

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 12/13 9:30 am

Wed: 12/14 6:45 pm

Sat: 12/17 6:30 pm

Sun: 12/18 8:30 am People of the parish

Second Collection Next Week

Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference

Advent Penance Service December 20 at 7pm

CONTRIBUTIONS for December 4, 2016

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| Church Budget | \$ 2,100 |
| General Offertory | \$1,963.60 |
| Building Improvement | \$ 427 |

COUNTERS for this week are: Yvonne Dessauer and Flora Butler.

Parish Committees

Pastoral Council: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493
Finance Committee: Bob Defenbaugh 706-886-8950
Ladies of Saint Mary: Stephanie Cortellino 404-353-0475
Religious Education: Sharon Cook 706-297-8344
Jessica Burger 1-904-219-1129
Knights of Columbus: Mike Staley 770-241-8544
Maintenance Committee: Larry Barbour 706-244-1410
Bulletin editor: Christa O'Barr 706-886-2819;
stmarystoccoa@gmail.com (email)
Multi-Purpose Building Committee: 706-201-1185
Extraordinary Ministers/Lectors Coordinator: Mary Madani 770-313-9192

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The price is \$5.00 each, please see Sharon Cook, the names will be listed in our Christmas Bulletin.

Pray for ...

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Zachary Carreno, Kevin Chase, Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Edna Kane, Ed Kernan, Skip Studley, Joe Todd, Jim Zell, Elaine Peterson, Charles Roberts, Glenn Gloeckner, Mary Hennessey, Hubert Jones, Lisa Panatera - Esquivel, Karen Poole, Mac Boswell, Karen Perchinski, Brion Lanier, Max Biester, Laura Barnett, Nan Lunn, Lore Schnell, Walter Gaines, Janice Sibley, Joan Ferrara, Jan Dover, Leon Womack and Mary Beverly.

If you are looking for a way to help your church and can spend 2 hours four times a year spread out over the calendar year cleaning the church. We would appreciate your help! Please call Ray Hopper 706-779-2700 for more information.

The Parish is updating our Prayer Intentions for January 2017 and thereafter. Individuals requesting prayer intentions should communicate with parishioner Ruth Manna, preferably via phone; 678 327-4738. **Please do not call the church office.** Please update Ruth at least **every four weeks** if you wish to continue with Community Prayers. Additionally, please communicate with her regarding individuals **presently** listed so that the Parish bulletin is updated beginning January. **Only** updated names will be listed in the Church bulletin beginning the weekend of January 14th/15th, 2017. Thank-you. Also, for those who do not have computer access and wish to pray for others, a 'telephone call-out' will continue by Rita Nash. Please contact Rita via email (gordie123@windstream.net) or by phone (706-356-1247).

St. Vincent dePaul

The December meeting for Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference members is changed and will be held Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 PM at Nancy Williamson's home. Please bring an appetizer/hor d'vours to celebrate a very successful first year and call Nancy to RSVP.

With the generosity of St. Mary's parishioners, private donors and sister conferences we were able to bring Christ and assistance to over 50 families and individuals in our community. As Christmas and the cold of winter approach, we are experiencing an increase in the number of calls to our help line for assistance with utilities, rent, and food. At the same time our funds are dwindling. Please consider a donation to SVdP, St. Mary's Conference as the tax year comes to a conclusion and holidays approach. For more information contact Nancy Williamson (706) 356 8046 or Sharon Cook (706) 297 8344.

The Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference HELP-LINE # is: (678) 892 6163.

For the preparation of the Advent/Christmas season, let's rally one more time for Toccoa Life. They are especially in need of size 3 and 4 diapers. Thank you for your generosity.

The Ladies of St. Mary's Holiday Luncheon will be Wednesday Dec. 14th at 11:30am at the home of Stephanie Cortellino -1010 East Tugalo Street, Toccoa. Please bring a dish to share and a \$5.00 gift for a fun gift exchange. Questions - please contact Stephanie 404-353-0475 or steph.cortellino@gmail.com.

St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul has a single Mom in need of Christmas gifts for 3 children: girls ages 2 and 8, and a boy 13. Please contact Stephanie Cortellino at 404-353-0475, if you can help out in any way. We have a list of requested items. Thank you!

Thank you to all who participated in our 'inaugural' St Mary's Catholic Church Christmas float in the 2016 Toccoa City Annual Christmas Parade. Thank-you for the ornament donations; time spent decorating; our time out break/meal and the 'kids' who participated and helped to pull it off!

A special thank you to Charles Poole for use of his utility trailer and for his time pulling/driving the float in the parade.

What a great 'evangelistic' tool. We met other local faith organizations and we advertised 'St Mary's of Toccoa'.

View our photos on our parish website: stmarystoccoa.org

Please 'like' and comment us on St Mary's Toccoa Face Book page

And/or view photos in the narthex.

We will do it again and better next year!

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.

Second Collection

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

LIVING FAITH DAILY DEVOTIONALS for January-March are on the table in the narthex. Please look for your copy. Thanks!