Saint Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Church

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January 12, 2014

Parish Office
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Regular Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday—Friday
9:00AM—7:00PM
Tuesday: 9:00AM—5:00PM
Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM

Religious Ed. Office
770 - 432-5296

Regular Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00AM—8:30PM
Tuesday 10AM—5PM

Preschool Office
770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

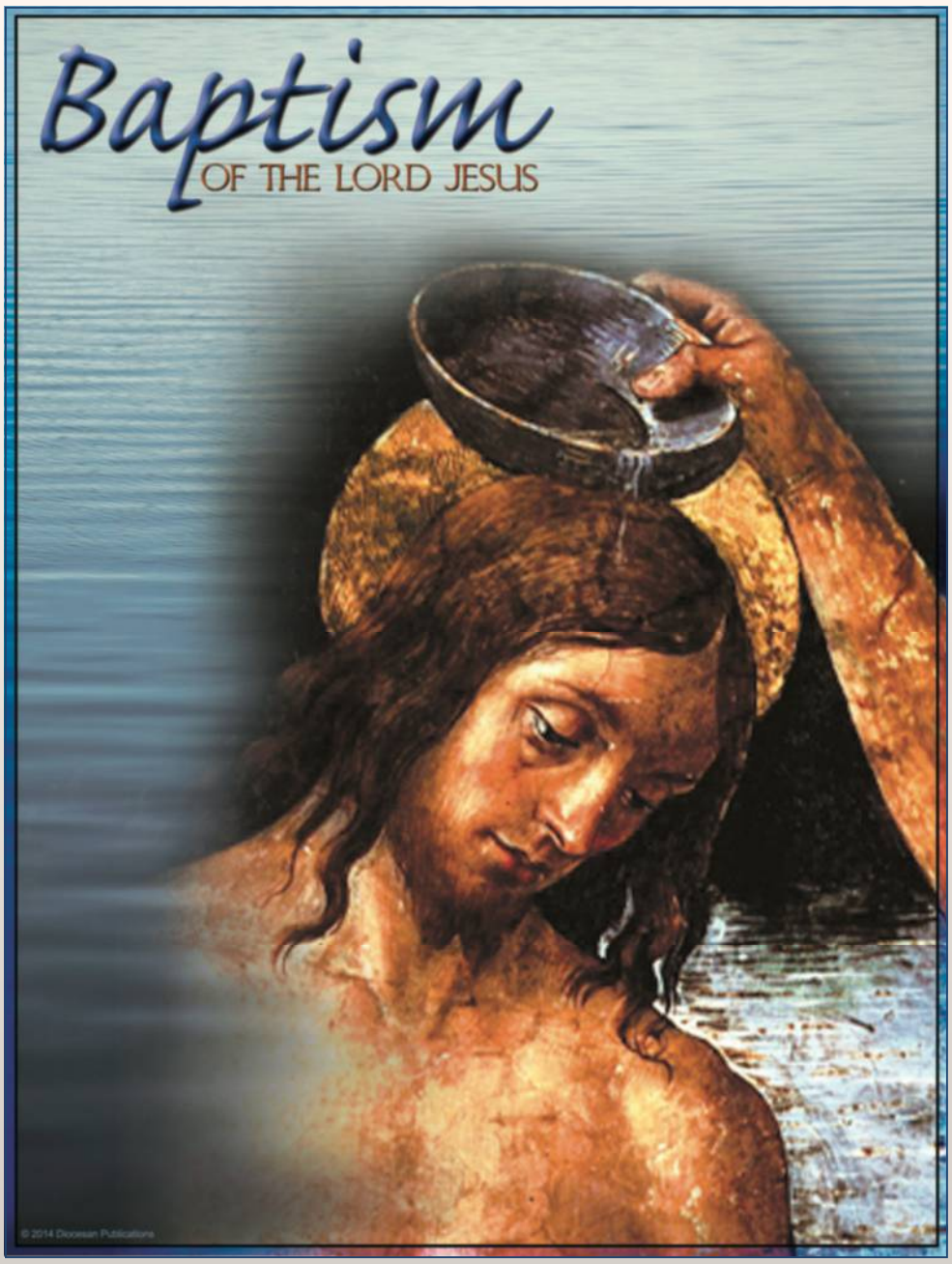
Regular Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
10:00AM - 1:00PM

