

## St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

O God of all things in heaven and on earth,  
you give all your people in the world the gift of life,  
the gift of family, the gift of work, and the gift of rest.

On this, our national day of Thanksgiving,  
we turn all our thoughts to you, from whom all blessings flow.

Bless all our work, our friends, and our families both near and far.  
We humbly ask for the ability to continue our work for your kingdom  
and the ability to gather freely to worship you without fear.

We ask you to give our years ahead your blessing and protection.

We ask all this through Christ the Lord, your Son and our brother.  
Amen.



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### **Upcoming Women's Guild Events:**

**11/26 Thanksgiving at Noon** We are hosting a Thanksgiving Meal at the church for those who desiring fellowship with parish family. Please make every effort to attend, and/or support by bringing items for the event and/or joining us. *I know many of you have plans with your own families during the holiday season. Please consider supporting this event by letting others know it is being offered to those who do not have plans.* ALL are invited to attend. ~ Tammy H.

*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. It will be December 11-13, 2015 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. The registration deadline is December 4, 2015. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or [stubby@archatl.com](mailto:stubby@archatl.com) for more information.

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### **GRACE Scholars' deadline is December 15th**

Attention Donors! Please submit your 2016 tax credit pre-registrations by December 15th. You can either pre-register online at the GRACE Scholars' home page or use the paper form. Your contribution will help deserving children and youth enjoy the blessings of a Christ-centered Catholic education.

For more information, contact:

GRACE Scholars

404.920.7900

[gracescholars@gracescholars.org](mailto:gracescholars@gracescholars.org)

[www.gracescholars.org](http://www.gracescholars.org)



**Mission Statement** - The mission of GRACE Scholars, Inc. is to provide children from families with financial need throughout the State of Georgia with greater opportunities to secure a quality PK-12 Catholic education.

**Goal** - Our goal is to afford qualifying families a quality education while providing donors with an opportunity to use their tax dollars towards Catholic school scholarships.

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### **St. Mary, Mother of God Mission Statement**

The mission of St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church is given by Christ's command to go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all the people. This is done in union with , and subject to our Holy Father Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Atlanta, Wilton Gregory. We answer God's call to enter his Mystical Body, known through his visible Church on earth. Striving to be his holy people, we avail ourselves of God's means of grace, especially the frequent reception of the sacraments, fervent prayer and our connection to the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church.

**Intercessions for Life**

For world and political leaders:  
 May they approach their work with hearts open to the truth that every life is worth living;  
 We pray to the Lord:



**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:**  
 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20  
 Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:**  
 Dn 2:31-45  
 Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:**  
 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28  
 Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:**  
 Dn 6:12-28  
 Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:**  
 Dn 7:2-14  
 Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:**  
 Dn 7:15-27  
 Lk 21:34-36

**Next Sunday:**  
 Jer 33:14-16  
 1 Thes 3:12--4:2  
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Information not available at the time of printing

**Mass Intentions:**

**Requested for:**

**Requested By:**

Nov. 21	Saturday	Connie DeLoach †	Emily Ryan
Nov. 22	Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Nov. 25	Wednesday		
Nov. 26	Thursday		
Nov. 27	Friday	Pat Ryan †	Emily Ryan
Nov. 28	Saturday	Raymond McPhee †	McPhee Family
Nov. 29	Sunday	Our Parishioners	

“A critical part of end-of-life care is a trusting doctor-patient relationship in which a patient knows their doctor has their best interests at heart and will not abandon them; it is one which assures patients of the truth that their lives have meaning and are worth living.”

— USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program  
 “Maggie’s Story: Living like Dad” [www.goo.gl/JKnvWc](http://www.goo.gl/JKnvWc)

**Saturday, November 28, 4:00 PM**

**Lectors:** Tod Stark  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Chris Hotchkiss and Tammy Hotchkiss  
**Altar Servers:** Any Available  
**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Ron Sicina

**The Flowers on the Altar this weekend**

were generously donated in Honor of the Patterson and Stark families



**Sunday, November 29, 9:00 AM**

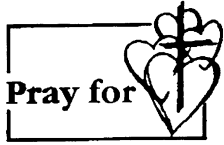
**Lector:** Bob Elwell  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Carlton Turner, Bob Lipscomb, James Watson, Dennis Ordyna, and \*\*Mike Palka  
**Altar Servers:** Andrew Chapko and Evan Miller      **Crucifer:** Melina Patterson  
**Gift Bearers:** Jorge and Margarita Moreno  
**Ushers:** Mark Hofmann and Bill Hunter  
**Greeters:** Bob and Mary Ann Lipscomb

**Liturgical Schedule**

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## **Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

Jan Jost, Sue Samp, Jeanel Wehner, John Potat III, Tommy Glidewell, Gage Van Dyck, Jon Peters, Patsy Burdette, Ashlynn Geringer, Barbara Lynch, Lu Davis-Moore, Rebecca Geringer, Robert Dube, Frank Fross, Gary Bennett, Tripp Kelly, Ron Sicina, Bill Nelson, Darlene Vela-Lewis, Mark Cole, the Natad family, Mickie Hofmann, and Steven Mitchell.



