

August 16, 2020 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15th, 5:00 pm
 † Patrick Donald Riordan
 by Jean and Steve Riordan

Sunday, August 16th, 8:00 am
 People of the Parish

Sunday, August 16th, 10:00 am
 † Kay Conlan
 by Mary and Win Wesel

Sunday, August 16th, 1:00 pm
 People of the Parish

Monday, August 17th
 † Mildred Bryant
 by Barbara Mathis

Tuesday, August 18th
 People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 19th
 No Mass

Thursday, August 20th
 No Mass

Friday, August 21st
 No Mass

Saturday, August 22nd, 5:00 pm
 † Bill Saparito
 by Pat and John Geiger

Sunday, August 23rd, 8:00 am
 Available
 Please call the office

Sunday, August 23rd, 10:00 am
 † Amelia J. Isaac
 by the Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, August 23rd, 1:00 pm
 Available
 Please call the office

Parish Support

The offertory collection for August 8th and 9th was \$4,795.00. **This includes \$1,497.00 from online giving.** This is \$605.00 under 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.

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

To Report Abuse

The Diocese of Charleston treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Louisa Storen, LISW at 843-856-0748 or 800-921-8122.



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 and 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, Hayley Wolfe, Jamison Dumm, 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 Miychell, Victoria Barr, Maria Handy, Francly Green, James Manford, Pasquale Manto, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saparito Leach, Mike Sorokach, Daniel Vega, Mandy Moore, and Nick Nicoletti.

Pray for those in our Military:

Jonathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, Sheena McGee, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, and 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"**

It is with great sadness that we announce that our brother Knight Elmore R. "Frenchy" Ouellette passed away Wednesday, August 5 at Embrace Hospice in Myrtle Beach. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Frenchy's wife, Joanne, and family had a private ceremony at St. Mary's. Frenchy first joined the Knights up in the state of Maine in 1960; and then after retiring and relocating to Georgetown, he joined the Joseph M. Ros Sr. Knights Council 3067 in December 2010.

It is with great sadness that we also announce the recent passing of brother Sir Knight Sal Bilella, a member of our Philip Grant Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272 in Georgetown-Pawleys Island. Funeral plans are still pending as the family tries to plan around the COVID-19 restrictions.

The monthly Food Pantry Drive is THIS WEEKEND August 15 - 16th. Contributions of can and dry goods can be left in our boxes located in the narthex of St. Mary's Catholic Church during the Masses. The Knights will transport the donated food that Monday to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands. The next Food Pantry Drive will be Saturday and Sunday, September 19 - 20, 2020.

Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser for the maintenance of the War Memorial Monuments located at Broad and Church St. (Hwy 17N) in Georgetown has been cancelled this year due to the concerns with the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, since the maintenance of these monuments goes on regardless, you can still contribute toward these efforts with a donation made payable to "Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272" earmarked in the memo section to "GCWM" Fund. One of our fellow Sir Knights has offered anonymously a matching fund up to \$2,500 for any donations! This is a great opportunity to turn \$2500 into \$5,000! These donations can be mailed or dropped off at our Knights mailbox at St. Mary's Office: Knights of Columbus, c/o St. Mary's Catholic Church, 317 Broad St., Georgetown, SC 29440. Any questions please contact our 4th Degree Knight Colin Peterson at 843-344-9771. I encourage you to take time to observe and visit these very impressive monuments honoring those who died during these wars to preserve our freedom.

Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Ros Sr. Council 3067 formal meetings remain on hold for now due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We hope to recommence them soon! Any questions, please contact the new Grand Knight Bob McMahan at 843-729-6463.

You are encouraged to take time to observe the Knights of Columbus pictures and narratives located in the St. Mary's Narthex on the right as you enter St. Mary's Church.

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Weekly Readings

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33
Monday: Ez 24:15-24 Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10 Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35c-36b Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

PARISH EVENTS

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.



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.

Liturgical Roles

August 22nd Saturday 5:00 pm	August 23rd Sunday 8:00 am	August 23rd Sunday 10:00 am
Lectors: L Lauro	N McMahan	C Peterson
Ushers: C Walker S Salamon P Wolfe D Smith	D/T Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	J Tupacz T Tupacz J Tupacz
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: N/A	N/A	N/A
Altar Servers: B Mathis	C Carrasco	J Duncan
Altar Care: D Macedo	M Roberts	L Ortiz
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education will begin after the Masses on Sunday, August 23rd. Remote classes will begin in September. The registration fee is \$20/child and \$10/additional child within the immediate family.

There will be a catechist meeting on Saturday, August 22nd at 6:30 pm via Zoom. If anyone is interested in becoming a catechist, please contact the office.



Blood Donors Needed

A Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held this Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. At this time of year there is a critical need for blood donors of all types. Your blood will be screened for COVID-19 antibodies. If you are able to donate, please register at www.redcrossblood.org or contact Jim Lauro at 610-513-2869. Volunteers are also needed to help. Please call Jim if you can help at this blood drive.

Safe Environment Program

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." **All volunteers** who serve at Masses or teach (Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Catechists, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) 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. Please contact the parish office for forms.

Our community of faith extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Elmore Ouellette who passed away on August 5, 2020. Please keep Joanne and his family in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel Meditation

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.