

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

GOOD FAITH CLINIC—Meets every second and fourth Tuesday at Christ Community Church located at 18 Congress Parkway. Beginning at 3:30 for prescription refills and at 4pm for those needing to see the Dr. This is available for those who don't have insurance in McMinn and Meigs County.



To our land scrapers—Ed and Annette who have done work at the rectory and our wonderful lawn mowing team of Coach, Thomas, and Ken.

And the words of Thomas Fortsch, Jr.—“The sun has set, and I am done! It's been a long and hot day, thank you Lord for helping me get it done! See you tomorrow morning back here at this beautiful place, St. Mary Catholic Church.”

BUDGET INFORMATION—

Note to Parish:
The St. Mary Finance Council met with Fr. Orr Saturday, July 11th to approve the budget for FY2020-2021.
Due to revenue concerns, the budget was set at \$304,444 a \$6000 decrease from the prior year. Listed is the budget by category compared to last year.

BUDGET CATEGORY	2019-2020	2020-2021
	BUDGET	BUDGET
PASTORAL -ADMIN./GENERAL	\$191,991	\$184,561
LITURGY	22,400	22,400
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	13,675
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	7,573
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	2,505
PARISH COUNCIL - GENERAL	320	320
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	71,980	73,410
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$304,444

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have supported the parish this last year in prayer and through your generous offerings. Some people have been giving at Holy Mass in the collection, in a strong box between masses, dropping by the office, mailing and online. Revenues have averaged \$243,884.00 over the past five years (\$259,144.00 actual 2019-2020 a 9.5% increase from 2018-2019). Expenses have averaged \$268,389.00 a year for the past five years (\$271,897.00 actual 2019-2020). The difference has often been met with proceeds from the Fall Festival. With CoVid-19 lockdowns, infections and deaths the practicality and prudence of a Fall Festival for 2020 does not seem possible this year. Over the past five years the festival has averaged \$18,738.00 income for the parish (\$16,326.00 actual 2019-2020). How to make up this difference will be a challenge for the year to come. Lately we have had less than three hundred people at Holy Mass on the weekends or about eighty-six families. If each family gave \$218.00 (\$4.19 a week) above and beyond "regular" giving we could meet expenses. Of course, if and when we get back to one-hundred fifty families (or more!/?) a week that will also change the dynamic for the better. God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity!

REMINDER PARENTS - WHEN YOUR CHILDREN NEED TO GO TO GO THE RESTROOM DURING MASS YOU ARE TO ESCORT THEM. PLEASE COMPLY PER DIOCESE OF KNOX-VILLE PROTECTION OF OUR CHILDREN.

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—

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 26, 2020

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr Rectory: 423-745-0904
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez—
Rev. Mr. Al Forsythe—865-806-1343 or deaconalsmatn@gmail.com
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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

Stewardship/Collection

July 18/19, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 4,590.00
Loose Offering	\$ 377.00
Holy Day—Assumption of Mary	\$ 5.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 130.08
TOTAL	\$ 5,102.08

Building Fund - July total to date— \$ 2,307.00 \$ 847.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

SECOND COLLECTIONS

7/21— Good Samaritan—1/2 Hope Center	\$ 648.00	\$ 483.00
7/25—Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	\$ 60.00	\$ 15.00

Deficit Reduction—As of July 2020 \$ 1,678.00 \$ 410.00

DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES (GOLD) AVAILABE 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 27-August 1, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures
(Lectio Divina) 1. Read 2. Reflect (meditate) 3. Respond (pray) 4. Rest (contemplate)

Monday, July 27— Jer 13:1-11//Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday, July 28—Jer 14:17-22//Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 29— Jer 15:10, 16-21//Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday, July 30— Jer 18:1-6//Mt 13:47-53
Friday, July 31—Jer 26:1-9//Mt 13:54-58
Saturday, August 1—Jer 26:11-16, 24//Mt 14:1-12
Sunday, August 2—Is 55:1-3//Rom 8:35, 37-39//Mt 14:13-21

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

07/26/2020—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#976
08/02/2020—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#979
08/09/2020—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- #982
08/16/2020—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—# 985

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—July 26, 2020

Monday—July 27, 2020

PFLC—BLOOD DRIVE 9AM—3 PM

Tuesday—July 28 2020

Wednesday—July 29, 2020

6AM—5:45PM ADORATION

Thursday—July 30, 2020

Friday—July 31, 2020

Saturday—August 1, 2020

9AM FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Cleaning this week is Team #2

Sunday—August 2, 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—

July 18/19, 2020—Total - 264

5pm—42 //8am—32 //10am—94 //1pm—96

June Average Attendance - 269

5pm—54 //8am—42 //10am—64//1pm—109

ALTAR FLOWERS—



Are in Loving memory of Colin Reed from his Mother, Emily Paul. Are in Loving memory of Katherine Z. Newman from her Daughter, Mary Ollie Newman. In Celebration of the 41st

Wedding Anniversary of Jay and Patty Ekiss.

