

Congratulation to our 2020 High School Graduates-

Melena Amato, Dylan Ayala Reteria, Samuel Lauterbach, Cesar Mireles, and Manuel Zavala.

Congratulations to our University and Tech School Graduates

Dante Michaud—TWU
Raymond Trembley—TN College of Applied Technology

Congratulation to our St. Mary Scholarship Recipient's

Dylan Ayala Reteria, Madlen Conley, Noah Dahle, Makinley Fillyaw, Rylan Fugate, Haley Land, Addison Liner, Victor Medrano, Madison Miner, Stacy Mora, Connor O'Malley, Hailey Parente, Cabrina Pascarella, Katie Renolds, Evelyn Sandoval, Miguel Silva, Manuel Zavala.

MASS WILL RESUME ON PENTECOST SATURDAY/SUNDAY MAY 30/31.

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 TRAVELD 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.

WE WILL SANITIZE THURSDAY THE 28TH AFTER MASS FOR THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

And then continue....

CLEANING—AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS—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. I will set up a table in the table closet with all the supplies and instructions. 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.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — May 24, 2020

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr Rectory: 423-745-0904
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez
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

May 16/17, 2020	
Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 3,995.00
Loose Offering	\$ 728.00
Holy Day	\$ 5.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 128.54
TOTAL	\$ 4,856.54
Building Fund - May total to date—	\$ 1,786.00
And in Memory of Lisa Cudworth	
Second collections will be collected after Communion	
SECOND COLLECTIONS	
5/24—Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 60.00 \$ 25.00
5/31— Good Samaritan—1/2 Full Circle	\$ 55.00 \$ 10.00
Rice Bowls	\$ 60.98 \$ 43.50
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019	\$ 54,978.01 \$ 405.00

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

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 25, 2020—May 31, 2020

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

Monday, May 25— Acts 19:1-8//Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 26—Acts 20:17-27//Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, May 27— Acts 20:28-38//Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 28— Acts 22:30; 23:6-11//Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 29 —Acts 25:13b-21//Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 30 —Acts 28:16-20, 30-31//Jn 21:20-25
Sunday, May 31—Acts 2:1-11//1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13//Jn 20:19-23

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

05/24/2020—The Ascension of the Lord—# 917
05/31/2020— Pentecost Sunday—Vigil # 920 Sunday # 921
06/07/2020—The Most Holy Trinity—Solemnities #922
06/14/2020—The Most Holy Body and Blood Christ—#925

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—May 24, 2020

Attend Mass on Line

Monday—May 25, 2020

Memorial Day—Office Closed

Tuesday—May 26, 2020

Wednesday—May 27, 2020

6AM– 5:45PM ADORATION

Thursday—May 28, 2020

Friday—May 29, 2020

Saturday—May 30, 2020

MASS CONTINUES AT 5PM

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

Sunday—May 31, 2020

Mass Continues at 8am –10am–1pm

For Sacrament information call the office.

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 16/17, 2020—Total

5pm—00 //8am— 00 //10am—00 1pm—00



ALTAR FLOWERS—

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 23—May 31, 2020

May 23—5PM
St. Mary Parish

May 24—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
Clifford Laprairie from Andre Juneau
+Rose Marie Weinziert from Paul and Sally Kessler
Reparations for Sins Against the First Commandment.

May 25—9AM Monday
Healing for Barbara Bell from Annette DuChemin

May 26—9AM Tuesday
+Josefa Jaremczuk from Karen Dickhut

May 27—9AM and 6PM Wednesday ADORATION
+Gary Klein from Judy Klein
St. Mary Parish

May 28—9AM
+Joan Sokoll from St. Mary Parish

May 29— 9AM
+Lisa Cudworth from St. Mary Parish

May 30—5PM
+Eugene Barrett from Jim and Pat Barrett

May 31—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
St. Mary Parish
+Gloria Carrick from Bob and Carolee Gladish
For the needs in our Communities

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	EXPENDITURES	%
	BUDGET	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.

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-second invocation: **Virgin most faithful, pray for us.**

What does it mean to call Saint Mary "Virgin most faithful"? How is the Blessed Virgin Mary most faithful? Faith is a theological virtue, together with hope and love (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:13). The theological virtue of faith has to do with belief in God and all that He has revealed. Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin, believed in God and all that He revealed. Even before Saint Mary heard the Word of God proclaimed by the Archangel Gabriel (cf. Luke 1:28), she was virgin most faithful having heard the Word addressed to Israel of old "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord" (cf. Romans 10:17; Deuteronomy 6:4).

When we consider the various mysteries of faith in the Holy Rosary or Our Lady, we see how she is Virgin most faithful. Mary is faithful in the annunciation. Mary is faithful in the visitation to Saint Elizabeth (and the unborn Saint John the Baptist) in Ein Karem (cf. Luke 1:39-56). Mary is faithful in the nativity at Bethlehem (cf. Luke 2:7). Our Lady is faithful at the foot of the Cross on Calvary (cf. John 19:25) and in the upper room at Pentecost (cf. Acts 1:14).

Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God is most faithful in that she is "Destroyer of all heresies." Pope Saint Pius X (+1914) invokes her as such in his Encyclical *Pascendi Dominici Gregis*, 58 (8 September, 1907). Heresy is a sin against Faith. To deny the Incarnation, the Redemption, the Providence of God are all heresies, over which Our Lady triumphs. The heresy called "modernism" which denies any and all dogmas of faith and is a "synthesis of all heresies" (PDG, 39) was denounced by Pius X. To deny miracles or revelation or the divine institution and efficacy of the sacraments are all heresies, which the Virgin Most Faithful opposes. Saint Maximilian Marie Kolbe, OFM Conv (+1941), in his prayer of *Consecration to Mary* insists that she alone has "destroyed all heresies in the world."

Whenever we are faced with doubts or uncertainties, let us turn to Saint Mary, Virgin Most Faithful. Let us ask her to intercede with her Son for us, that we might believe, and be helped to overcome any unbelief (cf. Mark 9:24). When we read and listen to Sacred Scripture and receive the sacraments with devotion our faith is fed. We grow not only as adopted children of, brothers and sisters to Christ, and as children of the Virgin Most Faithful.

Father John Arthur Orr

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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.

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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!!

Attention all First Communicants and their parents! —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.

CLEANING TEAMS WITH START BACK TO CLEANING THE CHURCH WITH TEAM ONE ON 6/6/2020. We can use more help with cleaning the church if you can step up to become part of one of our teams please call the office. Teams usually clean about every 6 weeks.



PRAYER CHAIN—Call the office to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help. Keep in your prayers— Carol Webb, Bob Whitaker, George Krenner, James Winner, Levi and Sally Sanford, Karen Humphries, Phil Frye, Bob Abbott 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 bagged rice, canned chicken, spaghetti and pasta sauce. If you are in need of food, please call Diane Schwartz 423-745-9062.

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

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.