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**The Ascension Of The Lord  
May 28, 2017**



**St Mary's Catholic Church**

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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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
Tues: 10 am - 2 pm  
Wed: 1 pm - 5 pm  
Fri: 10 am - 1 pm

**Brother John's Subs**



27 Stephens Circle, Toccoa, GA 30577  
(next to Crusader Rent to Own)

706-886-9597 Hallie Edenfield



**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

Membership meeting - 4th Tuesday each month  
Parish breakfast on 1st or 2nd Sunday each month

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

### Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 5/30 9:30 am

Wed: 5/31 6:45 pm

Sat: 6/3 6:30 pm Deacon Greg Ollick (L)  
~given by Ladies of St Mary's

Sun: 6/4 8:30 am George Manna (D)  
~given by Ruth Manna

#### CONTRIBUTIONS for May 21, 2017

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 1,524

COUNTERS for this week are: Yvonne Dessauer & Ruth Manna.

#### 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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Multi-Purpose Building Committee: 706-201-1185  
Extraordinary Ministers/Lectors Coordinator: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493



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 Catholic Church'. The signup sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Contact Gary Cortellino, 678 360-2545 or [garycortel@aol.com](mailto:garycortel@aol.com)



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Skip Studley, Max Biester Laura Barnett, Nan Lunn, Lore Schnell, Janice Sibley, Leon Womack, Roger Powell, June Webb, Barbara Watson, and Jimmy Gaines.

If you like to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Ruth Manna (678 327-4738). Update Ruth at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers.

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.

#### Second Collections Next Week Building Improvement

#### LADIES OF ST. MARY'S

The Ladies of St. Mary are donating \$200 to the St. Mary's building fund. This donation was made possible by the success of our many activities that were supported by you, our parishioners. Thank you for all your support!

#### St. Vincent de Paul – St. Mary's Conference

If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, please come to the meeting or contact Nancy Williamson 706-836-2617.

Thank you so much for your continued support!  
St. Vincent de Paul helpline – 678-892-6163

**\*\*No regular mass service Tuesday May 30th.  
There will be an Eucharistic Service done by  
Larry Barbour at 9:30 am\*\***

#### Catholic Apologetics

**Three Consecutive Evenings - Sunday,  
Monday & Tuesday, evenings, June 4, 5 & 6,  
from 6:30 to 8:00pm**

Our faith is being challenged in many ways by our secular culture, Protestant fundamentalism and a growing number of so-called atheists. As Baptized and Confirmed Catholics, we are called to spread and defend the Catholic faith. This three-part presentation will give you the tools you need to explain your faith and answer clearly those who challenge Catholic teachings and practice.

**The Seven Reasons Why Everybody Should Be Catholic**

**Protestantism in the U.S.**

**Sola Fide (Faith Alone)**

**Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)**

**Church & Papal Authority**

**Mary & the Communion of Saints**

**Sacramental Theology**

Join me on these three consecutive evenings for an exciting short course in Catholic Apologetics.

Deacon Greg

#### Archdiocese of Atlanta Eucharistic Congress June 16-17, 2017

On Friday- Opening Mass, Healing Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On Saturday- Opening Procession, Adoration, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.  
[congress.archatl.com](http://congress.archatl.com)

*Today's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9;  
Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23;  
Luke 24:46-53*

#### WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

It has only been forty days since the disciples stood open-mouthed, gazing at the empty tomb. Since then Jesus Christ has been with them in his glorified body, teaching and encouraging the disciples to hold fast to the message of salvation. But now they are gathered, and it seems that the disciples are still thinking about things of this world: "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" they ask (Acts 1:6). One can imagine Jesus silently shaking his head and saying, "Don't these folks get it yet?" But Jesus is patient once again, knowing that soon the disciples will understand. And just as at the tomb, two men appear to the disciples and ask them, "What are you looking at? Jesus is returning to heaven, and you have work to do, so go do it!"

#### WE WAIT IN JERUSALEM

In the Gospel reading from Luke, the disciples are told to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, the power of the Holy Spirit. What might this mean? Jesus has said that his message and his ministry were something new. He said that he was calling his followers to a new way of thinking, doing, and being. What does it mean that Jesus is in heaven with the Father, and yet with us always on earth? Soon the disciples would understand, as we understand, that it is through the work of the church, the fellowship of the baptized, that Christ walks among us every day, spreading the Good News of salvation. It is because of the power of the Christ in his church that we can pray with Paul in his letter to the Ephesians: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him" (Ephesians 1:17).