English Mass Schedule

Monday:	12 Noon
Tuesday:	12 Noon
Wednesday:	6:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Thursday:	7:00 PM
Friday:	12 Noon
Saturday Vigil:	5:00 PM
Sunday:	7:30 AM, 9:30 AM 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM
Confession:	
Saturdays:	3:30 PM
Adoration	
Wednesdays:	7:30 AM-6:45 PM

Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes:	7:30 PM
Jueves:	8:00 PM
Sábado:	7:30 PM
Domingo:	6:00 AM 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM
Confesión:	
Sábados:	6:30 PM
Domingos:	1:00 & 6:30 PM



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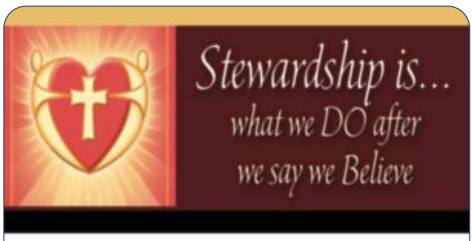
Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108)
Parochial Vicars: Rev. Andrews Kollannoor, M.S.. (x128) ▪ Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. ▪ Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence x.193)
▪ **Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett ▪ Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson ▪ Rev. Mr. Mark Mitchell ▪ Deacons Office (x106)
Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)



Offertory/Ofertorio January 4-5, 2014

Budgeted *(Proyección)* $35,165
Actual *(Real)* $41,760
Surplus *(Ganancia).....$6,595**
***THANK YOU ST. THOMAS PARISHIONERS!**

FY 2014 Offertory Projection vs. Actual to Date
Ofertorio: Proyección vs. Real

To Date Budget *(Proyección)*.....$949,455
To Date Actual *(Real)* $905,094
To Date Shortfall *(Pérdida)*..... ($44,361)

Update on our Capital Campaign
Moving Forward In Hope
Campaña Caminando en Esperanza

Goal *(Meta)*..... $5,000,000
Pledged to Date $2,982,000
Compromisos hasta la fecha
Pledges Deleted for Non-Payment ..... ($692,000)
Compromisos Morosos Borrados
Total Pledged Net of Deletions ..... ($2,284,000)
Total neto sin compromisos morosos
Pledges Collected to Date.....$1,885,592
Recolectado hasta la fecha
Other Funds Collected $319,000
Otros Fondos recolectados
Total Receipts.....$2,204,592
Total Recibido
Campaign Expenses ..... ($307,000)
Gastos de Campaña
Net Funds to Date.....$1,897,592
Pagos netos hasta la fecha
Number of Donors *(No. de Donantes)*.....1,309

Operating Financial Statement (5 months)
Costos de Operación (5 meses)
as of November 30, 2013

Revenue *(Ingresos)*.....$1,116,937
Expenses *(Gastos)*.....$1,112,203
Surpluss/Loss from Operations.....$4,734
(Ganancia/Pérdida por Operaciones)

Total Assessments $1,219,722
still owed to Archdiocese from 2010/2013
(Deudas Totales a la Arquidiócesis del 2010/2013)

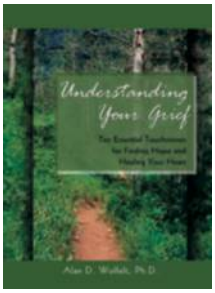
Archbishop Annual Appeal 2013 (Week 49)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2013 (Semana 49)
Goal *(Meta)*.....$144,515
Total Pledged *(Compromisos totales)*.....$165,194
Paid to date *(Pagos)*.....$115,734
Percent Paid to Goal *(Porcentaje pagado)*..... 80%
Number of Donors *(No. de Donantes)*.....780

Gratitude from the Filipino Missionaries of La Salette

We received a letter of gratitude from the Missionaries of La Salette for the donation of $1000.00 that came from the second collection to benefit those devastated by the Typhoon a couple months ago. This is very appreciated by those receiving some type of aid in this critical time of reconstruction.
God bless the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle. Fr. Brian

Understanding Your Grief

The **Bereavement Ministry** is pleased to offer a new program that describes the essential physical, emotional, cognitive, social and spiritual signs for mourners to look for on their journey through grief.
OPEN TO ALL WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE.



