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Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.



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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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All bulletin announcements must be in the office by note or email by Friday at 9:00 am for the following week's Sunday (space permitting).

Diocesan Victim Assistance

Kristin Eyre
843-856-0748 / 800-921-8122

November 24, 2024 - Christ the King



8 am: Pro Populo
 10 am: Evelyn Rodriguez, RIP
 11/29, 9:30 am: Andrew & Grace
 Lanza, RIP

Please pray for our St. Mary Sick List: Pamela Arciniega, Debbie Caiola, 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, Walt Hollis, Rose Hunt Samuda, Arlene Iannone, Jackie Jones, Trent Jurosko, Annette Kaczanowski, Tony Keys, Misty Konow, Olive Kulesa, Frankie Mignano, Leigh Morin, Tony Motola, Kathy Murphy, Patty Placke, Bob Preusser, Walter Ratliff, Gary Redding, Dorothy Rumerich, Marie Ryan, Michael Sampere, Jeffrey Sligh, Murrie Smith, John Spencer-Coombs, Stacy Spinnato, Carla Thomason, Paul Wagner, 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 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, Vickie Starr, Krisanne Walker.

Help requested for Deacon Walt & Barbara Hollis



Deacon Walt is recuperating from cardiovascular surgery which has restricted him from driving for one month. He and Barbara would be so very grateful if anyone would have time to run errands, pick up groceries, deliver a meal, or drive them to appointments during this time. Walt's phone number and email address is on the bulletin cover if you would like to contact him to offer assistance, or call the Parish Office for his information. If you are unable to help in this capacity, just keeping them in your prayers or sending a card would mean so much to them. Their address is 3534 Enterprise Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29730-9693.

New Pro-Life Ministry forming



A new Pro-Life ministry is organizing at St. Mary and is welcoming interested parishioners. Details are still in process and will be announced at a later date. If you would like to learn more or be a part of this wonderful ministry, please contact **Katie Bessman**, St. Mary Pro-Life Coordinator, at 360-449-2942 or katiebessman@gmail.com.

WEEKLY COLLECTION November 17, 2024

Offering	\$4,101.44
Online Giving	\$1,688.80
Parking Lot	\$400.00
St. Mary Outreach	\$175.00
Mass Offerings	\$5.00
Flowers	\$60.00
Texas Roadhouse	\$50.00
At Home wit the Word	\$13.00
Rent	\$600.00
Kerosene	\$115.00

Second Collection

December 8 - Retirement Fund for the Religious

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



First Reading — Dn 7:13-14
Psalm — Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5
Second Reading — Rv 1:5-8
Gospel — Jn 18:33b-37

Weekly Readings

Monday: Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A and 9B; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Bakhita Arts



**Free event in
Bannon Hall!**

**Sunday, Dec. 8
2:00 - 4:00 pm**



Afternoon of Poetry & Prose will feature **Scott Owens**, professor and Pushcart poet, sharing from *An Augury of Birds*, a new collaboration with photographer **Clayton Joe Young**.

Visit bakhitaarts.org

Celebrating Black Catholic History Month

Part 3 of a 4-part series from the Social Justice Committee:

There are so many Black Catholics that we admire, but here is just a little bit about the stories of a couple of the American Black Catholics who are on the road to sainthood.”¹ You might want to know more about the process of becoming officially proclaimed a Saint in the Catholic Church; it is both a lengthy and expensive procedure.²



• **Venerable Pierre Toussaint, (1766-1853)** was born in Haiti and came to New York City as a slave when his owners moved to New York. He was educated and made his own money as a hairdresser, even caring for his owners when they could not care for themselves. His owner freed him after she died. He prospered and was

able to secure his freedom. He was a daily communicant, and with his wife, Marie Rose Juliette, engaged in a variety of charitable works. New York’s Cardinal John O’Connor initiated his cause for canonization in 1991, and Toussaint was declared “Venerable” by Pope John Paul II in 1996.

• **Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, (1789-1882)** was born in Cuba and emigrated to Baltimore. With a friend, she opened a school for Black children. In



1829, she founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore Maryland. They were the first religious order for women of color in the US. More than 30 years before President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, Mother Mary Lange established St. Frances Academy because she believed African American children had the right to an

education. And a year later, in 1829, her first group of Oblate Sisters of Providence came together, making vows — embracing a life of service to God and the vulnerable in society, while rejecting racism and accepting those deemed unworthy at the time.”³

¹ Catholic News Agency, Jim Graves, February 28, 2023, <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253759/meet-the-6-american-black-catholics-who-are-on-the-road-to-sainthood>

² The basic steps to becoming a saint include: Servant of God, Venerable, Blessed and Saint. <https://wedaretosay.com/what-steps-are-in-the-beatification-and-canonization-process/>

³ <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253759/meet-the-6-american-black-catholics-who-are-on-the-road-to-sainthood>

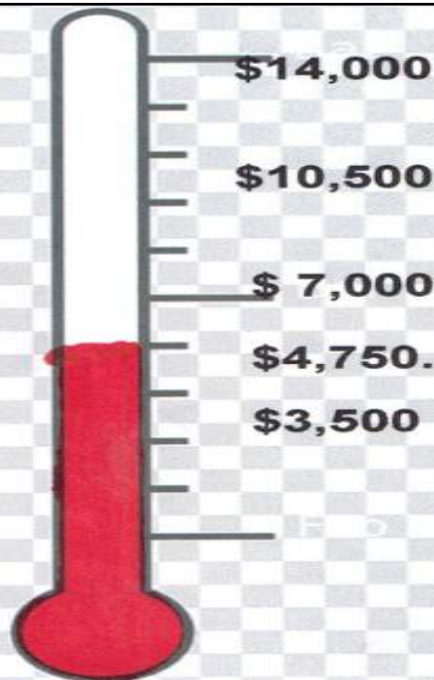


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ARCHIVES: Grace Flenniken, Jim Avery, Danise Simpson. Call the Parish Office for contact info

