

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church



FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE

ACTION ALERT

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Protect Rights of Conscience and Religious Liberty

Now is the time to urge Congress to work to enact critically important conscience protections this year. Such protections will likely be included in a soon-to-be-introduced appropriations bill, but House members should be urged to ensure that it remains a high priority and goes into law. Senators should also be called upon to help ensure passage of these needed protections. Please take action today to contact Congress.

The need for legislation protecting the rights of conscience and religious liberty has grown more pressing. The Obama Administration's contraceptive/abortifacient mandate under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) began to be enforced against religious nonprofit schools, charities and health care providers on January 1, 2014. More recently the state of California started forcing all health insurers in the state to include elective abortions in the health plans they sell. These two problems are addressed by the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940). It would add a long-overdue conscience clause to the ACA, and strengthen the Weldon amendment that forbids governmental bodies which receive federal Health and Human Services funds from discriminating against those who decline to take part in abortion or abortion coverage.

Recommended Actions to take immediately:

___ Send emails through NCHLA's Action Center at: nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=292

___ Contact your Representative and Senators by phone. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121, or call their local offices. Members' mailing addresses may be found at www.house.gov or www.senate.gov.

___ Follow us on Twitter @nchla and retweet our posts. Repost this alert to Facebook or other social media platforms.

Suggested Messages:

By phone, letter, or email:

Message to the House:

"Please help ensure that the policy of the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940) is enacted this year as part of "must-pass" legislation such as annual appropriations bills. Government must not force Americans to violate their religious and moral beliefs about respect for life when they provide health services or provide or purchase health coverage."

Message to the Senate:

"Please help ensure that the policy of the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940) is enacted into law this year. Government must not force Americans to violate their religious and moral beliefs about respect for life when they provide health services or provide or purchase health coverage."

Background

The contraceptive/abortifacient mandate: Under the ACA, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requires most health plans to cover "preventive services for women," including drugs and procedures that many citizens find objectionable for moral and religious reasons. These objectionable items include sterilization, FDA-approved birth control (such as the IUD, Depo-Provera, "morning-after" pills, and the abortion-inducing drug Ella), and "education and counseling" to promote these to all "women of reproductive capacity," including minor girls. Religious organizations offering education, health care and charitable services do not qualify under a very narrow exemption for a "religious employer."

Abortion coverage mandate: On August 22, 2014, the California Department of Managed Health Care ordered all health plans under its jurisdiction, including those provided by churches and other religious institutions to their employees, to provide coverage for all abortions. Similar proposals have emerged in other states. In theory, current federal law forbids such discrimination, but the law has deficiencies that could allow California to evade the law or challenge it in court—and it does not allow the victims of discrimination to go to court to defend their own rights.

On February 13, 2015 Cardinal O'Malley and Archbishop Lori of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops urged House members to support and co-sponsor H.R. 940. For this letter and other information, see: www.usccb.org/conscience

Intercessions for Life

For those who have participated in abortion
and long for reconciliation with God:
May they find healing and peace through
the Sacrament of Reconciliation;
We pray to the Lord:



Offertory	\$ 3,865.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 657.00

Mass Intentions:

Requested for:

Requested By:

July	4	Saturday	Bobby Myles †	
July	5	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
July	8	Wednesday		
July	9	Thursday		
July	10	Friday	Tod Stark & Emily Burns	Cathy Stark
July	11	Saturday	Betty Steil †	Cathy Stark
July	12	Sunday	Our Parishioners	

“Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children and asked, ‘Who are these with you?’ Jacob answered, “They are the children with whom God has graciously favored your servant.”

Genesis 33:5
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Saturday, July 11, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Alma Abbott
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Abood and John Lueken
Altar Servers: Any Available
Ushers: Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

Sunday, July 12, 9:00 AM

Lector: Lorette Edwards
Extraordinary Ministers: Teresa Miller, Dennis Ordyna, Margarita Moreno, Bob Lipscomb, ** Bill Myles
Altar Servers: KC Edwards and Rachel Weaver
Crucifer: Jordan Fitz
Gift Bearers: Any Available Youth
Ushers: J R Salinas and Melina Patterson
Greeters: Miranda Salinas and Chloe Patterson

Readings for the Week

Monday:

Gn 28:10-22a
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Gn 32:23-33
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5
Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday:

Am 7:12-15
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Mk 6:7-13

**The Flowers on the Altar
this weekend**

were generously donated in
Loving memory of
Marcella Glidewell †



Liturgical Schedule

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

LaDonna O'Bryon, George Hofmann, Ginny Markham, Jan Jost, Tom O'Bryon, David Haistens, Sue Samp, Jeanel Wehner, Ron Sicina, John Potat III, Tommy Glidewell, Gage Van Dyck, Jon Peters, Patsy Burdette, Ashlynn Geringer, and Barbara Lynch.



