

St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

Please welcome as the newest members of St. Mary, Mother of God.

The Family of Roy and Claire Reynes
Margaret McNulty
Margaret Brown
Winfred and Gertrud (Trudy) Boyd
The Family of Scott and Jeannine McElveen

If you attend St. Mary, Mother of God on a regular basis and have not registered we ask you to complete the following and drop it in the offertory basket. A parish registration form will be mailed to you. Or if your information has simply changed let us know. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

Change of Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

RESOLUTIONS

SHOW KINDNESS...
It's a choice. Please choose it.

SHOW PATIENCE...
Just remember, you're not perfect either.

SHOW ENCOURAGEMENT...
if you do, people will strive for more.

SHOW COMPASSION...
Put yourself in someone else's shoes.

SHOW WISDOM...
It's in short supply these days.

SHOW FAIRNESS...
Don't stack the deck in anyone's favor.

Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers:

Joseph Solis, Dylan Brimberry, Layna Deraney, Gabriel Duffey, Madison James, Jorge Moreno, and Mark Myles.

The Women's Guild

Our next event will be our Parish picnic at Dauset Trails. Save the date. Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm
Please fill out the sign up sheet with the number who will attend and the side dish you will bring.
The church will be providing Main dish and hot dogs. The picnic will be held at Pavilion #1 rain or shine (unless there are severe storms). Pavilion #1 is close to the Animal Trail and Visitor's Center.



Intercessions for Life

That the Holy Spirit may continually inspire
our words and actions to build up of a culture of life;
We pray to the Lord:



Offertory	\$3,536.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 32.00

Mass Intentions:

Apr. 18	Saturday	Kristopher Stark †	
Apr. 19	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Apr. 19	Sunday		
Apr. 23	Wednesday		
Apr. 24	Thursday		
Apr. 25	Friday		
Apr. 26	Saturday	Kristopher Stark †	
Apr. 27	Sunday	Our Parishioners	

Requested for:

Requested By:

Emily Ryan

Stark Family

Readings for the Week

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51--8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20

Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18



The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to strengthen home mission dioceses in the United States is by funding seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, where educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

The Flowers on the Altar this weekend

were generously donated in
Loving memory of
Roger Eldred †



Saturday, April 25, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Mickie Hofmann
Extraordinary Ministers: Rich McPhee and La Donna O'Bryon
Altar Servers: Any Available
Ushers: Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

Sunday, April 26, 9:00 AM

Lector: Jesse Petrella
Extraordinary Ministers: Bill Hunter, Bill Lewis, Adam Marlowe, Carlton Turner, and **Eva White
Altar Servers: Lorette Edwards and Miranda Salina
Crucifer: Sharon Chan
Gift Bearers: Catherine Crusan and Rita Zinner
Ushers: Dennis Ordyna and Jerry Holland
Greeters: Catherine Crusan and Rita Zinner

Liturgical Schedule

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Please remember the following people in your prayers:

LaDonna O'Bryon, George Hofmann, Ginny Markham, Jan Jost, Tom O'Bryon, and David Haistens.



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! **Eucharistic Congress 2015:** "I will be with you always". The Eucharistic Congress comes this year to the Georgia International Convention Center Friday, June 5th – Saturday, June 6th. **Please prayerfully consider giving time as a volunteer... your generosity will be much appreciated.** Volunteer registration closes as of May 1st so that plans may be made according to the number of volunteers committed at that time. Of particular need each year are volunteers for the Kids Track...please help spread the word that the number of children who can register and participate in the Kid Track depends completely on the number of adult volunteers registered by May 1st.

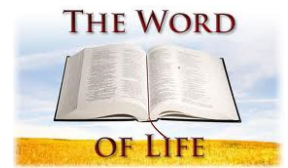
Please register on-line using the link <http://congress.archatl.com/volunteers/>

"What joy fills My Heart when you return to Me. Because you are weak, I take you in My arms and carry you to the home of My Father." (Diary, 1486)

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"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 2270 CCC, second edition © 2001 LEV-USCCB. Used with permission.



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.

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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Open Mind

Open Heart



Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.
Luke 24:45

BONES
DEAD
GHOST

HANDS
NATIONS
FEET

PEACE
PREACH
RISE

SUFFER
FLESH
DOUBTS

Third Sunday of Easter

"He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and terrified." What was so terrifying about being wished peace? How ironic that the disciples were so scared right at the moment that Jesus was offering them peace.

The fact is that they didn't understand what was going on. They were already aware at this point that Jesus had risen from the dead, and two of them had just had a powerful encounter with him on the road to Emmaus. But now, he suddenly appeared before them, in a manner that was not only totally unexpected, but also apparently physically impossible. This is why they thought they were seeing a ghost. It just didn't make sense.

Jesus reassured them with concrete actions. He told them to look at him and to touch him. He wanted his disciples to be comforted by his real physical presence among them. He wanted them to come into contact with his entire being, not just the abstract idea of his presence. Once they did this, they were "incredulous for joy and were amazed." The peace that he wished for them was now complemented by great joy. It just took a while to sink in.

This may be the case for us at times too. We may not understand the mysterious ways in which Jesus is present in our lives. Sometimes he is hidden in what Mother Teresa called "the distressing disguise." His Spirit may be present, wishing to bring us peace right in the midst of stress, sickness, anguish, or pain, but we may not recognize him at first. But just because he may not "show up" in the way we expect doesn't mean he isn't with us. The risen Christ also wants to give us the gift of peace.

Knights of Columbus Annual Vidalia Onion Sales - It is that time again for Vidalia Onions, the Knights will be taking orders after Easter for expected delivery at the end of April. We will be selling them again for \$10.00 for a 10 pound bag. Please look for our sign up location in the parish hall . Once again, a good crop of onions is expected for those that enjoy these Georgia delicacies.



Knights of Columbus

St. James Preschool in McDonough is now enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year.

We are a non-profit preschool program for children ages 8 weeks through 4 years old. Our programs meet 9am-1pm Monday through Friday. We offer classes in Language Arts, Science, Math, Spanish, Visual Arts, Music and Drama, Physical Education, just to name a few! In the true spirit of our faith, children here will bloom and grow through the example of Jesus Christ.

Please visit our website at <http://stjamesapostlepreschool.org> for more information or email the Director, Patti Lucas at plucas@stjamesapostle.com.



Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of April 20 - April 26

Monday, April 20

Tuesday, April 21

Wednesday, April 22

Novena 6:15pm
Mass 6:30pm

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

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

Saturday, April 25

Reconciliation 4:00-4:45pm
Mass 5:00pm

Sunday, April 26

Choir 8:20-8:50am
Rosary 8:30-8:45am
Mass 9:00am
Faith Formation Classes 10:20-11:20am
Women's Guild Mtg. following Mass
Parish Picnic 2:00pm



We are changing the Saturday mass time back to 5:00pm beginning Saturday, April 11th. Please mark your calendars.