

Mass Intentions

January 11—19, 2020

- January 11— Saturday 5PM
+Scott and Betty Gabbard from St. Mary Parish
- January 12 - Sunday 8am Latin//10am English//1pm Spanish
St. Mary Parish
+Joan Sokoll from St. Mary Parish
The Priest of the Diocese of Knoxville
- January 13 — Monday 9AM
+Tom Fortsch, Sr. from St. Mary Parish
- January 14 —Tuesday 8AM ***
Those that are sick in our Parish from St. Mary Parish
- January 15 – Wednesday 9AM and 6PM
+Grace LaPietra from St. Mary Parish
St. Mary Parish
- January 16—Thursday 9AM
+Gene Robinson from St. Mary Parish
- January 17 — Friday 9AM
+John Lizeski from St. Mary Parish
- January 18— 5PM
+Bob Whitaker, Jr. from St. Mary Parish
- January 19 - Sunday 8am Latin//10am English//1pm Spanish
+James and Corrine Swanson from the Von Peters Fam.
St. Mary Parish
Ester Brown from St. Mary Parish

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

Ladies for Charity (Food Pantry). Thank you Parishioners for your continued generosity of donating food for our Food Pantry. Food needs for January are Canned corn, green beans, and large boxes of cereal and saltine crackers. If you need food assistance, please call Diane Schwartz at 423 745 9062.

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

May the God who gives us peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being—spirit , soul and body - free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you will do it, because he is faithful.
 (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO—Bob and Rhoda Whitaker and Julie Suarez family on the death of their Son, Brother and Uncle, Bob, Jr. (Children’s Liturgy) who passed away Wednesday afternoon (1/8/2020). May his soul and the souls of all the dearly departed rest in peace.

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**

2020 Boxed Envelopes are available in the office, if you would like to receive them. Call the office

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

High School Seniors and College Students
ST. MARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

St. Mary’s will begin its sixth year of awarding college scholarships. **Applications and all required submissions will be accepted from January 1st to March 31st of 2020.** Applications (along with the rules) can be picked up at the church office. This scholarship program is open to any incoming college freshman or returning college student from Meigs, McMinn, Monroe and Polk counties. A total of \$40,000 will be awarded in 2020 with a maximum per student of \$20,000. The Committee will review test scores, GPAs, essays, recommendation letters and overall need to arrive at their award decisions. The Committee’s decisions will be final. **MISSION STATEMENT** St. Mary Catholic Church in Athens, Tennessee believes a successful college or technical education can lead to better employment prospects and can be life changing in scope. The St. Mary Catholic Church Education Scholarship Program provides funding to qualified individuals for secondary education to achieve these life benefits. The students and families who will benefit from this scholarship will in turn help other needy and vulnerable students and families. All paper work must be completed and returned by March 31, 2020 or postmarked by the 31st. Application also available at our St. Mary web site, www.stmaryathenstn@att.org. Funding for this program is provided through a private donation specifically for this program.

Did you know? TN Right to Life is currently airing “Pro –Life Birthdays” ad in the Knoxville media market. It will air 281 times on 4 Knox media markets. Support for TN Right to Life helps projects like these spread the news that all “Life is precious.” Please consider your most generous gift at tnrtl.org or call 615-298-5433. Tell them you are from St. Mary’s Athens.



Join Cindy Morales and our Parish in praying the Rosary to end abortions at Veterans Park on Saturday, January 18th, at Noon.

"Instead death and sorrow, let us bring peace and joy to the world."

Saint Teresa

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL is currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please contact Laura Goodhard at 423-624-4618, Ext. 1004, with any questions.

Important dates:
Sunday, January 26: Open House, 2:00pm
Saturday, February 8: Admissions Test, 8:30am (required for all rising 9th graders)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER UPDATE—To schedule use/rental of the Parish Family Life Center please contact Kay Prevatt at 423-453-2049. This includes all parish activities as well. You must still contact Sue Granger for use/rental of the Youth Room.

HELP NEEDED - Parish Family Life Center, is in need of people for the following position in the PFLC— clean up and set up, alcohol servers (must be licensed), liaison. These are paid positions. You must meet all qualifications to work in the United States, for the positions. For more information call or stop by the office.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
 NOVEMBER 30, 2019

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THROUGH 11/30/2019	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 80,125	42%
LITURGY	22,400	7,979	36%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	6,013	44%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	1,461	19%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	131	5%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215	67%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	39,946	55%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$ 135,870	44%

CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
MONTHLY REV. NOV. 2019 \$ 20,395	REV. JULY 2019 - NOV. 2019 \$ 109,167
MONTHLY EXP. NOV. 2019 22,058	EXP. JULY 2019 - NOV. 2019 135,870
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$ 1,663)	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$26,703)

