

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

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SACRAMENTS

Mass:	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	
Confession:	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

January 15, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14, 5:00 PM
† Lawrence Fick
by Joyce Fick and Kelly, Kaylee,
Kenzie De Marchi

Sunday, January 15, 8:00 AM
† Richard Rogers
by Rick Fox and
Tonya Parisi

Sunday, January 15, 10:00 AM
Thomas Robinette
by Anthony and Teresa Robinette

Sunday, January 15, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, January 16
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 17, 8:00 AM
Mary Triana
by St. Mary's Altar Society

Wednesday, January 18, 5:30 PM
People of the Parish

Thursday, January 19, 8:00 AM
People of the Parish

Friday, January 20, 8:00 AM
People Of the Parish

Saturday, January 21, 5:00 PM
† Zachary Morley
Jeffery and Barbara Morley
by Carl and Robin Neidhardt

Sunday, January 22, 8:00 AM
† Jonathan Moore
by Wade and Terry Marsh

Sunday, January 22, 10:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, January 22, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Parish Support

- The offertory collection for Dec. 24th and 25th was \$8653.00

This Includes \$1043.00 from online giving. This is \$1953.00 above our weekly goal of \$6700.00

- The offertory collection for Dec. 31st and January 1st was \$6253.00

This Includes 1968.00 from online giving. This is \$447.00 under our weekly goal of \$6700.00.

- The offertory collection for Jan. 7th and 8th was \$5946.00 **This includes \$1244.00 from online giving.** This is \$754.00 under our weekly goal of \$6700.00.

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

Sign Up For Online Giving

Visit our parish website www.stmaryourladyofransom.org select "Parish Life," and then "Online Giving".



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. London Gomez and Diane Maslowski



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.



SWEETHEART DINNER

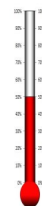
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 6PM
ST MARY OUR LADY OF RANSOM

ENJOY A 3 COURSE DINNER,
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,
DANCING AND A GOOD TIME

65.00/COUPLE

35.00 /INDIVIDUAL

TICKETS ON SALE STARTING
1/21/23



The youth attending World Youth Day in July 2023, are meeting their goals. We are halfway there. Please continue to support the Youth of St Mary's for this lifetime experience.

The funds raised at this time total \$40,747.05. Thanks to the St. Mary's community which contributed \$14,362.24 towards this

Safe Environment Program

All volunteers who serve at Masses or teach and all parish office volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete Safe Haven online training. Prior to volunteering, the parish must receive the clearance paperwork back from the Diocese of Charleston.



The Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

January kicks off our Food Pantry Drive for 2023, with our first drive of the year next weekend, *January 21 - 22, 2023!* We will again be collecting for St. Cyprian's Outreach Program and Georgetown Helping Hands on the *3rd weekend of each month.* All canned and dry food items will be accepted, and they can be dropped off at our K of C boxes located at St. Mary's Church narthex at each Mass over the weekend. If you need assistance to carry any items from your vehicle, please let the ushers know or call our Council's Community Director and project chair Br. Colin Peterson.

The Annual South Carolina Citizens For Life March and Rally saw representation again this year locally from a large contingent from our Grand Strand Citizens for Life Organization, which included our Council 3067 Life Director. This was the largest statewide turnout (post COVID) in the last few years, as everyone was greeted by beautiful sunshine and Spring-like weather; and again, this year by several state lawmakers and speakers who all shared their belief that **LIFE is Good and Sacred!** This annual statewide event is usually held on the first weekend after the first of the year; and of course, locally we support the Georgetown Rally for Life at 5-Points on the first Sunday of October! Hope to see you there!

Our **Council's Columbus Hope Foundation Banquet will be this Thursday January 19, 2023,** starting at 6:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Please call project Chair Colin Peterson at 843-344-9771 by Monday January 16th to help us with a headcount to plan for the meal. ALL Knight volunteers and their family members for this great community project that raised over \$14,000 this past year for Special Olympics, The J.O.Y. School of Pawleys Island and Georgetown County Board of Disability and Special Needs are invited and encouraged to attend. Following the dinner, each organization will make a brief presentation and checks to each will be presented at this banquet; and Walmart of Georgetown will be recognized for hosting our drive again this past year- and in 2023!

Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent Shane Goheen remains on call to answer any of your Insurance and Investment needs at (843) 457-5757

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34
Monday: Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10-14 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9
Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3 Ps 27:1,4, 13-14
1Cor 1:10-13,17, Mt 4:12-23

Liturgical Roles

Jan 21 Saturday 5:00 PM	Jan 22 Sunday 8:00 AM	Jan 22 Sunday 10:00 AM
Lector: J Strenk	L Altman	C Peterson
Ushers: P Wolfe P Medved	T Clarke N Geisler T Corvelli D Corvelli	M Edwards S Edwards
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
A Vega	McMahon	B Renault
Altar Servers: B Mathis	C Humphries	M Ortiz
Altar Care M Roberts	M Clark	OL 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

Can you imagine what kind of response I would get if I asked my three children, "Who would like to volunteer to clean up the kitchen after dinner today?" Six eyeballs staring at me like I had two heads! If I couch my request in terms of volunteerism, I have suggested that they don't have any real ownership in this matter. Perhaps they do sometimes think that their mother and I are simply hired hands to take care of them, but rest assured, I have not received a paycheck for services rendered lately.

When you and I give a donation of blood, we volunteer our time and blood to the Red Cross. The Red Cross does not employ most of us, nor do we own a part of the Red Cross. We can only volunteer ourselves for the cause.

As parishioners we are part of a parish family. We belong to our parish community. We do not visit on a Sunday morning, since we cannot visit a place that is home. The call of the body of Christ occurs in every parish and our response should be that of the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." Real stewardship never counts the cost and never asks for volunteers. We step forward because we belong to something greater than ourselves and the head of that community is Jesus. After dinner at my house, someone needs to clean up the kitchen. In your parish community, someone needs to respond to the call of Jesus. In both cases, no volunteers are needed. We will rely on family instead.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

PARISH EVENTS



Mass Intentions for 2023 may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.



To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2023 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 will hold their January business meeting following the 8:00 am Mass, Tuesday, January 17th at 9:30. Light refreshments will be served (Jeanette Duncan and Courtney Humphries will be hosting). All ladies of the parish are welcome to become active members.

Religious Education

We are halfway through the Religious Ed. Program for this year. The children were very busy last month with fulfilling their Acts of Mercy - "Give Drink to the Thirsty", "Visit the Sick", and "Feed the Hungry". On December 16th, from 7 pm until 8:30 pm, 10 of our students braved the cold and handed out cups of water to runners participating in the Harborlights 5K marathon. On December 18th, over 50 children went Christmas caroling at The Landings Assisted Living Facility. The residents were very pleased to see many young faces representing St. Mary's youth. Each resident received a tin of cookies and a card that was made by the students in the first-year confirmation class. On the same day, the Jr HS/HS students were Secret Santa to the elementary and middle school students in the program. This month the HS class will be preparing brunch for all 120 students in our program



Gospel Meditation

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God — Father John Muir

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