

## St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church

The Butts County Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) will be holding its annual banquet at 7:00 PM on 24 September 2015 at the Macedonia Baptist Church. The banquet is a free but attendees will be asked to provide a donation to help support both the operational costs for the center and money to purchase an Ultra Sound machine. The Ultra Sound will allow the PRC to become a medical center providing pregnancy diagnosis using Limited Obstetric Ultra Sound. In addition to its medical capability, the PRC will continue to inspire and equip women and their partners to make life-affirming choices by providing pregnancy testing, options counseling, parenting classes, adoption planning and earn while you learn classes.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Rich McPhee at 404-429-2683 or [clanmcphee@att.net](mailto:clanmcphee@att.net).

Seating is limited so please call by 14 Sept. If you cannot attend and would like to make a contribution please contact the center at 770-775-5116.



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### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP HOME AUXILIARY 75th Anniversary

If you would like to help support the OLPH Cancer Home please see **Bill Wagner or Rita St. John** to purchase your raffle tickets.

The donation is \$1.00 per ticket or book of 6 tickets \$5.00.

The possible prizes for this raffle are Samsung Galaxy Tablet, \$500.00 Cash, and \$600.00 Gift Card for Gas.

The drawing for this raffle is October 3, 2015 at the Luncheon.

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### **Grandparents Day Blessing**

God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children. They are reminders from you about how precious life can be.

We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren.

Those of us who now pray to you also seek your blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents. Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace.

We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



**Intercessions for Life**

For all people:  
 May the Lord motivate and inspire our actions,  
 that we might contribute to building up a culture  
 that cherishes each person's life;  
 We pray to the Lord:



**Readings for  
the Week**

Monday:  
 Nm 21:4b-9  
 Phil 2:6-11  
 Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday:  
 1 Tm 3:1-13  
 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday:  
 1 Tm 3:14-16  
 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:  
 1 Tm 4:12-16  
 Lk 7:36-50

Friday:  
 1 Tm 6:2c-12  
 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:  
 1 Tm 6:13-16  
 Lk 8:4-15

Sunday:  
 Wis 2:12, 17-20  
 Jas 3:16--4:3  
 Mk 9:30-37



Information not available at the time of printing

<b><u>Mass Intentions:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested for:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested By:</u></b>
Sept. 12 Saturday	Rocky Ferguson †	Carol Ferguson
Sept. 13 Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Sept. 16 Wednesday	Communion Service	
Sept. 17 Thursday	Communion Service	
Sept. 18 Friday	Communion Service	
Sept. 19 Saturday	Thomas Zinner †	Rita Zinner
Sept. 20 Sunday	Our Parishioners	
Sept. 20 Sunday		

"Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."

— Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities



A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops [www.goo.gl/oABHUy](http://www.goo.gl/oABHUy)

**Saturday, September 19, 5:00 PM**

**Lectors:** Becky Glidewell  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Rita Zinner and Rich McPhee  
**Altar Servers:** Any Available  
**Ushers:** Tom Matelski and Howard Messing

**Sunday, September 20, 11:30 AM**

**Lector:** Lorette Edwards  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Emily Marlow  
**Altar Servers:** Andrew Chapko and Adriana Chapko  
**Crucifer:** Melina Patterson  
**Gift Bearers:** Any available Youth  
**Ushers:** Any Available Ushers  
**Greeters:** Any available Youth

**Sunday, September 20, 9:00 AM**

**Lector:** Jorge Moreno, Sr.  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** James Watson, John Lueken, Carlton Turner, Bob Lipscomb, and \*\* Bill Myles  
**Altar Servers:** Ken White and Brian Leto  
**Crucifer:** Chris Hotchkiss  
**Thurifer:** Mike Palka  
**Gift Bearers:** Pat Pappa and Bill Dimsdale  
**Ushers:** Dennis Ordyna and Bill Hunter  
**Greeters:** Jack and Betty Herbert

**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, Vivian Hutton, Robert Dube, Frank Fross, Gary Bennett, Tripp Kelly, Ron Sicina, Bill Nelson, and Darlene Vela-Lewis.



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.

Our 2014 tournament was a great success.

