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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

PARISH OFFICE

Monday through Thursday

10 AM - 2 PM

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM **Vigil Mass**

Sunday: 8:30 AM; 11 AM

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat: 9 AM

ADORATION & ROSARY

Monday through Thursday

8:00AM—8:45AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday & Sunday

8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Monday -Thursday after Mass

Saturday: 10 AM & 4 PM

Or by appointment

BAPTISM & MATRIMONY

Contact Deacon Greg

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

- SAT: 7/18 Vigil Mass**
5:00 PM– Raymond Dumont (D)
~given by Pat & Bob Defenbaugh
- SUN: 7/19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM - Giuse Khài V. Vũ (D)
~given by Ms. Lua T. Vu
- 11:00 AM - Maria-Rosa Đào Anh Vũ (D)**
~given by Ms. Lua T. Vu
- MON: 7/20 Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr**
9:00 AM - Charlie Peay (L)
~given by Nancy Williamson
- TUES: 7/21 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest**
9:00 AM - ANNA (D)
~given by Mrs. Ánh Nguyệt Nguyễn
- WED: 7/22 Saint Mary Magdalene**
9:00 AM– Thanks to the BVM
- THUR: 7/23 Saint Bridget, Religious**
9:00 AM - Thanksgiving
- SAT: 7/25 Saint James, Apostle**
9:00 AM - Anna & Joseph (D)
~given by Mrs. Ánh Nguyệt Nguyễn

Altar flowers for this week were donated by Ms. Nhi Nguyen, St. Mary's parishioner.

Mass Intentions

Remember your loved ones, both living and deceased, by Mass Intention offerings. Please see Christa to schedule or complete the available envelopes in the Sacristy and place in the offertory baskets.

Altar Flower Donations

Envelopes are available in the Narthex for parishioners to donate Altar flowers in memory or honor of their loved ones. Please place in the collection basket or give to an usher or Father.



Offertory/Contributions

Weekend of July 12th, 2020



Weekly Budget	\$ 2,300.00
Offertory	\$ 2,694.00
Building Fund	\$ 185.00

Thank-you for your contributions!

The counters for this week are Nancy Williamson, William King & Flora Butler.



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Barbara Watson, Susan Alexander, Tony Argenito, Bill Bisig & Barbara Bisig, Barbara Wetzel, Sharon Cook, G.K. Meier, Carla Watson, Carol Womack & Baby Leo

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Christa (706-886-2819). Update Christa at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers. We need a parishioner to continue the "prayer intentions" email blasts. If you are interested in this ministry please contact - **Ms. Stephanie Cortellino** 404-353-0475

Parish Ministries

Finance Committee:

Bob Defenbaugh, 706-244-0795

Parish Council:

Dave Slezcick, 706-779-1833

Ladies of St Mary's:

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St. Mary's Capital Campaign:

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Adult Faith Formation & Christian Initiation (RCIA):

Deacon Greg Ollick, (404) 918-7472

(Additional info on ALL ministries can be found on our website.)



Pope Francis' prayer intention for July

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance (uscgb)

POST ABORTION TREATMENT AND HEALING

PATH (Post Abortion Treatment and Healing) in Atlanta is providing support and ministering to men and women who are in distress and in need of repentance and healing following abortions. Confession may be the beginning of the healing journey for many who struggle after abortion, but abortion can leave a devastating wake of isolation and a pattern of hiding from God and others. Self-destruction, addiction, and PTSD like symptoms often result from abortion as well. **Brochures are available in the Narthex with information for seeking assistance.** Please tell others there is help, healing and hope after abortion so that no person ever believes that abortion is a good or reasonable option for an unexpected pregnancy.

WEEDS WITH THE WHEAT

The two parables in today's gospel make a skirted point that "God, in his providence, will use even apparent evil that attends us in life to some perfecting purpose". In His patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to the salvation of the Kingdom. Our God is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins. He is a God of justice, even for those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance. May the Spirit assist us in our weakness. "We can cave in to our weakness out of despair. . . or we can pray with faith".



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11;
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13;
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

GOOD SEEDS



Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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Saint Bridget

Born in the 1300s in Sweden, mother of 8, mystic, prophet and foundress of the Order of the Most Holy Savior. The "Bridgetines" sought to end the luxury and dissipation of the Avignon papacy and the return of the pope to Rome. She is the patroness of Sweden and declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope John Paul II.



Saint Mary Magdalene



She was a disciple of Jesus and present at his crucifixion. Mary was also the first to witness to the risen Lord, thus called the "apostle of the Apostles". She is the patroness of the Order of Preachers.