It has been decided by our Pastoral Council that names, like always, can be placed on our Prayer List for a period of approximately three months. At that time, if you wish to keep the name of you or your loved one on the Prayer List please call the office. If you or a loved one are in need of prayers and/or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the office at 770-775-4162.

## **Membership and Registration**

Welcome to St. Mary, Mother of God, Church. We would be delighted to have you join our Parish Family. Please complete a registration form available in the Parish Hall in the Armoire.



Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here or that you were registered as a child with your parents. When you become an adult, you should register under your own name. If not, it could become quite embarrassing to us, or to you or your family, if someone wants to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you have been asked to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation which requires a letter from us stating that you are a practicing Catholic. To do this, we should have a record of your membership and attendance. Please take a moment to register. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Thank you.

Remember, the following parishes provide the Catholic chaplains for these hospitals:

- Sylvan Grove Hospital - St. Mary, Mother of God, Jackson 770-775-4162
- Spalding Regional Hospital - Sacred Heart, Griffin 770-227-2378
- Henry Medical Center - St. James, McDonough 770-957-5441
- Southern Regional Hospital - St. Philip Benizi, Jonesboro 770-478-0178
- Piedmont Hospital - Christ the King Cathedral, Atlanta 404-233-2145
- Crawford Long Hospital - Sacred Heart, Atlanta 404-522-6800
- Emory Hospital - St. Thomas More, Decatur 404-378-4588
- Newton General Hospital - St. Augustine's, Covington 770-787-1064

If someone in your family is admitted to one of these hospitals, the parish responsible for that hospital should be notified as well as notifying St. Mary, Mother of God, Church. They will have people serving that hospital on a regular basis and are closest in an emergency situation.

## **SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES**

**Baptisms-** In order to have a child baptized in this parish: (a) at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic and a registered member of this parish for at least 3 months, and (b) the parents must take the Baptism Class unless they have taken the class within the last 3 years.

**First Holy Communion** –In order to receive First Holy Communion, a child must: (a) be at least 7 years old and a registered member of this parish, (b) be able to demonstrate sufficient understanding of the sacrament, and (c) have been in the Faith Formation program for at least one year prior to the taking the First Holy Communion program.

**Confirmation--** In order to be Confirmed, a youth must (a) be a baptized and practicing Catholic, (b) a registered member of this parish, (c) at least 15 years old or a sophomore in high school, and (d) have been in the Faith Formation program for at least 2 years immediately prior to the Confirmation program. ( Adults and those in OCIA follow different guidelines.)

**Marriage** – A couple wishing to be married at St. Mary, Mother of God must fulfill these requirements: (a) at least one of them must be a practicing Catholic and registered in this parish ( a former member of the parish or others must have a letter of permission from their current pastor authorizing them to marry outside of that parish); (b) they must have indicated to the priest or deacon of this parish their desire to be married here at least 6 months prior to the projected date of their marriage; and (c) have completed the required Marriage Preparation program. No arrangements for a reception should be made until the date for the projected marriage has been confirmed by the Parish Office.

### Everyday Stewardship

I was sitting in my car, waiting to pick up my daughter from an area teen Bible study. When I finally saw her I noticed she was walking with her friend from school, who had recently been talking about getting baptized. Her parents were divorced and because of circumstances beyond her control, she never received the sacrament. Now she was older and growing in faith and longed to belong. I realized both she and my daughter were coming toward my car. I rolled down the window. My daughter's friend just wanted to say hello and thank me for inviting and taking her to Mass with us the previous Sunday. I told her she was welcome anytime. I thought to myself how nice it was for her to thank me for something I had not even thought much about.

When you begin to see all that is around you as gift, you cannot help but give thanks. You give thanks for the obvious: life, family, and love. But you also give thanks for the smaller things: a ride, a gesture, and a prayer. And you begin to realize that all actions of thanks, whether it is directly to God in prayer, or it is to a person who has been kind, end up glorifying God. For it was God that created all things and any acknowledgement of that goodness glorifies the Creator.

