



Vacation Bible School in a Box

Due to current events, we are trying to reach out with a new twist on VBS this summer for the kiddos by Wednesday, July 15th. We hope to be sending or delivering some fun items in a box to keep your family connected to Jesus 🙏❤️🙏 If you are not registered yet, do so and we will include your family. The theme is The Holy Spirit 🙏 Anyone interested in helping, please, contact Oneta Fioravanti or Sue Granger. Your suggestions are also welcomed.

Online Virtual Camp for High School "TOGETHER"

🎵🎵 Have you heard the song by "For King and Country?" 🎵🎵 Check it out, that is our theme song--This is a Knoxville Diocesan shared event-- Thursday, July 9th, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 10th, - 7 - 8:30 p.m, Saturday, July 11th, 2-4 p.m. Contact Sue Granger@ 423-506-7836 for Eventbrite link to Register! It will close after first 60 have signed in. God bless you! We miss you!

POPE FRANCIS CHARITABLE TRUST FUND—

We have received a grant from the Pope Francis Charitable Trust Fund in the amount of \$1500.00 to help the Charities that we help with through out the year. The Charities that we help throughout the year with our Good Samaritan collections are Full Circle, The Good Faith Clinic, The Hope Center and Coordinated Charites. We give them each one-half of our Good Samaritan collection three times a year. With the funds we have received from the Pope Francis Charitable Trust Fund we will enable us to help them quite a bit more and in turn support our community.

The Pope Francis Charitable Trust Fund was created through the Home Campaign. 10% of all dollars raised in the parish campaigns have been set aside to provide matching grants to parishes to foster or accelerate their local charitable efforts.

For more information call our office at 745-4277 to learn how we support these charitable works and how we can help our parishioners with some of their needs. Or how you can help these organization's.

PARISH DIRECTORY— We are working on our final corrections and should be printed soon.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING MASS

AT 50% CAPACITY WITH A FACE MASK AND 6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCING AND IN THE PEWS. ALSO USE HAND SANITIZER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION AND USE THE DISTANCING WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION. SEE EXAMPLE IN NARTHEX.

REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELED OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY OR HAD A FEVER TO PLEASE STAY HOME.

I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BRING THEIR OWN HAND SANITIZER AND OR BAGGIE OF WIPES DURING THIS TIME (PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR USED WIPES IN THE PEWS, PUT THEM IN THE TRASH WHEN YOU LEAVE). WE WILL HAVE HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE FOR ALL.

THE CHURCH WILL BE SANITIZED AFTER EACH MASS. TO HELP PLEASE STAY. WE WILL CONTINUE CLEANING—AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS UNTILL FURTHER NOTICE—

We will need more than the cleaning teams for this as this is not the normal weekly cleaning duties. We will need your help in wiping the church down after each mass. There will be a check list of what is required and for you to sign off on what you have cleaned, next to the kitchen area. We appreciate any and all the help you can help with this as this will be the new normal for all of us for awhile.

FULL CIRCLE—

“Full Circle is a 501C non-profit and is supported by our wonderful community so that women are not burdened by having to pay for our services. They can simply have a caring safe, peaceful place to talk through their situation with our caring staff. Would you consider sponsoring a woman in need this week?

Your sponsorship of \$15 helps a mother in financial hardship have the supplies she needs to care for her baby. Your sponsorship of \$25 provided a woman in unplanned pregnancy with free medical services, options counseling, and the compassionate care she needs.”

Full Circle can be reached at 510 Riceville Rd Athens, TN 37303 Call 423-744-3055 or info@fullcircleforwomen.org

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 5, 2020

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr

Rectory: 423-745-0904

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez and Rev. Mr. Al Forsythe

Parish Office: 423 745-4277 Fax: 423-745-9706 Email: stmaryathenstn@att.net

Website: www.stmaryathenstn.org

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

June 27/28, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 2,609.00
Loose Offering	\$ 864.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 49.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,522.00

Building Fund - June total to date— \$ 3,232.00 \$ 50.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

SECOND COLLECTIONS

7/21– Good Samaritan—1/2 Good Faith Clinic	\$ 628.00	\$ 60.00
7/28—Peter's Pence	\$ 311.00	\$ 281.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 55.00	

Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019 \$ 58,632.01 \$ 272.00

DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES (GOLD) AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$73,520.38)
For the month of—May 2020— \$185.42

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—
May 31, 2020 is posted in Message Center

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

Daily Mass Readings

July 6, 2020—July 12, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

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

Monday, July 6— Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22//Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 7—Hos 8:4-7, 11-13// Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 8— Hos 10:13, 7-8, 12//Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 9— Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9//Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 10—Hos 14:2-10//Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 11—Is 6:1-8//Mt 10:24-33//Mt 11:25-30

Sunday, July 12—Is 55:10-11//Rom 8:18-23//Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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

07/05/2020—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#967

07/12/2020—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#970

07/19/2020—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—# 973

07/26/2020—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#976

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—July 05, 2020

Monday—July 06, 2020

Tuesday—July 07 2020

7pm—Women's Night of Recollection

Wednesday—July 08, 2020

Thursday—July 09, 2020

7pm—Knights of Columbus

Friday—July 10, 2020

Saturday—July 11, 2020

Cleaning this week is Team #6

Sunday—July 12, 2020

For Sacrament information call the office.