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.

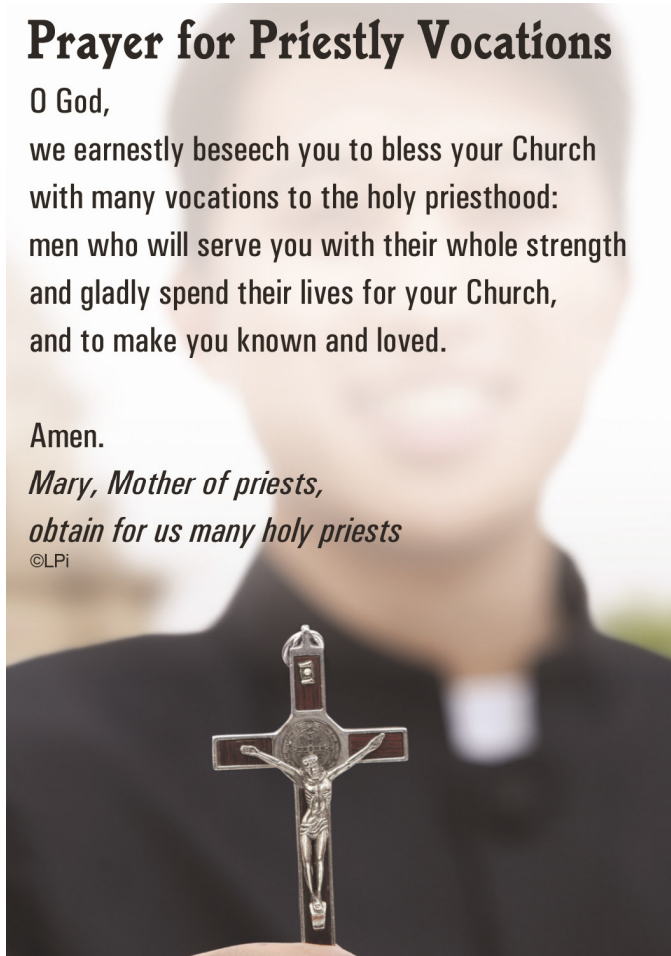
Prayer for Priestly Vocations

O God,
we earnestly beseech you to bless your Church
with many vocations to the holy priesthood:
men who will serve you with their whole strength
and gladly spend their lives for your Church,
and to make you known and loved.

Amen.

*Mary, Mother of priests,
obtain for us many holy priests*

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Mass of Healing for Anyone Impacted by Addiction
Every Second Saturday, 10:00AM, for all those
struggling with any addiction, as well as anyone
who is impacted by the addiction of someone else.

Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption's
Daily Chapel

Coffee social after Mass. All are welcome!
Upcoming Masses: July 11, Aug 8, 10:00 AM

Info: mdannenfelser@olachurch.org



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 "What's So Amazing About Grace?" Author: Philip Yancy. For more information please call the facilitator LaDonna O'Bryon at (706)468-8905 or Rita Zinner at (770)775-1888.



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.

Anyone wishing to request a Mass intention or flowers for the Altar should contact the church office for date and availability.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REPORTING

