

*July 12, 2020 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, July 11th, 5:00 pm  
 † Frank and † Nancy Beal  
 by Karen Chewning

Sunday, July 12th, 8:00 am  
 † Thomas Delahunt  
 by the Delahunt Children

Sunday, July 12th, 10:00 am  
 The People of the Parish

Sunday, July 12th, 1:00 pm  
 † Rosa Gonzales  
 by Barbara Mathis

Monday, July 13th  
 No Mass

Tuesday, July 14th  
 No Mass

Wednesday, July 15th  
 Teresa Mendoza  
 by Rev. Richard C. Wilson

Thursday, July 16th  
 † James Higgins  
 by Rev. Richard C. Wilson

Friday, July 17th  
 No Mass

Saturday, July 18th, 5:00 pm  
 † Brian Guay  
 by Neena and Bob McMahan

Sunday, July 19th, 8:00 am  
 † Sarah S. Sullivan  
 by Rev. Richard C. Wilson

Sunday, July 19th, 10:00 am  
 The People of the Parish

Sunday, July 19th, 1:00 pm  
 † Daniel J. Crowley  
 by Rev. Richard C. Wilson

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for June 27th and June 28th was \$3,797.00. **This includes \$877.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,603.00 under our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.  
 The offertory collection for July 4th and July 5th was \$5,772.00. **This includes \$2,603.00 from online giving.** This is \$372.00 over our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

Thank you for worshipping with us!  
 If we can help you in your walk with Christ in any way, please call the church office.

***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:**

Elizabeth Flaherty-Lovy, Tracey Green Wakeland, Bonnie Geitz, Sydney Johnson, James A. Harrelson Jr., Kristin Melfi Fournier, Chris Dixon, Jim Geitz, John Howard, Barbara Mahaffey, Frank Del Duca, Carolyn Hicks, Betty Barr.

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



Keith Williamson, Aric Burks, Victoria Beltran, Michael Bryant, Jr, Karen Smith, Kevin Mattero, Sandy Hill, Jane Sementilli, Nancy Engel, "Bud" Williamson, Jack Myer, Jim Lauro, Addison Stringer, Lucille Jacobs, Sean Sheely, Irene Burks, Elijah Davis, Rachel Ecle, Wallace Moulton, Bill Jackson, Joe Larimore, Cynthia Dawson, George Nichols, Jennifer Gray, Nancy Harvath, Andrew Childers, Cameron Cook, Joanne Urso, Bryan Couture, Joan Kenny Marshall, Ellie Thomas, Donna Jones, Dr. Matt Stover, Carol Lusby, Brandie Barr, John Benford, Christi Sorokach Miller, John Belusz, Pat Teel, Shelly Rossi, Hal Ness, James DelGuidice, Dan South, Frankie Prox O'Donnell, Anthony Maslowski, Kim Howard, Winifred Poit, Mady Cavanaugh, Hayley Wolfe, Jamison Dumm, Rita Bonifati, William Bonifati, Chuck Vanover, Eugene Edwards, Arthur Cannon, Wayne Johnson, Sandra Garrett, Murrey Lord, Shelly Savage, Diane Cuptray, Mateo Lara, Lorna Campagna, Konrad Zeisler, Krystina Millar, Theresa Michau, Savannah Marie Mincey, Paul Renault, Gregorio Viray, Barbara Dumm, Mark Mercer, Linda DiPetrillo, Maureen Delahunt, George Chiha, Tammy Miychell, Elizabeth Del Duca, Brandy Barr, Victoria Barr, Maria Handy, Franci Green, James Manford, Pasquale Manto, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saporito Leach, Mike Sorokach.

**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.

If you would like to add or delete a prayer request, or if you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish office at 843-546-7416. **If you want the Prayer Chain to pray for you, please call Faye Altman at 843-546-8301.**

A donation was made to St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom in memory of William Saporito by Gineen and Matthew O'Neil, by Kristine Kallemeyn Schaff and by Claudette and Joseph Petrozelli.



**The Knights Corner  
 "Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"**

As we transition to the new Knights of Columbus Council 3067 Officers for 2020 - 21, we would like to THANK (now) Past Grand Knight Brian and his wife Mary Jo Clark for their past two years of service in leading our organization. The new officers, including the new Grand Knight and his wife, Bob and Neena McMahan (843-729-6463), were formally installed last week following a Mass at St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church. The Council, which normally meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, hopes to resume regular Council business meetings "in the very near future" when the COVID-19 conditions improve.

The new State Council's Grand Knight's Workshop (also planned in virtual) will be Saturday, July 25th in Columbia.

The regular 3rd weekend Food Pantry Drive donations of dry and can goods in the narthex of St. Mary's Church for St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands will be next weekend, July 18-19th. While we have collected over 1000 pounds this year, your food donations remain very important to both organizations.

Our next Council 3067 sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive will be Tuesday, August 18th from 1 to 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Please call project chair Jim Lauro at 610-513-2869 if you can volunteer that day. You can also schedule your blood donation now at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Please take a moment and view in the narthex of St. Mary's Church the new photo's of your council's and the 4th Degree Assembly 3272 projects that we have carried-out over the past few months. Where there is a will, there is a way! Special thanks to all those who are able to remain active and safe in these trying times!

**To Report Abuse**

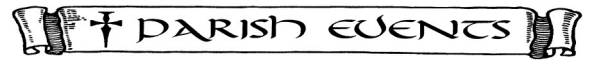
The Diocese of Charleston treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Louisa Storen, LISW at 843-856-0748 or 800-921-8122.

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### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23  
**Monday:** Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23  
 Mt 10:34-11:1  
**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-10, 14-15 Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-14b, 15-21  
 Mt 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Is 38:10-12, 16 Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43



### St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society meets every third Tuesday at 3:00 pm in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Due to the coronavirus, meetings are canceled until further notice.



**Mass Intentions for 2020** may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

**To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2020** please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



## Liturgical Roles

July 18th Saturday 5:00 pm	July 19th Sunday 8:00 am	July 19th Sunday 10:00 am
<b>Lectors:</b> L Lauro	J Dumm	C Howard
<b>Ushers:</b> P Medved C Peterson	P Karre N Giesler W Hoppe T Clarke	T Macmanus D Canna H Moore E Kimbrough
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</b> N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Altar Servers:</b> D/T Macedo	J Espinoza J Espinoza	G Baker
<b>Altar Care:</b> N Wozniak	P Hughes	L Ortiz
<b><u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u></b>		

**Gospel Study Group** meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you there! All are welcome. Due to the coronavirus, meetings are canceled until further notice.

### Fast Before Communion?

Question:

Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

Answer:

How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.

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### Live the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love!

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 19 - 25, celebrates God's vision for marriage and promotes Natural Family Planning. Learn about NFP by visiting <https://charlestandiocese.org/marriage/natural-family-planning/or> contact [jfloren-do@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:jfloren-do@charlestandiocese.org). Please like our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/NFPSC/>

### Thank You!

Thank you Linda and Jim Lauro for your donation towards our new AED's. St. Mary's has purchased two of these units, one for the parish hall and the other for the church. We greatly appreciate your generosity!



## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Gospel Meditation

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

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