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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 2, 2020**

**PARISH OFFICE**

Monday through Thursday

10 AM - 2 PM

stmarystoccoa@gmail.com

**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

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## Mass Schedule & Intentions

- SAT: 8/1 Vigil Mass, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 PM— Cathy & Gary Hebert (L)
- SUN: 8/2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 AM - Poor Souls (D)  
~given by Theresa Trần Thủy Tiên  
11:00 AM - Jean Brickell (D)  
~given by Nancy Williamson
- MON: 8/3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekday**  
9:00 AM—Richard Cortellino (D)  
~given by Gary Cortellino
- TUES: 8/4 Saint John Vianney, Priest**  
9:00 AM— Thanksgiving  
~given by Theresa Trần Thủy Tiên
- WED: 8/5 The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**  
9:00 AM— Mary Ann Louise Dion Creighton (D)
- THUR: 8/6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**  
9:00 AM - Max Biester (D)
- SAT: 8/8 Saint Dominic, Priest**  
9:00 AM - Healing grace for Baby Atlas Nguyen

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

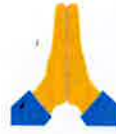
#### Weekend of July 26th, 2020



Weekly Budget	\$ 2,300.00
Offertory	\$ 2,870.00
Building Fund	\$ 65.00

*Thank-you for your contributions!*

The counters for this week are David Faucett, Nancy Williamson & Mary Beverly.



*Please keep the following people in your prayers.*

Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Barbara Watson, Susan Alexander, Tony Argento, 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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### Religious Education Co-directors:

Sharon Cook, 706 297-8344

Jessica Burger, 904-219-1129

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### Maintenance Committee:

Larry Barbour, 706 244-1410

### Bulletin Editor:

Christa O'Barr, [stmarystoccoa@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystoccoa@gmail.com)

### Multi-purpose Building Committee:

Steve Dessauer, 706 201-1185

### Extraordinary Ministers/Lectors Coordinator:

Deanna Holmer, 706 297-7493

### Offertory Tabulators (Counters):

Nancy Williamson

### Vietnamese Ministry:

Tony Vu, 706-599-4278

### God's Housekeepers:

LaVerne Tilley, 706-886-5691

### St. Mary's Capital Campaign:

Dave Slezcicky, 706-779-1833

### 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 August

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

## 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 [ssstubbs@archatl.com](mailto:ssstubbs@archatl.com) for more information.

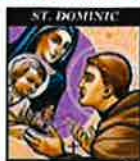
## OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs" (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, "Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?" After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today's Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

## PRAYER AND HUMILITY

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword;  
wear humility rather than fine clothes.

—St. Dominic



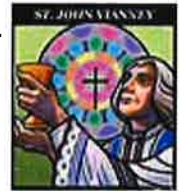
## Thank You Note

Thank you Father Henry for the beautiful service for Máx. Thank you to all that attended and all who prayed. Your support and prayers mean the world to me. May God shower you with his love and grace.

Helen Biester

## Saint John Vianney, Priest

Is universally known as the "Cure of Ars", compassionate spiritual counselor who spent no less than eleven hours every day in the confessional in winter, sixteen in summer. He is the patron of priests and the parish clergy.



## Capital Campaign Update

**The Capital Campaign 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 provided. We will keep you posted on our plans. Please continue your charitable contributions for this most worthy cause.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon:** Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36
- Tues:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wed:** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
- Thurs:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
- Fri:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
- Sat:** b 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
- Sun:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

## 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](mailto:garycortel@aol.com)

## 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.

## CATHOLICS ARE BORN FOR COMBAT

I AM A SOLDIER OF CHRIST THE KING,  
UNDER THE COMMAND OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL,  
PROTECTED BY THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

THE SCAPULAR IS MY DOGTAG.

THE ROSARY IS MY SWORD.

MY SHIELD? GOD HIMSELF!

RISE UP SOLDIER OF CHRIST!!

Desert father, Abba Agathon, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!!



## 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

## Steve & Yvonne Dessauer's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration



## 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

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus is celebrated on August 6th of every year. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states the Transfiguration is, "The mysterious event in which Jesus, speaking with Moses and Elijah on the mountain, was transformed in appearance in the sight of Peter, James, and John— as a moment of disclosure of His Divine glory."



Our Lord wanted them to learn that He would come to his glory through suffering and Death, in order to bring them the better happiness of freedom from sin and the grace of everlasting life. The Transfiguration was to teach them and us that we will come to share in Christ's glory in the same way and that ultimate happiness cannot be measured in earthly terms. The Transfiguration "gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he will change your body to be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3:21.) The Transfiguration also reminds that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22)

## EXPECTATION OF THE EUCHARIST

In today's gospel by St Matthew, we see the feeding of 5,000 people as a fore-sign of the Eucharist. Jesus performs the same actions in an identical sequence as at the Last Supper --

"He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it" (Matthew 26:26). He then instructs His Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him. The ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account when Jesus tells the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves". The Apostles then distribute the bread that has been blessed by Jesus to the people. Notice the leftovers in the gospel are enough to fill 12 baskets. This corresponds to each of the Apostles, the pillars of the Church.

From: Scott Hahn, Food in Due Season: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time", The Saint Paul Center



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 2, 2020**

All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1a

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