

September 13, 2020 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12th, 5:00 pm
 † Captain Gerald F. DeConto, USN
 by Anneva and Dave White

Sunday, September 13th, 8:00 am
 † Donna Scott
 by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

Sunday, September 13th, 10:00 am
 People of the Parish

Sunday, September 13th, 1:00 pm
 † Wayne Johnson
 by Rev. Richard C. Wilson

Monday, September 14th
No Mass

Tuesday, September 15th
 † Wayne Johnson
 by Pat and John Geiger

Wednesday, September 16th
 † Danny Dawson, Sr.
 By Mary and Bob Roberts

Thursday, September 17th
 Special Intention
 Angel Garland
 by Pat and John Geiger

Friday, September 18th
 † Rita Tallery
 By Pat and John Geiger

Saturday, September 19th, 5:00 pm
 Frank Del Duca

Sunday, September 20th, 8:00 am
 † John Bugyi
 by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

Sunday, September 20th, 10:00 am
 People of the Parish

Sunday, September 20th, 1:00 pm
 † Wayne Johnson
 by Christine Walker



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, 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, Arthur Cannon, 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, Francy 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"**

The monthly Food Pantry Drive is THIS WEEKEND, with canned and dry goods being left in the Narthex area of St. Mary's Church! Dry and canned good donations will be delivered to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands this week. Our next food drive will be October 17 and 18, 2020 (the 3rd weekend of each month).

Father Michael McGivney's Beatification is scheduled for Saturday, October 31st. A miracle attributed to our founder Michael McGivney, healed Mikey Schachle of a life-threatening condition; and with this decree, Father McGivney's cause for sainthood moves to the next step- beatification. Hopefully you have taken the time to observe the 7:36 minute video provided earlier on the family's experience with the child's journey from the womb to now a wonderful part of their family! The Council is planning on a special recognition of this upcoming event.

Donations have started to come in for our Annual 4th Degree Knights of Columbus fundraiser that they have committed to for the annual maintenance needs for the Georgetown County War Memorial Monuments, located between the American Legion and the VFW building at Broad and Church St. in Georgetown. These donations are being matched by an anonymous donation from a 4th Degree Knight of up to \$2,500 toward this goal! Thanks to all those who have contributed thus far and donations can be made payable to "Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272" with "GCWMM" listed in the memo portion of the check. Donations can be left at the Knights' mailbox at St. Mary's Office or mailed to the same at: "Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272, c/o St. Mary's Catholic Church, 317 Broad St., Georgetown, SC 29440.

Thanks to Past Grand Knight Brian Clark for his chairing the project of responding to Father Wilson's earlier request to the Knights for a new large screen TV for the CCD Program. Brian also installed that TV just prior to the start of CCD classes this month.

Fundraising projects for 2020 remain in limbo as we navigate the COVID19 restrictions for the balance of this year, but we are actively exploring when we can recommence these efforts. Come join us at our recently resumed monthly business meetings at Maryville Social Hall starting at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month or share your ideas with our new Grand Knight Bob McMahan at (843) 729-6463.

Knights of Columbus Field Agent Shane Gohee remains available as needed to address any K of C insurance/investment issues at 843-457-5757 or email at shane.goheen@kofc.org.

Parish Support

The offertory collection for September 5th and 6th was unavailable due to publication deadline. Look for those numbers in next weeks bulletin.

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.*

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Weekly Readings

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Ps 100:1b-5 Jn 19:25-27
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22 Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28 Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1b-d, 6-7, 8b, 15 Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14
Lk 8:4
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

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.



Liturgical Roles

Sept 19th Saturday 5:00 pm	Sept 20th Sunday 8:00 am	Sept 20th Sunday 10:00 am
Lectors: L Lauro	B Clark	C Peterson
Ushers: C Walker S Salamon P Wolfe D Smith	P Karre N Giesler W Hoppe T Clarke	J Tupacz T Tupacz
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: N/A	N/A	N/A
Altar Servers: B Mathis	C Carrasco	G Baker
Altar Care: P Hughes	A Boone	L Ortiz
<u>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</u>		

New Daily Mass and Adoration Schedule

Daily Mass will no longer be held on Mondays. This Mass has been moved to Friday. On **Fridays**, Mass will be at 5:30 pm followed by Adoration from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. **However, Friday, September 18, Adoration is canceled.**

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. Virtual meetings may occur in the future. If you have any questions or know someone who is interested in joining our group, please call Mary Boelke at 843-543-3537 or Ann Boone at 843-235-4094.

RCIA Class

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will begin in October 1. Anyone interested in registering for the class should contact the office.

Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education will continue after the 8:00 am and 1:00 pm Sunday Masses until the end of September. There will be no registration after the 10am Mass. If you cannot make it after Mass, please call the office to make an appointment to register your child.

Lessons for all grade levels will begin on Sunday, September 27th at 11:15 am until 12:30 pm.

Welcome back First Communion class of 2020!

The **Catholic Miscellany** makes every effort to cover the entire state of South Carolina. We can't do it without hearing from you. Do you have a story idea or event that needs coverage? Please visit TheMiscellany.org/ submit-news and tell us what's going on in your part of the diocese! This link will take you directly to the submission page. We want to cover your events. Please help us tell the rest of the Diocese of Charleston about your Good News.

Adoration Canceled September 18

Due to a previously scheduled wedding rehearsal taking place on Friday, September 18 at 6:00 pm, adoration will be canceled. However, Mass will still be held that evening at 5:30 pm.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel Meditation

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs to offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?