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Holy Hour of Prayer

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

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7:30-7:45 am
9:30-9:45 am

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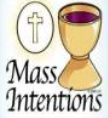
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September 8, 2024 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 Juroscio, 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.

Bakhita Arts

Free events in Bannon Hall!



TODAY!
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**

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Due to the Labor Day holiday and early publishing deadline, the Sept. 1 collection report will be posted in the Sept. 15 bulletin.

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



First Reading — Is 35:4-7a
Psalms — Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Second Reading — Jas 2:1-5
Gospel — Mk 7:31-37

Weekly Readings

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1BC-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;

Join us for Bible study!



It's not too late to join the Bible Study that will be meeting every other Wednesday evening at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come be part of a lively group that will be using the book *Becoming More than a Good Bible Study Girl* by Lysa Terkeurst to enhance their daily lives with God's presence in our hearts, struggles, thoughts and more! Next session is on **Wednesday, Sept 18**. You will need to purchase the book on your own. Contact **Cathy Doty** at 863-206-1500 for questions.



The Flower Committee wishes to thank **Phyllis Leyshon** for the lovely donation of altar flowers for the month of August. The flowers were offered in honor of **Jennie**.

Coupon books for sale!

The Knights of Columbus are selling **2025 Attraction, Dining, & Value Guide** coupon books after Mass. Cost is \$25.00. What a fun and economical way to enjoy area eateries and entertainment!

First Town Hall is a huge success!



St. Mary's first-ever Town Hall meeting was a rousing success and marked an exciting start to an ongoing series. Father Agustin spoke to a packed Fellowship Hall after the 10a Mass on August 25, presenting a very informative overview of proper Mass etiquette and their meanings. He also took a number of interesting questions and suggestions from parishioners regarding church protocol and other topics about our faith. One important takeaway was clarifying the schedule of Sunday Rosary and Choir time to allow for quiet prayer before Mass and when to enter the Sanctuary once Mass begins.

- **Rosary before the 8 am Mass:** 7:30-7:45 am
- **Rosary before the 10 am Mass:** 9:30-9:45 am
- **Choir time:** 9:45-10 am
- **Entering the Sanctuary:** To avoid disruption, late-comers are asked to respectfully wait in the Gathering space until the readings and Gospel are completed before being invited in by the ushers. *Important: arriving for Mass before the Gospel fulfills your weekly Sunday obligation.*

Many thanks to Father and to all who attended and supported this effort of parish dialogue as well as to the Knights of Columbus for hosting their monthly Chat & Chew. Stay tuned for the next Town Hall to be announced!



Support & Healing Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics

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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

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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):

FAITH FORMATION (Grades K-8): Anna Caldwell, (803) 322-4548, acaldwell@charlestandioocese.org

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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

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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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 **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

Winner!!

A huge congratulations to **Ayianne Murrell**

as a member of Halftime Sports U.S. Basketball Games Girls Basketball team!

Her team won the championship game at a tournament held Aug. 1-4 in Alpharetta, GA. Here she is proudly wearing her championship ring! Ayianne is a student at Legion Collegiate Academy in Rock Hill. She and her family are new parishioners of St. Mary's! What a win, Ayianne! We are so proud of you!



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, 8:45-10 am (starting **Sept. 15**). Please use the QR code to register for classes.



For more information on Faith Formation, contact **Anna Caldwell**, Faith Formation Director at 803-322-4548, or acaldwell@charlestandioocese.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@charlestandioocese.org.

Healing service starts tomorrow!



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.

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.**



Hat Sunday is coming!

The Rosary & Confraternity Society invites all ladies of the parish to wear their favorite hat to Mass on **Sept. 29!**

Calendar



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, Bannan Hall

Sunday, September 15

8:30-9:45 am - Faith Formation starts, Cenacle

11 am - Religious Education kickoff, Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 16

6:30 pm - Parish Pastoral Council, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 18

6 pm - Bible study, Fellowship Hall

5:30-6:45 pm - O.C.I.A. starts, Cenacle

7-8:30 pm - Youth Ministry starts, Cenacle

Recruitment Saturday is Oct. 5!



St. Mary Catholic Church is experiencing vibrant growth and we warmly welcome new parishioners as well as those considering joining our wonderful church family!

To celebrate, we're excited to announce **Oct. 5 as St. Mary Recruitment Saturday!** New and prospective parishioners, visitors, as well as current parishioners are cordially invited as we start off with **Mass at 6 pm followed by a welcome social** to enjoy a yummy treat on us while meeting fellow church members and learning more about St. Mary's. A food truck will be located outside the Fellowship Hall and special coupons will be handed out at Mass to "our honored guests" to redeem for a complimentary snack (menu items will also be available for purchase).

Mark your calendars and help us spread the word! If you know of someone or a family who could potentially call St. Mary Church their new "spiritual home", please invite them to **Recruitment Saturday** and let them experience the warmth and love that uniquely defines our parish.

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