

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18, 2021 5:00 PM
 † Leon and † Helen Wojciechoski
 in honor of their 80th Anniversary
 by Mary Lou Leonard

Sunday, September 19, 2021 8:00 AM
 † Ruth D. Miller
 by John Bagnell

Sunday, September 19, 2021 10:00 AM
 The Joe Isaac, Jr. Family
 by the Joe Isaac, Jr. Family

Sunday, September 19, 2021 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Monday, September 20, 2021
No Mass

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:00 AM
 † Alice Kennedy
 by Suzanne and Frank Brecka

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 5:30 PM
 Erin Karre
 by Julie Snyder

Thursday, September 23, 2021 8:00 AM
 Mandy Moore

Friday, September 24, 2021 8:00 AM
 Nick Nicoletti

Saturday, September 25, 2021 5:00 PM
 † Scott Henderson
 by Barbara Mathis

Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:00 AM
 † Paul Duncan, † Mary Moore
 and † Donna Scott
 by Paul and Jeanette Duncan

Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:00 AM
 † Frankie Pieterse
 by Mary and Win Wesel

Sunday, September 26, 2021 1:00 PM
 People of the Parish

Parish Support

The offertory collection for September 4th and 5th was \$5,020.00. **This includes \$1,746.00 from online giving.** This is \$380.00 under our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

The offertory collection for September 11th and 12th was \$7,370.66. **This includes \$962.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,970.66 over our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

New Year Round Office Hours

The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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:

John Howard, Barbara Mahaffey, Carolyn Hicks, Betty Barr, Angel Khoury and Rosemary Darrow.



Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:

Mandy Moore, Nick Nicoletti, Joanne Lechwar, Martin Altman, Mike Van-Landingham, Rosemary DelGuidice, Jimmy Howard, Claudia Sanchez Campos, Wesley Lewis, David Barr, Angelica Bridges, Humberto Olivares Martinez, Fred Fisher, Jennifer Vaughn, Amy Spagnuolo, Sue Canna, Julie Sharp, Sandy Sheely, Journey Peters, David Kiley, Elaine Benson, John Yaniga, Natalie Wozniak, Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro and John Darrow.

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

Welcome back catechists and students! We look forward to a successful year. Registration for both Religious Education and RCIA classes will close soon. In order to register, you must contact the office at 843-546-7416 to make an appointment. Please no walk-ins.

Second Collection ~ September 25 & 26

The Diocese has approved a second collection to assist those affected by Hurricane Ida, which caused widespread damage across much of the Eastern United States. While we mourn those who have lost their lives in this natural disaster, we must also join in prayer and action as a Catholic community. Let us show our faith by sharing what we can.



The Knights Corner

"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The Knights of Columbus Council 3067 Columbus Hope Drive #3 for 2021, September 10 - 11, 2021, generated \$2,967.93! Great job TEAM, as we also owe THANKS to three future Knights who joined us and offered their assistance: Bar-yck Jackson (Paul Parsley's grandson); JJ Tupacz (son of Jerry Tupacz) and Thomas Ariza (grandson of Colin Peterson). That brings us to \$9,184.45 (92%) for our 2021 council goal of \$10,000 for Columbus Hope Foundation, for the special need citizens of Georgetown County!! Way to go Knights! Our final drive for 2021 is October 29 - 30, 2021- a beautiful time of the year and Halloween weekend! Sign-up will start at our October knights meeting!

Thank you to all those who were able to donate dry and can good items to this weekend's September Food Pantry Drive. These donations will be delivered Monday to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands. Our next Food Pantry Drive will be the 3rd weekend of October: October 16 - 17, 2021.

The Annual Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 Pasta Dinner, raising funds for our Chalice Program to priests in memoriam of deceased Sir Knights, will be Saturday, June 9th at St. Mary's Parish Hall and at the PBOC Learning Center, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM- eat in or take out! A complete meatball and pasta dinner will be offered, including refreshments for those who eat in. Tickets will go on sale starting this weekend; with plans for our 4th degree knights to also sell them in our courtyard after Mass starting next weekend, September 25-26th. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this fundraiser to provide chalices to those priests in need!

For your information, for the first time in many years, the Fourth Degree Knights will be offering and taking orders for Advent wreaths for sale later this year. When the time comes we will have a few on display to choose from. Any questions please call Colin Peterson at (843)344-9771.

REMINDER: Volunteers are needed for the St. Mary's Fall Festival Saturday, October 16, 2021- you can sign up in the back of church or in the church office. Questions: call the church office at (843)546-7416.

Knights of Columbus Joseph M. Ros Sr. Council 3067 meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Any questions or if you would like to join the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Bob McMahan at (843)729-6463.

Knights of Columbus Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 meets monthly on the 4th Thursday of each month. Any questions or if you would like to join the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus, please contact Colin Peterson at (843)344-9771.

Knights of Columbus Insurance and Investment needs are offered through Field Agent Shane Goheen at (843)457-5757.

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5-8 Jas 3:16—4:3
Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9 Tb 13:2-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Jer 31:10-12b, 13
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14 Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Liturgical Roles

September 25 Saturday 5:00 pm	September 26 Sunday 8:00 am	September 26 Sunday 10:00 am
Lector: L Lauro	B Pittman	P Lazzari
Ushers: S Salamon P Wolfe	T/D Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	H Moore T Macmanus E Kimborough B Yacavino
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
Deacon Mike	Deacon Mike	Deacon Mike
Altar Servers: D Macedo	G Baker	D Martinez Pucheta
Altar Care: D Macedo	M Boelke	L Ortiz
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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PARISH EVENTS



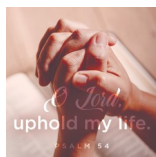
Mass Intentions for 2021 may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2021 please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society welcomes members back following the summer recess on Tuesday, September 21st at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Note the change of time for this meeting. Seating will be arranged to follow social distancing guidelines. We recommend those attending wear a mask. 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), Co-chairman.



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.

A Note From Father Touzeau

I do hope and pray you are all holding up well. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support during the time when I was ill. We are moving quickly into the season of Fall. We will be having a Fall Festival this year to coincide with the Georgetown Boat Show. It will be held on Saturday, October 16th and Sunday, October 17th. We will be needing help with the various activities so stay tuned for more information.

You may have noticed a couple of signs outside of the Church and the Parish Hall. We had a system installed in our HVAC units that cleans and purifies the air. What this system does is treat the air at a molecular level. It separates out the bonds of Hydrogen from viruses, bacteria, and molds, and ultimately kills them in a short amount of time. This system also helps to eliminate odors in the air. It will help to make a healthier and safer environment in our Church and Parish Hall.

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Gospel Meditation

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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