

## St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church



**It is the time a year for pumpkins, scarecrows, ghost, and goblins.  
St Mary's Annual Halloween Festival hosted by the teens.  
This year we will gather for a scare on  
Sunday, October 26th, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm.**



During the party we will have a Trunks for Treats contest. Everyone from the church is invited to decorate their trunk and enter the contest. You can enter as an individual or enter as a group. So decorate your trunk and fill it with lots of candy. There will be a prize for the trunk with the most Halloween Spirit."

If you would like to volunteer to help set up or clean up after the party just contact Brenda. We will also be collecting candy in the gathering hall, just bring your candy in and drop it in the bin.

We will have prizes, costume contest, thrills, chills, games, candy, tricks and lots of treats for all. So bring your entire family and all your friends and wear your best costume to win prizes.

If you have any questions please contact Brenda Patterson at 404-358-3805

Once one makes the decision to be a disciple of Christ, stewardship is not an option. Christian stewardship gives us a spirituality that we can take home from church, use in the workplace and express through personal involvement in the community and our parish.

The weekend of October 26th please take some time after Mass to visit the Time and Talent Ministry Fair. Learn more about the ministries and organizations available here at St. Mary, Mother of God.



Pray about your decision to become an active member of this parish community.

### **Attention all K of C!**

The Knights have scheduled a clean up outside the Church Oct. 18th, 9AM.



Volunteers are needed. Yes or Yes!!

Gary Sinise, actor, speaking at the Supreme Convention, thanked the K of C for its support of his foundation for wounded military personnel. The Knights provided \$200,000 to help build a custom built home to accommodate the special challenges to a veteran who lost both legs and left arm in Afghanistan. Sinise entered the Catholic Church in 2010. His wife was confirmed in 2000.

We thank our Parishioners for your support.  
New transfer member Pat Pappa.

### **12th Annual Pro-Life golf tournament will be held at Hickory Hill Golf Course, Jackson, GA.**



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



This year's event will be Oct 15th, 2013. Sign-in starts at 7:30am with a 9:00am "tee time".

Registration fee includes donuts, green fee, golf cart, lunch & much more!

All proceeds from this Charitable Event will go to support Georgia Right To Life. Last year we kept the 1-800-395-HELP number available to young ladies with the golf tournament proceeds of \$9612.00 after expenses.

If you would like to become a member of GRTL, go on website at [www.grtl.org](http://www.grtl.org)

Contact Mike Patterson at 770-294-0612 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!



**Intercessions for Life**

For couples who are experiencing difficulty in conceiving a child:  
May the Holy Spirit fill them with trust in God’s loving plan;

We pray to the Lord:



Information not available at the time of printing

**Around the Parish Recognize Someone Special by Sponsoring the Altar Flowers**

St. Mary, Mother of God is accepting sponsors for the weekly altar flowers. Both the sponsor’s name and the person being honored will be printed in the Sunday bulletin on the weekend the flowers appear on the altar.

The cost of sponsorship is \$48.15. You can give suggestions for the color of the arrangement. The arrangements will remain on the Altar for the following week. If you are interested in placing flowers please call the church office. 770-775-4162

**Mass Intentions:**

**Requested for:**

**Requested By:**

Oct. 11	Saturday	Kris Stark †	Ann Gasses
Oct. 12	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Oct. 15	Wednesday	Kris Stark †	Emily Ryan
Oct. 16	Thursday		
Oct. 17	Friday		
Oct. 18	Saturday		
Oct. 19	Sunday 9:00am	Our Parishioners	
Oct. 19	Sunday 11:30am	Jami Stark	Stark Family

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:**  
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1  
Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:**  
Gal 5:1-6  
Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:**  
Gal 5:18-25  
Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:**  
Eph 1:1-10  
Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:**  
Eph 1:11-14  
Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:**  
2 Tm 4:10-17b  
Lk 10:1-9

**Sunday:**  
Is 45:1, 4-6  
1 Thes 1:1-5b  
Mt 22:15-21



**Saturday, October 18, 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** Billy Glidewell

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Rita Zinner and Richard McPhee

**Ushers:** Ron Sicina and Tom Matelski

**Sunday, October 19, 9:00 AM**

**Lector:** Bill Hunter

**Extraordinary Ministers:** James Watson, John Lueken, Bill Lewis, Carlton Turner, and \*\*Bill Myles

**Altar Servers:** Ken White and Jim Lally

**Crucifer:** Brian Leto      **Thurifer:** Mike Palka

**Gift Bearers:** Pete Fullerton and Adam Marlowe

**Ushers:** Mark Hofmann and Dennis Ordyna

**Greeters:** Jack and Betty Herbert

**Sunday, October 19, 11:30 AM**

**Lector:** Becky Glidewell

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Marilyn Potat and Tod Stark

**Altar Servers:** Chloe Patterson and Rachel Weaver

**Liturgical Schedule**

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**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Joe & Bevley Deptula, Jan Jost, Butch Corcoran, Patricia Tideswell, Loretta Zach, Pat Eldred, Mack Goins, Margarita Rodriguez, Rick Hines, Bonny Boyd, Andrew Payne, Danny Foster, Tech Dipalma, Vanessa Atkinson, Jenn, Julian Myers, Bob Abood, Lucile Gardner, Marianne Beating, Bill Wagner, Pat Zimmerman, Lisa Steele, Alvin Crusan, Edna Kelley Daniels, Christine Horton, Tony Davison, Tommy Glidewell, Margaret Gates, Sue Samp, Yvonne Truett, Diane Davis, Leony Natad, Lucas Holland, Lidia Lower, Ashlynn Geringer, Patsy Burdette, Jeanel Wehner, Bob Lipscomb, Teresa Giambalvo, Cameron Taylor, Strickland Family, **and Carolyn Wright.**



If you know of a person whose name should be added or deleted from this prayer list, please let someone in the church office know. If you or a loved one is in need of prayers and/or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the office at 770-775-4162. If you are unable to reach Fr. Natad, and you are in Griffin/Spalding please call the office of Sacred Heart 770-227-2378. If you are in Henry Co. please call the office of St. James 770-957-5441.

