

# St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church



Ash Wednesday, February 10th

Mass Schedule 12:00 noon and 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 16th

Penance Service 7:00pm



## **Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:**

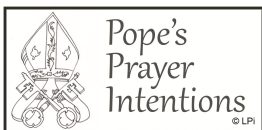
Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Youth Group Breakfast Fundraiser. The youth group will provide breakfast immediately following mass for everyone. The cost per plates are \$3.00 per child and \$5.00 for adults.



Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Picnic Under the Stars Family Dance Party 5 – 8pm. This event is hosted by the youth ministry program. It is not a dance just for the youth. Everyone is invited to come out and party. We will have food, refreshments, dancing, and a couple of fun surprises. We will have music for the young and young at heart. So bring all your family and friends. This is a youth ministry fundraiser event. All tickets are \$3.00 available at the door. Please come out and support the youth of our parish.

## **Women's Guild upcoming events:**

- 2/12-3/18 On the Friday's during LENT, The Women's Guild will be providing desserts for a donation at the KOC FISH FRY!
- 2/6 The Women's Guild will be hosting the Archdiocese of Atlanta Council of Catholic Women's Southeast District Meeting on February 6th from 8:00am until 12:00pm Noon  
Guest Speaker-Diana Alourdass  
Breakfast & Lunch will be provided. \$10 suggested donation
- 2/13 The Women's Guild will be having our 2nd Saturday Winter Games - BUNCO  
February 13th from 5:00-8:00pm  
\$5 is the suggested donation to participate Please Bring Snack Items - Pizza will be provided.
- 2/14 The Women's Guild will be having a Couples Candlelight Spaghetti Dinner  
on Valentine's Day - February 14th from 6:00pm until 10:00pm  
Cost \$14/couple \$8/singles



Every month Pope Francis announces his monthly prayer intentions, and requests that we include the intentions in our personal prayers. For the month of February please remember these:

### **Universal: Care for Creation**

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

### **Evangelization: Asia**

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

**Intercessions for Life**

For the elderly and those who are sick:  
that their lives may be protected by those surrounding them,  
including their families, nurses and doctors;  
We pray to the Lord:



Offertory

\$3,370.00

The Collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States will be taken at all Masses next weekend. The funds are needed for evangelization programs to benefit Black and Indian communities in the United States. Together *we are the Church* and we help each other. Please give what you are able. If we all give a little a lot will be accomplished.

**Mass Intentions:****Requested for:****Requested By:**

Feb. 6	Saturday	Kristopher Stark †	Hofmann Family
Feb. 7	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Feb. 10	Wednesday	Kevin Abbott †	Michele Gozdick Kates
Feb. 10	Wednesday		
Feb. 11	Thursday		
Feb. 12	Friday		
Feb. 13	Saturday	George Hofmann †	Hofmann Family
Feb. 14	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Feb. 14	Sunday	Jesse Petrella †	Hofmann Family



On the First Friday of each month the schedule is Rosary 10:15am, Reconciliation 11:00am, Adoration 10:30-11:45am, and Mass at 12:00 noon.

The remaining Friday's during the month we will say the Rosary at 10:45, Adoration 11:00, followed by Mass at 12:00 noon.

**Saturday, February 13, 4:00 PM****Lectors:** Becky Glidewell**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kathy Abood and Tod Stark**Altar Servers:** Any Available**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina**Sunday, February 14, 9:00 AM****Lector:** Rachel Weaver**Extraordinary Ministers:** Adam Marlowe, Rita Zinner, Margarita Moreno, Bob Lipscomb, \*\*Chris Hotchkiss**Altar Servers:** Lorette Edwards and Evan Miller**Crucifer:** KC Edwards**Gift Bearers:** Ashley Lueken, Emily Lueken, and Adrianna Chapko**Ushers:** Andrew Torres and Andrew Chapko**Greeters:** Ella and Katya Zieg**Readings for the Week****Monday:**

