

My dear parishioners,

Peace! On the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, 7 October, 2019, Pope Francis established the feast of Our Lady of Loreto, to be observed each year on the 10th of December. At the same time Pope Francis proclaimed a Laurentian Jubilee Holy Year to run from 8 December, 2019 through 10 December, 2020. There are fifty-one invocations in the *Litany of Loreto*. The following is a reflection on the twentieth invocation: **Virgin most powerful, pray for us.**

What does it mean to call Saint Mary “Virgin most powerful”? What sort of power does the Mother of God have? There are different sorts of power: physical, nuclear, financial, political, spiritual, moral, among others. Saint Mary the Blessed Virgin is not a body builder. She may not bench press 220 lbs. Our Lady is not a nuclear scientist or nuclear weapons specialist (i.e. Army 55G; Navy MT-AEF; Air Force 2W2X1; Marines 5711). The Immaculate Virgin Mary does not have a 401K or investment account(s). Saint Mary was never elected to public office as a mayor, governor, prime minister. While muscularity, military might, financial prowess, or political savvy need not necessarily be disordered or sinful, there is a “Higher Power.”

Saint Mary is most powerful because of God’s grace at work within her. Our Lady is most powerful spiritually.

Part of Saint Mary’s spiritual power comes from her moral example. The power of her witness, never consenting to sin or Satan or the glamour of evil is second to none. None of the vices (pride, greed, envy, wrath, sloth, gluttony, lust) were present or active in Our Lady. All of the virtues (humility, generosity, brotherly love, patience, diligence, temperance, chastity, Justice, Prudence, Fortitude) were and are present and active in Our Lady, thanks to God’s grace at work within her and her cooperation with God’s grace.

Another aspect of Saint Mary’s spiritual power comes from her being an intercessor with her Son. During the wedding at Cana, Saint Mary interceded for the needy couple who had run out of wine (cf. John 2:1-11). In accepting to become the Mother of God (Luke 1:26-38) and in helping Saint Elizabeth in her need (Luke 1:39-56) Saint Mary shows her most powerful intercession. How many countless miracles have been worked through the most powerful intercession of Our Lady at Lourdes (since 1858), at Fatima (since 1917), at Guadalupe (since 1531), or through the Miraculous Medal (since 1832)?

Saint Mary is the Virgin Most Powerful as Mother and Queen. As Mother of God, Saint Mary enjoyed the prerogatives afforded by the fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother (cf. Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:33). Just obedience and help are obligations children owe their parents, in this case the Lord Jesus to Our Lady. The Lord Jesus Christ has a duty to help and obey His Blessed Mother. As Queen of the Universe, Heaven and Earth, as Queen of Angels and Saints, Saint Mary is the Virgin Most powerful.

Father John Arthur Orr

Contacts for :

CCD—Oneta Fioravanti— 865-712-6819—classes meet Sunday at 11:15-12:45 in the CCD Building and Youth Room.

Youth Ministries—Sue Granger— 423-506-7836. Meets in the Youth Room on Wednesday following mass.

RCIA—Jack Cox - 423-836-2979

Hispanic Ministry—Alicia Mora—423-368-5310

Parish Family Life Center (PFLC) - Kay Prevatt 423-453-2049. Contact her to schedule all use/rental of the PFLC by parish groups and the public.

To schedule use of the Narthex call the office.

NEW TO OUR PARISH—If you are new to our parish see one of our ushers for a BLUE

PARISH CENSUS FORM. They are also located on the Narthex Table or the slots in back of the church on the left as you leave. Also let the office know if you would like envelopes. **TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION (CHANGES) FILL OUT THE YELLOW COPY ONLY.**

For Sacrament information call the office.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — May 10, 2020

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday– Thursday 8am-4:30pm Friday 8:00—11am

WEEK DAY DAILY MASS: 9am plus Wednesday at 6pm.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES 9AM AND 7PM

