

# 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

**Yorky Burnas-Arnold**  
Hispanic Ministries Coordinator

**Cecilia Carlton**  
Director of Religious Education

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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

October 23, 2022

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, October 22, 5:00 PM  
† Betty Lou W Harrelson  
by Patricia Ann W Barnes

Sunday, October 23, 8:00 AM  
People of the Parish

Sunday, October 23, 10:00 AM  
The Living and Deceased  
Members of the De Porter Family  
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Sunday, October 23, 1:00 PM  
WYD Participants  
by Cecilia Carlton

Monday, October 24  
**No Mass**

Tuesday, October 25, 8:00 AM  
† Carolyn Hicks  
by Ann Starnes

Wednesday, October 26 5:30 PM  
† Barbara Lutzky  
by Mike and Donna Saguto

Thursday, October 27, 8:00 AM  
† Ralph Fiorio  
by Mike and Mary Brescia

Friday, October 28, 8:00 AM  
Anthony and Jennifer Rizzo  
by Mike and Mary Brescia

Saturday, October 29, 5:00 PM  
† Rosemary Darrow  
by Ann Huffaker, Mark Miller and  
Sue and Bob Miller

Sunday, October 30, 8:00 AM  
† Jimmy Jordan  
by Paul and Jeanette Duncan

Sunday, October 30, 10:00 AM  
† Gloria Jane Wagner  
by The Knights of Columbus 3067

Sunday, October 30, 1:00 PM  
† Jose De Jesus Arreola  
by Maria Palomares

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for October 15th and 16th was \$8214.00  
**This includes \$1227.00 from online giving.** This is \$ 1514.00 over 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.*

**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".



**Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:**

Barbara Mahaffey, Betty Barr, James A. Harrelson, III. and Florence Hanson



**Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:**

Natalie and Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, Fred Fisher, Tom Lusby, Carol Lusby, John Yaniga, Sigrid Smith, London Gomez, Gloria Diggs and Maria Handy



**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.

**Religious Education**

**THE SUMMIT - Jr. High Rally**

The next outing will be for middle schoolers in grades 6-8 only at Cardinal Newman High School on Saturday, November 12, 2022, from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.

The cost is \$40.00 per person for the first child and \$20 for each additional child within the same family. Registration begins October 9<sup>th</sup> and payment must be made before October 23, 2022. The fee will include lunch, t-shirt, keynote speeches, transportation and much more. Please note that all Rally participants must be covered by diocesan policy. Therefore, children that are not registered in the St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Religious Education Program are not covered by our insurance and will not be able to travel with our group.

The youth that will be attending World Youth Day in July 2023, would like to THANK the members of St Mary Our Lady of Ransom for the support you have given them. Please mark your calendars and save dates for the activities we have planned for the next several months. On November 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing a day out for parents. In December, we will be holding a car wash for the month at Coastal Car Wash in Pawleys. Please bring your car in for a washing and 50 percent of the money will be donated to our youth. There will be a sweetheart dinner on Saturday, February 11, 2023 that you wont want to miss. Food Lion cards will continue to be on sale. Thank you Knights of Columbus.



**The Knights Corner**

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

Thanks to the many Knights and family members who joined our fellow parishioners and the community to help make this year's St. Mary's Fall Festival a Great Success! An enjoyable time was had by all- even reportedly those who also volunteered for the Dunking Tank!!

Special THANKS as well, to those who were able to contribute to our October Food Pantry Drive. Those contributions were taken to St. Cyprian's Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands this past week. The next Food Drive at St. Mary's will be November 19 - 20, 2022.

District Deputy #11 John Luse attended our October Business Meeting to present our Jos. M. Ros Sr. Council #3067 with Supreme's Father Michael McGivney & Columbian Award for our Council's excellent achievement this past year in Membership and Programs! The Award will be on display at our upcoming November Business Meeting on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Also recognized at our October 13<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting were: *Knight of the Month- Colin Peterson*: member since 1975 (47 yrs.) and current Council Financial Secretary; co-chair of Annual Columbus Hope Foundation Fundraiser, Thanksgiving For Those in Need, Food Pantry Drive, Seminarian Breakfast and McClellanville Shrimp Festival Parking Fundraiser; and a Lector and Usher at St. Mary's Catholic Church. *Family of the Month- Doug & Amy Wagner*: While the Wagner family just moved to the Georgetown area earlier this year, Doug joined the Knights in June, already volunteering for the Columbus Hope Drive, the September Seminarian Breakfast, helping to prepare the September breakfast meal for the CCD youth, the setup team for the St. Mary's Fall Festival and Lectors in the rotation for 2 different Saturday/Sunday Masses. Amy has quickly become active as well in the St. Mary's Altar Society and was a volunteer at the recent Fall Festival. *Altar Server of the Quarter- Barbara Mathis*: While usually at least once per year she will volunteer as a nurse for overseas aid programs, Barbara is also an active visitor of those in need in the parish, providing holy communion and giving prayers and encouragement as needed; and she is a reliable scheduled Altar Server, while often volunteering to fill-in as needed and as a trainer of new altar servers. Congratulations to all!

Information will soon be sent out for an upcoming K of C new webinar: *Purpose Driven*

## 30th. Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

**Monday:** Eph 4:32—5:8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-14 Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10  
Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2-3, 5cdef  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:** Wis 11:22—12:2 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14  
2 Thes 1:11—2:2 Lk 19:1-10

## Liturgical Roles

Oct 29th Saturday 5:00 PM	Oct 30th Sunday 8:00 AM	Oct 30th Sunday 10:00 AM
<b>Lector:</b> J Strenk	B Pittman	T Howard
<b>Ushers:</b> P Wolfe P Medved	P Karre N Geisler T Clarke W Hoppe	M Edwards S Edwards
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> Deacon Mike Deacon Mike Deacon Mike		
<b>Altar Servers:</b> B Mathis	B McMahan	R Arreaga
<b>Altar Care:</b> A White	M Roberts	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

More Than a Buzzword

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is "time, talent, and treasure." Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely. Tracy Welliver, MTS ©Lpi

## 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.



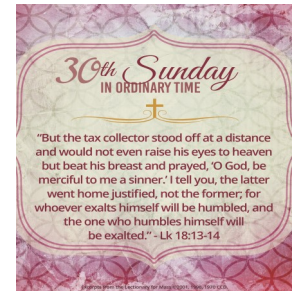
**Gospel Study Group** meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 AM in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome. If you have any questions or know someone who is interested in joining our group, please call Mary Boelke at (843)543-3537.

### St. Mary's Altar Society

Altar Society will meet the third Tuesday of the month, 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.



*Our community of faith extends their deepest Sympathies to the family and friends of Garth Sanford Lasco who passed away on Monday, October 10, 2022.*



We will have the memorial table set up at the back of the church again this year during the month of November. If you would like to add a photo of your loved one, please bring it to the office with your name and phone number on the back.

### Gospel Meditation

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a thing called "false piety." It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God's attention. Forming an exclusive "club," they divide things between "mine" and "yours" and "us" and "them." They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game's name.

The requirements for "club membership" are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of "status" or "salvation," they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to "my beliefs," "my parish," "my way of thinking," they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered "least" in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you're joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly "pious." They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to