

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 10/4 9:30 am
Wed: 10/5 5:30 pm
6:45 pm
Sat: 10/8 6:30 pm
Sun: 10/9 8:30 am John Williamson (D)
~given by Nancy Williamson

Second Collections for Next Week

CONTRIBUTIONS for September 25, 2016	
Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 2105.50

COUNTERS for this week are: Mary Beverly and Betty Smith.

Parish Committees

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October is "Right to Life" month. We are saying a rosary before the Saturday night mass starting at 6 p.m. and one at 8 a.m. on Sundays to end abortion. It would be great to have more people come and pray it with us during October. In addition, there is a playpen as you enter church to place items in for Toccoa Life. At the end of the month, we will donate any baby items to help with all the young women who have opted to give birth and keep their babies. All of your support is deeply appreciated. Thanks so much!!

Pray for ... PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Zachary Carreno, Kevin Chase, Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Chuck Hansen, Judy Hawkins, Edna Kane, Ed Kernan, Carl Pope, Chloe Smith, Skip Studley, Joe Todd, Jim Zell, Elaine Peterson, Charles Roberts, Glenn Gloeckner, Mary Hennessey, Hubert Jones, Lisa Panatera - Esquivel, Karen Poole, Carlton House, Mac Boswell, Karen Perchinski, Brion Lanier, Max Biester, Gloria Woodall, Laura Barnett, Dell Thomas, Nan Lunn, Diane Farmer, Tina Vu, Lore Schnell, Gwen Cuvo, Larry Barbour and Walter Gaines.

SAVE THE DATE: The Ladies of St. Mary's invite you to our Fall Senior Luncheon on Wednesday Oct. 12th at 12:30PM in the Social Hall. Spend time with old friends and make new ones. After lunch, stay to visit, play cards or games. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We look forward to seeing you!

"The Knights of Columbus will be selling Religious Christmas in the coming weeks to any member of the Parish Family that wants to purchase them. We will have a display setup after Mass to view the different boxes of Cards."

The Parish Council thanks the following parishioners for their assistance with the 'spruce up the grounds of St. Mary's day' last Saturday. They cut grass, edged walkways, trimmed trees/bushes, cut down two trees, removed damaged/broken pottery (to be replaced); swept the walkways/parking lots and bagged the trash. All the trash was hauled off before parishioners arrived for the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Betty Smith, Mike Kennedy, Mike Staley, James Donnelly, Jose Flores, Tony Vu (and family), John Stelmack and Gary Cortellino.

See 'ya all this spring!!!



Faith is a quality we like to treat as a quantity. Faith is spiritual "stuff." We feel like we're failing if we don't have enough. We may even fall into the temptation to compare our faith with others. And, of course, "faith" is measured in the behavior of "spiritual" people. Do we pray enough? Praise God enough? Moral enough? Serve others enough?

The apostles faced the same temptation. They felt inadequate, compared to Jesus. His ministry was the measuring stick for others. They wanted to do what Jesus did. So, they asked the Master for the power of faith. The answer they received must have surprised them.

Jesus answered the request of more faith with a parable image and a set of rhetorical questions. Unlike other parable images in Luke, Jesus was straight forward. Command and it will happen. Serve God and others in the way expected. Use faith for others, not for self-glory.

Like many other times in Luke's gospel, Jesus spoke in absurd to make his point. Faith and service are intertwined. If you want a stronger faith, get involved. <http://www.word-sunday.com/Files/c/27-c/A-27-c.html>

Chuch Picnic

October 8th
4:00pm
Tugaloo State Park

There will be no Mass that evening at the church but we will celebrate Mass at sunset on the beach at Tugaloo. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please plan to attend.

Salvation army is looking for volunteers to ring the bells and the angel tree ministry. If interested please call 706-716-4968

St. Vincent dePaul

St. Mary's Conference of Saint Vincent dePaul will meet Wednesday, October 5th, following 6:30 PM Mass (7:15 PM) in the Religious Education Room. We welcome two new members, Jim Donnelly and Ruth Manna, who will discern their vocations with SVdP and join us as we experience the joy and graces of serving and bringing Christ to the poor and needy in our community. We thank St. Mary's parishioners for their most generous contributions September 17th and 18th for the SVdP St. Mary's Conference collection. It totaled \$552.24. With this we were able to help a young family with three children and a young wife, in her thirties, who with severe disabilities, suffered a debilitating stroke. We also assisted several other families in our community, through home visits and assessments, with utility bills so that they continue to have electricity and water. God has blessed us in so many ways! We invite parishioners to join us at our meetings, learn more about what we do, and to discern if you might like to join us in our Vincentian mission. For more information, please call Nancy Williamson 706-356-8046 or Sharon Cook at 706-297-8344. **HELP-LINE** number for those needing assistance is: **1 (678) 892-6163.**