

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

317 Broad Street (Corner Broad & Highmarket) Georgetown, SC 29440 * Established 1899 * Dedicated 1902



Pastoral Council:
Anneva White

Hispanic Ministries Council:
Max Angeles

Finance Council:

Buildings and Grounds Task Force:

Organist/Choir Director:
Edwin Hopkins
Choir Practice: Sunday 9:15 AM

Organist/Hispanic Choir Director:
Susan Williams
Choir Practice: Friday 5:30 PM

Altar Society:
Mary Roberts, President
Ann Boone, Vice-President
Meets monthly September - May

Lazarus Committee:
Diane Macedo
Neena McMahan
Bereavement Assistance

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Phone: 843-546-7416



A Church of the Diocese of Charleston

Rev. James Touzeau
Parish Administrator

Rev. Mr. Mike Brescia
Deacon

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SACRAMENTS

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| Mass: | Saturday | 5:00 PM | |
| | Sunday | 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM | |
| | Sunday | 1:00 PM (Spanish) | |
| | Monday | No Mass | |
| | Tuesday | 8:00 AM | |
| | Wednesday | 5:30 PM | |
| | Thursday | 8:00 AM | |
| Confession: | Friday | 8:00 AM | |
| | Saturday | 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM | |
| | or by appointment | Sunday | 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM |

Religious Education: 11:30 AM -12:45 PM Sunday, Grades 1-12
September-May

July 31, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 30, 5:00 PM
† Regina Flannagan
by Irene Braynard

Sunday, July 31, 8:00 AM
† Angel Khoury
by the Ted Solomon Family,
and TJ, Diane, Shari and Jodi

Sunday, July 31, 10:00 AM
† Ron Macedo
by Mike and Karen Macedo

Sunday, July 31, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, August 1
No Mass

Tuesday, August 2, 8:00 AM
† Christine Smalls Walker
by Wade and Terry Marsh

Wednesday, August 3, 5:30
† Angie Gillette
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Thursday, August 4, 8:00 AM
† K. Logan Jackson
by Ben Alexander

Friday, August 5, 8:00 AM
† Jeff Kelly
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Saturday, August 6, 5:00 PM
† Sherry Spurlin
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, August 7, 8:00 AM
† Teresa Chandler
by Paul and Jeanette Duncan

Sunday, August 7, 10:00 AM
† Joseph T Isaac III
by the Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, August 7, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for July 23rd. and July 24th was \$6190.01. **This includes \$922.00 from online giving.** This is \$509.01 under our weekly goal of \$6700.00

**A Promise to Protect,
A Pledge to Heal**

Our goal at St Mary remains that the Parish be aware of and support the Safe Environment we seek to foster.



Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:
Barbara Mahaffey, Betty Barr, and James A. Harrelson, III.



Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:
Natalie Wozniak, Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, Fred Fisher, Tom Lusby, Carol Lusby John Yaniga, and Sigrid Smith.



Pray for those in our Military:

Jonathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, Sheena McGee, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, Brian Eduardo Vazquez, and Matthew Mathis.



St. Mary's Rosary Group

St. Mary Rosary group will meet each Tuesday. We will meet at 1:15PM to pray together. All are invited and welcome to attend.

The Lazarus Committee (Bereavement Assistance)

At St. Mary's we are ready to provide a place for family and friends to meet to comfort each other and celebrate the life of the deceased on the day of the funeral. Our parish hall provides a pleasant and comfortable environment that can accommodate a large group. Men and women of the parish volunteer their services by donating food as well as serving and cleaning up after family and friends depart. This is a labor of love offered at no charge to the family of the deceased member of St. Mary's Parish.

We will now be offering a variety of choice sandwiches, salads, fresh fruit, vegetable trays and sweet desserts along with iced tea, water, and coffee.

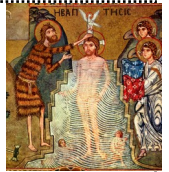
Our mission is to provide hospitality on behalf of the deceased's family with the intention of giving family members time to visit and enjoy the company of those who have come to be with them during this difficult time.

**Save The Date
St Mary's Fall Festival**

Saturday, October 15, 2022.
Please watch Bulletins for announcements.

Jacques Joseph Nonnet

Child of Jean Pierre and Dana Victoria Nonnet was Baptized on the twenty-third day of July 2022 at Saint Mary Our Lady of Ransom.



The Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The next Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by our Council No. 3067 of the Knights of Columbus will be Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 1 to 6 pm. Our goal from the Red Cross is for 47 appointments and 37 successful units of blood. There are a few appointments still open and you can register directly online at www.redcrossblood.org. Any questions, please contact our council's Health Director Jim Lauro at (610) 513-2869.

Thank You to Father James Touzeau and Grand Knight Bob McMahan for arranging and presenting a few weeks ago the Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph. Our copy of this beautiful Icon, which was being circulated by the Knights of Columbus throughout our southeastern states, is a replica of the original that is housed at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal Canada's preeminent Shrine to St. Joseph. This program is designed to draw attention to the fact that this world desperately needs courageous fathers- men willing to stand up and carry out their own mission of protecting, defending and raising future generations. It needs men willing to risk it all, in order to offer the world Jesus. We give thanks to God for St. Joseph's gift of his fatherly example, and we ask St. Joseph to be a father to us.

Please especially keep in your prayers the two seminarians that our Council helps support in the seminary for the Diocese of Charleston: Daniel Perry at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irvin, TX and Colin Doering at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA.

RESPECT LIFE- Prayer & Action: May God Help us to build a culture of life that cherishes every person. We praise God and ask for His help in creating a culture in our country that truly cherishes, protects and supports his precious gift of human life.

Safe Environment Program

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." **All volunteers** who serve at Masses or teach (Ushers, Lectors, Catechists, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) and all parish office volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete Safe Haven online training. Prior to volunteering, the parish must receive the clearance paperwork back from the Diocese of Charleston. Please contact the parish office for forms. For more information on how to report an allegation of abuse, go to <http://www.sccatholic.org> and click on "Child and Youth Protection" at the bottom left of the homepage.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102 Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7 Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41 Mt 16:24-2
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

PARISH EVENTS



Mass Intentions for 2022 may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2022 please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



Gospel Study Group meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 AM in the parish hall. We will not meet during June, July and August. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 7. We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome. If you have any questions or know someone who is interested in joining our group, please call Mary Boelke at (843)543-3537.

Liturgical Roles

| August 6th Saturday 5:00 PM | August 7th Sunday 8:00 AM | August 8th Sunday 10:00 AM |
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| Lector: M Roberts | B Pittman | P Lazzari |
| Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved | T Clarke N Geisler P Karre W Hoppe | M Edwards S Edwards |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Lazzari | N McMahan | M Walsh |
| Altar Servers: B Mathis | B McMahan | R Arreaga |
| Altar Care: P Hughes | C Humphrie | L Ortiz |
| <u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u> | | |

St. Mary's Altar Society

Altar Society does not meet during June, July, and August. Business meetings will resume the third Tuesday of September, September 20th, at 9:00 AM following the 8:00 AM Mass. Coffee, juice and pastry will be served during the meeting. Members should continue scheduled linen and altar care during the summer. All ladies of the parish are invited to become active members. For more information contact Ann Boone (843-235-4094) or Mary Roberts (843-546-4800).



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience helps married couples to communicate in all areas of their relationship. Get your marriage on the right path by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 27-29, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

Gospel Meditation

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.