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PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE: Katie Bessman, (360) 449-2942, katiebessman@gmail.com

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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SR. FRANCIS SARING SHAWL MINISTRY: 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm, Fellowship Hall, Nancy Scholl, (863) 287-1649, nscholl79@gmail.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 9:00 am - 1:00 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 - Chapel

Oratory Center for Spirituality

Thursday, December 5: 9:30 am-3:00 pm

Two Gifts of Advent: Darkness & Light

Facilitator: Sr. Susan Schorsten, HM

As we literally approach the longest days of darkness and begin Advent remembering the birth of the light of the world, let us open the gifts of both darkness and light.

Suggested Donation: \$50

(This in-person retreat includes Eucharist and lunch)

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

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



St. Mary Outreach November Update

St. Mary Outreach is grateful for our handyman, parishioner **Nick Caldwell**, who donated all his labor to fix our client's plumbing leak. With the help of a substantial donation from another parishioner, we bought the supplies to repair it. Thank you for stepping up to help! Please keep Nick in mind if you need a licensed plumber, electrician, or general handyman. His number is **803-322-3893**.

Outreach is in great need of size 3 and 4 baby diapers, as we are completely out of those sizes. Size 5 is getting low. To obtain diapers, parents are required to give us a copy of their child's birth certificate, which we keep on file, to assure the diapers are actually going to a family in need. If you are able to donate diapers, please give them to **Nancy Scholl** (8 am Mass) or **MaryRose Randall** (10 am Mass), or leave them in the Gathering Space and MaryRose will collect them. You can also bring them to Outreach on Tuesday or Thursday mornings between 9-11:30 am.

Winter is coming, and when the temperatures get cold and stay cold, we start handing out kerosene vouchers. We have gotten a small grant and applied for another, but that will not cover the cost, unfortunately. Last winter, we spent over \$24,000 to give out kerosene vouchers to households with a physical address every 14 days. The vouchers are for \$35, which is roughly 5 gallons of kerosene at \$7.00/gallon. This only provides 15 hours of heat, so we are only providing enough to use for a short time in the morning and evening when temperatures are at their lowest.

St. Mary's has very generous parishioners, and we are grateful for your past support. A donation can be made by either cash or check. If the donation is cash, please put it in an envelope marked "Outreach kerosene". If it is a check, please make it payable to St. Mary's and write "Outreach kerosene" on the memo line. You can have a part in making a client's life a little bit easier this winter!

As always, we couldn't do it without you!

Recruitment Saturday Mass - Dec. 7!



St. Mary's will hold a Recruitment Holy Hour on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 pm offering Mass, Confession, Adoration, and Benediction. This is an opportunity for parishioners to invite others outside of St. Mary parish to attend our beautiful church for an hour of prayerful solitude. Please reach out to other family members, friends, and neighbors to invite them to experience the warmth of St. Mary's!

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Calendar



Sunday, November 24 *Chat & Chew*
Holiday Craft Show after Mass!
8:30-9:45 am - Faith Formation, Cenacle
NO Youth Ministry

Tuesday, November 26
6-7pm - Prayer Shawl ministry,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 27
NO O.C.I.A.
NO Youth Ministry

Thursday, November 28 *Happy Thanksgiving!*
Parish office closed

Friday, November 29
Parish office closed
9:30 am - Mass

Sunday, December 1 *First Sunday of Advent*
Faith Formation retreat
11 am - Rosary & Confraternity Society, Fellowship Hall
7-8:30 pm - Youth Ministry, Cenacle

Wednesday, December 4
5:30-6:45 pm - O.C.I.A., Cenacle

Friday, December 6
Faith Formation and Youth Ministry retreats
7 pm - Advent Penance Service

Saturday, December 7
6 pm - Recruitment Saturday Mass

Weekly events:

Sundays (9-10 am) Bible study, Fellowship Hall

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 (10 am) Bible study, Fellowship Hall; (1:30 pm) Dominoes,
Bakhita Room

Advent Penance Service - 7 pm Friday, December 6

Collection for new baby toys - Dec 1

MiraVia is a Catholic maternity home and outreach facility in the Charlotte area that offers a way forward to pregnant college students and moms in the community through long-term material support. Each year, MiraVia continues its Christmas tradition of spreading love by providing toys for babies in need through a TOY DRIVE during Oct. and Nov.

St. Mary is supporting this effort by holding a TOY DRIVE that will run through the end of this month. The final collection date will be **Sunday, Dec. 1**, and the toys will be delivered to MiraVia's Outreach Center on Dec. 2. We are collecting preferably LEARNING TOYS for children ages 6-24 months (2 yrs). The unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the designated area in the Gathering space. You may also choose to send gifts directly to MiraVia via their Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR code to view gifts they would love to have for moms and babies.

For more information, please contact **Katie Bessman**, St. Mary Pro-life Coordinator, at 360-449-2942 or katiebessman@gmail.com.



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