

## Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 5/10 9:30 am  
Wed: 5/11 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:30 pm  
Sat: 5/14 6:30 pm  
Sun: 5/15 8:30 am People of the parish

### CONTRIBUTIONS for May 1, 2016

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 2,690
Building Fund	\$ 313

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Catholic Communications

COUNTERS for this week are: Cathy Staley and Mary Beverly.

### Parish Committees

Pastoral Council: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493  
Finance Committee: Bob Defenbaugh 706-886-8950  
Ladies of Saint Mary: Gerrie Chalk 706-963-0050  
Religious Education: Sharon Cook 706-297-8344  
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Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed. See Fr. Sullivan if interested.

### Lord Teach Me To Pray

On May 14, 2016 Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Peachtree City, Georgia will host a Facilitator training-retreat for the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" prayer series. There is no charge for the training itself or materials. For info and registration, contact Mrs. Carol Weiler at (504)-439-5933 or [carolweiler@cox.net](mailto:carolweiler@cox.net) or go to [www.lordteachmetoprayer.com](http://www.lordteachmetoprayer.com) to download a registration form.



### Pray for ... PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Zachary Carreno, Kevin Chase, Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Chuck Hansen, Judy Hawkins, Edna Kane, Ed Kernan, Brenda & Tom McKeivlin, Carl Pope, Chloe Smith, Skip Studley, Joe Todd, Jim Zell, Elaine Peterson, Charles Roberts, Glenn Gloeckner, Mary Hennessey, Hubert Jones, Lisa Panatera - Esquivail, Karen Poole, Carlton House, Mac Boswell, Karen Perchinski, & Brion Lanier.

### St. Vincent dePaul

Saint Mary's Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul will meet Wednesday, May 19th in the Religious Education room following Mass (about 7:15 PM). We have been so blessed to be able to help several individuals with utilities and pharmacy bills and a family with shelter while experiencing homelessness. Funds from your generous contributions and from the \$5,000 donation to our Conference from the Conference in Dallas, GA helped make this possible. Collections for contributions will be at the Masses, May 21st, and 22nd. Please feel free to join us at our meetings and consider becoming a Vincentian Volunteer. For information please contact Nancy Williamson at 706-356-8046. St. Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference central **HELP-LINE** number for those needing assistance is: **1 (678) 892-6163**.

### Ministry of Gods Housekeepers

**PLEASE, PLEASE!! Are there two church members who can spend 1 hour, 5 times spread out over the year??** Each will work with another church member of God's Housekeepers to keep St. Mary's clean. Is this too much to ask? If you can help, please call Ray at (706) 779-2700.

### Ministry of Gods Gardeners

We are in great need of some folks to help with the upkeep of the gardens and church grounds. If you are able to help even a couple of hours a week or month, please call or email the church office.

### When You Get Caught Between the Ascension and Pentecost

'Today' we find ourselves between the time when Jesus has left His mission completely up to His Apostles, and before they were fully empowered by the Spirit to accomplish that mission. That will not come until Pentecost. It seems to me as if what the Lord is saying in the Gospel is that if His teaching and presence to us on this earth are to be of any enduring value, they must be put at the service of the Lord's will to bring all people together in faith in God the Father, so that the world may know that the Father has sent the Son, and that the Father loves all of us just as He loves His own Son.

Right here, right now, we need to ask ourselves in a very practical way how the Lord's gift to us can help us to accomplish the mission that the Lord has put before us. To help us to answer this question we need to look no further than the Words that Jesus will speak to us next week on Pentecost Sunday: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always. "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words." Yes, it always comes down to this: loving Jesus means keeping His commandments. Any accomplishment that we achieve through the grace of God is fulfilled when we give to it the purpose of helping us to better keep His commandments and love Him, which by definition means to love all people as one in union with the Father and the Son. We do need to ponder this truth, and even be awestruck by it, but at the same time we need to understand one of the lessons of the Ascension.

Of course, the apostles were completely dazzled and utterly speechless as they saw Jesus ascend into heaven, but they were soon brought back to earth by the words of the angels who said to them: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking up at the sky?" While we must reflect on the awesomeness of God and His message and His commands and

how they relate directly to our accomplishments, we must not fall into the trap of admiring and marveling at Jesus so much that we forget to follow Him, that we forget that we must do what He does. As Jesus forgives, we must forgive; as Jesus heals, we must be agents of healing; as He loves, we must love. When we get caught between the Ascension and Pentecost, we cannot allow ourselves to become so awestruck by the glory of God that it prevents us from doing His will. Instead of just "standing there" we need to do His will, in the faith that the Spirit of Pentecost is right around the corner. - Rev. Joseph Maloney, Pastor

LADIES OF ST MARY'S NEWS: Our last meeting until September will be on Wednesday, May 18th at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. This will be followed by lunch at a restaurant to be decided at the meeting. All the ladies of St. Mary's are invited to join us.

### Lost Key

The church's Tabernacle key is missing, if anybody knows its whereabouts or finds it please turn in to church office. Thanks!

THANK YOU to all who sorted, organized and worked at our yard sale and bake sale! We are grateful to those who generously donated delicious baked goods and a variety of interesting items for the yard sale and to those who rented tables. Thank you for your participation and making it a success!

### Parish Council

Opportunities are available for parishioners who would like to participate on the Parish Council. Nominations will be accepted until May 18 and elections will be held the weekend of May 21-22. Meetings are once a month with occasional service opportunities in between. Call Jerry Bronikowski at 706-282-1080 (H) or 770-315-9864.