

# St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church



## **THE 2015 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "ALL THIS I DO FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL"**

The 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. Parishioners should be receiving a letter from Archbishop Gregory asking for a pledge to the 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

The Appeal funds the essential ministries of the Church in our archdiocese—ministries that, in many cases, are of service to our parish. For example, *Archbishop's Annual Appeal gifts support...*

*PRIESTS' CONTINUING EDUCATION, RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY, CATHECHETICAL MINISTRY,  
CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION.*

The theme of the Appeal this year is, **"ALL THIS I DO FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL."**

Our Archbishop writes, "We are called to reflect the great love of Jesus Christ, that he would become man and give His life for us, through all of our daily actions and how we live our lives."

Your financial support for the work of our parish and our archdiocese is one way to show gratitude to God and support the Church in her mission to share the love of Christ with the world.

After we reach our parish Annual Appeal goal of \$14,600.00, the archdiocese returns 100% of each additional dollar received from our parishioners to the parish. Last year we received \$3,577.20 in returns.

Please respond to the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges will be billed in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

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### **Toiletries for DFACS -**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting toiletries once again for children in the Butts County DFACS program. This drive is to provide individual toiletries for children that enter the DFACS program. Suggested items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, hand sanitizers, baby wipes, and any personal care items that one would require. Items such as these can be acquired at drug stores, grocery stores, and dollar stores. This program was greatly supported by members of St Mary in the past and we pray that it will be a success once again. The Knights of Columbus once again thank you all for your support. A collection point will be located in the parish gathering area.



### **Lenten Fish Fry**

The Danny McMichael Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual Lenten Fish Fry at St Mary, Mother of God Catholic 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 this Friday between 4:30 - 6:30PM.



**February 20th will be the first Fish Fry for the year.  
Don't miss out on an awesome meal!**

**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

\$ 4,885.00

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

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|---------|-----------|------------------|--|
| Feb. 7  | Saturday  |                  |  |
| Feb. 8  | Sunday    | Our Parishioners |  |
| Feb. 11 | Wednesday |                  |  |
| Feb. 12 | Thursday  |                  |  |
| Feb. 13 | Friday    |                  |  |
| Feb. 14 | Saturday  |                  |  |
| Feb. 15 | Sunday    | Our Parishioners |  |
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**The Flowers on the Altar this weekend**  
were generously donated in Loving memory of  
Marcella Glidewell †

**Saturday, February 14, 4:00 PM**

**Lector:** Alma Abbott

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kathy Abood and Tammy Hotchkiss

**Ushers:** Ron Sicina and Tom Matelski

**Sunday, February 15, 9:00 AM**

**Lector:** Bob Lipscomb

**Extraordinary Ministers:** James Watson, Bill Hunter, Justin Jewell, Carlton Turner, and \*\*Bill Myles

**Altar Servers:** Ken White and Pat Pappa

**Crucifer:** Brian Leto

**Thurifer:** Mike Palka

**Gift Bearers:** Pete Fullerton and Jack Herbert

**Ushers:** Mark Hofmann and Dennis Ordyna

**Greeters:** Jack and Betty Herbert

**Sunday, February 15, 11:30 AM**

**Lector:** Jim Brimberry

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Tod Stark

**Altar Servers:** Andrew Chapko and Miranda Salina

**Crucifer:** Cody Brimberry

**Gift Bearers:** Chapko Family

**Ushers:** Brenda Patterson and J.R. Salinas

**Greeters:** Tim and Tammy Chapko

**Wednesday, February 18, 12:00 noon**

**Lector:** Janice Lueken

**Extraordinary Ministers:** John Lueken

**Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Becky Glidewell

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Adam Marlowe

**Readings for the Week****Monday:**

Gn 1:1-19

Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:**

Gn 1:20--2:4a

Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:**

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17

Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:**

Gn 2:18-25

Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:**

Gn 3:1-8

Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:**

Gn 3:9-24

Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31--11:1

Mk 1:40-45

**Liturgical Schedule**

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**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Jan Jost, Butch Corcoran, Patricia Tideswell, Loretta Zach, Pat Eldred, Mack Goins, Margarita Rodriguez, Rick Hines, Andrew Payne, Danny Foster, Tech Dipalma, Vanessa Atkinson, Jenn, Bob Abood, Lucile Gardner, Marianne Beating, Bill Wagner, Pat Zimmerman, Lisa Steele, Alvin Crusan, Edna Kelley Daniels, Christine Horton, Tony Davison, Tommy Glidewell, Sue Samp, Yvonne Truett, Diane Davis, Leony Natad, Lucas Holland, Lidia Lower, Ashlynn Geringer, Patsy Burdette, Jeanel Wehner, Carolyn Wright, Hurley Turner, **James Callina, and Scott Scheibel.**



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.

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

Through baptism, we are all called to a life of holiness. Each of us has a vocation. Each year the Church celebrates and honors men and women in religious communities with the World Day for Consecrated Life, and in a special way in this Year of Consecrated Life called for by Pope Francis. On this day, we give thanks for the women and men who have committed their lives to living and working in and through a religious community. They do so much good in the world. As the Holy Father has said, "the consecrated life appears to us just as it really is: a gift of God!"