## **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.

**Next weekend our second collection is for the Church in Latin America, Central-Eastern Europe, and the World Mission.**

Next week's second collection is a combination of three second collections: World Missions, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

United with the Catholics of the world at the Table of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration next Sunday are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Jesus. Our offerings will support the work and witness of those who selflessly give up all for the sake of our Lord and His Gospel — the local priests, Religious, and lay catechists who daily provide loving service to the poor and suffering.

Please be extra generous as this collection will be divided between three very important needs.

**EMPTY INK CARTRIDGE?**

We will take it! Please recycle your used computer ink cartridges to the church. The church receives credit for every cartridge that is donated. That money is used for church supplies and materials. There are donation baskets in the armoire in the gathering hall. Thank you everyone who have donated their used cartridges.

**Jackson-Butts Co. Lions Club**

They need your help in collecting used eye glasses, hearing aids, regular sunglasses, old cell phones. A collection bucket is in the armoire in the gathering hall of the church. Thank you all for your continued support.

**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.

**Prayer & Study Group**

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church, Thursdays, at 1:15pm. Come join us for fellowship, knowledge, and prayer. For more information please call the facilitator LaDonna O'Bryon at (706)468-8905 or Rita Zinner at (770)775-1888.



**"Only a tender, compassionate love that seeks to serve those most in need, whatever the personal cost, is strong enough to overcome a culture of death and to build a civilization of love.**

**Let us open our hearts and reflect on how God might be calling each of us to witness the sacredness of human life."**

**— Cardinal Seán O'Malley**



**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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### **The Wedding Banquet**

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)

PARABLES  
 GUESTS  
 SERVANTS  
 FILLED

STREET  
 HEAVEN  
 CATTLE  
 REFUSED

INVITED  
 KINGDOM  
 COME  
 WEDDING

BANQUET  
 CORNERS  
 OXEN  
 DINNER

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." Why? What made the king's invitation so distasteful to these guests? According to the parable, either the guests were too busy with their farms and their businesses, or else they were downright hostile to the entire idea: they "laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them." What could possibly explain this resistance?

Perhaps we have a clue in the puzzling conclusion of today's Gospel. One of the second-string guests pulled in from the streets came to the feast "not dressed in a wedding garment." The man knew he was guilty, hence his silence. And the king's punishment suggests that the fellow ought to have known better. This "wedding garment" calls to mind the preparation of our souls necessary to join in the great "wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rv 19:9), that is, heaven. This man was apparently just too lazy to get ready. He presumed that having received an invitation to the banquet was enough, that nothing was required of him. Not so. He should have demonstrated his gratitude by dressing appropriately. And what of the first-string guests? Some were too busy to bother coming; others were furious that they had been invited at all. Now, where do we fit in? Are we more concerned with worldly work than with spiritual growth? Are we offended by the very suggestion that we might need to "dress up" our souls? Or are we the disinterested Christian, willing to feast but too lazy to foster his faith? Jesus gave his life to open the gates of heaven for us. Let's show our gratitude by preparing radiant, beautiful souls worthy of the heavenly wedding feast.



**GRACE Scholars' Pre-Registration is in Full Swing!**

GRACE Scholars' Early Bird pre-registration for 2015 for education tax credits is in full swing. The response has been terrific!

GRACE has also introduced a new online pre-registration form. The form has reduced two forms to one. It is simple, easy, and takes about three minutes to complete, sign, and submit – all done online with no paper. Make sure your browser is up to date! You can access the online form on the home page of the GRACE website. For those who prefer it, a paper form is also available on the website by clicking on the For Donors menu and selecting Contribution Process.

For more information, please contact: GRACE Scholars at [gracescholars@archatl.com](mailto:gracescholars@archatl.com) or 404-920-7900 [www.gracescholars.org](http://www.gracescholars.org)



**End of Life Planning Workshop**

*What does the Catholic Church teach about end-of-life decision making?  
Are you prepared to make good choices at a difficult time of someone's life?*

A workshop on end of life planning will be held at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 675 Riverside Rd. Roswell, GA 30075, on Saturday, October 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

This FREE workshop covers important end of life issues, including a Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decision Making, Palliative Care, Living Wills, Home health and Hospice Care, Power of Attorney, Funeral Decisions and more. Speakers from Emory St. Joseph's Hospital, Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice Atlanta, Catholic Clergy and Attorney. Continental breakfast will be provided. Follow the balloons! For more information contact Margaret McManus at 770-643-1552, [bunniemcm@gmail.com](mailto:bunniemcm@gmail.com). See you there. Don't be left out.

**Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of October 13 - October 19**

Monday, October 13	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00pm
Tuesday, October 14		
Wednesday, October 15	Novena	6:15pm
	Mass	6:30pm
	Choir	7:00pm
Thursday, October 16	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Mass	12:00 noon
	Prayer Group	1:15pm
	OCIA	7:00pm
Friday, October 17	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Mass	12:00 noon
Saturday, October 18	Mass	5:00pm
Sunday, October 19	Choir	8:20-8:50am
	Rosary	8:30-8:45am
	Mass	9:00am
	Faith Formation classes	10:20-11:20am
	Mass	11:30am