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13

Ps 132:6-10

Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:**

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30

Ps 84:3-5, 10-11

Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:**

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20--6:2

Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:**

Dt 30:15-20

Ps 1:1-4, 6

Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:**

Is 58:1-9a

Ps 51:3-6, 18-19

Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:**

Is 58:9b-14

Ps 86:1-6

Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:**

Dt 26:4-10

Ps 91:1-2, 10-15

Rom 10:8-13

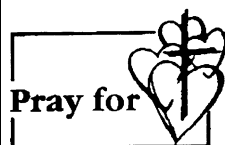
Lk 4:1-13

**Liturgical Schedule**

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## **Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

Jan Jost, Sue Samp, Jeanel Wehner, John Potat III, Tommy Glidewell, Gage Van Dyck, Jon Peters, Patsy Burdette, Ashlynn Geringer, Barbara Lynch, Lu Davis-Moore, Rebecca Geringer, Robert Dube, Frank Fross, Gary Bennett, Tripp Kelly, Bill Nelson, Steven Mitchell, Bill Bush, Matt Brown, George Roberts, John Gardino, and Julie Rattray .



It has been decided by our Pastoral Council that names, like always, can be placed on our Prayer List for a period of approximately three months. At that time, if you wish to keep the name of you or your loved one on the Prayer List please call the office. If you or a loved one are in need of prayers and/or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the office at 770-775-4162.

## **Membership and Registration**

Welcome to St. Mary, Mother of God, Church. We would be delighted to have you join our Parish Family. Please complete a registration form available in the Parish Hall in the Armoire.



Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here or that you were registered as a child with your parents. When you become an adult, you should register under your own name. If not, it could become quite embarrassing to us, or to you or your family, if someone wants to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you have been asked to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation which requires a letter from us stating that you are a practicing Catholic. To do this, we should have a record of your membership and attendance. Please take a moment to register. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Thank you.

Remember, the following parishes provide the Catholic chaplains for these hospitals:

- Sylvan Grove Hospital - St. Mary, Mother of God, Jackson 770-775-4162
- Spalding Regional Hospital - Sacred Heart, Griffin 770-227-2378
- Henry Medical Center - St. James, McDonough 770-957-5441
- Southern Regional Hospital - St. Philip Benizi, Jonesboro 770-478-0178
- Piedmont Hospital - Christ the King Cathedral, Atlanta 404-233-2145
- Crawford Long Hospital - Sacred Heart, Atlanta 404-522-6800
- Emory Hospital - St. Thomas More, Decatur 404-378-4588
- Newton General Hospital - St. Augustine's, Covington 770-787-1064

If someone in your family is admitted to one of these hospitals, the parish responsible for that hospital should be notified as well as notifying St. Mary, Mother of God, Church. They will have people serving that hospital on a regular basis and are closest in an emergency situation.

## **SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES**

**Baptisms-** In order to have a child baptized in this parish: (a) at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic and a registered member of this parish for at least 3 months, and (b) the parents must take the Baptism Class unless they have taken the class within the last 3 years.

**First Holy Communion** –In order to receive First Holy Communion, a child must: (a) be at least 7 years old and a registered member of this parish, (b) be able to demonstrate sufficient understanding of the sacrament, and (c) have been in the Faith Formation program for at least one year prior to the taking the First Holy Communion program.

**Confirmation--** In order to be Confirmed, a youth must (a) be a baptized and practicing Catholic, (b) a registered member of this parish, (c) at least 15 years old or a sophomore in high school, and (d) have been in the Faith Formation program for at least 2 years immediately prior to the Confirmation program. ( Adults and those in OCIA follow different guidelines.)

**Marriage** – A couple wishing to be married at St. Mary, Mother of God must fulfill these requirements: (a) at least one of them must be a practicing Catholic and registered in this parish ( a former member of the parish or others must have a letter of permission from their current pastor authorizing them to marry outside of that parish); (b) they must have indicated to the priest or deacon of this parish their desire to be married here at least 6 months prior to the projected date of their marriage; and (c) have completed the required Marriage Preparation program. No arrangements for a reception should be made until the date for the projected marriage has been confirmed by the Parish Office.