Saturday: First Saturday of month 9am; Vigil Mass 5pm

If Holy Day is on a Wednesday Mass will be at 6PM

Sunday: Mass 8am Latin, 10:00am English and 1pm Spanish

CONFESSION: Saturday 4:00-4:45pm Sunday 9-9:45am, 12-12:45pm

Stewardship/Collection

May 2/3, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 2,295.00
Loose Offering	\$ 529.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 135.79
TOTAL	\$ 2,959.79
Building Fund - May total to date—	\$ 476.00
Building Fund in Memory of Lisa Cudworth	\$ 50.00
<i>Second collections will be collected after Communion</i>	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

5/31— Good Samaritan—1/2 Full Circle	\$	\$
4/26—Home Missions Appeal	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
5/24—Catholic Communication Campaign		
Rice Bowls	\$ 12.00	
Ladies for Charity	\$ 20.00	
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019	\$ 54,323.01	\$ 250.00
Deficit Reduction in memory of Lisa Cudworth	\$ 1,200.00	
<i>DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES (GOLD) AVAILABE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH</i>		

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$73,024.53)

For the month of—March 2020— \$581.40

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—

March 31, 2020 is posted in Message Center

If you would like to receive collection envelopes please call the office.

Daily Mass Readings

May 11, 2020—May 17, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

(Lectio Divina) 1. Read 2. Reflect (meditate) 3. Respond (pray) 4. Rest (contemplate)

Monday, May 11— Acts 14:5-18//Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 12—Acts 14:19-28//Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 13— Acts 15:1-6//Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 14— Acts 1:15-17, 20-26//Jn 15:9-17

Friday, May 15 —Acts 15:22-31//Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 16 —Acts 16:1-10//Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 17—Acts 8:5-8, 14-17//1 Pt 3:15-18//Jn 14:15-21

READINGS - YEAR A – Order of the Mass begins in section with the gray edges #140

05/10/2020—*Fifth Sunday of Easter*—# 910

05/17/2020—*Sixth Sunday of Easter*—# 913

05/24/2020—*The Ascension of the Lord*—# 917

05/24/2020—*Pentecost Sunday*—*Vigil* # 920 *Sunday* # 921

This Week in our Parish

"During these times that we are not physically attending Mass, Father John Orr is recording timely video messages and prayers for all of us. Links to these videos, along with messages from the Bishop, and televised Masses are available on our website. The website is updated routinely to facilitate communication within our Church. Other means to view Father John's messages is via St Mary's Facebook page and YouTube channel (links are on our website). Please subscribe/Like the page in order to get updates."

www.stmaryathenstn@att.org

Sunday—May 10, 2020

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

KEEP READING THE BIBLE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Attend Mass on Line

Monday—May 11, 2020

6PM—Scholarship Meeting

Tuesday—May 12, 2020

Wednesday—May 13, 2020

Thursday—May 14, 2020

Friday—May 15, 2020

First Friday Adoration

Saturday—May 17, 2020

If anyone would like to volunteer to help clean the Church please stop by when the church is open.— Thank you

Sunday—May 17, 2020

KEEP READING THE BIBLE WITH YOUR FAMILY

CANDLE DONATIONS—We are asking for a donation of \$3.00 per candle to help defray the cost of the candles and Blue Globes

ATTENDANCE—

May 2/3, 2020—Total

5pm—00— //8am— 00 //10am—00 1pm—00



ALTAR FLOWERS—Are in Loving memory of her parents Francisco and Eugenia Castro from Hugh and Connie Reed. Also in Loving memory of his wife Donna Burchi from Quinto Burchi.

Flowers are \$50.00 for the Altar flowers and \$25.00 for Sacred Heart flowers and must be paid for in advance. You can pay for and request larger arrangement if you wish.

