

### Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

**Tue:** 1/17 9:30 am  
**Wed:** 1/18 6:45 pm  
**Sat:** 1/21 6:30 pm Bill Green (D)  
~given by Gerrie & Richard Chalk  
**Sun:** 1/22 8:30 am People of the parish

### **Second Collection Next Week** *Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries*

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS for January 8, 2017**

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$1,705.40
Building Improvement	\$ 198

**COUNTERS** for this week are: Flora Butler & Yvonne Dessauer.

#### **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](mailto:stmarystoccoa@gmail.com) (email)  
Multi-Purpose Building Committee: 706-201-1185  
Extraordinary Ministers/Lectors Coordinator: Mary Madani 770-313-9192

**Please remember to call the church office to reserve the social hall. I have some calling to reserve to only get there to have somebody else being there. Thanks!**



*Please keep the following people in your prayers:*

Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Skip Studley, Max Biester Laura Barnett, Nan Lunn, Lore Schnell, Walter Gaines, Janice Sibley, Jan Dover, Leon Womack, June Webb, Mary Beverly and Sharon Cook.

If you like to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Ruth Manna (678 327-4738). Please do not call the church office. Update Ruth at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers. The Church is keeping prayer intentions updated.

Additionally, Rita Nash is continuing her 'prayer intentions' email blasts regarding parishioners suddenly taken ill and/or hospitalized. Contact Rita via email ([gordie123@windstream.net](mailto:gordie123@windstream.net)) Or by phone (706 356-1247). Thank-you.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Ladies of St. Mary:  
St. Patrick's Day Dinner Saturday March 18th  
Yard and Bake Sale - Saturday April 29th  
Details coming soon!

#### **Calendars**

Don't forget to pick up your calendar in the narthex!  
One per family please.

Mark your calendars! St Catherine LaBouré is having a Parish Mission starting Sunday evening, February 19th, and ending on Wednesday evening, February 22nd. Catholic Lay Evangelist Bill Wegner, of Good News International, is conducting the mission. The theme is "Living the Gospel Today". This will be a great time to be encouraged in our faith. Plan to be there...and bring a friend! Details can be found at [stcatherinelabourega.org](http://stcatherinelabourega.org)

#### **St. Vincent dePaul**

Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference's regular meetings will be the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in St. Mary's social hall. Our next meeting is January 26th at 5 PM. This will be a training meeting to learn about the CMS system for entering data and conducting a home visit. Members, please bring your laptops if you have one.

We encourage any parishioners, who are interested in growing in our Catholic Faith and bringing Christ into the homes of the poor and needy, to visit our meetings and discern if God is calling you to this ministry.

For more information on how to help, please call Nancy Williamson, 706 356 8046; Stephanie & Gary Cortellino, 706 898-5661; or Sharon Cook, 706-297-8344.

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

The Ladies of St. Mary's and the Knights of Columbus Council 9975 are joining forces to participate in "Project Overcoat" for needy Families in the Toccoa Area. Please bring any unwanted used or New Coats and blankets to Mass on the next two Sundays or During the week when the Church is open. We will distribute the outerwear in cooperation with the local Family and Children's Services of Stephens County. Thank you for your help in this worthwhile effort.

Thanks,  
Stephanie Cortellino – President – Ladies of St. Mary's  
Mike Staley – Grand Knight Council 9975

#### **End of Year Statements**

They are on the table in a box in the narthex. I mailed some that I thought wouldn't be able to pick their's up at church. Please only take your family's statements and if you don't need your envelope please leave at the back of the box. Thanks!!

In the light of the upcoming inauguration the Knights of Columbus have initiated this prayer. Note, it would need to be continued throughout his tenure as our President:

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Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.

Amen.

To my parish family,  
I thank you for the calls, cards and prayers during my recent illness. I still feel weak at times but I am doing well. I wish each of you a New Year of love, health and happiness. Please keep me in your prayers, as I do you.

Mary Beverly