

November 21, 2021

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 20, 2021 5:00 PM  
† Daniel Vega  
by Alina Vega

Sunday, November 21, 2021 8:00 AM  
Fr. Ron Farrell for his birthday  
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Sunday, November 21, 2021 10:00 AM  
† Ray Boelke  
by Mary Boelke

Sunday, November 21, 2021 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

Monday, November 22, 2021  
**No Mass**

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 8:00 AM  
† Donna Jones  
by Anneva and David White

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 5:30 PM  
Mary Jo Penn  
by Cecilia Carlton

Thursday, November 25, 2021 8:00 AM  
People of the Parish

Friday, November 26, 2021 8:00 AM  
**No Mass**

Saturday, November 27, 2021 5:00 PM  
† Donna Jones  
by Pamela and Hal Ness

Sunday, November 28, 2021 8:00 AM  
† Ronald Cavalieri  
by Barbara and Danny Pittman

Sunday, November 28, 2021 10:00 AM  
† Msgr. Joseph Barry  
by Mary and Win Wesel

Sunday, November 28, 2021 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

**No Mass November 26th**

**Daily Mass will not be held on Friday, November 26th, the day after Thanksgiving.**

**Church Office Closed**

**The parish office will be closed from Thursday, November 25th, and Friday, November 26th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

*Parish Support*

The offertory collection amount for November 13th and 14th was unavailable at the time of printing.

*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, Carolyn Hicks, Betty Barr, Angel Khoury, 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 John Kenny.

**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.

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.

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.**

**RENEW THE SPIRIT AND REFRESH THE MIND**

Enjoy time out for a personal retreat at Springbank Retreat in nearby Kingstree, SC. Private rooms ensuite as well as spiritual direction are available. Set on 80 acres of quiet beauty with rich cultural history, Springbank offers retreats, day and weekend programs and small group meeting space. For information, visit [www.Springbankretreat.org](http://www.Springbankretreat.org) or call Sr. Anita Brazanza at #843-372-6311

**Fall Festival**

Our annual Fall Festival was a great success. We raised a grand total of \$10,037.90! A lot of effort is put into this event to make it our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you to all who helped in any way!



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

Congratulations to the following Award Winners for November: Knight(s) of the Month: Mike Macedo and Tom Macedo - While both continue to be active parishioners as members of the choir and cantors, and Mike as a CCD Instructor again this year, both played their guitars providing some of the entertainment at our St. Mary's Fall Festival. Family of the Month: Robert G. (Robbie) and Courtney Humphries - While Robbie continues as a Mass lector at St. Mary's Masses and our Council Warden with a golden spoon, providing our council meeting meals each month. And Courtney continues her contributions as a CCD Instructor at St. Mary's. This team headed-up and served their usual great Pileau and brats and hot dog offerings at one of the food tents at St. Mary's Fall Festival again this year, adding to the successes of this annual fundraising event! Altar Server of the Quarter: Logan Hernandez-Huerta - Logan has quickly and carefully learned his new role as an altar server for Masses at St. Mary's; and he readily volunteers for all Masses, even on short notice. He can be counted-on whenever the need arises and shows important leadership in assisting Father Touzeau on the altar.

THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE IN NEED will again be a Joseph M. Ros Sr. Council 3067 key Georgetown COMMUNITY project this year. For the 36th year we will offer this free dinner program on Thanksgiving Day!!! This project is totally funded by financial, time and talent donations from fellow Knights, parishioners and other charitable organizations in our area, so please contact financial co-chair Colin Peterson at (843)344-9771 if you would like to contribute. Checks should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 3067" and can simply be left in our mailbox at St. Mary's office. We have secured the frozen turkeys from Walmart, thanks to a generous donation from St. Vincent DePaul Society; and the rest of the food supplies will arrive and be prepared the week of Thanksgiving. TUESDAY, November 23rd beginning at 2 PM at St. Mary's Parish Hall we still need volunteers to join us to pick the meat from the 40 roasted turkeys and store the meat until we begin cooking all the rest of the "fixins" the eve before Thanksgiving. Then we begin putting all the meals together for serving early Thanksgiving Day! Co-chairs Paul Duncan, Jim Harrelson, Mike Macedo and Colin Peterson invite you to join us for this enjoyable and rewarding opportunity and experience this Thanksgiving!

The Annual State Charity Drive begins this week. Project Chair Brian Clark (843) 240-1441 will head this up again this year and you should be receiving more information in the mail in the coming weeks!

Advent wreaths and calendars can still be purchased in the courtyard following Masses this week, while they last! This is a fundraiser for Veterans being offered by our 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Georgetown/Pawleys Island Assembly 3272. Contact chair Colin Peterson at (843)344-9771 for more information.

Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent Shane Goheen remains available as needed at (843)457-5757.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37  
**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45 Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Dn 3:62-67  
 Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28 Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14 Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27 Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36  
**Next Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## Liturgical Roles

<b>November 25 Thanksgiving</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>9:00 AM</b>		
<b>Lector:</b> R Humphries		
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</b> T Howard		
<b>November 27</b>	<b>November 28</b>	<b>November 28</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Lector:</b> J Strenk	B Clark	C Peterson
<b>Ushers:</b> D Smith C Peterson	D/T Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	T Macmanus H Moore B Yacavino E Kimborough
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> Deacon Mike Deacon Mike Deacon Mike		
<b>Altar Servers:</b> B Mathis B McMahan L Hernandez-Huerta		
<b>Altar Care:</b> D Macedo M Boelke L Ortiz		
<b><u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u></b>		

### Thanksgiving Day Is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, "Pass me the mashed potatoes, please." This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day's football games. That's why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.

Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

## 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.



**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

St. Mary's Altar Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 2 PM in our parish hall. Our next meeting is November 16th. 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).

### Religious Education

There will be no religious education classes next Sunday, November 28th except for the students that are in Cecilia Carlton's confirmation class.

The office will be closed on Sundays from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM to avoid having unauthorized people in the building during religious education classes. If you need assistance with religious education, Mrs. Cecilia Carton will be happy to assist you after 1:00 PM. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter in order to keep the children of St. Mary's Church in a safe environment.

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Gospel Meditation

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

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