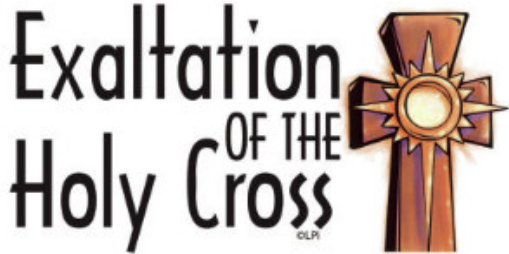


St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church



Women's Guild Monthly Meeting

St. Mary's Women's Guild will resume their monthly meetings beginning Sunday, September 28th, following the 9 a.m. Mass. All women of the Parish are encouraged to participate. A registration form for the 2014-2015 year is available in the armoire (open cabinet) in the entry room. Please bring your completed form with your annual membership dues to the meeting next Sunday.



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".

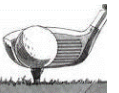
Registration fee includes donuts, green fee, golf cart, lunch & much more!

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 \$96.12.00 after expenses.

If you would like to become a member of GRTL, go on website at www.grtl.org

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

Thank you for your support!



Next Sunday (September 21st) there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services in response to the emergency conditions in Iraq.

Iraqi bishops also issued a statement in July pleading for increased humanitarian assistance and protection of minorities. The lives of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi families are in peril and in need of meaningful interventions to prevent further catastrophe. Catholic Relief Services [CRS] is seeking support for humanitarian efforts, which are critical to protecting and saving lives immediately, as well as preparing for the needs ahead. Pope Francis launched an appeal for unity, calling for "security, peace and a future of reconciliation and justice, where all Iraqis, whatever their religion, could build their nation together, creating a model of coexistence." Monies collection throughout the archdiocese will be forwarded Catholic Relief Services.

Please respond generously to next weekend's second collection and pray for God to comfort those who have lost their homes or loved ones due to their Christian faith and please be generous.

Intercessions for Life

For those whose days on earth are drawing to a close:
That they may be welcomed into the joys of eternal life in heaven;

We pray to the Lord:



Offertory \$ 4,482.00

Readings for the Week

Monday:
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday:
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:
1 Cor 12:31--13:13
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:
1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 7:36-50

Friday:
1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday:
Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

Mass Intentions:

Requested for:

Requested By:

Sept. 13 Saturday	Marie Drescher †	Barbara Hellinger
Sept. 14 Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Sept. 17 Wednesday		
Sept. 18 Thursday	Rocky Ferguson †	Carol Ferguson
Sept. 19 Friday	Marie Drescher †	Barbara Hellinger
Sept. 20 Saturday	Kris Stark †	Emily Ryan
Sept. 21 Sunday	Our Parishioners	

The Flowers on the Altar this weekend

were generously donated in Loving Memory of
Carolyn Pesce †



Saturday, September 20, 5:00 PM

Lector: Tod Stark
Extraordinary Ministers: Rita Zinner and Richard McPhee
Ushers: Tom Matelski



Sunday, September 21, 9:00 AM

Lector: Bill Lewis
Extraordinary Ministers: Dennis Ordyna, John Lueken, Bill Myles, Justin Jewell, and **Bob Lipscomb
Altar Servers: Ken White and Jorge Moreno
Crucifer: Bill Hunter **Thurifer:** Jesse Petrella
Ushers: JR Salinas and Melina Patterson
Gift Bearers: Jeffery Fitz and Heath Sheppard
Greeters: Paul Jewell and Mark Hofmann

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, September 21, 11:30 AM

Lector: Teresita Wright
Extraordinary Ministers: Bill Hunter
Altar Servers: Lorette Edwards and KC Edwards
Crucifer: Chloe Patterson
Ushers: Any Available
Greeters: Any Available

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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, Joe Mausser, Jimmy Collins, Rick Hines, Jacob Owens, Bonny Boyd, Andrew Payne, Danny Foster, Tech Dipalma, Vanessa Atkinson, Jenn, Julian Myers, Bob Abood, Jesse Petrella, 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, and Teresa Giambalvo .



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.

