

A "Few" Words from Fr. Robert



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Annual Report

This weekend, I am presenting the Annual Parish Report at all the Masses. It is my first attempt to be completely transparent about our parish finances and share other important parish data. Because this may be the first time that some of you are seeing a report like this, I realize that there may be questions or concerns. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council will be at the Information Desk in the Commons Area after all Masses to answer any questions and listen to any feedback. Rest assured we will only present a report like this once a year. I don't want to be remembered as the priest who always talked about money. Please take the report home and study it. This is your parish, and I've done the best I can to help you understand it and appreciate it. I want to thank our very dedicated parish staff for all the work they did to bring the whole report together.

Our Media Ministry

I know we continue to have some technical problems with St. Anne Live, our livestream video service. I promise we are trying to get them ironed out. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to help us with this new opportunity to spread the Gospel.

Here are some of the comments from last week's 10:30 a.m. Mass broadcast:

- Thank you. I love this!
- Thank you for the beautiful celebration of the Mass.
- Love St. Anne. Living in Tennessee.
- They speak with you all, peace to all!
- Peace be with you.
- Watching from Athens before leaving for Noon Mass here at St. Joseph! St. Anne's is our grandchildren's parish!
- I am listening to Mass in Phenix City, Alabama. May God be with me. I have been very sick, thank you.
- Watching from my sweet husband's hospital room in Birmingham, Alabama.
- Our family was stranded at home at the last minute, and I am so thankful to be able to celebrate with you anyway.
- Love to see my grandson serving! Thanks.

Here are the number of views watched from the following cities: Atlanta - 1; Berlin, CT - 6; Cataula - 19; Columbus - 161; Erlanger, KY - 1; Huntsville, AL - 11; LaGrange - 1; Little Falls, NJ - 3; Marbleton, GA - 3; Midland, GA - 2; Phenix City, AL - 22; Port St. Lucie, FL - 1; Smiths, AL - 2; and Tuskegee, AL - 4.

Thank You for Being So Welcoming

That whole row of soldiers in the Officer Training Program who attended Mass every Sunday at St. Anne graduated last Friday. Last Sunday they gave me and you a card thanking us for the very warm welcome. I was so happy that they found us, and I am also very grateful and proud that our parish made them feel so welcome. Thank you so much for your hospitality.

Catholic 101/Lent 2019

During Lent it is our hope to offer a kind of Catholic Boot Camp. Each Wednesday evening after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, one of the friars will offer a presentation on our Catholic faith and make available discussion questions which can be shared at the tables in Visitation Hall after the presentations. If you can think of a topic you would like us to present, please let one of the friars know so that we can consider it. I think the light Wednesday night meal and our time together will give us a chance to get to know each other a little better and grow closer to our Lord. Several have asked us if we will be starting up Mercy Mondays again during Lent, and the answer is yes. All of us look forward to having some time to sit and talk with you!

The Sisters of Mercy Invite You...

The Sisters of Mercy invite you to journey with them each Thursday during Lent from 9-10 a.m. beginning Mar. 7 in their home. Discussion will be based on the book *All Shall Be Well*, which contains excerpts from different authors. Books will be provided to participants. Please call 706-569-0614 to register, preferably no later than Mar. 4.



Congratulations Are in Order!

Congratulations to Deacon Robert Herrmann and Deacon Eddie Ensley! The book that they have been co-authoring, *Prayerful Encounters to Ignite Your Sense of Wonder*, has been formally accepted by Ave Maria Press, a major Catholic publisher, for publication in the spring of 2020. This will be Deacon Eddie's fifteenth book and Deacon Robert's second book. We look forward to being able to read it!

Outreach Has Got a Brand New Bag!



St. Anne Community Outreach will be handing out grocery bags at all Masses on Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6, and that following weekend, Mar. 9/10, to collect hygiene products for their clients. Each bag will have a list of items needed. If you take a bag, please fill the bag with each of the items listed and bring it with you the following weekend, Mar. 16/17, to place on the altar. As always, thank for your kind generosity for those who are less fortunate.

St. Anne-Pacelli News



St. Anne-Pacelli is excited to recognize this year's STAR Student, Tenchi Meade. Tenchi chose St. Anne-Pacelli High School Science Teacher Mrs. Lisa Aut as his STAR Teacher. The STAR Student must have the highest SAT score in their class and be ranked in the top 10 among students in their class. STAR Students choose their STAR Teacher by identifying the teacher who has had the most influence on their academic achievement. STAR Students and their STAR Teachers from across the county were recognized on February 20th at a luncheon sponsored by the Rotary Club of Columbus. Congratulations to Tenchi and Mrs. Aut, pictured with St. Anne-Pacelli President and High School Principal Ms. Ronie Collins, on this great honor!

Congratulations to St. Anne-Pacelli 5th grader Lauren Kennedy! Over the weekend, Lauren competed in the Age Group State Championship Swim Meet at Georgia Tech. She's the state champion in the 50 breaststroke; earned 2nd place in 500 Freestyle; 2nd place in 100 Breaststroke; and 3rd in 200 IM! Lauren finished 2nd overall for high points in the state!! Your Viking family is proud of you, Lauren!



The St. Anne-Pacelli Class of 2023 is knocking our socks off! Today, we celebrated our 8th graders who have made an early commitment to continue their Catholic education at Pacelli High School: Helen Bouthillier; Jakob Braski; Adam Childers; Breanna Clark; Christopher Cochran; Kamryn Cumberlander; Dane Dunn; Clay Dykes; Brantley French; Saffron Gonzalez; Jessie Isaacs; Elizabeth Knight; Addy Lynch; Ailish Lynch; Gabriel Macias; Macabee Mcgee; Leala Montgomery; Ellis Nobes; John Noblitt; Bianca Novakowski; Ben Oliver; Brooks Parkerson; Astryd Payne; Luis Ramirez-Bell; Ann-Marie Robinson; Blake Schneeberger; Brice Screws; David Sharpe; Gracie Spano; Jacob Trotter; Anthony Vazquez; Skylah Vinzant; Victoria Wells; and Trinity Wheeler. They each received special socks with our school's logo. We look forward to celebrating more commitments to "The P" from the Class of 2023 in the weeks ahead!