

July 19, 2020 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Monday, July 20th  
 † Carolyn Richards  
 by Barbara Mathis

Tuesday, July 21st  
 All Souls of Purgatory  
 by Paul DiRuzzo

Wednesday, July 22nd  
 † Ferol Teel  
 by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, July 23rd  
 † Brian Guay  
 by Pam and Hal Ness

Friday, July 24th  
 No Mass

Saturday, July 25th, 5:00 pm  
 † Brian Guay  
 by Karen and Mike Macedo

Sunday, July 26th, 8:00 am  
 † Eleanor G. Smith  
 by the Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, July 26th, 10:00 am  
 Happy Birthday Anne Starnes  
 by Karen Chewning

Sunday, July 26th, 1:00 pm  
 People of the Parish

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for July 11th and July 12th was \$8,102.57. **This includes \$777.00 from online giving.** This is \$2,702.57 over our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

**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.



**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 Zeiske, Krystina Millar, Theresa Michau, Savannah Marie Mincey, Paul Renault, Gregorio Viray, Barbara Dumm, Mark Mercer, Linda DiPetrillo, Maureen DeLahunt, George Chiha, Tammy Miycheil, Elizabeth Del Duca, Brandy Barr, Victoria Barr, Maria Handy, Francy Green, James Manford, Pasquale Manto, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saparito 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.**



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

We welcome our new St. Mary's temporary administrator Reverend Zbigniew Zielinski- i.e. "Father Zielinski".

Congratulations to the newly installed officers from Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Ros Sr. Georgetown Council 3067: Grand Knight Bob McMahan (Neena); Chaplain Father Richard Wilson; Deputy Grand Knight Brian Clark (Mary Jo); Chancellor Mike Macedo (Karen); Recorder Tom Macedo (Diane); Financial Secretary Colin Peterson (Sandy); Treasurer Henry Moore IV; Lecturer Thomas Howard Sr.; Advocate Paul Duncan III (Jeanette); Warden Robbie Humphries (Courtney); Inside Guard Bill Crimmins (Pat); Outside Guard Freddie Hughie (Christine); 1 Yr. Trustee Bill Renault (Jeanette); 2 Yr. Trustee Jim Lauro (Linda); and 3 Yr. Trustee Chris Voso (Debbie). Our Council was first chartered June 28, 1947 (73 years ago!) as the 5th Council in South Carolina! The Council hopes to restart our monthly meetings in the near future (COVID 19 precautions), but in the meanwhile as needed one can contact our new Grand Knight Bob McMahan at 843-729-6463.

Food Pantry Drive for July is THIS WEEKEND! Please drop off your can and dry goods donations at St. Mary's Narthex at this weekend's Mass. These donations will be delivered Monday to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands. The next drive will be August 15 - 16th.

Congratulations to our past summer intern seminarian Deacon Michael Cellars, who joined Deacon William Frei at the ordination to the sacred order of the priesthood on July 10, 2020!

Please contact our Council's Red Cross Blood Drive chair Jim Lauro at 610-513-2869 to volunteer to offer assistance and/or donate blood at our next drive Tuesday, August 18th, at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 1 to 6 p.m. We still need help in both areas! One can also schedule your blood donation anytime at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent Shane Goheen remains on call if needed at 843-457-5757 or email at [Shane.Goheen@kofc.org](mailto:Shane.Goheen@kofc.org).

**The Benefits of Membership**

We warmly welcome new members to our parish community! Active membership is determined by regular attendance at Mass, regular use of your envelope to support the Parish, and having a Registration Form on file for at least six months. Various facilities and services are available to active members. Please register with our parish in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Please either visit our website at [www.stmaryourladyofransom.org](http://www.stmaryourladyofransom.org) and complete the form under "Newcomers" or visit the church office and fill out a registration form.

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### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23  
Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-8 Mt 12:46-50

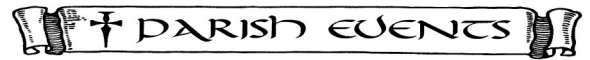
**Wednesday:** Sg 3:1-4a Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11 Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17 Jer 31:10-13 Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b, 2-6 Mt 20:20-28

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130  
Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52



### 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 25th Saturday 5:00 pm	July 26th Sunday 8:00 am	July 26th Sunday 10:00 am
<b>Lectors:</b> L Lauro	R Humphries	C Peterson
<b>Ushers:</b> C Walker S Salamon Pat Wolfe D Smith	B Roberts M/T Clarke G Johnson C Bryant	J Tupacz JJ Tupacz TT Tupacz
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</b> N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Altar Servers:</b> B Mathis	C Carrasco	M Carlton
<b>Altar Care:</b> P Geiger	A Boone	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.

### Why Kneel?

Question: Why do we kneel at Mass?

Answer: Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Gospel Meditation

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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