SUMMARY:
 CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT (\$ 26,703)
 CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS (\$ 30,583)
 FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 11/30/2019 \$ 19,050
 ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT (\$ 38,236)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:
 ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012) \$625,000
 NOTE BALANCE AS OF (11/30/2019) \$120,496

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



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

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 third invocation: **Holy Virgin of Virgins, pray for us.**

What does it mean to call Saint Mary Virgin of Virgins? There is nothing prude or “anti-sex” about this title of Our Lady. The Hebrew word *al-maw* is translated variously as “a lass, damsel, maid, virgin.” It appears more than thirty times in more than thirty verses of Sacred Scripture. The Greek word *Parthenos* is translated variously as “maiden, unmarried daughter, virgin.” The *Litany of Loreto* includes not only the title Virgin of Virgins for Our Lady Saint Mary, but also six other aspects in which her virginity is praised (prudent, venerable, renowned, powerful, merciful, faithful).

Among the most privileged passages regarding Saint Mary as Virgin of Virgins are: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His Name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:4); and “The Angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. “ (Luke 1:26-27). The sacred liturgy uses these passages especially around Christmas time.

The perpetual virginity of Our Lady, Saint Mary the Virgin, is a doctrine of our faith, expounded upon throughout the ages by various saints, including Augustine (+430AD) in his *Sermon 186* and John Paul II (+2005) in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, § 510. The liturgical prayer *Confiteor* (I confess) includes a reference to the perpetual virginity of Saint Mary, calling her “ever virgin.” Sacred art, especially in the iconography of the East, often depicts Our Lady with three stars (one on her forehead and one on each shoulder) representing her virginity before, during and after giving birth to Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.

A libertine age like ours has not put much (any) of an emphasis on the virtue of chastity either before or during Marriage (eg among others the 2005 film *The 40-Year Old Virgin*). Sacred Scripture, on the contrary, inspired by God, does call for purity of heart (cf. Deuteronomy 22:21; Matthew 5:8; 1; 1 Corinthians 6:20; *Theology of the Body* 50:1-5; 55:1-7; 73:1-5). Saint Mary, the Virgin of Virgins, has taken the virtue of chastity to heart. When the Litany invokes Saint Mary as Virgin of Virgins we should also recall other holy virgins, among them Saint Agatha (+253), Saint Lucy (+304), Saint Maria Goretti (+1902) who are all Virgin Martyrs and great heroines of the faith who resisted wicked men. Saint Mary the Virgin is no less a heroine of faith.

Father John Arthur Orr

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—JANUARY 12, 2020

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr

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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

January 4/5, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash)	\$ 2,978.00
Loose Offering	\$ 947.00
Holy Day Solemnity of Mary	\$ 570.00
On Line Giving—Offertory	\$ 115.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 140.11
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TOTAL	\$ 4,750.11
Building Fund - January total to date—\$	\$ 420.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

JANUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

1/18— Good Samaritan—Coordinated Charities	\$ 25.00
Good Sam. Trust—Ultra Sound Donations –Full Circle	\$
1/26—The Church in Latin America	\$
HSYM Trust Can Sales	\$ 20.00
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019	\$ 26,782.04
	\$ 1,455.00

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

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$72,387.53) For the month of: Oct. 2019—\$881.00

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—

November 30, 2019 is posted in Message Center

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

Daily Mass Readings

January 13—19, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

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

Monday, Jan. 13—1 Sm 1:1-80/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, Jan. 14— 1 Sm 1:9-20//Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan. 15— 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20// Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan. 16— 1 Sm 4:1-11//Mk 1:40-45

Friday, Jan. 17— 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, Jan. 18— 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1//Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan 19—Is 49:3, 5-6//1 Cor 1:1-3//Jn 1:29-34

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

01/12/2020—Baptism of the Lord—# 879

01/19/2020—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A #931

01/26/2020—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A #934

02/02/2020—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A # 937

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—January 12, 2020

Children's Liturgy

11:15 CCD—CCD Building

Monday—January 13, 2020

Tuesday—January 14, 2020

7PM—Men's Night of Recollection

Wednesday—January 15, 2020

6:45— RCIA

Thursday—January 16, 2020

7pm—Hispanic Prayer Group—Church

Friday—January 17, 2020

First Friday Adoration

Saturday—January 18, 2020

Team 2 cleans

12-Noon—Pro Life Rosary to end Abortions at Veterans Park

Sunday—January 19, 2020

Children's Liturgy

11:15 CCD—CCD Building

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

SAVE THE DATE:

ATTENDANCE—

December 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020—Total 161

7pm(31st) 50//9am—93//6pm—18

January 4/5, 2020—Total 378

5pm—75//8am(Latin)50//10am-181//1pm(Spanish) -75

December Average Attendance—481

5pm—80 8am—41 10am—166 1pm—98



ALTAR FLOWERS—

Are in loving memory of of Bernard Carrick from Bill and Gloria Risko.

PRAYER CHAIN—Call Carol Webb at 744-7378 to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help prayer chain.