

March 20, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19, 5:00 PM
† Ruth Hanson
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, March 20, 8:00 AM
† Kathy Yacavino
by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

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

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

Monday, March 21
No Mass

Tuesday, March 22, 8:00 AM
† Kelly Briggs
by Suzanne and Frank Brecka

Wednesday, March 23, 5:30 PM
† Kathy Yacavino
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, March 24, 8:00 AM
† Jane Lent and Family
by Patricia Burg

Friday, March 25, 8:00 AM
Neena McMahan
by Natalie and Ed Wozniak

Saturday, March 26, 5:00 PM
† Louise Joseph
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, March 27, 8:00 AM
† Betty Clark
by Barbara and Danny Pittman

Sunday, March 27, 10:00 AM
† Maureen Delahunt
by Nuala Greco

Sunday, March 27, 1:00 PM
People of the Parish



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 and John Yaniga.



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.**

Religious Education

Attention all high school seniors or college students who reside in Georgetown County and is a child or grandchild of a U.S. Veteran. If you fit these criteria, please contact the office for a scholarship opportunity ASAP.

The religious education program would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for providing brunch for the last two weeks.



Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 6:30 PM during Lent. Soup and bread suppers will immediately follow. There are sign up sheets in the narthex if you would like to volunteer to bring a soup, bread or a beverage to share. Please come and enjoy the fellowship!



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

The 2022 FOOD PANTRY PROJECT continues THIS WEEKEND, with canned and dry food item donations being left in our K of C boxes in the Narthex of St. Mary's Church. These will be delivered Monday to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands.

The Seminarian Breakfast this past weekend was a HUGE SUCCESS, with raising enough funds to meet our commitment of \$500 each year to Seminarian Daniel Perry, from Prince of Peace Parish in Taylors, SC, who is studying 1st year theology this year at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA and Colin Doering from St. Gregory the Great Parish in Bluffton, SC, who is in his 2nd year of college at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, TX. An especially BIG THANKS is in order to Brother Knight and Rev. James Touzeau, who provided St. Mary's Parish Hall and helped promote this annual fundraiser to assist our seminarians toward becoming priests AND Project Chair Mike Macedo for the development of the advertising promoting these seminarians and this project! The Breakfast Team provided an excellent meal and the Parish participation and fellowship was also outstanding.

March Council Awards: Knight of the Month: Michael P. Macedo. While Mike continues to serve as our council chancellor, he really stepped up this month to chair a very successful Seminarian Breakfast, enhancing the realization of the seminarians we support with inclusion of their pictures to our promotions. Further he has improved this project by documenting our recipes and procedures and continues to cultivate team camaraderie with high expectations so that we deliver a quality service to our council, parish and our seminarians. Family of the Month: Augie and Alina Vega. Since retiring to Georgetown from New York City several years ago, the Vega's have continued to be devout and contributing members of our parish. Both are always a warm welcome whether at church or a parish function or at Mass; and both are active in the Mass as extraordinary ministers of holy communion. Further both Augie and Alina are active as catechists in our children's religious education program, providing as well important bilingual support with our large Hispanic number of children. Youth of the Quarter: Lisset Hernandez. Lisset is a Junior at Georgetown High School and she is in the parish religious education program at St. Mary's. She represented very well the St. Mary's youth by volunteering several hours to help the Knights in our serving line for the Shrove Tuesday dinner associated with the parish's first Fat Tuesday celebration on March 1st. Ms. Hernandez has also been active in the ROTC at GHS and she seems to be interested in possibly pursuing that to help fund her higher education, and possible career in the armed services! Lisset Hernandez certainly did a commendable job in performing her duties in assisting with the parish celebration.

Parish Support

The offertory collection for March 12th and 13th was \$6,335.00. **This includes \$1,123.00 from online giving.** This is \$365.00 under our weekly goal of \$6,700.00.

Sign Up For Online Giving

To access online giving visit our parish website www.stmaryourladyofransom.org then select "Parish Life," and then select "Online Giving".

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.

Third Sunday of Lent



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25: 4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

Liturgical Roles

March 26 Saturday 5:00 pm	March 27 Sunday 8:00 am	March 27 Sunday 10:00 am
Lector: M Roberts	N McMahan	C Howard
Ushers: S Salamon P Wolfe	B Roberts T Clarke C Bryant	E Kimbrough B Yacavino T Macmanus H Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Deacon Mike	Deacon Mike	Deacon Mike
Altar Servers: D Macedo	B McMahan	R Arreaga
Altar Care: M Roberts	M Boelke	L Ortiz
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

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).



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

Gospel Meditation

Third Sunday of Lent

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

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