

October 10, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 9, 2021 5:00 PM
† Frenchy Ouellette
by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, October 10, 2021 8:00 AM
† Marie Saguto
by Linda and Dennis Paliotti

Sunday, October 10, 2021 10:00 AM
Chris Schwarz
by Mary Boelke

Sunday, October 10, 2021 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, October 11, 2021
No Mass

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 8:00 AM
† Donna Jones
by Sandy and Colin Peterson

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 5:30 PM
† Betty Harrelson
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, October 14, 2021 8:00 AM
† Jerry Parks
by Sharon and Frank Davis

Friday, October 15, 2021 8:00 AM
† Donna Jones
by Sharon and Frank Davis

Saturday, October 16, 2021 5:00 PM
Kate Karre
by Julie Snyder

Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:00 AM
John DePorter
by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, October 17, 2021 10:00 AM
People of the Parish

Sunday, October 17, 2021 1:00 PM
† Juliana Reyes Binzha
by Lupe Hernandez

Church Office Closed

The parish office will be closed from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Monday, October 11th through Friday, October 15th. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Parish Support

The offertory collection for October 2nd and 3rd was \$6,521.00. **This includes \$1,925.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,121.00 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.



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, Rosemary Darrow and James A. Harrelson, III.

Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:

Natalie Wozniak, Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, John Darrow, 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.**

Fall Festival October 16th

Mark your calendars and hold this date! Our fall festival is almost here. If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up in the back of the church on the clip boards or contact the church office at 843-546-7416. We need your help to make this Fall Festival a success!!

Thank you!

Altar Server Training

There will be altar server training and a meeting for **ALL** servers on Saturday, October 23 at 6:00 PM. If you are an altar server or would like to become an altar server please make every effort to attend this meeting. Thank you!



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

Thank You to all the Knights and parishioners who were able to help support the Georgetown Life Chain last Sunday, October 3rd. October is Life Month! It was a very nice turnout from our entire community!

Please keep in your prayers Kathleen Parks, wife of Jerry Parks, and her family in the passing of Jerry on October 1st at Embrace Hospice in Conway!

Please keep in your prayers Christine Walker and her family with the recent passing of her daughter Donna in a hospital in Florida.

The advanced ticket sales for the PASTA DINNER SATURDAY, October 9, 2021, have been GREAT. And please remember that tickets can still be purchased from 5 to 7:30 PM at the entrance to St. Mary's Parish Hall that night or you can also pick the dinners up at PBOC's Parish Center, EAT IN OR TAKE OUT!! Donations also accepted. All the proceeds will be used by the K of C Assembly 3272 to purchase new chalices in memoriam honor of 4th Degree Knights in their passing and given to priests still in need of their own chalice to serve mass. Great cause!

The October Food Pantry will be October 16 - 17, 2021, the same weekend as our Annual St. Mary's Fall Festival! Please leave your can and dry good contributions in the boxes located in the St. Mary's church entrance. They will be delivered to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands the following Monday.

Please sign up and volunteer to help out at the St. Mary's Fall Festival Saturday, October 16th. Your assistance and participation is needed up to and including that day! "Many hands make light work" for this major fundraiser for our Parish.

The next Knights of Columbus Jos. M. Ros Sr. Council 3067 meeting will be at the Maryville Social Hall on Thursday October 14th. We will open with a light dinner at 6 PM and we will also be discussing and confirming our plans for our upcoming 36th Annual Thanksgiving For Those in Need Program! Hope to see you there!

Shane Goheen, our Knights of Columbus Field Agent, remains available as needed for your insurance and investment needs. Give him a call at (843) 457-5757.

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.

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30
Monday: Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1bcde, 2-4 Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-6b Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:6-9, 42-43 Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

Liturgical Roles

October 16 Saturday 5:00 pm	October 17 Sunday 8:00 am	October 17 Sunday 10:00 am
Lector: M Roberts	J Dumm	C Peterson
Ushers: D Smith C Peterson	B Roberts T Clarke C Bryant	T Macmanus H Moore B Yacavino E Kimbrough
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
Deacon Mike K Chewning MF Lazzari	MJ/B Clark	B Renault
Altar Servers: B Mathis	C Humphries	TBD
Altar Care: M Roberts	M Roberts	L Ortiz
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 on **Wednesday, October 6th!** 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 3 PM in our parish hall. Our next meeting is October 19th. 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).



Our community of faith extends our deepest sympathies to Christine Walker whose daughter, Donna Jones, passed away September 29, 2021. Please keep Christine and her family in your prayers. May Donna's soul rest in peace.



Our community of faith also extends our deepest sympathies to Kathleen Parks whose husband, Jerry Parks, passed away October 1, 2021. Please keep Kathleen and her family in your prayers. May Jerry's soul rest in peace.



Religious Education

Religious education classes are in full swing! We have 98 children registered in our program!

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Gospel Meditation

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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