

# 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: Monday 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

**Teresa Robinette**  
Parish Secretary

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**Website:** [www.stmaryourladyofransom.org](http://www.stmaryourladyofransom.org)

## SACRAMENTS

<b>Mass:</b>	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	
<b>Confession:</b>	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

September 18, 2022

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 17, 5:00  
† Carol Dolcetto  
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Sunday, September 18, 8:00  
Abigail Gannon  
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Sunday, September 18, 10:00  
† Kathy Lauber  
by Mary and Win Wesel

Sunday, September 18, 1:00  
People of the Parish

Monday, September 19  
**No Mass**

Tuesday, September 20, 8:00  
Chuck Layer  
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Wednesday, September 21  
†Christine Walker  
by Beverly and Jackson Turbeville

Thursday, September 22, 8:00  
Erin Karre  
by Julie and Stuart Snyder

Friday, September 23, 8:00 AM  
Jonathan DePorter  
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Saturday, September 24, 5:00  
† Gloria Wagner  
by Doug and Amy Wagner

Sunday, September 25, 8:00  
WYD Pilgrimage  
by Cecilia Carlton

Sunday, September 25, 10:00  
Robert Ianucci  
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Sunday, September 25, 1:00  
People of the Parish

**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, Sigrid Smith and London Gomez

**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, Matthew Mathis, Alexis Martinez Bermudez, and Paloma Martinez Bermudez.

**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.

**National Eucharistic Revival  
Padre Pio Pasta Dinner!**



**Date :** Saturday, September 24, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Dinner Includes:** \*Pasta with homemade Italian meatballs and sausage, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Beverage (coffee, tea, lemonade, water)

**Cost:** \$12 per person/ Children 10 and under \$6.

Money raised will be used to purchase a Eucharistic Processional Canopy.

**Religious Education**

Welcome back everyone to a new Religious Ed. year and a special welcome to our new catechists as well. As of last week, we have 104 students enrolled in the program. There is still room in the PreK-K class. If anyone is interested, please contact the office. We will continue to work towards our goal of 11 students and three chaperons attending World Youth Day Pilgrimage in July, 2023. The students and the K of C Council 3067, will be selling Food Lion gift cards. They are available in denominations of \$50.00. They are available in the church office during office hours and after Masses.



**The Knights Corner**

**"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"**

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for September 3rd and 4th was \$6580.00 **This includes \$1883.00 from online giving.** This is \$120.00 under our weekly goal. The Offertory for September 10th and September 11th was \$4718.00 **This includes \$1147.00 from online giving.** This \$1982.00 under our weekly goal

**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.*

**Sign Up For Online Giving**

To access online giving visit our parish website [www.stmaryourladyofransom.org](http://www.stmaryourladyofransom.org) then select "Parish Life," and then select "Online Giving".

The Food Pantry Project for September will be collecting dry and canned foods. Donations can be dropped off after the Masses in our boxes located in the St. Mary's Church narthex. They will be delivered on Monday to St. Cyprian's Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands. Monetary donations can also be made by dropping your envelopes labeled "K of C Council 3067" in those boxes; or by leaving them in our mailbox in the Church Office.

The Seminarian Breakfast last weekend which is part of our council mission to annually feed the new CCD classes in September prior to their start of their new year, generated a net of \$472 toward our Seminarian Fund. That combined with funds remaining from our last Seminarian Fundraiser will allow us to mail a \$500 award to each of the 2 seminarian's we agreed with the Diocese to support this new year: Daniel Perry (2nd Yr. Theology at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania) and a new seminarian Noah Yankovich (1st Yr. Pre-Theology at St. Vincent Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida). The Statewide Knights of Columbus goal is to supply a minimum of 5 Council Donations of \$500 each to each of the seminarians studying for the Diocese of Charleston. Special THANKS to the generous donations from our Parishioners, guests, AND the 8 Knights and a spouse who joined chair Mike Macedo in offering a wonderful breakfast last weekend! Plans are for a 2nd Seminarian Breakfast in January/February 2023!

The Columbus Hope Foundation Fundraiser #3 for Special Needs Citizens of Georgetown County on September 2-3, 2022, with 20 Brother Knights and a Grandson volunteering their time and talent, raised a record of \$3,983.81 in donations at Walmart of Georgetown! That brings the 3-Drive Total to \$10,314.03, or 86% of the \$12,000 that we set as our Council's 2022 goal! Our final Drive #4 will be on October 28-29, 2022 (Halloween). Please plan now to volunteer to join us as we wrap up this very successful year for this Very Special Project!

## 25th. Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8  
Lk 16:1-13  
**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44  
Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13  
**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17  
Lk 9:43b-45  
**Next Sunday** Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11 16

## 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.

## Liturgical Roles

Sept 24th Saturday 5:00 PM	Sept 25th Sunday 8:00 AM	Sept 26th Sunday 10:00 AM
<b>Lector:</b> L Lauro	L Altman	P Lazzari
<b>Ushers:</b> C Peterson D Smith	B Roberts T Clarke C Bryant	T Macmanus B Yacavino E Kimbrough H Moore
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> Deacon Mike	Deacon Mike	Deacon Mike
<b>Altar Servers:</b> D Macedo	C Humphries	L Hernandez
<b>Altar Care:</b> D Macedo	P Hughes	L Ortiz
<b><u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u></b>		

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have "earned," on what they have "coming to them." We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

Tracy Welliver, MTS ©LPI

**Gospel Study Group** meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 AM in the parish hall. 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.

### St. Mary's Altar Society

Business meetings will resume the third Tuesday of the month, starting September 20th, at 9:00 AM following the 8:00 AM Mass. Refreshments will be served during the meeting. 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).

### Gospel Meditation

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent. Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do. ©LPI

### Attention All Volunteers!

Please make sure to complete all Safe Environment requirements in order to be in compliance with the Diocese. If you have any interactions with children or vulnerable adults which include any person over the age of 18 whose ability to perform normal activities of daily living is impaired due to a mental, emotional, long-term physical or developmental disability or dysfunction, brain damage, or the infirmities of aging.