

In Our Prayers

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Helen Bell	Earl King
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Carlos Gaslin	Evelyn Pough
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Lillian Humber	Madeline Smith
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Congratulations

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School is a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School Awardee!

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School is proud to be recognized as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School is one of 353 schools in America to receive National Blue Ribbon status this year. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes schools in one of two categories: Exemplary High-Performing or Exemplary Achievement Gap-Closing. St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School is among the Exemplary High-Performing awardees, making St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School among the state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

"This recognition is a testament to our commitment to excellence in education," said St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School President Ronie Collins. "Our faculty, staff, students, parents, and community work together to create an environment that fosters student achievement and a love for learning."

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St. Benedict the Moor Church



Our Mission

St. Benedict the Moor is a Catholic Christian Community that celebrates its African-American heritage and welcomes cultural diversity. Join us at the Table of the Eucharist as sisters and brothers in the Lord. We are committed to grow and diversify the Church through the new evangelization, family, catechesis, young adult ministry and outreach to the poor. In the spirit of the prophet Joshua, we can say:

"As for me and my household; we will serve the Lord."

September 24, 2023

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

Mass

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Daily Masses: Wed. & Fri. 12:00
Tues. & Thurs. 11:00 a.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation:
Mass: 12 noon & 6:30 p.m.
(Exceptions will be posted)
Penance: Divine Mercy Room
Saturday 9:30 a.m.
or by Appointment
Emergencies:
Call Fr. Patrick: 713-302-6549

Pastor



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Commentary

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The people of Israel were in exile in Babylon, they were as depressed as anyone could possibly be. They had lost everything. They were sure they had even lost God's love because of their sinfulness. In today's first reading God assures them through the Prophet Isaiah that it is never too late to return to the Lord. For God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways." though they knew they were not worthy of God's love and mercy, the Prophet assures them if they turn back to God, they will have God's mercy.

The test of a true commitment is not how much we give to the Lord, but how much we don't give Him. St. Paul was a totally committed apostle, so that he could assure his Christians beyond any doubt that "Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death (Phillipians 1:20). This kind of total commitment and abandonment to God's will is reflected in the laborers who came late to work in the vineyard. They made no agreement with the master about their pay but were content to placed themselves in his hands and trusted him to do what was right (Matthew 20:7). God has entrusted each of us with a mission and calls us to give ourselves unreservedly to it. St. John Newman once wrote: "God has committed some work to me which he has not committed to any other person. I have my mission. I will trust Him. He does nothing in vain. He may prolong my life; he may shorten it; he knows what he is about. O my God, I will put myself without reserve in thy hands."

Those who dedicate themselves totally to the Lord will experience His surprising and surpassing generosity.

For example, in a spirit of total dedication to the Lord, if we not only forgive those who offend us but forget their offenses, we will see how "rich he is in forgiving our own sins" (Isaiah 55:7). We will see how he takes the ruined sinners and builds them to be temples of his indwelling and how he takes even the castaways of the devil and uses them for himself. In our total dedication to the Lord, if we serve him not just fulfilling our duties but offering to do more, not just by doing what is expected of us but also by doing the unexpected, we will see how surpassing is his own generosity towards us. God has a way of giving by the truckload even to those who give away by shovelfuls. He does not count or measure. He makes too much wine at the wedding at Cana, more than 100 gallons of it, he multiplies too much bread for the crowd with 12 baskets of bread left over; he pays a day's wage even to those laborers who came to work at the eleventh hour (Matthew 20:9). Yes, when God does things, he does them in a big way.

"Do More" by William Ward

Do more than belong.....PARTICIPATE
Do more than care.....HELP
Do more than believe.....PRACTICE
Do more than be fair.....BE KIND
Do more than forgive.....FORGET
Do more than dream.....WORK
Do more than teach.....INSPIRE
Do more than give.....SERVE
Do more than live.....GROW
Do more than complain...RESOLVE

Happy Birthday!

Michael Lamar Barnett	September 24
April Smith	September 24
Shajuanna Brannon	September 25
Junius Julien	September 25



Gather your friends and family to join us for a fun-filled morning of socializing and fitness while helping to support the St. Benedict Community Outreach Program.

DATE: October 7, 2023
TIME: 8am
COST: \$35 per person
LOCATION: 2020 Kay Circle (St. Anne)

Altar Flowers



*Altar Flowers are donated
in memory of*

*Nathaniel Edwards
by Celia Mason-Ferguson*

Stewardship

Weekly Finance Report: 9-17-23
Offertory: \$3433 (online \$270)
Utilities: \$200
Altar Flowers: \$100
Building Fund: \$100
Church Repair: (online \$100)

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar:

October 6	Active Living Ministry
October 7	5K Run 8am
October 15	Church Picnic
November 4	Movie: "The Chosen"
November 18	Black Catholic History Month Mass -St. James Catholic Church in Savannah, Georgia
December 9	Christmas Social



The Catholic Churches in the Columbus deanery and Chattahoochee Valley are planning a Eucharistic Revival on the St. Anne-Pacelli football field to **enhance our understanding of and love for the Holy Eucharist.**

- A community choir is being organized for the event and **we need singers!** Practices begin Mon., Sept. 25 at 7 PM at St. Anne Church. Have questions or want to be included? Come to this practice or contact Beth Campbell at beth.campbell.jc57@gmail.com.
- The Revival will begin with an **entrance procession** with banners. Each parish and Catholic organization is invited to participate. We also want everyone who received their First Communion and those who entered the Church through RCIA in 2023 to join the procession, too!
- Be sure to register to attend and to be involved in the entrance procession at stannecsg.com/revival or scan this