Mass Intentions

May 9—May 17, 2020

THE CHURCH WILL BE LOCKED DURING PRIVATE MASS TIMES

- May 9—5PM
+Marian Barrett from Jim and Pat Barrett
- May 10—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
+Gary Klein from Judy Klein
St. Mary Parish
+Francisco and Eugenia Castro from Hugh and Connie Reed
For the living and +deceased Mothers of our Parish
- May 11—9AM Monday
+Charles Burnette from Judy Klein
- May 12—9AM Tuesday
+Joe Endress from Anne Danowaski
- May 13—9AM and 6PM Wednesday
Donna Burchi from Quinto Burchi
St. Mary Parish
- May 14—9AM
+Joe Endress from Anne Danowaski
- May 15— 9AM
+Deborah Ball Morgan from Paulette Croteau
- May 16—5PM
+Fr. Joseph Fiedorowicz from Hugh & Connie Reed
- May 17—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
Colleen Clarke from Andre Juneau
+Riley Exum from Debbie Exum
St. Mary Parish

Call the office to have a Mass Scheduled. Donation of \$5.00.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 31, 2020

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THROUGH 3/31/2020	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 141,069	73%
LITURGY	22,400	16,464	74%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	10,524	77%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	2,905	38%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	1,237	49%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215	67%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	55,202	77%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$227,616	73%

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
MONTHLY REV. MARCH 2020	\$ 21,975	REV. JULY 2019 – MARCH 2020 \$ 215,572
MONTHLY EXP. MARCH 2020	19,898	EXP. JULY 2019 – MARCH 2020 227,616
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 2,077	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$ 12,044)

SUMMARY:	
CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT	(\$ 12,044)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS	(\$ 30,583)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 3/31/2020	\$ 16,559
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	(\$ 26,068)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:	
ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012)	\$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (3/31/2020)	\$107,517

(All Figures Rounded)
"Thank you for your stewardship generosity."

ON LINE GIVING - Visit our website at www.stmaryathenstn.org to become a part of our "ON LINE GIVING," available to our parish.



First Communion!!

Attention all First Communicants and their parents! —No more classes this year. First Communion on May 4th is cancelled. Please call the church office to make an appointment with Fr John on an individual basis for your first reconciliation and your first communion. Father will do them all by individual appointments whenever parents feel their child is ready. Their CCD materials will be on a table in the Narthex available to help you do the final preparations for your child. Any questions please call Oneta Fioravanti at 865-712-6819.

Because of the Corona Virus at this time all of our First Communion children will be making their Sacrament without their classmates. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers.

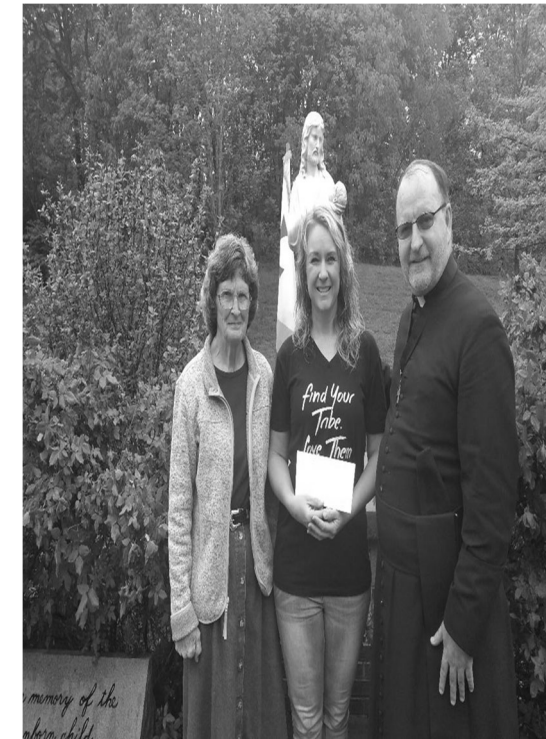


PRAYER CHAIN

Call the office to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help. Keep in your prayers— Elisa Marques Flores, Carol Webb, Bob Whitaker, Jane Meyer, George Krenner, James Winner, Levi and Sally Sanford, Karen Humphries, Phil Frye, Bob Abbott and all of our sick and homebound.

PARISH DIRECTORY— Work has been placed on hold by the company till further notice.