Birthday/Anniversary



If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary announced on WNEG radio/Connie Gaines, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex. Questions? Contact Gary Cortellino (678) 360-2545 or garycortel@aol.com

Vietnamese Corner

Mến Chào Quý Ông Bà Và Anh Chi Em trong Chúa Kitô,
Hiện nay có nhiều đồng hương Việt Nam của chúng ta đến tham dự Thánh Lễ 11am tại Giáo Xứ Thánh Mẫu Maria. Đây là điều đáng mừng cho Cộng Đoàn tại Giáo Xứ "Saint Mary's Toccoa" nói chung, và cũng là niềm vui của người Việt ở Toccoa cách riêng. Chúng ta hãy đón chào các Anh Chi Em đến tham dự Thánh Lễ từ các nơi xa ngoài thị trấn Toccoa.

Vi nhu cầu phụng vụ Thánh Lễ mà Con đã trình bày sau mỗi cuối Lễ cuối tuần, và cũng chia sẻ với một vài trưởng nhóm của các ban ngành trong Giáo Xứ, Con tha thiết mời gọi mọi người hãy hy sinh và đóng góp tích cực vào chương trình phụng vụ riêng cho tiếng Việt. Hiện Chúng ta cần các Em giúp lễ, người đọc sách, hướng dẫn viên, ca viên, nhạc công ... Đồng thời Cha Cũng khuyến khích các Thanh Thiếu Niên ghi danh giúp đọc Sách Thánh bằng Tiếng Anh và tiếng Việt. (bilingual). Mong rằng trong tương lai, chúng ta sẽ có Lễ cho giới trẻ và gia đình (family Mass, and Praise & Worship)

Con nghĩ rằng nếu chúng ta lập ra ban thường vụ cho người Việt, thì Chúng ta có thể làm việc dễ dàng hơn và cùng đồng hành với giáo dân Mỹ, mà họ luôn tha thiết mời gọi chúng ta cùng đồng hành với họ trong cánh đồng truyền giáo và trong các chương trình phụng vụ.

Con Sẽ nhờ Soeur Anna Nguyễn T. Ngọc Oanh, Sắp xếp và liên lạc với Quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em trong giáo xứ để ghi danh vào các chương trình mục vụ và phụng vụ.

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện và xin ơn Chúa Thánh Thần soi sáng và tăng thêm lòng yêu mến đối với Chúa, để rồi chúng ta có thể hy sinh mà phục vụ dân chúa với tinh thần sống đạo và hiệp nhất trong Chúa Giêsu Kitô.

Xin Thánh Cả Giuse và Mẹ Maria trợ giúp Chúng ta,

Tôi tớ của Chúa Giêsu,

LM 'Henry' Phạm M Thắng Toccoa, Ngày 12 Tháng 7, năm 2020

FORMED

Be sure to sign-up for your subscription to FORMED, donated to St. Marys with grant funds from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. Flyers with instructions for accessing the FORMED internet site are available in the Narthex.

CCD

The Parish School of Religion (also known as CCD) will begin sometime after Labor Day. use the link below to register your child



as the Please for religious ed. <https://forms.gle/>

BORED? WANT MORE FOR YOUR LIFE?

CONSIDER A MINISTRY IN CHARITY

If you would like to help serve your neighbors in need while, at the same time growing spiritually, consider the wonderful opportunity to become a Vincentian. St. Mary's of Toccoa is starting our Conference of Saint Vincent DePaul back up to serve the enlarging number of individuals and families in the Stephen's and Franklin County areas. A large number of talents are needed and volunteers are free to be as active as they wish to be. Please sign-up on the sheet available in the Narthex if you would like to volunteer or learn more about St. Vincent DePaul Society or call Ethan Owenby, our new president, at (706) 599-6815 or Nancy Williamson at (706) 886-9554.

Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign committee has been disrupted by Covid 19, but will start up again this fall. The name of the NEW building project is **St. Mary's Religious Education and Parish Life Center**. Our theme for the Capital Campaign Fund is **"Our Time is Now, Let's Grow Together"**.

There will be two kick off meetings early fall, one after the Saturday Vigil and one between the Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 Masses, with refreshments and snacks provided. We will discuss what we are planning to do, how we plan to accomplish this, and how you can help. Donations will not be requested at this time. Dates and times will follow.

THE WAY FOR WOMEN

The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program. The retreat will be held August 28-30, 2020 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Georgia. Registration deadline is August 21, 2020.

***Safety protocols for COVID-19 will be followed.**
Please contact Sue Stubbs at (404) 920-7554 or sstubbs@archatl.com for more information.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Tuesday, several parishioners from St. Mary's joined others in the community to pray for our country in front of the Stephen's County courthouse. This has become a yearly event in Georgia, held on 7/14 at 7:14AM in all 159 Georgia counties. With all counties participating, the entire New Testament bible was read in Georgia at this time. It is said to have been a prayer for "healing in our land" and "a gathering of the righteous, when our foundations are being destroyed". Father Henry is proud St. Mary's was so well represented at the community gathering.

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