When: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
January 21st to April 8th

Where: St Thomas the Apostle Community House
4240 Kings Springs Road, Smyrna, GA

Contact: Deacon Mark Mitchell
770-438-0539
mmitchell@stthomastheapostle.org

In Our Prayers

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.

▪ Ken Lenz ▪ Erik Santana ▪ Eduardo Cortés ▪ Fr. Jim Donagher ▪ Richard Gaeta ▪ Ginny Galluzzo ▪ Kevin Aguilar ▪ Madelyn Harris ▪ Diane Starkovich ▪ John Argent ▪ Marcelina Aviña ▪ Héctor Martínez ▪ María Sesmas

Prayer Line

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

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.

PFP Andrew Ashibuogwu, USA ▪ PVT Michael Ashibuogwu, USA ▪ Sgt. John R Beuth ANG ▪ Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA ▪ Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA ▪ Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC ▪ SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG ▪ SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA ▪ ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN ▪ LT Rogelio Espinosa, USN ▪ Sgt. Sonjanique Ferrel, USA ▪ 2LT Adam Fisk , USA ▪ Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA ▪ LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC ▪ SFC Charles Granke, USA ▪ PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA ▪ Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG ▪ E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN ▪ CPT Ana Maria Hartwig, USA ▪ Maj. Marise James, USAF ▪ LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello USN ▪ CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA ▪ LCpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC ▪ HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN ▪ PFC Ernest Dean Rivera, USMC ▪ Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA ▪ Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA ▪ Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA ▪ Specialist Darleni Sandoval, USA ▪ CPT Anna Smith, ARNG ▪ S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers of this weekend are offered Jose and Cher Villagrana in memory of grandparents Nemecia Miranda-Vela and Jose Miranda.

Would you like to have a special way to remember a loved one? Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the Commons Area. Suggested donation: $30.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Just A Reminder: There will be no PSR on:

- Sunday, January 5th (Primary & FIRES Sunday classes)

Monday, January 6th, (Elementary & Middle School)

CLASSES WILL RESUME on

- Wednesday, January 8th
- Thursday, January 9th
- Sunday, January 12th
- Monday, January 13th

Story Time resumes on Thursday, January 19th at 10:00 a.m.

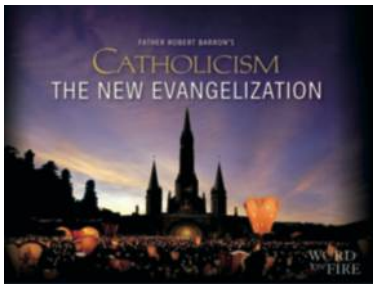
Contact the department of Religious Education if you have any questions: 770-432-5296.

LifeTeen & EDGE

Life Nights are held on Sundays after the LifeTeen Mass (5:00 p.m.)
Contact Ian Griffis, Youth Minister, to learn about the activities that our parish offers to Middle School and High School students! 770-432-8579, Ext. 116.

New Evangelization Series

Wednesdays, January 22nd—February 26th at 7:00 p.m.



Father Barron is back and continues the story of CATHOLICISM in a new documentary series from his Word On Fire. Please join us for a six-week Wednesday night series that begins January 22nd and concludes on February 26th.

Father Barron's wonderful world-wide journey taking us deep into our faith in the CATHOLICISM series continues in CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization. This series looks at our Church's mission and the different challenges facing us in a contemporary culture.

The evening consists of a film viewing followed by a group facilitated discussion. The sessions will be held in the Adult Faith Formation building from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sign up sheet available in Commons Area or contact Linda Veit or Michael Okuto with any questions at: 770-432-8579 Ext. 131 or Ext. 122.

Preschool News

2014-2015 School Year Registration

Preschool registration for new families for the 2014-2015 school year will begin on February 3rd at 10:00 am in the Social Hall.

Tours are available January 15, 22 and 29, at 10:00 a.m. Meet our Director in the main office of the church, no registration required.

Registration forms and list of fees will be available Monday, January 27th.

Preschool Summer Camp

Look for information about the 2014 Preschool Summer camp in March 2014.