## Everyday Stewardship

Don't you feel inspired when you hear a good conversion story? I know I do. Especially tales of how people overcame addiction or despair to find satisfaction in the presence of God. It's the whole meaning of the hymn, "Amazing Grace": "I once was lost but now I'm found. Was blind, but now I see." The action there is from God, for it is he who finds us. He is the Good Shepherd who left the ninety-nine to find that one lamb who could never find its way on its own. It is through grace that we can even turn at all, and it is grace that will lead us home.

That grace appears when we give ourselves over to God completely. We give God our whole heart, mind, and soul and he turns that which was broken into something beautiful. I love St. Paul's statement of faith: "But by the grace of God I am what I am." Before that grace, Paul persecuted the followers of Jesus, and without that grace, he would have continued to live his evil life. To those who cannot understand how someone so horrible and full of sin can become a saint, his statement, in a way, alludes to the fact that he can't believe it either.

When we, as disciples of Jesus, decide to live a stewardship way of life, it only becomes transformational when we offer everything to him. No one is saying you are living a life like the old Saul and you need to turn to Jesus. Hopefully you have already turned to him. But have you really let go of it all? Do you still think in terms of what is for God and what is for you? Whatever you still hold onto is worthless compared to the grace offered to you for giving it up. Don't hold out any longer, for grace will lead you home.

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## St. Mary, Mother of God Mission Statement

The mission of St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church is given by Christ's command to go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all the people. This is done in union with, and subject to our Holy Father Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Atlanta, Wilton Gregory. We answer God's call to enter his Mystical Body, known through his visible Church on earth. Striving to be his holy people, we avail ourselves of God's means of grace, especially the frequent reception of the sacraments, fervent prayer and our connection to the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church.

## Discernment Masses:

Men and women seeking to discern their vocation are invited to join Fr. Tim Hepburn the first Saturday of each month, February through May, for 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by a light brunch and a talk on discernment. This event will be held at the St. Charles Borromeo House, 813 Dalrymple Road, Atlanta, GA 30328. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 404-920-7460.

## Evangelization Committee:

Please pray for the efforts of our parish. Those desiring to participate in any way to help spread the catholic faith, especially through prayer, as we discern a plan, should contact Turner Duffey: 678-508-2745 or [turnerduffey@hotmail.com](mailto:turnerduffey@hotmail.com)

## Prayer & Study Group:

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church, Thursdays, at 1:15pm. Come join us for fellowship, knowledge, and prayer. During the next session we will be studying "The Transformative Power of Faith" Author: Grayson Warren Brown. For more information please call the facilitator LaDonna O'Bryon at (706)468-8905 or Rita Zinner at (770)775-1888.



**Archdiocesan Abuse Reporting Hotline**  
**1-888-437-0764**  
**(24 hours a day)**

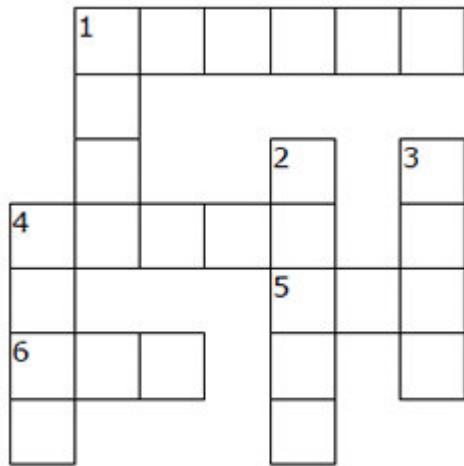
**PATH:** If you need help in healing from an abortion. Brochures can be found in the Armoire. Please call Mary Ann McNeil at 404-896-6521.

