. If you are interested in working in a faith-based community setting, please contact Pat Allen at 770-428-3328, or fax a letter of interest to 770-424-2960.





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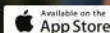
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