Everyday stewards can find it easier to be optimistic in this crazy world because they see life as so precious and all that works in concert to sustain it as good. The gratitude expressed and experienced by a person provides a pathway to hope when it all seems hopeless, and to love in the face of hate. It makes things like the longing of a young girl to be washed clean in baptismal waters possible in the face of a culture-and perhaps parents-that see this as foolish. Thanks be to God.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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### Evangelization Committee:

Please pray for the efforts of our parish. Those desiring to participate in any way to help spread the catholic faith, especially through prayer, as we discern a plan, should contact Turner Duffey: 678-508-2745 or [turnerduffey@hotmail.com](mailto:turnerduffey@hotmail.com)

### Bulletin Mailing List

If you would like to be added to the list to receive our weekly bulletin by email, please email Cathy at:

[stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net)



### Prayer & Study Group

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church, Thursdays, at 1:15pm. Come join us for fellowship, knowledge, and prayer. During the next session we will be studying "A Divine Mercy"  
Author: Sheldon Vanauken. For more information please call the facilitator LaDonna O'Bryon at (706) 468-8905 or Rita Zinner at (770)775-1888.



Anyone wishing to request a Mass intention or flowers for the Altar should contact the church office for date and availability.

**Archdiocesan Abuse Reporting Hotline**  
**1-888-437-0764**  
**(24 hours a day)**

**PATH:** If you need help in healing from an abortion. Brochures can be found in the Armoire. Please call Mary Ann McNeil at 404-896-6521.

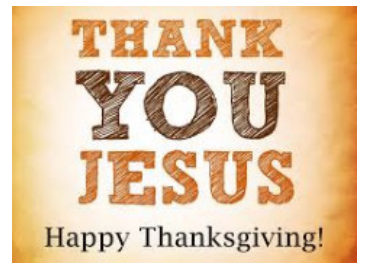
If you wish to have an item placed into the weekly church bulletin. It must be to the church office no later than 12 noon on Monday (**at least 2 weeks before your scheduled event**). It must be in writing, there are forms in the church office or you can email it to [stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarysinjackson@bellsouth.net).

Thank you.



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PILGRIMS  
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INDIANS  
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PUMPKIN  
FRIENDS  
CELEBRATE  
HARVEST

### **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Once they wear the crown, earthly kings don't have to win the allegiance of their subjects; if you live in the kingdom, you're part of the kingdom and are under the authority of the king. But things are different with Jesus.

As the Lord told Pilate, "my kingdom does not belong to this world." His subjects are not given by default. His kingdom is not established in a particular place or even in a particular time. Rather, the realm of the King of the universe encompasses all the other kingdoms of the world. And everyone, regardless of any earthly allegiance, is invited to be the privileged subject of this King. The key to entering this kingdom, as Jesus says, is to listen to his voice. Heeding the voice--the teachings, the guidance, the commandments--of Jesus enables us to belong to this kingdom that is founded upon truth.

Jesus defines his authority in these terms: "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." As Christians, we profess to follow the King of kings. Therefore, as members of his royal realm, we too should be about the business of testifying to the truth. Of course there are many ways to defend the truth in our modern age. Upholding the dignity of life and protecting religious liberty are two examples of the pressing issues of our day. But even more fundamental is the basic claim we make: that Jesus is in fact God-made-man and that, through his death and resurrection, he has saved us from our sins.

This Gospel message, both simple and profound, is a truth that never grows old. Let us boldly profess the truth of the Gospel as we invite all those we encounter to join in the joy of the kingdom of Jesus.

Happy  
Thanksgiving  
Day



**The office of St. Mary, Mother of God will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

We will be closed  
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

If you have a sacramental emergency  
call 678-967-1376.

Have a safe and wonderful  
Thanksgiving holiday.

It is getting close to that wonderful time of year again...the Giving Tree will be in place the weekend of November 15th so don't miss out on getting your ornament to help one of the children in need in the community.



The Giving Tree will remain until December 6th after which all of the gifts should be returned so that on December 17th they can be distributed to the families. God Bless

St Pius Parish Council of Catholic Women will be hosting a special event for all women to prepare for the birth of Jesus, ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT. It will be on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

The cost will be \$10:00 per person. Reservation will be required. For more information or to make a reservation contact me no later than November 29, 2015 at 770-775-2000 or e-mail me at [egozdick@mindspring.com](mailto:egozdick@mindspring.com).

Ladies, You are invited to



*Advent by Candlelight*

**Knights of Columbus Annual Rosary**

November 29th following mass all Knights of Columbus, their families, and any other parishioners who would like to are encouraged to stay for the Rosary.



**Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of Nov. 23 - Nov. 29**

Monday, November 23	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:010pm
Tuesday, November 24		
Wednesday, November 25	Novena Mass Office Closed	6:15pm 6:30pm
Thursday, November 26	Happy Thanksgiving Mass Thanksgiving Dinner following mass Office Closed	11:30am
Friday, November 27	Rosary Eucharistic Adoration Reconciliation Mass Office closed	10:45am 11:00am 11:00am 12:00 noon
Saturday, November 28	Reconciliation Mass	3.:00-3:45pm 4:00pm
Sunday, November 29	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Choir Rosary Mass Knights of Columbus Rosary Faith Formation	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am