Let us pray:

Good and gracious God who calls every man and woman to live a life of holiness, we give you praise for those men and women we call brothers or sisters. Grant them the wisdom to know and love you and to share that love with others. Grant more vocations to the Church through consecration to religious life. We ask all this in the name of Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

*The Women's Guild is excited to present the Annual International Dinner and Silent Auction.*

*It will be held Saturday, February 14th right after the Vigil Mass.*

*The Silent Auction will offer great surprises and possibilities!! If you would like to donate items and/or service please contact Erma Gozdzick 770.775.2000.*

*All items and/or service donations must be received by Sunday, February 8th, also we ask that **ALL** items are to be new or unused. We hope everyone will join us!!*

**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.

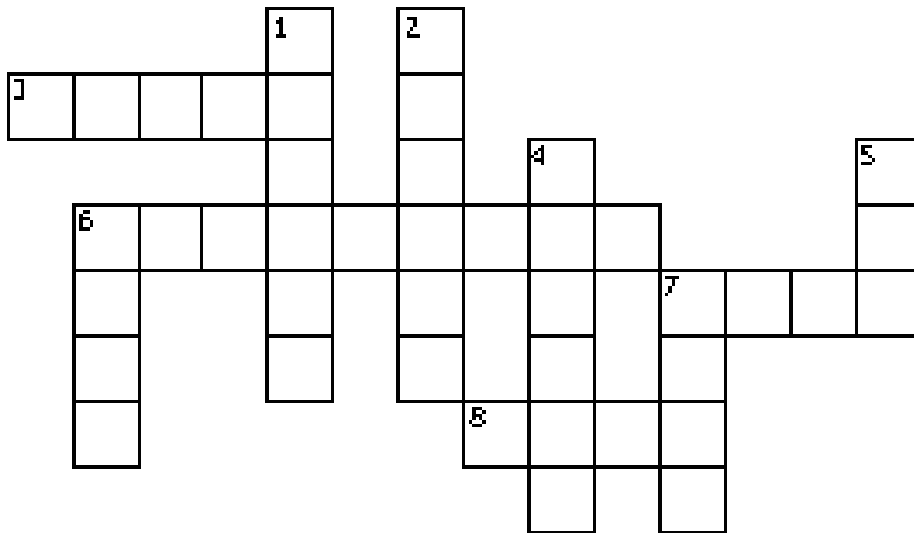
If you wish to have an item placed into the weekly church bulletin. It must be to the church office no later than 12 noon on Monday (**at least 2 weeks before your scheduled event**). It must be in writing, there are forms in the church office or you can email it to stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net.

Thank you.



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## Show Others You Care



The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases." Mark 1:33-34a (NIV)

Based on Mark 1:29-39 (NIV)

|       |      |        |        |           |
|-------|------|--------|--------|-----------|
| FEVER | HEAL | HAND   | BED    | SYNAGOGUE |
| SICK  | HELP | PREACH | DEMONS | SUNSET    |

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then the fever left her and she waited on them." What a day for this woman! She had been confined to bed, burning with a fever, too sick to move around. Then, her son-in-law showed up with his brother, two friends, and a man with a growing reputation for working miracles. With no ceremony, this man came straight over to her, took her hand and helped her to her feet. There was no time to question Jesus' bold action because in an instant, the woman was healed. Whatever he had done had worked!

We can imagine that the appearance of this group of guests at her house caused Simon's mother-in-law some distress; in her illness, she had been unable to offer them the hospitality so important in that culture. But as soon as the fever disappeared, she regained the freedom to properly welcome her visitors. No longer sick, she was able to serve. And that was exactly what she wanted to do. Without hesitation, she began to use her restored health to care for others. And soon enough, her hospitality was extended to new levels because "the whole town was gathered at the door" to see Jesus in action.

How do we use our health? Do we think of it as a gift from God to be put at the service of others? Or do we think of good health as simply our own right? Today's virtuous woman teaches us about a kind of physical generosity. Recognizing that her health had been given to her as a gift, she in turn offered her strength, her ability to stand and walk and work, as a gift to others. What a beautiful way to understand the human body. Instead of focusing on how our bodies can serve us, may we follow the example of this woman who was so quick to attend to the needs of her family, her friends, and her neighbors.

**Word of Life**

“The challenge is to *make the Church’s “yes” to Life concrete and effective.* The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!”

— Pope Saint John Paul II, Homily, World Youth Day, August 15, 1993  
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**Mass Schedule  
February 18th**

Mass 12 noon  
 Novena 6:45pm  
 Mass 7:00pm

**Everyone is invited**  
 to come and dance on  
 February 21, 2015

Whether you like current, oldies, slow or fast we will play it all. If you have a fav you can give your request to the DJ. We will have father/daughter and mom/sons dances. There will be group line dances and slow couple dances. We will cover it all.



So come join us for a wonderful night of fun.  
 February 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00 – 7:00pm  
 Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00

This event is sponsored by the Youth group  
 and is a fund raiser for youth events.

*Dance*  
**LIKE A BOSS**



**Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of February 9 - February 15**

|                        |   |             |
|------------------------|---|-------------|
| Monday, February 9     | Knights of Columbus Mtg.                | 7:00pm      |
| Tuesday, February 10   |   |             |
| Wednesday, February 11 | Novena                                  | 6:15pm      |
|                        | Mass                                    | 6:30pm      |
|                        | Choir                                   | 7:00pm      |
| Thursday, February 12  | Rosary                                  | 11:35am     |
|                        | Mass                                    | 12:00 noon  |
|                        | Prayer Group                            | 1:15pm      |
|                        | OCIA                                    | 7:00pm      |
| Friday, February 13    | Rosary                                  | 11:35am     |
|                        | Mass                                    | 12:00 noon  |
| Saturday, February 14  | Reconciliation                          | 3:00-3:45pm |
|                        | Mass                                    | 4:00pm      |
|                        | International Dinner and Silent Auction |             |
| Sunday, February 15    | Choir                                   | 8:20-8:50am |
|                        | Rosary                                  | 8:30-8:45am |
|                        | Mass                                    | 9:00am      |
|                        | Mass                                    | 11:30am     |

