

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 7, 2021 5:00 PM
 † Dianne Johnson
 by Mary and Bob Roberts

Sunday, August 8, 2021 8:00 AM
 Alex Mills
 by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:00 AM
 † Joseph T. Isaac, III
 by The Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, August 8, 2021 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Monday, August 9, 2021
No Mass

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:00 AM
 † George Chiha
 by Knights of Columbus #3067

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 5:30 PM
 † Esther Agnes Rathman
 by Mary and Bob Roberts

Thursday, August 12, 2021 8:00 AM
 Sandy and Colin Peterson
 for their 20th Anniversary
 by Colin Peterson

Friday, August 13, 2021 8:00 AM
 Joel Alan Briggs
 by Suzanne and Frank Brecka

Saturday, August 14, 2021 5:00 PM
 Bonnie Sorensen
 by Suzanne and Frank Brecka

Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:00 AM
 William Hadden
 by Tonya Parisi

Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:00 AM
 † Helen Walsh
 by Cheryl and Joe Isaac

Sunday, August 15, 2021 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for July 31st and August 1st was \$4,794.00. **This includes \$580.00 from online giving.** This is \$606.00 under our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

Summer Office Hours

The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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:

Bonnie Geitz, Sydney Johnson, James A. Harrelson Jr., Chris Dixon, Jim Geitz, John Howard, Barbara Mahaffey, Carolyn Hicks, Betty Barr, Rosemary Darrow, and Angel Khoury.



Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:

Jack Myer, Jim Lauro, Addison Stringer, 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, Pat Teel, Shelly Rossi, Hal Ness, James DelGuidice, Dan South, Frankie Prox O'Donnell, Anthony Maslowski, Kim Howard, Winifred Poit, Hayley Wolfe, Jamison Dumm, Chuck Vanover, Arthur Cannon, Sandra Garrett, Shelly Savage, Diane Cuptray, Mateo Lara, Lorna Campagna, Konrad Zeiske, Krystina Millar, Theresa Michau, Savannah Marie Mincey, Paul Renault, Gregorio Viray, Barbara Dumm, Mark Mercer, Linda DiPetrillo, Maureen Delahunt, George Chiha, Tammy Miychell, Victoria Barr, Maria Handy, Francy Green, James Manford, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saporito Leach, Mandy Moore, Nick Nicoletti, Joanne Lechwar, Martin Altman, Mike VanLandingham, Rosemary DelGuidice, Jimmy Howard, Claudia Sanchez Campos, Wesley Lewis, David Barr, Angelica Bridges, Humberto Olivares Martinez, Fred Fisher, Jennifer Vaughn, Amy Spagnuolo, Sue Cann, Julie Sharp, Sandy Sheely, Journey Peters, David Kiley, Elaine Benson and John Yaniga.

Pray for those in our Military:

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



The names on our prayer lists will be printed for three months or less if the prayers are answered. Names on our military list will remain until we are notified by a family member. Please help keep our lists current.

Blood Donors Needed

At this time of year, there is a critical need for blood donors of all types. Please take one hour to donate at the Knights of Columbus sponsored blood drive on August 17th between 1 PM and 6 PM in the parish hall. Register at www.redcrossblood.org or contact me at 610-513-2869. Thank you for your consideration, Jim Lauro

Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Scott Henderson who passed away on July 19, 2020. Please his family in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace.



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

Joseph M. Ros Sr. Knights of Columbus Council 3067 meets next Thursday, August 12th, at the Maryville Social Hall at 2009 South Fraser St. in Maryville at 6 PM. All members are welcome and we start off with a light meal, followed by a brief presentation by our Council Advocate Tommy Howard; and the one hour business meeting starts at 7 PM. We are expecting a visit from our new District 11 Deputy John Luse, who hails from St. Michaels. Look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks to Deputy Grand Knight Brian Clark and Mary Jo for chairing the Knights sponsoring of the July 26th dinner for the children with the kickoff of St. Mary's Vacation Bible School! Brothers Dave Smith, Tim Clarke and Colin Peterson also helped to serve the 35+ attendees.

Our Grand Knight Bob McMahan and his wife Neena will be representing our Council at the Father McGivney's 1st Annual Feast Day Friday, August 13, 2021 at Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church in Columbia. The program starts at 6:30-6:50 PM with a Rosary before Mass, then there will be a Procession of Council and Assembly Banners into the Church from 6:50 - 7 PM followed by a Mass from 7 to 8 PM led by Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone! Plans are in the works to film this and possibly televise it live (TBA), as the South Carolina Knights have the potential to show our Brothers from around the globe what the word UNITY truly means to our Brotherhood and our neighbors.

Our Council 3067 is again sponsoring the American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Tuesday, August 17th from 1 to 6 PM. Pre-registrations are still available at www.redcrossblood.org; or contact Br. Jim Lauro at (610)513-2869 to volunteer and or give blood.

The 7th Annual GEORGETOWN COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will be here in just a couple of weeks, Thursday, August 19th at Heritage Golf Club! Assembly 3272 will be again hosting this 9-Hole Captain's Choice Golf Tournament, providing you with the opportunity to personally honor the men and women of Georgetown County whose names are etched on the magnificent Georgetown County Veterans Memorial. Early bird registration forms are available on the assembly website, <http://www.kofc3272.org/golf>, and the number of teams will be limited. The tournament will start at 1 PM, with \$60 individual registration and \$240 per team.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-9 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-6 Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13 Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24
 Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14
 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16
 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

PARISH EVENTS



Mass Intentions for 2021 may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2021 please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 3 PM in our parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to become active members. For more information call Ann Boone (843-235-4094) or Mary Roberts (843-546-4800).

Liturgical Roles

August 14 Saturday 5:00 pm	August 15 Sunday 8:00 am	August 15 Sunday 10:00 am
Lector: M Roberts	L Altman	P Lazzari
Ushers: S Salamon P Wolfe	T/D Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	H Moore T Macmanus B Yacavino E Kimbrough
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
Deacon Mike A/A Vega	MJ/B Clark	M Walsh
Altar Servers: B Mathis	TBD	TBD
Altar Care: P Hughes	M Roberts	L Ortiz
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Gospel Study Group meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 1st! 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.

Religious Education

Vacation Bible School was a success with 36 children registered, 12 teenage volunteers, and three adult teachers. Thank you the Knights, the Altar Society, Barbara Pittman, Barbara Mathis, Grace Swierk, and to everyone that helped make this happen for the children. ~ Registration for Religious Education and RCIA will begin on August 22nd. Religious Education classes will begin on September 12th. The start date of RCIA classes will be announced at a later date.

Cross Catholic Outreach

This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Gospel Meditation

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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