

**MASS INTENIONS**

Saturday, February 12, 5:00 PM  
Neena McMahan  
by Pat and John Geiger

Sunday, February 13, 8:00 AM  
† Marie and † Michael Saguto  
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, February 13, 10:00 AM  
† George A. Smith  
by the Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, February 13, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

Monday, February 14  
**No Mass**

Tuesday, February 15, 8:00 AM  
Julia Blackowicz  
by Cecilia Carlton

Wednesday, February 16, 5:30 PM  
† Rosemary Darrow  
by Ann Huffaker

Thursday, February 17, 8:00 AM  
Barbara and Jim Dumm  
by Pat and John Geiger

Friday, February 18, 8:00 AM  
† Jesse Robinette  
by Anthony and Teresa Robinette

Saturday, February 19, 5:00 PM  
† Muriel and † Ed Tupacz  
by the Tupacz Family

Sunday, February 20, 8:00 AM  
† Robbie Jordan  
by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

Sunday, February 20, 10:00 AM  
† Maureen Delahunt  
by Nuala Greco

Sunday, February 20, 1:00 PM  
People of the Parish

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for February 5th and 6th was \$6,047.00. **This includes \$1,788.00 from online giving.** This is \$653.00 under our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

*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:**

Barbara Mahaffey, Betty Barr, Angel Houry, 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.**



**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 February 15th between 1 PM and 6 PM in the parish hall. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or contact me at 610-513-2869. Thank you for your consideration, Jim Lauro.



**The Knights Corner**

**"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"**

The next Georgetown Knights of Columbus Council 3067's sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive will be this coming TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 from 1 to 6 PM in the Parish Hall. You can schedule your donation time at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use the sponsor code STMarysGeorgetown or call 1-800-733-2767; and/or if you would like to also volunteer some time to help out, please contact project chair Jim Lauro direct at (610)513-2869.

The monthly Food Pantry Drive will be next Saturday and Sunday, February 19 - 20, 2022. Canned and not-perishable dry food items can be left in our boxes located in St. Mary's narthex with the donations delivered to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands the following Monday! You ARE making a difference, as we continue this great community project into 2022!

Our very successful Columbus Hope Foundation fundraiser for special needs citizens of Georgetown County kicks off it's 2022 campaign on Friday and Saturday, APRIL 29 - 30, 2022 at Walmart! Featured here this week as one of the three agencies we help support is Special Olympics - Area 9, which plans are in the works to resume this year on MAY 6TH with the field track events to start that morning behind Georgetown High School. Our council will again join the Pawleys Island Council No. 11028 by preparing the hot dogs that will be served by them to all the participants out of the concession booth located beside the football field. While one of our knights usually is also one of the field judges for some of these events, we will need 4-5 knights to join us for our portion of contributing to this event. Volunteers are also encouraged to stay and cheer on these athletes. Special Olympics first started for Georgetown/Williamsburg counties of South Carolina in 1975 and has grown to now offering this great and enjoyable experience to approximately 300 athletes with intellectual disabilities each year! Volunteer Director Pattie Pierce (who made a presentation at our annual awards banquet in January), along with a seven person steering committee, plan these activities and competitions each year. This Special Olympics Event is open to ALL to join us in recognizing these special athletes.

The Georgetown/Pawleys Island Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 will hold their February monthly meeting on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH (4th Thursday of each month) at Founders Hall at PBOC, starting at 6 PM. A social dinner will follow.

Knights of Columbus Field Agent Shane Goheen remains available for any Insurance or Investment questions and can be reached at (843)457-5757.

**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.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20  
Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10 Ps 12:2-5, 7-8 Mk 9:2-13

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

## PARISH EVENTS



**Mass Intentions for 2022** may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

### To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2022

please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



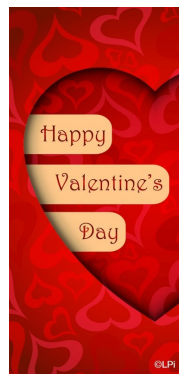
**Gospel Study Group** meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome. If you have any questions or know someone who is interested in joining our group, please call Mary Boelke at (843)543-3537.

### St. Mary's Altar Society

The next meeting of St. Mary's Altar society will be Tuesday, February 15th at 1:00 PM. Note the change of time for this meeting only. We will be meeting in one of the religious educations classrooms. 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

February 19 Saturday 5:00 pm	February 20 Sunday 8:00 am	February 20 Sunday 10:00 am
<b>Lector:</b> L Goldbach	L Altman	C Peterson
<b>Ushers:</b> D Smith C Peterson	D/T Corvelli T Clarke J Joseph	S/M Edwards
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> A /A Vega	MJ/B Clark	M Walsh
<b>Altar Servers:</b> B Mathis	C Humphries	L Hernandez
<b>Altar Care:</b> L Goldbach	M Boelke	L Ortiz
<b>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</b>		



### YOUTH BEACH RETREAT

All youth in grades 8-12 are invited to join St. James The Younger Church at the Youth Beach Retreat. The theme is trusting in the Sacred Heart of Jesus as we enter into the Lenten season. The retreat will be held in Garden City from Saturday, February 19 through Monday, February 21. Schools are closed on the 21st. The cost of the retreat is \$125 per youth. Please register with Taylor in the youth office at St. James Church or by e-mail at [tilly@stjamesconway.org](mailto:tilly@stjamesconway.org). This is not a St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom sponsored retreat and all inquiries should be directed to the office at St. James (843)347-5168.

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun.

That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water.

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

### Gospel Meditation

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can "turn up the heat" in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening "because they do." They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It's easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It's there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God's existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it's too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life's ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life's heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life's ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God's friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus' message so intriguing! Don't give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one's faith. But it's the only way to deepen it.

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