If you wish to have an item placed into the weekly church bulletin. It must be to the church office no later than 12 noon on Monday (**at least 2 weeks before your scheduled event**). It must be in writing, there are forms in the church office or you can email it to [stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net).

Thank you.

  
*Article Deadlines*

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### "Go Fish!"

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

#### ACROSS

1. To get behind someone and go where they go
4. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river
5. A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean
6. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish

#### DOWN

1. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
2. The Son of God
3. A small vehicle for travelling on water
4. To go down below the surface of the water

NET

FOLLOW

SEA

JESUS

FISH

BOAT

SINK

SHORE

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him." Just when business was finally booming, Simon and Company closed up shop. The timing was strange, really. After a lifetime of fishing to make a living, these men had just hauled in so many fish that "their nets were tearing" and "the boats were in danger of sinking." Just imagine the profit on the other side of this night's work! Just imagine how their reputation would have grown. How easy it would have been to go out and buy a new fleet of boats and to upgrade their stash of nets. Most likely for the first time, wealth was within reach.

And yet, just then, Simon, James, and John left their boats on the shore and followed Jesus in the task of "catching men." This is astonishing. Not only did they give up their sudden monetary success, they gave up EVERYTHING. In a moment's time, these men radically altered their life, their plans, their future, and their fortune. And civilization has never been the same since.

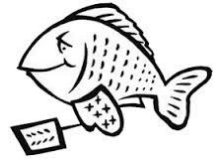
Thanks in large part to the courage of these first apostles, and of their successors the bishops, and of all the faithful men and women religious throughout history who have "left everything and followed him," our church has continued to flourish and our culture has been greatly enhanced. Those of us who are members of the laity are likewise called to follow Christ, of course. The tremendous sacrifices that priests and religious sisters make should inspire us, and remind us that serving Christ-at any cost-is worth it. Their lives stand as a powerful witness indeed. Today, let us pause to thank God for these men and women and to ask his blessing on them all.



The Danny McMichael Council of the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning on February 12th here at church. Everyone is invited to join us for a dinner of Tilapia fish, fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, and a refreshment.

Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12.

To honor our emergency services, all uniformed fire fighters, police officers, sheriff deputies and EMS personnel will only pay \$3.00 per plate. Come and join us on Friday evenings between 4:30 - 6:30PM. The Fish Fry will be followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM.



The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a food drive during the month of February for food to be donated to the CERF house in Jackson, Georgia. Food items donated should not be perishable and have not gone by the expiration dates on the items. A collection point will be established in the parish hall. The Knights thank you in advance for your support of this program and all the programs that you supported that our council conducts.

Our council is now sponsoring a seminarian who will be ordained to the priesthood in June of 2016. His name is Rev. Gerado Ceballos Gonzalez and he is enrolled at the Pontifical College Josephinum located in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Gonzalez is a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and expects to be assigned to the archdiocese after his ordination. He will be receiving a monthly stipend from our Knights council. The Pontifical College Josephinum can be located on line at [www.pcj.edu](http://www.pcj.edu). As always, the Knights thank you for your support of our council and our activities.

### Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of Feb. 8 – Feb. 14

Monday, February 8	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00pm
Tuesday, February 9		
Wednesday, February 10	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
	Mass	12:00 noon
	Novena	6:45pm
	Mass	7:00pm
Thursday, February 11	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Mass	12:00 noon
	Prayer Group	1:15pm
Friday, February 12	Rosary	10:45am
	Eucharistic Adoration	11:00am
	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Mass	12:00 noon
	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry	4:30-6:30pm
	Stations of the Cross	7:00pm
Saturday, February 13	Reconciliation	3:00-3:45pm
	Mass	4:00pm
	Anointing of the Sick	
	Women's Guild Bunco Game night	
Sunday, February 14	Choir	8:20-8:50am
	Rosary	8:30-8:45am
	Mass	9:00am
	Youth Fundraiser Breakfast	
	Faith Formation classes	
	Anointing of the Sick	
	WG Couples Dinner and Dance	6:00-10:00pm