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS—ULTRA SOUND DONATION



The Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative aims to help abortion-minded women to choose life by viewing their unborn children on ultrasound machines. Lawrence Roussell Council 8396, Athens, TN, with help from a pious benefactor pooled monies raised from pancake breakfast with a matching grant from the Supreme Council Culture of Life Fund to buy a new Esaote MyLabSigma ultrasound machine with both 2D and 3D capability for the Full Circle Medical Center for Women in Athens. Full Circle Medical Center for Women has a strong Christian ethos, not only concerning the dignity and worth of all life, born and unborn, but also venerates the Holy Trinity, the inspired Word of God found in Sacred Scripture together with other core beliefs enumerated in their "Statement of Faith."

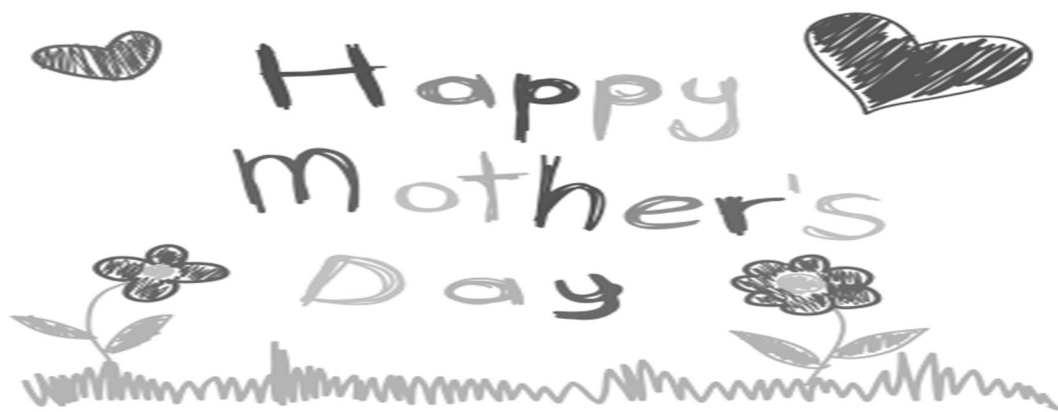
Following a State Council Meeting of the Knights of Columbus in Tennessee in May of 2018 Pat Schwartz made initial contact with Julie Ladd. Julie Ladd serves as the executive director of the Full Circle Medical Center from Women in Athens. In the Fall of 2020 Father John Arthur Orr, Pastor of Saint Mary Catholic Church in Athens was made aware of the need for a new ultrasound machine by Orville Fisher of All Saints Council 15706, Knoxville. Father Orr was able to coordinate with Lou Dionne, Grand Knight and Pat Schwartz, Council Faith Director and Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3680 on the initiative. Diocese of Knoxville Vice Chancellor for Administration Paul Simoneau, signed off on the project on 25 February, 2020. When State Deputy Michael R McCusker signed off on the project on 5 March, 2020, he commented that while the average has been one ultrasound machine purchased by the Knights every five years in Tennessee, this may be the sixth machine this year. The new ultrasound machine should arrive from Italy in early May and will be up and running very soon, providing a window to the womb.

For updates from the Diocese please go the DOK website at "dioknox.org" for the most recent update from the Bishop.

To receive the bulletin by e-mail please send me your name and e-mail to—stmaryathenstn@att.net. Once we go back to having Masses on Sunday, I will continue sending of the bulletin, by e-mail.

If you know of an elderly or sick/homebound that has errand's that need to be run call the office at 745-4277 or Sissy's cell 423-462-5625 or text Paulette at 423-333-8674. If you would like to help with this call the office or Sissy. If anyone in our parish is in need of food, please contact the Ladies for Charity at 745-9062 or the office.

Thank you all for continuing to support our parish and our Building fund during these hard times. Please continue to mail in your contribution or go to our web site and consider giving online. God Bless us all.....



THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR YOU TO COME PRAY AND SPEND TIME WITH JESUS FROM 8AM—4:30PM