

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 9/13 9:30 am ****NO MASS****
Wed: 9/14 5:30 pm ****NO MASS OR ADORATION****
6:45 pm
Sat: 9/17 6:30 pm People of the parish
Sun: 9/18 8:30 am Robert Burk (L)
~given by Nancy Williamson

Second Collections for Next Week

Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference

CONTRIBUTIONS for September 4, 2016

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 1,420
Building Fund	\$ 202.05
Catholic University	\$ 130

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LADIES OF ST. MARY'S: All ladies of St. Mary's are invited to attend our Sept. 14th meeting at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. Come and see what we do and share your ideas for activities for the coming year. Looking forward to seeing you!



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 and Larry Barbour.

Second Collection

Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's special second collection for The Catholic University of America! Your support enables Catholic University to provide an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. You can learn more about your impact, and the university, at: collection.cua.edu

It will also support scholarships for students in our diocese and others in achieving our mission of preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation – including those studying to become our future priests and religious. We appreciate your generosity.

The Knights of Columbus will have our Sunday Breakfast on Sept. 11, 2016 after the 8:30 AM Mass. We will be celebrating the new CCD Classes as they begin this new year of religious instruction. *There will also be a moment to honor and remember 9/11/01 and the people that gave their lives for us.*

In his inaugural Angelus address, Pope Francis reflected on the themes offered in our readings this weekend. Summing up the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son, Pope Francis said, "Let us not forget this word: God never tires of forgiving us, never! But the problem is that we get tired, we don't want to, we get tired of asking for forgiveness. Let us never get tired. Let us never get tired. He is the loving Father who always forgives, who has that heart of mercy for all of us. And let us also learn to be merciful with everyone." The overflowing abundance of God's mercy is featured in these parables. When Christ asks the question about who would leave a flock of ninety-nine sheep to look for one, the obvious answer is no one. No doubt most shepherds estimate a certain amount of lost "sheepage" along the journey. Breakage is factored into budgets as an industry standard. Again, one might wonder about the rationale of the woman burning the midnight oil at great expense in order to find one lost coin. It does not seem to make sense from an economic point of view. And yet, for our God, there is no expense too great, there are no lengths to which he will not go, to extend his mercy and forgiveness. Our God is a God of open and tender embrace, always searching out the lost and looking for the strays. As the psalmists says: "His compassion endures forever."

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Classes will begin on Sept 11 for Sunday classes after mass. Confirmation classes will begin Sept 14 approximately 7:15-8:15 pm.

****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

Saint Mary's Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul will meet Wednesday, September 21st in the Social Hall at 7:15PM following Mass. We will complete the 2nd half of the Sexual Abuse training that ALL members are required to have in order to conduct home visits and work directly with our client individuals and families.

A vocation is a "call", a personal summons from God, inviting someone to embark upon a specially chosen work relative to God's plan of salvation. Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have been "called" by God to grow in holiness through a ministry of service to the poor, to bear witness to Jesus' compassionate love. A member of the Society puts his or her faith into action. The Vincentian vocation is the intimate desire to participate personally and directly in helping the needy by person-to-person contact and by the gift of one's heart and friendship, doing so within a Conference, a community of faith of lay persons each inspired by the same vocation.

It's not for everyone. It's not for anyone. But being a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul- being a Vincentian – is for some. It is a special calling by God. Blessed Frederic Ozanam said: "...what is proposed to us is the sublime vocation God has given us. Would that we were a little bit worthy of it and bent easily to its burden." Please join us at our meetings and discern if you might want a vocation with St. Vincent de Paul. All are invited!! There are many opportunities for training and joining others in bringing Christ out to our community. For more information, please call Nancy Williamson at 706-356-8046.

HELP-LINE number for those needing assistance is: **1 (678) 892-6163.**

Today's Readings: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]