

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 8, 5:00 PM  
 † Leon Wojciechowski  
 by Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, January 9, 8:00 AM  
 † Jeannie and † Don DePorter  
 by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, January 9, 10:00 AM  
 † Kristy Rae Smith  
 by the Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, January 9, 1:00 AM  
 People of the Parish

Monday, January 10  
**No Mass**

Tuesday, January 11, 8:00 AM  
 † Rosemary Darrow  
 by John and Mary Cribb

Wednesday, January 12, 5:30 PM  
 † Elaine Zabel  
 by Mary Lou Lenard

Thursday, January 13, 8:00 AM  
 † Marilou Cassidy McEnery  
 by John Bagnell

Friday, January 14, 8:00 AM  
 † Donna Jones  
 by Sharon and Frank Davis

Saturday, January 15, 5:00 PM  
 † Daniel Vega  
 by Alina Vega

Sunday, January 16, 8:00 AM  
 † Massimo Spezzaferro  
 by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, January 16, 10:00 AM  
 † Lawrence Fick  
 by Joyce Fick and Kelly, Kaylee, and  
 Kenzie DeMarchi

Sunday, January 16, 1:00 AM  
 People of the Parish



**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.**



*The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Carol and Mike Sorokach by Christi Miller.*



*Our community of faith extends our deepest sympathies to the family of Elaine Cross who passed away on December 15, 2021. Please keep Elaine and her family in your prayers. Also to the family of Maureen Delahunt who passed away December 26, 2021. Please keep Maureen and her family in your prayers. May their souls rest in peace.*



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

Here's hoping you had a great, safe, joyous and blessed Christmas and New Years (Feast of the Solemnity of Mary the Most Holy Mother of God) AND we will look forward to an even greater and successful 2022! Our Joseph M. Ros Sr. Council No. 3067 meets again in 2022 on the second Thursday of each month at the Maryville Social Hall at 2009 South Fraser Street in Maryville, starting at 6 PM with a light dinner as provided by our Warden Robbie Humphries. Our usual one hour business meeting starts at 7 PM and all members are welcome. Membership dues for 2022 can be paid at the meeting or those still owing dues can just mail them in the envelope that was provided with the dues statement. Hope to see you there!

On a sad note, over the holidays we had two knights suddenly lose their mothers: Brother John Cross's mother Elaine Franke Cross of McClellanville on December 15, 2021 and Brother Ken Delahunt's mother Maureen Kelly Delahunt of Georgetown on December 26, 2021! Notice of these were sent out by email earlier, but please keep Elaine and Maureen and John and Ken and their respective families in your prayers.

January 7-8, 2022 is the ANNUAL PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND in Columbia, SC: NEVER GIVE UP. LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP THE HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP. Galatians 6:9. The Knights of Columbus will again lead the March to the Capital Steps for the Life Rally again hosted this year by the South Carolina Citizens for Life, departing from Russell Hall on the USC campus at 11 AM that Saturday. The approximate one to two hour rally on the steps of the Capitol Building will feature nationwide and local speakers, including special remarks this year from the State of Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch. For more information contact the website <https://www.sclife.org/events>; or our Council No. 3067 Life Director Colin Peterson at (843)344-9771.

The Annual National Respect Life Rally in Washington, DC is scheduled for later in January. One can travel direct or there usually are buses available at a reasonable rate leaving from St. Michael's in Garden City. More information available next week.

The Annual Columbus Hope Banquet will be Thursday, January 20, 2022, at St. Mary's Parish Hall, starting at 6 PM with a covered dish dinner. The council will provide the chicken (fried and oven roasted) and the refreshments; and the membership is asked to provide a covered dish. Checks will be awarded to Special Olympics Area #9, The J.O.Y. School of Pawleys Island and the Georgetown County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs. Walmart of Georgetown will be recognized for providing a location for us to collect donations. All the council members and their families are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Georgetown/Pawleys Island Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 of the Knights of Columbus meets at 6 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at Founders Hall at PBOC Catholic Church in Pawleys Island. Next membership meeting for assembly members is Thursday, January 26, 2022. 2022 membership dues can be paid at the meeting.

Knights of Columbus Field Agent Shane Goheen is available as needed for Life Insurance and Investment advice at (843)457-5757.

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for December 18th and 19th was \$4,819.13. **This includes \$1,247.00 from online giving.** This is \$580.87 under our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

The offertory collection for December 25th and 26th was \$3,498.00. **This includes \$952.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,902.00 under our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

The offertory collection for January 1st and 2nd was \$6,202.00. **This includes \$2,839.00 from online giving.** This is \$802.00 over our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

*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.*

# The Baptism of the Lord



## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30  
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10 Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25  
Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

## Liturgical Roles

January 15th <b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	January 16th <b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am	January 16th <b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am
<b>Lector:</b> L Goldbach	J Dumm	C Peterson
<b>Ushers:</b> P Wolfe S Salamon	P Karre N Geisler W Hoppe T Clarke	J Tupacz T Tupacz
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> A Starnes A Petrino	MJ/B Clark	M Walsh
<b>Altar Servers:</b> D Macedo	G Baker	A Huerta
<b>Altar Care:</b> L Goldbach	MJ Clark	L Ortiz
<b>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</b>		

### Religious Education

Religious education classes will resume this Sunday, January 9th. Welcome back students and catechists!

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

#### I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

—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. 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).



A donation was made to St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom in memory of Maureen Delahunt by Debra and Christopher Case.

### Gospel Meditation

The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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