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Fridays: 9:30 am, Chapel
Holy Day Masses: To be announced

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Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30 pm, Church

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September 1, 2024 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



8 am: Pro Populo
10 am: Pro Populo

Please pray for our St. Mary Sick List: Pamela Arciniega, Debbie Caiola, Fulvio Cangiano, Michael Caracappa, Eileen Cline, Charles (Chuck) Dilworth, Maryellen Dilworth, Irene Dionne, Joan Elizabeth Doherty, Cathy Doty, Delores Dubisz, Donna Dumont, Shirley Dye, John Ellis, Frantz Etienne, Bettye Finley, Donna Fitzwilliam, Grace Flenniken, MaryPat Harvey, Barbara Hollis, Rose Hunt Samuda, Arlene Iannone, Jackie Jones, William Joyner, Trent Jurosko, Annette Kaczanowski, Tony Keys, Misty Konow, Olive Kulesa, Rita Leon-Guerrero, Frankie Mignano, Leigh Morin, Tony Motola, Kathy Murphy, Patty Placke, Bob Preusser, Walter Ratliff, Gary Redding, Hannah Robinson, Stu Robinson, Ricky Rollins, Dorothy Rumerich, Marie Ryan, Jeffrey Sligh, Murrie Smith, John Spencer-Coombs, Stacy Spinnato, Carla Thomason.

Please pray for our St. Mary's Military Soldiers: Michael Abowd, Chris Colgrove, Caleb Cook, Dominic Cruz, Daniel Esposito, Jon Immel, Garrison Jackson, Jr., Christopher Laurencio, Sean Merrill, Erin Mugan, Scott Starr.

Please pray for our St. Mary's Military Families: Roy & Tommie Blake, Jonathan & Julie Cook, Nina Gibson, Chris & Diane Laurencio, Bruce & Mary Rose Randall, Rosemary Phillips, Vickie Starr, Krisanne Walker.

10 Benefits of Legion of Mary membership

Benefit #7 - A means of tithing

In Scripture, tithing generally refers to the gift of 10% of our finances to God. This principle should be applied to our time and effort as well. The Legion provides a good jump-start on this by requiring that about 4 hours each week be set aside, which is only 2% of our time. Scripture says that when you tithe, God's blessing to you will be far greater than your generosity to Him.

Therefore, as we give time to our Lord and His Mother, they bless us in many ways and we find even more time and more blessings in life. So we are encouraged to consider the tithing principle not only for finances but also for time. The aim is to spend time serving God through Catholic living and the active apostolate.

Blessings to our parish family from St. Mary's Legion of Mary members. We'd love for you to visit one of our weekly meetings held every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Faber Hall at the Rock Hill Oratory.

Stay tuned for Benefit #8 coming to you next month!



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	August 18	August 25
Offering	\$4,438.05	\$3,693.00
Online Giving	\$1,781.90	\$2,075.90
Parking Lot	\$25.00	\$90.00
Building Maintenance	\$45.00	\$165.00
Food Pantry	\$55.00	\$115.00
St. Mary Outreach	\$85.00	\$150.00
Mass Offerings	\$100.00	
Rent	\$600.00	
Jazz & Jewels Fundraiser	\$205.00	\$644.00

Today's Readings Year B: Sunday Cycle Cycle II: Weekday

First Reading — Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Psalm — Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

Second Reading — Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel — Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Weekly Readings

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37



Pennies from Heaven monthly collection



Next Sunday, Sept. 8, the Knights will take up donations in the Gathering space after Mass to help fund the education costs of seminarian studies for the RH Oratory. The Knights will hold this collection every 2nd Sunday of the month.

Hear about a new seniors health clinic

St. Mary Rosary & Confraternity Society invites you to their monthly meeting on **Sept. 8** after the 10 am Mass in the Fellowship Hall to hear about Oak Street Health, a new clinic in Rock Hill, and what services they offer exclusively to seniors.



Religious Education happenings!

The St. Mary Religious Education team is ramped up and ready for another exciting year of faith-filled learning and fun! Children's Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Confirmation Class, and O.C.I.A. will share a kickoff event on **Sunday, Sept. 15** following the 10 am Mass in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments and games will be on hand for youth participants, and adults will have an opportunity to meet the team and learn more about the various offerings/curriculum for the year.

All classes will be held in the Cenacle as follows:

O.C.I.A.: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45 pm starting **Sept. 18**.

Youth Ministry: Wednesday & Sunday evenings, 7-8:30 pm starting **Sept. 18**. There will be 3-4 meetings each month (calendar of exact meeting/event dates will be announced at the kickoff event).

