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**Ladies of  
St. Mary's**

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the  
month at 10 a.m.



In Loving Memory of  
Matilde Saavedra

**In Memory of  
James H. Broussard  
"Bruce"**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Joseph M. Malik - Council 9975**

**In Loving Memory of Herman Watson  
husband, father and grandfather of 23**

**First Sunday of Lent  
March 5, 2017**



**St Mary's Catholic Church**

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PASTOR: Rev. Vincent Sullivan  
vsullivan@gmail.com  
Secretary: Christa O'Barr  
706-886-2819

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Tues: 10 am - 2 pm  
Wed: 1 pm - 5 pm  
Fri: 10 am - 1 pm

Sacramental Emergency: 678-823-9391  
Baptism and Matrimony: Contact Fr. Sullivan  
Sacrament of Penance: Wed. 5:30 - 6:30 pm or by appointment  
St. Vincent de Paul Help Line: 678-892-6163

## Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 3/7 9:30 am  
Wed: 3/8 6:45 pm  
Sat: 3/11 6:30 pm  
Sun: 3/12 8:30 am

### CONTRIBUTIONS for February 26, 2017

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 2,669.75
Building Improvement	\$ 6

COUNTERS for this week are: Cecile Mize and 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  
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The grounds around the outside Stations of the Cross are ready to be planted. If you signed up to care (water, weed and love) for a particular Station (the list is posted in the narthex) please monitor the weather and plant only annuals, perennials will overtake the small area. Your assigned planting area is within the brick border. This is a one year task so consider seasonal plantings. (We will re-initiate the program Spring 2018). Questions? Please contact Betty Smith 706 886-0549 bettyws1@hotmail.com or Gary Cortellino 678 360-2545 garycortel@aol.com

*Thank-you*



*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, and June Webb.

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) Or by phone (706 356-1247). Thank-you.



Would you like to have your birthday; anniversary or other celebratory event announced by WNEG radio/Connie Gaines on the day of your event? What a great way to start your special day and promote St Mary's. Your special day will be listed under 'St Mary's Church Church'. The sign up sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Contact Gary Cortellino, 678 360-2545 or garycortel@aol.com



### Ladies of St. Mary's - St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday March 18, 2017  
Parish Hall - 7:45pm  
Tickets: Adult - \$10 per person  
Children- \$5 per person: Hot dog, chips, dessert & drink. Tickets will be on sale beginning Feb. 25 at masses. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Potatoes & Carrots  
Irish Soda Bread & Rye Bread  
Desserts and Drinks  
\*Bring your own Beer and/or Wine\*

### St. Vincent dePaul

Our next meeting is Thursday March 9 at 7:00pm at the St. Mary's Social Hall.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please come to our meeting and see what St. Vincent de Paul is all about. For information contact: 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.

### SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday March 28 9:00am – 3:00pm The Ladies of St. Mary will host their annual Lenten Retreat facilitated by Deacon Greg Ollick. We hope that you can attend this retreat. Details to follow!

LADIES OF ST. MARY – Meeting Wednesday March 8th at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. We will be finalizing the details of our St. Patrick's Day dinner March 18. All women of the Parish are invited to attend!

The Knights of Columbus Council 9975 and the Ladies of St. Mary's are teaming up again for a very worthwhile project.

Our organizations will be conducting a "40 Cans for Lent" campaign to collect cans of food and non-perishable staples during the 40 Days of Lent. A large container to hold the contributions will be in the Narthex of the Church everyday during the Lenten and the Knights will deliver these donations to the Toccoa Soup Kitchen all during Lent as needed. The Soup Kitchen prefers large Cans of non-perishables, but will gladly accept anything that is offered. Please be as generous as possible to feed the Toccoa Area residents that are in need.

Thank you for your support,  
Mike Staley – Grand Knight  
Stephanie Cortellino – Ladies of St. Mary's

### St. Mary's Lent & Easter Triduum Schedule

Confessions/Penance: Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Penance Service: April 4th at 7 pm

Stations of the Cross: Every Wednesday 6 pm

Holy Thursday: April 13th, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday: April 14th, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3 pm

Easter Vigil: April 15th, at Sunset 8:15 pm

Easter Sunday: April 16th, Mass of the Resurrection, 10 am

Easter Sunday: Children's Easter egg hunt, following Mass.

### Candidates for Rite of Election

This year St. Mary's parishioners are most honored to celebrate the "Sending of Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition", by Archbishop Gregory on March 5th in Atlanta. Congratulations to Mr. Derrick Li who will receive the Rite of Election in Atlanta and the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at our Easter Vigil, April 15th. Also, Kyle and Ashley Wood and two of their children, Logan and Paden are Candidates coming into the Catholic Church. They will attend the Rite of Election and, along with Derrick, publically record their names in a book for entry into the Catholic Church at the Atlanta celebration. Kyle and Ashley will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Logan and Paden will receive their first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment for our new members leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect, and prayers for them by our parish community. Following their reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, they will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Praise and Glory to Jesus Christ!!