**1-888-437-0764 (24 hours a day) or
404-888-7804**

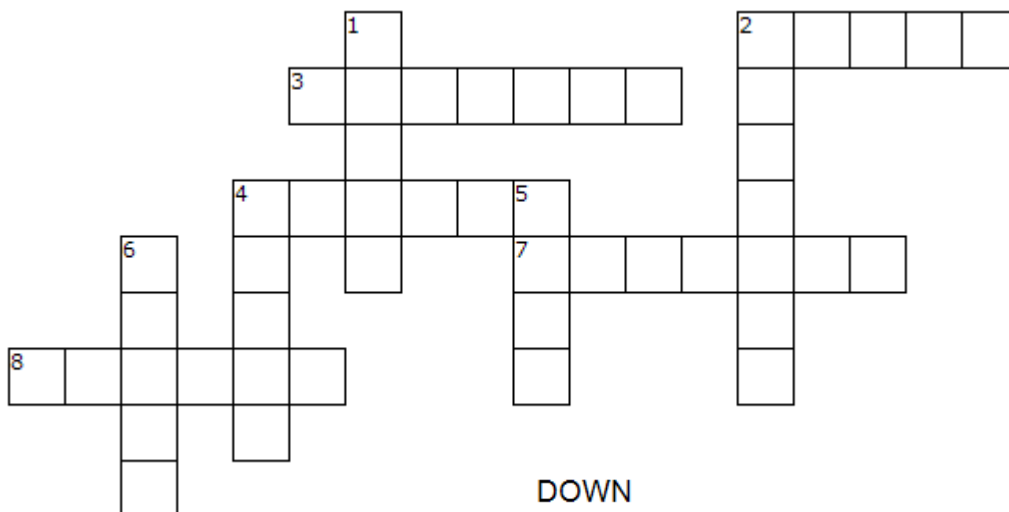
PATH: If you need help in healing from an abortion. Brochures can be found in the Armoire. Please call Mary Ann McNeil at 404-896-6521.

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.

Thank you.



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Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two.

Mark 6:7 (NIV)

ACROSS

2. A stick or cane carried as an aid in walking or climbing
3. A trip over a great distance
4. The number of disciples Jesus chose
7. A community where people live that is smaller than a town or city
8. To deliver a sermon; to proclaim the Word of God

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to buy things
2. Shoes consisting of a bottom part held onto the foot by straps
4. To instruct, train, or give knowledge to others
5. Something that is bad or wrong; wicked
6. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked

STAFF	SANDALS	VILLAGE	TWELVE	JOURNEY
TEACH	EVIL	BREAD	PREACH	MONEY

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He was amazed at their lack of faith." The citizens in Jesus' hometown just couldn't bring themselves to believe in him. Even though they "were astonished" when they beheld his wisdom and learned about his mighty deeds, nonetheless, "they took offense at him." What right did one of their local boys have to run around claiming he was a prophet? Prophets come from other places. Prophets are sent by God. The son of the village carpenter would never fit that bill.

So in spite of clear evidence to the contrary, the established modes of thinking and the built-in prejudices of the townspeople led them to conclude that Jesus was not who he said he was. Because of this stubborn hardness of heart, Jesus' "own kin" missed out on the gifts that perfect strangers were receiving: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

How often are we like these small-minded villagers? How often do we stay trapped in the regular routine of our daily existence and fail to have the faith to believe that God is right here in our own hearts and our own homes? As Christians, we may know about the wisdom and power of God, but we too often hesitate to acknowledge that this same power can be at work here in our very midst. Just as in Nazareth, our failure to believe can prevent God from working the mighty deeds he would otherwise perform in our lives. If we don't give him the freedom of our faith, if we don't call upon his Spirit to move us and lead us, then we are closing ourselves off from the real miracle right in front of us. Instead, let us open our hearts and our minds to recognize the presence of God, not just in other places, but right here, right now.

Prayer for Independence Day

Dear God,
 as we celebrate today with fireworks and festivals,
 help us never to forget the reason for our joy.
 Help us remember that our rights to life, liberty
 and the pursuit of happiness
 were signed into our heritage
 with the willing blood of American patriots.
 Most of all, help us remember
 that the rights of all people
 are more than words on a document,
 and that all people have rights
 because you have given us the dignity of human life.
 Grant freedom to all,
 and give us the strength to protect the rights of others.
 Amen.

*"O Lord, you have been
 our refuge through
 all the generations."
 -Psalm 90:1*



LAND OF THE FREE

Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of July 6 - July 12

Monday, July 6

Tuesday, July 7

Wednesday, July 8

Novena 6:15pm
 Mass 6:30pm

Thursday, July 9

Reconciliation 11:00am
 Rosary 11:35am
 Mass 12:00 noon
 Prayer Group 1:15pm

Friday, July 10

Reconciliation 11:00am
 Rosary 11:35am
 Mass 12:00 noon

Saturday, July 11

Reconciliation 4:00-4:45pm
 Mass 5:00pm
 Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, July 12

Choir 8:20-8:50am
 Rosary 8:30-8:45am
 Mass 9:00am
 Anointing of the Sick