Confirmation (10th grade students only): We are moving to a 1-year program (previously 2 years). If you have a 10th grader not already enrolled in Confirmation from last year, please reach out as soon as possible to Kristen Wood. We strongly encourage all 9th graders to attend Youth Ministry events.

Children's Faith Formation (Grades K-8): Sunday mornings, 8:30-9:45 am starting **Sept. 15**. Please use the QR code to register for classes. *Note to 8am Mass attendees: please contact us below for accommodations.*



For more information on Faith Formation, contact **Anna Caldwell**, Faith Formation Director at 803-322-4548, or acaldwell@charlestdiocese.org. For more information on Youth Ministry, Confirmation, and O.C.I.A., contact **Kristen Wood**, Director of Religious Education at 803-487-5088 or kristen.wood@charlestdiocese.org.

Support & Healing Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics

Are you struggling with marital stress, separation, or divorce? *Build a New Life Workshop* offers hope and guidance through a comprehensive, virtual 12-week support and healing program. Led



by an experienced Catholic Divorce Healing Coach from the Diocese of Charlotte, it begins **Thursday, Sept. 12** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. *Don't suffer alone. Start your healing journey today.* Learn more & register now by going to aboundingjoyministry.com/events or contact **Carolyn Klika** at 608-547-9484 or carolyn@aboundingjoyministry.com.

Quilt of Valor honoree!

A heartfelt congratulations and salute to parishioner and Vietnam Veteran **Randy McNeely**, for receiving the Quilt of Valor at a special ceremony on Aug. 18. Randy was wrapped in a commemorative quilt by QOV representatives. QOV is a national organization that recognizes veterans who have served during a conflict. Randy served in the US Air Force 1967-71. Randy's wife and family were on hand to honor Randy and his valiant service to our country!



Oratory Center for Spirituality

Saturday, Sept. 14 • 9:30 am-3:30 pm • RH Oratory

Annual Women's Retreat
Called to be "Friends of God and Prophets"
in 2024 and Beyond

Facilitator: Sr. Susan Schorsten, H.M.

Pope Francis says that each of us is called to holiness. How do we live into this call to be holy? Can we become "Friends of God and Prophets" (Wisdom 7:27) by living the Beatitudes (Matt 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-23) today amid the chaos and challenges we experience in our daily lives? Come away and spend the day quietly reflecting on these questions.

Pre-registration encouraged for this onsite event.

Registration can be made via email to oratorycenter@gmail.com (add *Women's Retreat* in the subject line), or visit www.rockhilloratory.org and click on Center for Spirituality/Events.

Suggested Donation: \$50 (lunch included)

St. Mary Ministries and Outreach

ALTAR SERVERS: Call the Parish Office at (803) 329-1008

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LEGION OF MARY: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Rock Hill Oratory, Faber Hall, John Tyszka, (860) 881-5793, johntyszka56@gmail.com

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ROSARY & CONFRATERNITY SOCIETY: 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 am. Gwen D. Finley, (803) 322-3344, gwendfinley@yahoo.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Kristen Wood - Director):

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SR. FRANCIS SARING SHAWL MINISTRY: 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm, Fellowship Hall, Nancy Scholl, (863) 287-1649, nscholl79@gmail.com

ST. MARY OUTREACH PROGRAM: Open Tuesday & Thursday 9-11:30 am, Bannon Hall. Deacon Walt Hollis, (843) 295-9192, walthollis67@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP: Deek Alexander, (803) 366-5864, deekalexander@comporium.net

ST. MARY'S PANTRY: Thursdays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm at Bannon Hall. Bettye Finley, (803) 329-1008, betfinley41@gmail.com

ST. MARY QUILTERS: Mondays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm., Fellowship Hall. Mary Bell, (803) 389-0912

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WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: 2nd Saturday from 8-10 am in Fellowship Hall. Regeana Phillips, (803) 370-8999, regeanap@yahoo.com

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National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233
National Dating Abuse Hotline: 866-331-9474
Local Shelter: Pilgrims' Inn: 803-327-4227



Our Food Pantry is always in need of canned and packaged goods, cash, and plastic grocery bags. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated.



Holy Hour of Prayer
Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm - Church

Bakhita Arts

Free events in Bannon Hall!

Sunday, September 8
2:00 - 4:00 pm



Afternoon of Poetry & Prose will feature Pushcart nominee **Katie Ellen Bowers**. Katie will share from her new poetry collection *This Earthly Body*. We will then break for refreshments and book sales. We will then close out the program with an "Open Mic" session.