For more information about Preschool please contact Director Monica Signoret at 770-432-8579 Ext. 125 or e-mail: msignoret@stthomastheapostle.org

Coming soon ...

January 14
7:30 p.m.
Main Sanctuary
Ignite!
A night of prayer, worship, music, and a faith story that will touch your heart! See Page 5 for details.

January 26
7:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Social Hall
Pro Bowl Sunday
Wear your team's shirt and join us for doughnuts on Fellowship Sunday. More details on Page 4.

February 16
7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Social Hall
Health Fair
FREE screening for cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure. Flu shots will also be available.

February 28
7:00 p.m.
Social Hall
Father-Daughter Dance
A special night for fathers and their daughters. Look for more information in the weeks to come!

Parish Life

Parish Office Closed
Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Pew Angels
The Pew Angels Ministry is looking for more volunteers to help straighten up the pews before and after the weekend masses. Help is needed on Monday and/or Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Call the parish office if you are willing to help.

Bereavement Ministry:
10-week sessions begin on January 21st. Open to all who mourn the loss of a loved one. See Page 2 for additional details.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:
Every Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:45 p.m.

Pray the Rosary with us!
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Ministry Coordinators Meeting

Meeting with the Members of the Pastoral Council of St. Thomas the Apostle on:

Monday, January 13th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

As we experience the blessing of a New Year, Fr. Brian would like to ask all Ministry Coordinators to gather with our Pastoral Council Members for an important meeting:

1. To pray together for our Parish Community
2. To meet one another and come to know one another better
3. To establish liaisons for our ministries and their coordinators
4. To conclude with prayer invoking God's blessing upon our New Year

Exercise with us!

Body Recall classes begin on Wednesday, January 22nd at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. The classes are designed for the over 50's crowd, but all ages benefit. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. The class consists of stretching, strengthening and balancing exercises and lasts about an hour. In today's world we want our bodies and minds to be healthy as long as possible and the classes are designed for that purpose. There is no fee for the classes which are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Call Lynn Farge for further information at 770-739-8247, or just come ready to exercise.
Remember: Many now realize that **exercise often does more for our body, mind and spirit than pills in a bottle.** Come join us!

Are you ready for some DOUGHNUTS?

Join us on PRO BOWL SUNDAY, January 26th in the Social Hall for FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY from 7:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
If you're GAME, wear your favorite football jersey or team t-shirt.
Doughnuts, football and some Hawaiian sunshine await for you and your family!

Casino Night: Donations Wanted

The Women's Auxiliary will again be hosting a Casino Night on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Your advance participation would be greatly appreciated!

Here's how you can help. Make a donation of:

- a product or services from your business
- a new or slightly used item from your home
- a cash donation from you or from your place of work
- or encourage someone you know who could help with a donation

Remember that all the monies we raise go to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. For more information please contact Ann Corrigan at 770-943-5004 or amc014@att.net

PARISH AGENDA—January 13-19, 2014

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 AM	Preschool
12:00 PM	**Mass**
†	**George Patrick Garger**
4:30 PM	PSR
7:00 PM	PSR
7:00 PM	Just Faith
7:00 PM	Ministry Heads Meeting
7:30 PM	**Misa**
8:00 PM	EMA Choir
8:00 PM	Evangelization Choir

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 AM	Preschool
12:00 PM	**Mass**
6:00 PM	Coro de Niños
6:00 PM	INEA Class
6:15 PM	Ignite! Dinner
7:00 PM	Apostles Class
7:30 PM	Ignite!
8:15 PM	Ministerio de Apoyo a la Familia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

6:30 AM	**Mass for Peace**
†	**Nelson Villavicencio**
7:00 AM	Adoration
9:00 AM	Preschool
6:45 PM	Benediction
7:00 PM	**English Mass**
†	**Vinny Vedamuttu**
7:00 PM	PSR
7:00 PM	EDGE Night
7:30 PM	LifeTeen Band
8:00 PM	Youth Bible Study
8:30 PM	Small Faith Communities

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 AM	Preschool
10:00 AM	Bible Study
6:30 PM	Rosary
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus
7:00 PM	Legacy College Ministry
7:00 PM	PSR
7:00 PM	**Mass**
	Poor Souls in Purgatory
8:00 PM	**Mass**

Adult Faith Formation

Ignite!

Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Ignite! is an evening where parishioners gather together to encounter the Living Jesus in music, prayer, scripture and in the testimony of a fellow pilgrim in the journey. When we gather together and reflect on people whose hearts are on fire with God, we too feel that our own hearts are not far from being alive with God's profound love! We are inspired, enriched and transformed. We grow more passionate about our faith.

Make Ignite! part of your spiritual journey and join us on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. You may also join us for dinner beforehand beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. Please bring a dessert to share, and also bring a friend!

Retreat at Ignatius House

January 17th-20th, 2014

Topic: "On Earth as it is Heaven"
Directed by Fr. Todd Kenny, S.J.
This retreat provides an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on how God's Kingdom might be better realized here on earth and in our own lives. The prayer material are drawn from both biblical and contemporary prophetic voices. The retreat consists of brief points for prayer, Ignatian contemplation, liturgy as well as an opportunity for focused spiritual conversation. **The retreat will end on MLK day with a Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, S.L.D. Metropolitan Archbishop of Atlanta.**
Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center is located at 6700 Riverside Dr. Atlanta.

Thanks for a successful Blood Drive!

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, amounting to 43,200 donations needed every day! With the demand for blood being so high, the American Red Cross was more than happy to schedule a blood drive at St. Thomas the Apostle last Sunday!

54 donors participated during our Blood Drive, collecting a total of 33 pints of blood. Our last blood drive, in 2010, only brought 13 pints. The Red Cross staff was very happy to see an increase of 153% in our most recent drive, on January 5th. **Thanks to all the participants that made this effort a success!**

Our next Blood Drive is planned to take place on Sunday, June 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Classrooms #5 and #6. Call 1-800-448-3543 to register. Walk-ins are also welcome! We will publish a reminder for the June event.

Vida Parroquial

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
Lunes, 20 de enero debido al día de Martin Luther King, Jr.

Donas después de Misa!
Domingo, 26 de enero por la mañana, compartamos donas y un café con otros miembros de nuestra parroquia. En honor del Súper Tazón, pueden vestir los colores de su equipo de fútbol americano preferido. Los esperamos en el Salón Social de 8:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.

Intenciones de Misa
Queremos invitarles a ofrecer intenciones de Misa por sus seres queridos. Se sugiere una ofrenda de $15 por Misa. Por favor llamar a la Oficina Parroquial al 770-432-8579, Ext. 0 para hacer su reservación.

Reunión de Coordinadores de Ministerios
Lunes, 13 de enero a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón Social. Ver página 3 para más detalles.

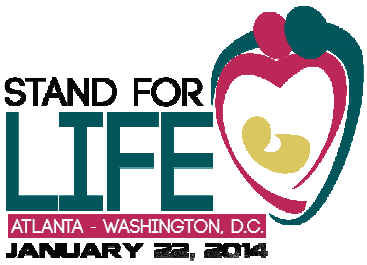
¡Gracias por donar sangre!
Un total de 33 bolsas de sangre fueron donadas el pasado domingo. Gracias a todos los que participaron. Nuestra próxima Campaña de Donación será el domingo, 22 de junio.

Mass intentions updated as of January 6, 2014

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
EVANGELIZATION RETREAT (AWAY)
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
6:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
6:00 PM INEA CLASS
6:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN
9:00 PM EMA CHOIR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
EVANGELIZATION RETREAT (AWAY)
9:00 AM JUST FAITH RETREAT
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
10:00 AM CORO DE NIÑOS
10:00 AM RECOVERY INT.
1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS
3:30 PM CONFESSIONS
4:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS
5:00 PM MASS
† **Philomina Perera**
7:30 PM MISA
† **Miguel Román, Jr.**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
EVANGELIZATION RETREAT (AWAY)
NO PSR
6:00 AM MISA
† **Reyes Martínez**
7:30 AM MASS
† **Norma Maria Almeida**
9:30 AM MASS
NURSERY AVAILABLE
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:00 AM AFRICAN CHOIR
11:15 AM PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS
11:30 AM MASS
NURSERY AVAILABLE
2:00 PM MISA
People of St. Thomas
GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE
4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
5:00 PM MASS
7:30 PM MISA
† **Arcadio García**
† **Ruth Valdez**
† **Hermelinda Revollar**



January RESPECT LIFE Memorials

Please help us inaugurate
Stand for Life
Atlanta-Washington, D.C.
to commemorate
Roe v Wade & Doe v Bolton, the January 22, 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions which legalized abortion in the United States of America. Thousands will STAND FOR LIFE in Atlanta while over 300 from our archdiocese STAND FOR LIFE in Washington, DC.

