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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 8:30 AM
Sunday 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Monday -Thursday after Mass
Saturday: 10 AM & 4 PM
Or by appointment

BAPTISM & MATRIMONY

Contact Deacon Greg

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sharon Cook (706) 297-8344
Jessica Burger (904) 219-1129

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Greg Ollick (404) 918-7472

*The
kingdom
of
heaven*

is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a
pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all
that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:45-46



**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

July 26, 2020

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

- SAT: 7/25 Vigil Mass, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM– Steve & Yvonne Dessauer (L)
~60th Wedding anniversary
- SUN: 7/26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM - Poor Souls (D)
~Ms. Nguyệt Nguyễn
11:00 AM - Healing Grace for Baby Leo Hồ Ngô
~given by Mrs. Lan & Mr. Thắng Nguyễn
- MON: 7/27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekday**
9:00 AM - Thanksgiving to Vincent & St. Antône
~given by Mrs. Ánh Nguyệt Nguyễn
- TUES: 7/28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekday**
9:00 AM- Mrs. Ánh Nguyệt Nguyễn
~given by Mrs. Nguyệt Nguyễn
- WED: 7/29 Saint Martha**
9:00 AM– Healing Grace for Baby Leo Hồ Ngô
~given by Mrs. Lan & Mr. Thắng Nguyễn
- THUR: 7/30 Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop**
9:00 AM - Mrs. Beverly & Mr. Steve O'Brien (L)
- SAT: 8/1 Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop**
9:00 AM - Paul Gardner (D)

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 19th, 2020



Weekly Budget	\$ 2,300.00
Offertory	\$ 2,425.00
Building Fund	\$ 467.00

Thank-you for your contributions!

The counters for this week are Jerry Bronikowski, Cathy Staley & Connie Tirico.



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Barbara Watson, Susan Alexander, Tony Argeno, 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.

Parish Ministries

Finance Committee:

Bob Defenbaugh, 706-244-0795

Parish Council:

Dave Slezcicky, 706-779-1833

Ladies of St Mary's:

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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 (usccb)



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.

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 stubbbs@archatl.com for more information.

Happy 60th Anniversary

Steve & Yvonne Dessauer

Life is a journey and love is what makes that journey worthwhile!

-Unknown

The bride says: On my bed at night I sought him whom my heart loves— I sought him but I did not find him. I will rise then and go about the city; in the streets and crossings I will seek Him whom my heart loves. I sought him but I did not find him. The watchmen came upon me, as they made their rounds of the city: Have you seen him whom my heart loves? I had hardly left them when I found him who my heart loves.

A reading from the Song of Songs 3:1-4b

OUR TREASURES

Suppose God were to grant you any wish. Would you answer like Solomon did in today's reading? He did not ask for silver, gold, a long life, a new house, or any other riches as many would. He asked for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will. Of course, God granted his wish with many blessings. Do you love God's words more than gold and silver, as in today's Psalm? Or can you be like in today's Gospel and sell all that you have in order to possess the Kingdom He promises to you?



As Scott Hahn says, "we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart; one that desires only to do His will. The person with true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

"Let us pray for the strength, endurance, and courage to be willing to make the sacrifices necessary to follow God's purpose for us in our lives – "to be conformed to the image of his Son--in all His glory." (Magnificat, Sunday 26th, pp. 356)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Birthday/Anniversary



If you would like to have your birthday and/or anniversary announced on WNEG radio/Connie Gaines, please use the signup 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.

Vì 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

SAINT MARTHA

Martha was the sister of Mary & Lazarus and a model of hospitality. She was a faithful disciple of Jesus and confessed her faith in Jesus as the Son of God. She is the patroness of housewives, waiters and waitresses.



All things work for good for those who love God.

— Romans 8:28a

Capital Campaign Update

The Capital Campaign committee met this week and God willing, we will start up again this fall. Let's pray our St. Mary's Religious Education and Parish Life Center will be a reality in the near future. "Our Time is Now, Let's Grow Together".

We plan 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 keep you posted on our plans. Please continue your charitable contributions to our building for this most worthy cause.

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.

HELP BRING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR POOR

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is like the mission of Jesus (Lk 4): to bring the good news to the Poor, and to nurture life and hope where there is not much life and little hope. In the Vincentian Spirit, it is not enough to bring the Poor something to eat, but also to bring them God's love. St. Mary's, in rebuilding our St. Vincent de Paul conference, welcomes YOU to become a member of our team to learn along with us how to serve and bring God's love to our community's poor in the image of Jesus Christ. All talents are needed and can be used. If interested or for more information, please sign the sheet available in the Narthex or contact Ethan Owenby (706) 599-6815 (President) or Nancy Williamson, (706) 886-9554.

BE A PRAYER WARRIOR



Desert father, Abba Agathon, of the 3rd century AD said, "I consider no other labor as difficult as prayer. When we are ready to pray, our spiritual enemies interfere. They understand it is only by making it difficult for us to pray that they can harm us. Other things will meet with success if we keep at it, but laboring at prayer is a war that will continue until we die". **Please come to St. Mary's each morning (except Friday's) to join the prayer warriors at Adoration, Rosary and Mass.** Don't let those spiritual enemies keep you from it! Praying for the health of many is caring for those who are sick or wounded in some way. God's love is made manifest!!

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**Ladies of
St. Mary's**

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the
month at 10 a.m.



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