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Sundays: 8:00 & 10:00 am, Church
Fridays: 9:30 am, Chapel
Holy Day Masses: To be announced

Holy Hour of Prayer

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

Sunday Rosary (Church)

7:30-7:45 am
9:30-9:45 am (led by the Legion of Mary)

Reconciliation

Sundays: 9:15-9:45 am or by appointment

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October 27, 2024 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



8 am: Pro Populo
10 am: Conception Rodriguez, RIP

Please pray for our St. Mary Sick List: Pamela Arciniega, Debbie Caiola, Susan Cameron, Fulvio Cangiano, Michael Caracappa, John Carr, Eileen Cline, Charles (Chuck) Dilworth, Maryellen Dilworth, Irene Dionne, Joan Elizabeth Doherty, Cathy Doty, Delores Dubisz, Donna Dumont, Shirley Dye, John Ellis, Frantz Etienne, Donna Fitzwilliam, Grace Flenniken, MaryPat Harvey, Barbara Hollis, Rose Hunt Samuda, Arlene Iannone, Jackie Jones, 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, Ricky Rollins, Dorothy Rumerich, Marie Ryan, Michael Sampere, Jeffrey Sligh, Murrie Smith, John Spencer-Coombs, Stacy Spinnato, Carla Thomason, Henry Walton.

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 Mугan, 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.



2024 LOCAL HEROES FOR JUSTICE & EQUALITY

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

6:00 PM

The Gathering Space
135 East Main Street
Rock Hill SC

Our very own Father Edward Wahl, C.O. will be recognized at this honored event. Please attend!

WEEKLY COLLECTION October 20, 2024

Offering	\$8,777.00
Online Giving	\$1,634.90
Building Fund	\$525.00
St. Mary Outreach	\$1,075.00
Mass Offerings	\$25.00
Catholic Education	\$214.00
Soup Kitchen	\$250.00
At Home with the Word	\$41.00
Rent	\$600.00

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

First Reading — Jer 31:7-9
Psalm — Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading — Heb 5:1-6
Gospel — Mk 10:46-52



Weekly Readings

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1B, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1; Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

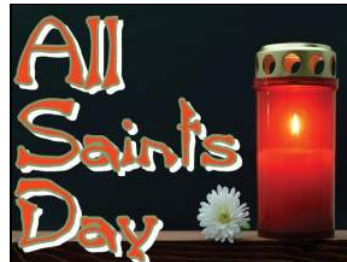


Last Call for BLINGO BINGO!

The St. Mary Rosary & Confraternity Society invites you to get your bling on! Join us for an evening of bingo, snacks, and fun! Prizes will be beautiful Parklane jewelry graciously provided by Nancy Summers.

When: Friday, November 1, 7-9 pm — Fellowship Hall
Donation: \$20/card (\$20 for each additional card)

For more info, contact **Gwen Finley** at (803) 322-3344, gwendfinley@yahoo.com.



Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil: 6 pm - Thurs., Oct. 31
Mass: 9:30 am - Fri., Nov. 1

Was blind, but now I see



For a while the watchword was simple: "Don't leave home without your cell phone." But now there is a codicil: "You'll need your GPS." The letters stand for "Global Positioning System" a once military property that tells you not only where you are, but

also how to get to somewhere else. It removes the fear of getting lost. I for one am grateful for this technology and the clever people who developed it. I do have to say that some of the technology available now urges believers to put restraint on certain technology that violates Christian moral teachings when it comes to some life issues. I'm glad to have a map and a voice to accompany it, but I and we must push back any technology that favors matters like abortion and euthanasia.

We read in Mark's gospel today about a physically handicapped man living at a time with no technology at hand to bring healing from blindness. But Jesus brought complete healing. So now what should the man do? He decides to follow his healer on the way. "The way" at that time was the name our earliest Christian ancestors described their new religion. So, St. Mark brings a new dimension to the story. It changes from a "healing story" to a "call story." In other words, the man didn't just pick up his former lifestyle, that of an ordinary sighted person. This might have meant pursuing a career in a given field. No, what Bartimaeus decided on was to follow Jesus to wherever that led.

Complete trust of the kind we poor sinners can only strive for in hope. A detail we might miss but caught by certain commentators is the fact that the "garment" or "cloak" Bartimaeus threw away just may have been the cloth he used to spread before him to collect people's offerings as they passed him. It suggests that Bartimaeus was leaving behind "the old order." That's exactly what we're called to do, for example, after we have made a good confession. We first face the fact that every sin we commit, small or big, venial or mortal, involves a certain degree of temporary "blindness." We had forgotten to see or chose not to see God's way. "There are none so blind as those who will not see."

The wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Penance, or Confession (the names describe the same sacrament) is the cure. The Holy Spirit provides direction for us in our newly forgiven hearts and souls. Even before receiving the sacramental grace, we know the name of "the way." We just need to recheck those directions we need to get there. I suggest here and now a new meaning for the letters "GPS," namely: "God Provides for Sinners." There's an old hymn about that very truth that Bartimaeus would have liked:

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost and now am found,
Was blind but now I see."