Twenty-Fifth Annual
Mass for the Unborn
Wednesday, January 22, 2014
Cathedral of Christ the King
2699 Peachtree Road, NE ·
Atlanta, Georgia 30305
Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. and will be preceded by a Rosary for Life at 9:30 a.m.

NEW for 2014:
STAND FOR LIFE
Public Witness for Life.
We will line Peachtree Street for two miles from the Cathedral to Lenox Square. Pre-registration is requested.

Please visit see website for all the details:

www.archatl.com/ministries/respectlife/stand

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17.

Reflection for Families

Most parents know what it means to be pleased with our children. Even when they do things that annoy, challenge, or disappoint us, we love our children. Although we experience some notion of unconditional love with our own children, it is difficult for us to grasp the magnitude of God's love for us, even when we annoy, challenge, or disappoint Him. Through our Baptism, we are members of God's family and will know the unconditional love of a parent.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Bring out pictures and memoirs of each person's Baptism–even the parents'. Recall each baptism and share memories of the day with one another. Continue by sharing ways you have each continued to grow as members of God's family.

Discussion Starters

- As a child of God, I know God is pleased with me because . . .
- My own Baptism is important to me because . . .
- One time I can recall that our family lived out our baptismal promises was when . . .

Reflection courtesy of: RCL Benziger

Around the Archdiocese

WellStar Community Hospice Team is seeking volunteers!

Serving a Growing Number of Patients and Families Struggling with Life Limiting Illness in Our Community.
Volunteers needed for Patient Care, Administrative Support, Special Projects and More. For more information please contact Janis, Volunteer Manager at 470-245-9955.

Annie Jr. - St. Joseph's Catholic School Drama Performance

Friday, January 24th or Saturday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. in Marist Hall at St. Joseph Catholic School (Marietta, GA) Advance tickets: $5 or $6 at the door. REMEMBER: tomorrow's only a day away so buy your tickets now so you don't miss Annie Jr.!
For more information call 770-428-3328.

Meeting for Catholic parents of gay and lesbian children

Sunday, February 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center on Riverside Drive. The meeting will include prayer, sharing, planning, and encouragement for those desiring to live out their Catholic faith as well as to love their precious LGBT children. Please join us for this afternoon of support and hope.

Healing & Hope Retreat with Immaculee

February 7 – 8, 2014 at All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody, GA
Immaculee Ilibagiza, miraculous survivor of the Rwandan genocide and New York Times best-selling author of "Left to Tell," is regarded today as one of world's leading speakers on peace, faith, hope and forgiveness. She will be hosting a retreat and sharing her inspiring message in February. Cost is $57. Sign up is limited. For more information go to www.immaculee.com.
If you have any questions, you may email Greg Amaya at jgamaya@bellsouth.net

Annual Celebration of Life Banquet

Saturday, February 8th: Mass 6:00 p.m. / Dinner 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church.
Sponsored by Pregnancy Aid Clinic. Tickets available at pregnancyaidclinic.org or 404-763-4432.

Italian Carnevale (Mardi Gras) to benefit Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home

Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the Marietta Country Club in Kennesaw
Hosted by the *Società Italiana* to benefit Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home. Enjoy an evening of dining and dancing to live music. There will be a raffle and silent auction at this charity event to assist the Home. For more information, contact Roseanne Perniciaro at 770-889-4625.

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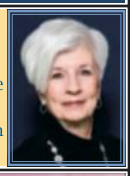

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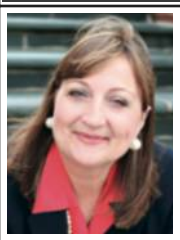
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