CANDLE DONATIONS—We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 per candle to help defray the cost of the candles and Blue Globes

ATTENDANCE—

June 27/28, 2020—Total 304

5pm—52 //8am— 34 //10am—64 1pm—154

June Average Attendance - 72

5pm—54 //8am—42 //10am—64//1pm—109

ALTAR FLOWERS—

Are in celebration of the 45th Wedding Anniversary of Don and Gretchen Showman



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

Mass Intentions

July 4– July 12, 2020

- July 4—9AM and 5PM Saturday
St. Mary Parish
Heather Walker from Stephen and Toni Pacitti
- July 5—8AM Sunday–Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
+Gary Klein from Judy Klein
St. Mary Parish
For the People of the United States
- July 6—9AM Monday
President Trump and United States of America
from Stephen and Toni Pacitti
- July 7—9AM Tuesday
Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr from Denise Michaud
- July 8—9AM and 6PM Wednesday
+Josefa Jaremczuk from Karen Dickhut
St. Mary Parish
- July 9—9AM Thursday
+Deceased Priest and Religious from Arlyn and Ann
Kanengieter
- July 10— 9AM Friday
+Francisco Castro from Hugh and Connie Reed
- July 11—5PM Saturday
Heather Walker from Stephen and Toni Pacitti
- July 12—8AM Sunday–Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
+Gary Klein from Judy Klein
St. Mary Parish
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ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
MAY 31, 2020

BUDGET CATEGORY	EXPENDITURES		
	FY 2020 BUDGET	THROUGH 5/31/2020	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 170,015	89%
LITURGY	22,400	22,166	99%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	11,842	87%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	3,605	48%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	1,525	61%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215	67%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	62,529	87%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$271,897	88%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. MAY 2020	\$ 22,926	REV. JULY 2019 – MAY 2020	\$ 259,144
MONTHLY EXP. MAY 2020	22,178	EXP. JULY 2019 – MAY 2020	271,897
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$	748	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$ 12,753)

SUMMARY:
 CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT (\$ 12,753)
 CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS (\$ 30,583)
 FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 5/31/2020 \$ 16,326
 ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT (\$ 27,010)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:
 ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012) \$625,000
 NOTE BALANCE AS OF (5/31/2020) \$ 98,751
 (All Figures Rounded)
 "Thank you for your stewardship generosity."

ON LINE GIVING - Visit our website at
www.stmaryathenstn.org

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 twenty-eighth invocation: **Singular Vessel of devotion, pray for us.**

What does it mean to say that Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God is a “singular vessel of devotion”? We have already considered Our Lady as a “Spiritual Vessel” and as a “Vessel of Honor.” Singularity and devotion are the variables now under consideration as we deepen our appreciation of the Mother of God.

Singularity has to do with uniqueness, distinctiveness, even with consideration of an infinite value. Surely the Mother of God is unique (there is only one Mother of God). Isn't Saint Mary's being the Mother of God a distinction?/! Because she has given us the Savior whose grace and mercy are beyond price, how could she herself not be of infinite value?/! The Latin origin *singularis* translates as “alone of its kind” according to our friends at the *Oxford English Dictionary*.

Devotion has to do with religious fervor, piety, related to prayer and worship according to *Merriam-Webster*. The *Cambridge Dictionary* highlights aspects of loyalty, love and care when considering “devotion.” As our Mother in the spiritual realm we owe Our Lady the devotion of loyalty called for by the Fourth Commandment (“Honor your father and mother” Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; John 19:27) The Greek word *sebasmata* is translated as devotion and is a part of adoration and worship. Sacred Scripture teaches us about devotion, recording the “acts of devotion in accordance with the Law of the Lord” of Hezekiah and Josiah (cf. Isaiah 38:3; 2 Kings 20:3; 2 Chronicles 32:32; 35:26); how we are not to “undermine piety” or “hinder” or “diminish devotion” (cf. Job 15:4). God praises the devotion of Israel's youth (cf. Jeremiah 2:2). Saint Mary was devout all her days, not just her youth! Saint Paul warns us against being led away from “sincere and pure devotion” (2 Corinthians 11:3) and to maintain and “undivided devotion” (cf. 1 Corinthians 7:35). Saint Mary was not deceived or led away from sincere and pure devotion to God her savior (cf. Luke 1:47). Our Lady brought the child Jesus to the Temple in accord with the devout custom of the Law (cf. Luke 2:27). Our Lady had as a pious custom of devotion to make a pilgrimage each year to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover (cf. Luke 2:42). To honor Our Lady as a Singular Vessel of devotion is not to discard or disregard the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:14). Mary's singularity and devotion is based on God.

Father John Arthur Orr

Contacts for :

- CCD—Oneta Fioravanti— 865-712-6819—
- Youth Ministries—Sue Granger— 423-506-7836.
- 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.



WELCOME Deacon Al Forsythe & Debbie who will now be serving our parish.

First Communion— Congratulation to the following who have made their First Communion so far this spring/summer.
From St. Mary Parish— Sophia Morr 4/26, Lucas Hardin 5/24, Juley Garcia 6/6, Joselyne Hernandez Zavala 6/21, Valeria Angel Perez and Christina Garcia Saldana, 6/28.
 Michael Kreider—Holy Ghost—Knoxville 5/9/2020
 Karla Contreras—St. Joseph the Worker—Madisonville 6/14/2020
 Johana Mata Rangel and Bianca Andablo—6/28—



Confirmation—Maria Kreider 6/20—Holy Ghost—Knoxville.



PRAYER CHAIN—Call/Text Paulette Croteau at 423-333-8674, to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help with the prayer chain. Keep in your prayers— Jesus Sanchez and family, Ed Bates, Bob Whitaker, George Krenner, James Winner, Levi and Sally Sanford, Joan DuChemin, Pat Schwartz, Oliver McLemore and all of our sick and homebound.

Ladies for Charity—Covid 19 is causing an additional need of food for parishioners being helped by this ministry. We are requesting canned tuna, canned vegetable and large boxes of cereal. If you are in need of food, please call Diane Schwartz 423-745-9062.

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, and return to the office.
For Sacrament information call the office.