

## Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 11/15 9:30 am

Wed: 11/16 5:30 pm  
6:45 pm

Sat: 11/19 6:30 pm Jamie Barnett (D)  
~given by Jim and Laura Barnett

Sun: 11/20 8:30 am Elmer & Agnes Burk (D)  
~given by Nancy Williamson

## Second Collections for Next Week

Campaign for Human Development

### **CONTRIBUTIONS for November 6, 2016**

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 2,659.50
Archdiocesan Seminarians	\$ 358

**COUNTERS** for this week are: Ruth Manna and Betty Smith.

Flowers are in memory of Bruce Broussard.

### **Parish Committees**

Pastoral Council: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493  
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Counters for church contributions are needed. If you have two to three hours to spare at least once a month to join the counting group, please contact Nancy Williamson at (706) 356 8046..

## 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, Walter Gaines, Janice Sibley and Joan Ferrara.

Ladies of the Parish: Please mark your calendars for the next meeting of the Ladies of St. Mary, Wed. November 16th at 10:00am in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend. If you are interested in being a part of this group and are unable to attend, please contact Stephanie Cortellino at 404-353-0475. Thank you and we hope to see you on the 16th!

### **Best Advent Ever**

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We shop for gifts, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and visit family and friends until we're ready to drop. These activities are all part of the season, but at its heart, Advent is about getting ready to encounter Jesus. Opening your heart to him. Getting to know him. Becoming a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, etc. This Advent, join me and your fellow parishioners for best Advent ever: Rediscover Christmas, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what really matters during the busy season. Each day, you'll receive an email with practical tips, free Christmas music, or an inspirational video from Dr. Allen Hunt and other Catholic voices of our time. The program is simple. All you have to do is sign up at [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com). Your experience of Christmas will be unlike any you've experienced before. Are you ready for your best Advent ever?

This weekend, Sat/Sun, Nov 12/13, the Parish Council will sponsor a Ministry Fair after both Masses in the vestibule. A member from each Ministry will be available to answer any questions regarding their ministry. Parishioners are encouraged to actively engage and consider joining a ministry!

**Our Thanksgiving Mass will be on November 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.**

**There will be NO adoration on the 16th of November due to the children's mass**

The most often repeated command in Scripture is "fear not." It is given 114 times...that's not just something an angel says in a Christmas play!

God tells us in verse one, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine." We have no fear of judgment because we are redeemed--our salvation is secure--so it stands to reason with eternity secure, we should have no fear of tomorrow. God is in control. He is our Redeemer who loves us. Our standing is rooted in relationship; we are His. Isaiah reminds us that God is also the One who "formed" us out of nothing, and this word implies painstaking care. God has called us by name, which indicates He has a specific plan and place for us. We are His cherished, rightful possession, and He is our present help in any danger.

We may pass through trials, through waters of difficulty and fires of oppression--verse two--but without fear. God is with us. "Hope is holding out your hand in the dark" (Anon). We live by hope in Divine Providence. Let's not fear what nature or nations may do to us. Sometimes the Lord calms the storm...sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms us. <http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/>

**Solidarity HealthShare** - a Catholic alternative to Obamacare. Please visit: [solidarityhealthshare.org](http://solidarityhealthshare.org) or call 844-313-4999

Mass in Remembrance of the Tiny Innocents, Coordinated by the Elizabeth Ministry

Father Paul Burke will celebrate a Mass in Remembrance of the Tiny Innocents, in loving memory of those born to the embrace of heaven due to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth or neonatal death. The Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (4465 Northside Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327). The Elizabeth Ministry invites those who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss to attend. This Mass of hope and healing will be preceded by a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. A coffee and dessert reception will follow the Mass in the Narthex.

For those parents who would like their baby's name included in the Litany of Names to be read during the Mass, please email Therese Wyble at [theresewyble@att.net](mailto:theresewyble@att.net) or call her at (404) 694-7077 with your baby's name by Sunday, November 13th. If a baby had not been named or if discretion is desired, "Baby (first or last name)" is perfectly appropriate. For more information about the mass, please contact Therese Wyble.

**ADVENT WREATHS, ADVENT CANDLES, and ADVENT CALENDARS** will be on sale starting Nov. 19th and 20th after mass. Proceeds will go to the Ladies Guild for future projects. Any questions, phone Pat Defenbaugh @ 706-244-1316

### **St. Vincent dePaul**

SVdP, St. Mary's Conference will meet this Tuesday, November 15th, at 7:00 PM in St. Mary's Social Hall. Please note that our regular meeting dates are changed to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 7:00 PM beginning in January, 2017. We will meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 13th at Nancy Williamson's home for a special meeting. Members are asked to bring hor d orves for the get-to-gether. For questions or information call Nancy Williamson at (706) 356 8046