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

July 25—August 2, 2020

- July 25—5PM Saturday
+Gloria Carrick from Joyce Spaulding
- July 26—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
St. Mary Parish
+Gloria Carrick from Bob and Carolee Gladish
For the Safety of our Police Officers from
St Mary Parish
- July 27—9AM Monday
Healing Johnathan Schonefeld from Sissy
- July 28—9AM Tuesday
+Ronald F. Harbin from St. Mary Parish
- July 29—9AM and 6PM Wednesday
St. Mary Parish
+Joan Sokoll from St. Mary Parish
- July 30—9AM Thursday
Healing Phillip Frye from Dorlene Schoonover
- July 31—9AM Friday
+Frances Quinn from Jim and Pat Barrett
- August 1—9AM and 5PM Saturday
St. Mary Parish
+Josefa Jaremczuk from Karen Dickhut
- August 2—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
+Gary Klein from Judy Klein
St. Mary Parish
For Healing of our Country from St Mary Parish

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

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 thirty-first invocation: **Tower of Ivory, pray for us.**

What does it mean to say that Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God is a "Tower of Ivory"? A "tower of Ivory" is mentioned in Song of Songs 7:4. Throughout Sacred Scripture "ivory" is depicted variously as something precious (cf. Amos 3:15); 6:4 (adornment); Song of Songs 5:14 (polished, bright); 1 Kings 10:18 (covering of the King's great throne), 22 (precious cargo like gold and silver); 22:39 (adornment for a palace); 2 Chronicles 9:17 (covering of the King's great throne), 21 (precious cargo like gold and silver); Ezekiel 27:6 (adornment for a ship's deck), 15 (payment); Lamentations 4:7 (ruddy); Esther 1:6 (; Psalm 45:8 (adornment for a palace); Revelation 18:12 (precious cargo like silver, precious stones and pearls). Our Lady, Tower of Ivory is precious not only to the Lord but to His faithful no less. The brightness of Our Lady's heavenly glory is second only to her Son. Our Lady is not only Seat of Wisdom as we have considered earlier but the precious, priceless, beautiful and great throne of Christ, King of the Universe. For His first nine months the Lord Jesus was the precious cargo of Our Lady's immaculate womb. The many graces bestowed upon Our Lady, Tower of Ivory, may be likened to adornments for a palace or a ship. Our Lady, Tower of Ivory, is a treasure more precious than silver, gold, precious stones or pearls, for the Lord who gave His life for her and us (cf. Matthew 6:21; 1 Peter 1:7).

In our modern day usage the expression "ivory tower" is used as a pejorative, against academia (e.g. "you and your ivory tower") as if there is no connection between the life of the mind and "real life." There are "ivory towers" at King's College London, and the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Princeton, among others. Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman (+1890) who was very familiar with the English academia (undergraduate Trinity College 1816-1822; Honorary Fellow 1877; Fellow of Oriel College 1822-1845; Chaplain 1826-1831), was no less familiar, let alone devoted to Our Lady, Tower of Ivory, exalting her "brightness, purity and exquisiteness" as well as her transcendent loveliness and gentleness (*Meditations and Devotions*). Newman contrasts Our Lady, Tower of Ivory, with "huge, rough, heavy, obtrusive, graceless" towers so often used in war and battles. Invocation of Our Lady, Saint Mary the Virgin Mother of God, as Tower of Ivory, is not an endorsement of elephant poaching or any sort of irresponsible use of natural resources.

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.

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.



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, Sheila Rodriguez 7/4, Sophia Gossett 7/19.
Michael Kreider—Holy Ghost—Knoxville 5/9/2020
Karla Contreras—St. Joseph the Worker—Madisonville 6/14,
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, Jackie Deitz, Madonna Holko, Sandy Renner, Abbie Renner and all of our sick and homebound.

SAVE THE DATE - BLOOD DRIVE
HERE AT ST. MARY -
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020
IN THE PFLC FROM 9AM- 3PM
TO SIGN UP GO TO—

https://tndonor.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/70418