**SAVE THE DATE: October 21, 2015**

Place: Hickory Hills, Jackson

Sign-in time: 7:30 AM

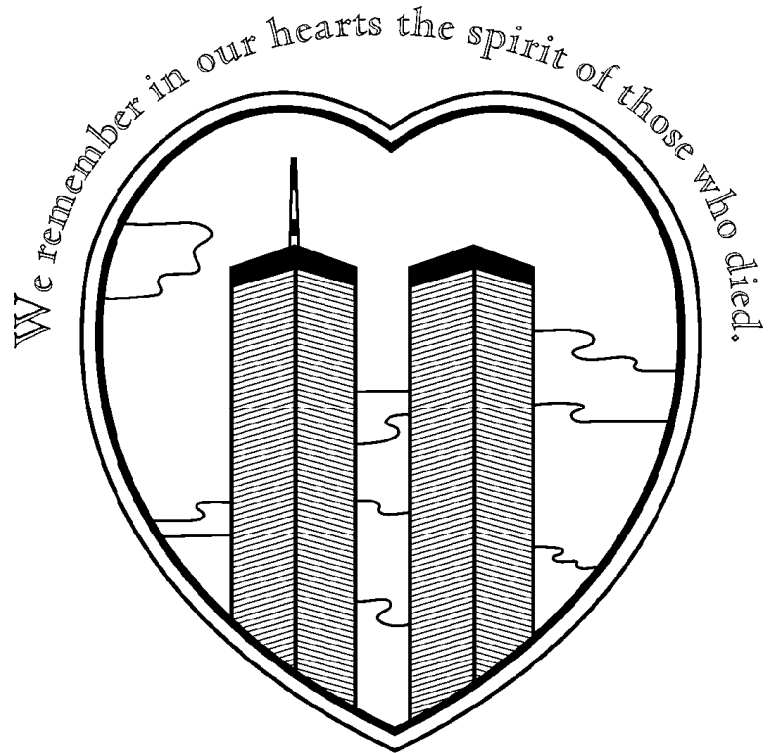
Tee Off time: 9:00 AM

Free Range Balls til Tee Off

We'll all have a great time and saves lives too. Please Thank the Representatives for their Pro-Life stance, when you see them.

If you have any questions please contact

Mike Patterson  
[770-294-0612](tel:770-294-0612)



SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

**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.



**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.

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

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT REPORTING**  
**1-888-437-0764 (24 hours a day) or**  
**404-888-7804**

**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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F Y V I L L A G E S Y I F C Z  
A S L S O U L I D D G S G H V  
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## Take Up Your Cross



"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34b

WORLD	CHRIST	LIFE	TEACH	DISCIPLES
DENY	KILLED	SOUL	FOLLOW	SATAN
FORFEIT	VILLAGES	LOSE	GOSPEL	GAIN
PROPHETS	SUFFER	SAVE	RISE	CROSS

### **Twentieth-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In this famous passage about Christian discipleship, we usually tend to focus on Jesus' call to take up our cross. This can feel frightening or unattractive to us. It can seem as though the choice to be Christian is a choice for pain and suffering. But we must not forget the last part of this verse: Jesus tells us to follow him. He is walking this journey ahead of us. He is the one who first takes up the cross. We are simply called to follow in his footsteps.

Think of how much easier it is to follow a path that someone else has already trod. Think about hiking, for example, and consider what's involved in "blazing your own trail." You have to advance face-first into the brambles and bushes; you have to navigate the right direction to your destination; you have to scale the hills and cross the waters without the aid of stair or bridge. On the other hand, when we hike on a path that someone else has created, we are spared all of these extra trials. Yes, the journey may still be intense, but we make it with great comfort and confidence, knowing that we are going in the right direction and that we have every advantage along the way thanks to someone else's efforts.

This is what it is to follow the path of Christ. Every human person will have their "crosses," whether they are Christian or not. Physical pain, disappointment, rejection, grief, and the like are not unique to the followers of Jesus. What's unique is that our Lord and Savior has walked this path before us. Through his passion and cross, Jesus has taken all of this into his own hands, blazing a trail that safely leads each of us to the joy of resurrection.

Fill Out This Form To Link The Ingles Advantage™ Card To help St. Mary, Mother of God, Faith Formation Dept.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name (PLEASE PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS)

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Ingles Advantage Card Number (PLEASE USE ALL 12 NUMBERS) \_\_\_\_\_

School Code: 10063

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**Ingles Tools for Schools --** It's that time of year again, if you would like to link your Ingles card (which you must do every year) to the St. Mary's School of Religion program please fill out this form and we will do the rest. You may drop this form in the collection basket or give to Eva White. Monies earned will go toward purchasing equipment for the Faith Formation Programs.

Thanks everyone!!!

**Upcoming events here at St. Mary, Mother of God for the week of Sept. 14 - Sept. 20**

Monday, September 14	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00pm
Tuesday, September 15		
Wednesday, September 16	Novena Communion Service	6:15pm 6:30pm
Thursday, September 17	Rosary Communion Service Prayer Group	11:35am 12:00 noon 1:15pm
Friday, September 18	Rosary Eucharistic Adoration Communion Service	10:45am 11:00am 12:00 noon
Saturday, September 19	Mass	5:00pm
Sunday, September 20	Choir Rosary Mass Faith Formation Classes Mass Youth Mtg.	8:20-8:50am 8:30-8:45am 9:00am 10:20-11:20am 11:30am 12:30-2:00pm