Saturday, September 14
6:30 - 9:30 pm



Photography XXII

Annual photography exhibit featuring stunning works from these area photographers: **Sara Castillo Thompson, Robin Champion, Marshall Jones, Lauren McDowell, Tim Champion, Trish Johnson, Kitty Sharpe, Reid Davis, Nancy Monts Rayfield, Terry Roueche**

Visit bakhitaarts.org

Respect Life

Words Are Important!

Words are powerful. The words used by both sides of the life issue clearly and frequently shape the value system of society.

Semantics is a critical part of the abortion debate. When pro-abortion activists first adopted the word "pro-choice," it was certainly no accident. The phrase had a specific intention to elicit a strong emotional response and infer that abortion was a personal freedom. Any time we call them "pro-choice," we reinforce their argument (and subterfuge) and help them disguise what the "choice" really involves, namely terminating innocent human life. Therefore, we must always call them pro-abortion.

In recent years, the pro-abortion movement has adopted new, misleading language. Phrases like "reproductive rights" or "reproductive justice" are an attempt to expand and convolute the debate and the issues. Make no mistake, the crux of their efforts is abortion and the massive profits that industry generates. So, our words must reflect their true intention, which tragically is abortion-on-demand.

Please make a commitment that your words will always be life-affirming. Innocent lives hang in the balance, so we must do our level best to protect them.

The Love for Jaxon, Born at 18 Weeks

This particular story is about a baby named Jaxon.

Jaxon's family was extremely excited for his upcoming arrival. However, at only 18 weeks, his mom Charity went into labor. Baby Jaxon was coming, and much too early.

Unable to stop the contractions, the doctor told Charity to push, and tiny Jaxon was delivered.

He was alive; his heart was beating, and his tiny chest rose and fell with his short breaths. Though baby Jaxon died shortly after his birth, his parents released a video showing him alive, breathing, and loved after birth—proof that his life was not in vain and that he was 100% human.

Earlier in the pregnancy, doctors told Charity that she had a complication called placenta previa, in which her baby's placenta had attached to the wrong place in her uterus, covering her cervix.

Because the baby was unlikely to live, a doctor even suggested that she could have an abortion.

Charity and her husband were entirely blown away by this comment, knowing that they wanted to keep this precious child as long as they could.



Calendar



Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)

Parish Office closed

Wednesday, September 4

6 pm - Bible study, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 8

11:15 am - Rosary & Confraternity

Society meeting, Fellowship Hall

2-4 pm - Bakhita Arts event: Poetry & Prose, Bakhita Room

Monday, September 9

7 pm - Healing Service with Paul Rymniak

Tuesday, September 10

6-7 pm - Finance Council meeting, Parish Office

7 pm - Healing Service with Paul Rymniak

7 pm - Knights of Columbus, Bakhita Room. Rosary at 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 14

8-10 am - Women's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

6:30-9:30 pm - Bakhita Arts event: Photography Exhibit, Bannon Hall

Weekly events:

Sundays (Faith Formation/Youth Ministry/O.C.I.A (Summer hiatus)

Mondays (10 am-2 pm) Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm) Holy Hour of Prayer, Chapel;

(6:30 pm) Legion of Mary, RH Oratory—Faber Hall

Fridays (1:30 pm) Dominoes, Bakhita Room

Come to the special healing service



St. Mary's will host a special healing mission on **Mon. & Tues., Sept. 9 & 10 at 7 pm**. The mission will be conducted by

Paul Rymniak, who has held healing missions at our church in past years.

Healing is *just not* for the physically impaired. Mental, spiritual, and emotional stress and strain can take a heavier toll on

our lives, sometimes bigger than the worst of diseases. If you and your family are in need of healing in these areas, please come and experience the Lord and what he can do for you. Enjoy Jesus by worshipping him. See what our Lord has for you. **Come and be HEALED.**

Join our new Bible study!



Have you penciled in on your calendar the Bible Study beginning on **Wednesday, Sept. 4?**

This lively interactive study will meet at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall every other week until Thanksgiving. Using the book *Becoming More than a Good*

Bible Study Girl by Lysa Terkeurst, we will learn to have a connection between what we do on Sundays and the rest of the week. "The adventure God has in store for your life just might blow you away!" Please order your book on your own and bring to the sessions. Contact Cathy Doty at 863-206-1500 to add your name to the growing list!! Led by Kelly Munsee, the evening will be filled with Scripture, sharing, and lots of laughter as we grow our faith together!

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