Ingles Tools for Schools -- It's that time of year again, if you would like to link your Ingles card (which you must do every year) to the St. Mary's School of Religion program please fill out this form and we will do the rest. You may drop this form in the collection basket or give to Eva White. Monies earned will go toward purchasing equipment for the Faith Formation Programs. Thanks everyone!!!



Fill Out This Form To Link The Ingles Advantage™ Card To help St. Mary, Mother of God, Faith Formation Dept.

Mr. _____
Ms. _____
Mrs. _____

Last Name (PLEASE PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS)

First Name _____ M.I. _____

Ingles Advantage Card Number (PLEASE USE ALL 12 NUMBERS) | School Code: 10063

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Word of Life

"As Christians, we are called to help build a civilization of life and of love, in which seriously ill persons and their families are never abandoned, but are supported with services, friendship, and love."
— Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life, p. 23, (USCCB)

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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.

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.



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 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." The first reading today refers to the story of the Israelites and the serpents. These venomous creatures were biting and killing the people of Israel wandering in the desert. Moses begged God to save them from the affliction. God chose a strange antidote to the poison: he told Moses to mount a bronze serpent on a pole. Those who looked at it survived.

In the Gospel reading, John refers to this historical event in the context of salvation. Then, the people of God were saved from physical death by looking up. Now, we are saved from spiritual death in much the same way. Through the cross where Jesus was "lifted up," God has given us an antidote to the poison of sin. The habits of selfishness that threaten to suffocate our souls can be overcome when we raise our eyes to this cross upon which Christ made the ultimate act of selflessness.

Today at Mass, many of us will sing the rousing hymn "Lift High the Cross" and call to mind this "triumphant sign" that has come to be equivalent with Christianity itself. The cross is our symbol, our banner, and our hope. As Christians, we march behind it with confidence and courage because through it, even the most fearsome of all human realities—sin and death—have been conquered. Now we can enjoy the gift of eternal life. But, like the children of Israel wandering in the desert, we have to participate in our own salvation. God desired that they actively "look" at the bronze seraph instead of passively being cured. So too, we must choose to actively embrace the cross of Christ by modeling our lives after the generous, life-giving love of the Lord.

- * You will see a display at the entrance "Pennies for Heaven". Proceeds go The Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers. Your loose change (or any amount) will be greatly appreciated.



Please help support Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospice Home by purchasing raffle tickets. Proceeds go directly to OLPH for the hospice patient at no cost to their families. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. There are generous prizes available.

- * Gentlemen: Perhaps you want to know more about the Knights of Columbus, maybe considering joining. There will be a table with representatives before and after Mass to discuss your inquires. Faith based fund raising and fellowship has something for everyone. Come talk to us.

Drawing is October 25th.

We have a standing offer at Atlanta South 75, Travel Center of a one dollar donation for each buffet purchased on Sunday with a church bulletin. All they request is that you turn in your church bulletin with the total of how many people are in your party.



"Hurting after abortion? PATH (Post Abortion Treatment and Healing) will be offering a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat September 19-21, 2014 that could lead to wholeness and healing. Please register by September 10, 2014 for the Retreat. PATH also offers ongoing Bible Studies. Compassionate, confidential care is available to women, men, siblings, grandparents, and friends. Contact Mary Ann McNeil for details at [404-717-5557](tel:404-717-5557) (voice mail) or e-mail Mary Ann at pathmcneil@gmail.com. Please visit our website at www.healingafterabortion.org."

Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of September 15 - September 21

Monday, September 15

Tuesday, September 16

Wednesday, September 17	Novena	6:15pm
	Mass	6:30pm
	Choir	7:00pm

Thursday, September 18	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Mass	12:00 noon
	Prayer Group	1:15pm
	OCIA	7:00pm

Friday, September 19	Reconciliation	11:00am
	Rosary	11:35am
	Mass	12:00 noon

Saturday, September 20	Mass	5:00pm
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Sunday, September 21	Choir	8:20-8:50am
	Rosary	8:30-8:45am
	Mass	9:00am
	Extraordinary Minister Training following 9am Mass	
	Mass	11:30am
	Faith Formation classes	10:20-11:20am