God love you and give you His peace.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Oratory Center for Spirituality

Thursday Nov. 14 **OR** Saturday Nov. 16
9:00 am-Noon

A Day with the Gospel of Luke

Facilitator: Dr. Peter Judge

As we soon begin a new liturgical year, we come back to Cycle C, with the Gospel According to St. Luke as the principal source of our Sunday Gospel readings for the year. Participants in this in-person, interactive session will consider the overall structure and content of the Third Gospel, its special themes and unique features, and the ways that Luke portrays Jesus and his followers.

NOTE: It is highly recommended that you read the entire Gospel of Luke (preferably in one sitting) before coming to the session.

(The same program is offered both days. Please indicate which day to attend when you register.)

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

Suggested Donation: \$30

For questions, please contact the Center at oratorycenter@gmail.com



Click on the QR code to sign up to attend. 



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

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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

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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 - Chapel



VOTE

EARLY VOTING

Visit any location in York County and Photo ID ready

- Dates: Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, thru Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024
- Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Monday - Saturday)
- Closed for voting on Sundays and state holidays

- **Lifeway Church (York Area)**
114 Congress St S, York, SC 29745
- **Imagine Church of the Carolinas (Lake Wylie Area)**
5501 State Highway 55 E, Clover, SC 29710
- **Carolinas Cornerstone (Fort Mill & Tega Cay Areas)**
1790 Gardendale Rd, Fort Mill, SC 29708
- **Fort Mill Community Center (Fort Mill & Tega Cay Areas)**
1011 Talbot Dr, Fort Mill, SC 29715
- **Baxter Hood Center at York Tech (Rock Hill Area)**
375 Anderson Rd S, Rock Hill, SC 29730
- **Clinton College - Library (Rock Hill Area)**
1029 Crawford Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730



St. Mary Outreach October Update

The St. Mary Outreach Ministry's mission is to assist clients on a pathway to healing and self-sufficiency. We work to identify our client's needs and implement services to improve their lives.

Many of our clients want a job but do not know where to begin. They have many challenges that make it difficult to secure employment. We are providing coaching and employment services to improve outcomes. Some of the services provided include:

- Intake Interview – Assess skills, interests, previous employment
- Engage other Outreach services – Secure proper identification, mobile phone, use Outreach for personal mailing address, rides, referral for clothes, etc.
- Resume assistance
- Set up client email account
- Create SC Works Account and referral for services
- Search and review job postings
- Complete online job applications

We recently increased our employment assistance services and look forward to sharing our success stories in the future. Please let us know if you become aware of any potential job opportunities for our clients or would be interested in joining our dedicated team of volunteers. Contact **Deacon Walt** at 843-295-9192.

We appreciate our parishioners' generous response to our recent requests for specific client needs and for new volunteers. Your ongoing support and donations are critical to meeting our growing client needs. Contributions can be made by check payable to St. Mary Church and to please write 'Outreach' on the memo line and drop it in the collection basket.

Recruitment Holy Hour - Nov. 2!



Starting Nov. 2 and every other month, St. Mary's will offer a Recruitment Holy Hour on Saturdays at 6 pm providing Confession, Adoration, and Benediction (no Mass). This is an opportunity for parishioners to invite others outside St. Mary to attend our beautiful church for an hour of prayerful solitude. Plus, starting Saturday, Dec. 7 and every other month, Recruitment Mass will be offered at 6 pm (more details to come). Recruitment Holy Hour and Recruitment Mass will share alternating months. Please reach out to other family members, friends and neighbors to invite them to experience the warmth of St. Mary's!

Calendar



Sunday, October 27 *Chat & Chew*
8:30-9:45 am - Faith Formation, Cenacle
7-8:30 pm - Youth Ministry, Cenacle
7-8:30 pm - Middle School Night, Bakhita Room

Wednesday, October 30
5:30-6:45 pm - O.C.I.A., Cenacle
6 pm - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 31
6 pm - Vigil Mass for All Saints Day

Friday, November 1
9:30 am - Mass for All Saints Day
7-9 pm - Blingo Bingo, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 2
4:30-5:30 pm - All Saints Party, Fellowship Hall
6 pm - Recruitment Holy Hour: Confessions, Adoration, Benediction

Sunday, November 3
Feast of St. Martin de Porres - prayer and social after Mass
NO Faith Formation
11:15 am - Rosary & Confraternity Society, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 7
6 pm - Social Justice Committee, Fellowship Hall

Weekly events:

Mondays (9 am-1 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

Faith Formation happenings

Mark your calendars to check out these upcoming, fun-filled Faith Formation events!

Middle School Night!

Attention Middle school parents! Join us on **TONIGHT** in the Bakhita Room from 7-8:30 pm as we will host a middle school night. Come enjoy candy salad and learn about patron Saints, participate in activities, and more!

All Saints Party!

Saturday, Nov. 2 from 4:30-5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy learning about the Saints. We will have a candy swap and a Saints costume contest! We hope to see everyone there!

Jr. High Rally!

The 26th Annual Jr. High Rally will take place **Saturday, Nov. 9**, from 10:30 am-5:30 pm at Cardinal Newman High School in Columbia. If interested in going, contact **Anna Caldwell** at acaldwell@charlestdiocese.org or 803-322-4548.

St. Martin de Porres prayer & social - Nov. 3



To celebrate the feast day of St. Martin de Porres, all are invited to gather outside at St. Martin's statue after Mass on Nov. 3 for a special prayer honoring him. A social will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please come!

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