

September 12, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 11, 2021 5:00 PM
† Capt. Gerald F. DeConto, USN
by Anneva White

Sunday, September 12, 2021 8:00 AM
† Lawrence Fick
by Joyce Fick, Kelly, Kaylee and Kenzie Demarchi

Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:00 AM
† Patrick McDonald
by Mary and Win Wesel

Sunday, September 12, 2021 1:00 PM
People of the Parish

Monday, September 13, 2021
No Mass

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:00 AM
Beth Meares
by Cecilia Carlton

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 5:30 PM
† Tony Teel
by Barbara Mathis

Thursday, September 16, 2021 8:00 AM
† Danny K. Dawson, Sr.
by Mary and Bob Roberts

Friday, September 17, 2021 8:00 AM
Lynn Berry
by Cecilia Carlton

Saturday, September 18, 2021 5:00 PM
† Leon and Helen Wojciechoski
on their 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

Parish Support

The offertory collection amount for September 4th and 5th was unavailable at the time of printing.

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:

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

Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:

Linda DiPetrillo, Maureen Delahunt, Tammy Miychell, Victoria Barr, Maria Handy, Francy Green, James Manford, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saporito Leach, Mandy Moore, Nick Nicoletti, Joanne Lechwar, Martin Altman, Mike VanLandingham, Rosemary DelGuidice, Jimmy Howard, Claudia Sanchez Campos, Wesley Lewis, David Barr, Angelica Bridges, Humberto Olivares Martinez, Fred Fisher, Jennifer Vaugn, Amy Spagnuolo, Sue Canna, Julie Sharp, Sandy Sheely, Journey Peters, David Kiley, Elaine Benson, John Yaniga, Natalie Wozniak, Ed Wozniak and Jim Lauro.

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 are in memory of Helen and Leon Wojciechoski on their anniversary by Mary Lou Leonard.



"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

On this 20th anniversary of 9/11, please remember in your prayers all those who were directly affected by the events of September 11, 2001, including those who gave their lives when the four planes were hijacked and commandeered into the Trade Towers, the Pentagon and the fourth plane that crashed in that field in Pennsylvania before it could do any further destruction; and all those medical and emergency responders who responded to those same emergencies! A special ceremony was also conducted this Saturday morning on Church St. (Hwy 17 north) before the bridges in Georgetown, as it has been for the last several years, with our 4th Degree Assembly 3272 Honor Guard presenting the colors at the four times each plane crashed that morning: 8:46; 9:03; 9:37; and 10:03 AM. WE NEED NOT EVER FORGET!!

Thank you to the great response of volunteers we had this weekend to our third Columbus Hope Drive in 2021, raising donations for the special needs citizens of Georgetown County. We are rapidly approaching our council goal of \$10,000! Our final drive for 2021 will be October 29th and 30th.

Our monthly council Food Pantry Drive for September will be next Friday and Saturday, September 18 - 19, 2021. Donation boxes will be located in the narthex of St. Mary's Church during all weekend Masses and the dry and canned good items will be delivered to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands. Thus far this year, through August, we have delivered 6,350 pounds to these organizations!

The next 4th Degree Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 meeting will be Thursday, September 23rd at 6 PM at Precious Blood of Christ facility in Pawleys Island.

The Assembly 3272 Annual Pasta Dinner to raise money for our Chalice Program will be Saturday, October 9, 2021. Complete pasta and meatball dinners will be served at St. Mary's Parish Hall and Precious Blood of Christ from 4:30 to 7:30 PM, eat-in or take-out! Tickets will go on sale by late September; or call Colin Peterson at 843-344-9771.

Our K of C Insurance and Investment Field Agent Shane Goheen remains on call as needed at (843)457-5757.

The Benefits of Membership

We warmly welcome new members to our parish community! Active membership is determined by regular attendance at Mass, regular use of your envelope to support the Parish, and having a Registration Form on file for at least six months. Various facilities and services are available to active members. Please register with our parish in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Please either visit our website at www.stmaryourladyofransom.org and complete the form under "Newcomers" or visit the church office and fill out a registration form.

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Jn 19:25-27

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 8:4-15

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

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 meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 3 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).

Liturgical Roles

September 18 Saturday 5:00 pm	September 19 Sunday 8:00 am	September 19 Sunday 10:00 am
Lector: J Strenk	N McMahan	B Yacavino
Ushers: D Smith C Peterson	B Roberts T Clarke C Bryant	J Tupacz T Tupacz
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
Deacon Mike MF Lazzari K Chewning	MJ/B Clark	M Walsh
Altar Servers: D Macedo	M Ortiz	D/I Mezquite-Reyes
Altar Care: P Geiger	M Boelke	L Ortiz
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

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.

Religious Education

We are scheduled to begin Religious Education classes Sunday, September 12th. RCIA will begin on September 19th in English and September 16th in Spanish. Please be aware that depending on the COVID crisis, these dates may change. Registration for both Religious Education and RCIA classes will close September 26th. In order to register, you must contact the office at 843-546-7416 to make an appointment. Please no walk-ins.

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Gospel Meditation

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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.