

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 5/17 9:30 am
Wed: 5/18 5:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm
Sat: 5/21 6:30 pm
Sun: 5/22 8:30 am John Williamson (D)
~given by Nancy Williamson

CONTRIBUTIONS for May 8, 2016

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 1,860.10
Ascension	\$ 350
Catholic Communications	\$ 146

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

COUNTERS for this week are: Jan Dover & Flora Butler.

Parish Committees

Pastoral Council: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493
Finance Committee: Bob Defenbaugh 706-886-8950
Ladies of Saint Mary: Gerrie Chalk 706-963-0050
Religious Education: Sharon Cook 706-297-8344
Nancy Barbour 706-244-1437
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Maintenance Committee: Larry Barbour 706-244-1410
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Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed. See Fr. Sullivan if interested.

Lord Teach Me To Pray

On May 14, 2016 Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Peachtree City, Georgia will host a Facilitator training-retreat for the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" prayer series. There is no charge for the training itself or materials. For info and registration, contact Mrs. Carol Weiler at (504)-439-5933 or carolweiler@cox.net or go to www.lordteachmetoprayer.com to download a registration form.



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, Brenda & Tom McKevlin, 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.

St. Vincent dePaul

Saint Mary's Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul will meet Wednesday, May 19th in the Religious Education room following Mass (about 7:15 PM). Collections for contributions will be at the Masses, May 21st, and 22nd. Please feel free to join us at our meetings and consider becoming a Vincentian Volunteer. For information please contact Nancy Williamson at 706-356-8046. St. Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference central **HELP-LINE** number for those needing assistance is: **1 (678) 892-6163**.

Ministry of Gods Housekeepers

PLEASE, PLEASE!! Are there two church members who can spend 1 hour, 5 times spread out over the year?? Each will work with another church member of God's HouseKeepers to keep St. Mary's clean. Is this too much to ask? If you can help, please call Ray at (706) 779-2700.

Ministry of Gods Gardeners

We are in great need of some folks to help with the upkeep of the gardens and church grounds. If you are able to help even a couple of hours a week or month, please call or email the church office.

Although it is true that the Holy Spirit can make his presence known through external signs and special gifts for the sake of unbelievers (1 Corinthians 12: 4-11), our personal Pentecost begins with the Sacrament of Baptism and is made deeper through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, Original Sin is washed away and we become temples of the Holy Spirit, children of God and living members of the Church. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, baptismal grace comes to completion. It is through this sacrament that we are bound more perfectly to the Church and endowed with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to fulfill those promises made at Baptism. Through these sacraments, the Holy Spirit enlightens us with ten special gifts. The three gifts that we receive at our Baptism are faith, hope and charity. The seven gifts we receive at our Confirmation are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

We need to remember that through these sacraments we have received an amazing treasure of gifts. It is through our daily spiritual life that these gifts allow us to persevere on our journey to eternity and allow us to be effective and courageous witnesses of the Gospel.

The gift of faith allows us to see the invisible in the visible world. Hope gives us the ability to trust in God who is our Father. Charity provides us with the grace that we need to love God above all things and to love our neighbor just as Jesus loves us.

Wisdom detaches us from the things of this world and causes us to desire only the things of Heaven. The gift of understanding helps us to penetrate the truths of our Catholic Faith. Counsel enables us to see and choose correctly those actions that will help us give glory to God and ensure our own eternal salvation.

Fortitude gives us the strength to overcome those obstacles and difficulties that present themselves during our sojourn on earth.

The gift of knowledge shows us the path to follow and alerts us to the dangers that we must avoid in order to attain eternal life in Heaven.

Piety enlightens us with a tender and filial confidence in God and allows us to joyfully embrace all that pertains to our discipleship with Christ. Finally, the gift of fear of the Lord fills us with a deep respect for God and makes us dread anything that may offend him.

On this Pentecost Sunday we need to open our hearts to the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Fr. James Farfaglia

LADIES OF ST MARY'S NEWS: Our last meeting until September will be on Wednesday, May 18th at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. This will be followed by lunch at a restaurant to be decided at the meeting. All the ladies of St. Mary's are invited to join us.

Lost Key

The church's Tabernacle key is missing, if anybody knows its whereabouts or finds it please turn in to church office. Thanks!

THANK YOU to all who sorted, organized and worked at our yard sale and bake sale! We are grateful to those who generously donated delicious baked goods and a variety of interesting items for the yard sale and to those who rented tables. Thank you for your participation and making it a success!

Parish Council

Opportunities are available for parishioners who would like to participate on the Parish Council. Nominations will be accepted until May 18 and elections will be held the weekend of May 21-22. Meetings are once a month with occasional service opportunities in between. Call Jerry Bronikowski at 706-282-1080 (H) or 770-315-9864.