

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 11/29 9:30 am Angela Manna (D)
~given by Ruth Manna

Wed: 11/30 6:45 pm

Sat: 12/3 6:30 pm

Sun: 12/4 8:30 am Tom Donofry (L)
~given by June Webb

Second Collections For Next Week

Building Improvement Fund

CONTRIBUTIONS for November 20, 2016

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$1,346.08

COUNTERS for this week are: Ruth Manna and Yvonne Dessauer.

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SUNDAY MISSAL - 2016-2017: Copies for those who subscribed are in the narthex along with a payment envelope.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The price is \$5.00 each, please see Sharon Cook, the names will be listed in our Christmas Bulletin.



Pray for ... PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Zachary Carreno, Kevin Chase, Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Edna Kane, Ed Kernan, Skip Studley, Joe Todd, Jim Zell, Elaine Peterson, Charles Roberts, Glenn Gloeckner, Mary Hennessey, Hubert Jones, Lisa Panatera - Esquivel, Karen Poole, Mac Boswell, Karen Perchinski, Brion Lanier, Max Biester, Laura Barnett, Nan Lunn, Lore Schnell, Walter Gaines, Janice Sibley, Joan Ferrara, Jan Dover, Leon Womack and Mary Beverly.

The Parish Council has registered St Mary's Catholic Church in the annual Toccoa Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 @ 4pm. We have a utility trailer (5x10) (float) that we need to decorate in this year's Parade theme, "a Candy Land Christmas".

We need donations of large Christmas ornaments pertaining to the theme; candy canes, gingerbread caricatures, lollipops (you get the idea). We also need your help to decorate and participate or just to visit us as we scurry about! All are welcome! Young in age and young in heart!

Trailer decorating will take place in St Mary's parking lot on Sunday, November 27th, 2016 @ 11:00am...a main meat dish lunch will be prepared by Council member Tony Vu and his wife Tina., Please bring a side and/or dessert to share with others; "What a great way to finish up those Thanksgiving leftovers!!!!.

All parade participants (St Mary's included) will be judged for the participants 'interpretation of the theme'. (Judging takes place at the end of the parade in front of City Hall).

So bring your imaginative, creative and artistic skills! We also need adults/children parishioners along the parade route (Doyle Street) to cheer us on!!! What a great way to promote St Mary's Catholic Church of Toccoa, Georgia! See ya' at both events! Questions???? Courtney Pendergrast, (706) 244-1630, poole.courtney@gmail.com Gary Cortellino, (678) 360-2545, garycortel@aol.com

ADVENT WREATHS, ADVENT CANDLES, and ADVENT CALENDARS will be on sale starting Nov. 19th and 20th after mass. Proceeds will go to the Ladies Guild for future projects. Any questions, phone Pat Defenbaugh @ 706-244-1316.

ATTENTION ALL NEW AND CURRENT LECTORS

Please pick-up your workbook for the 2017 Liturgical Year. The workbooks are on the counter in the Sacristy. Sign the sheet and write your contact information.

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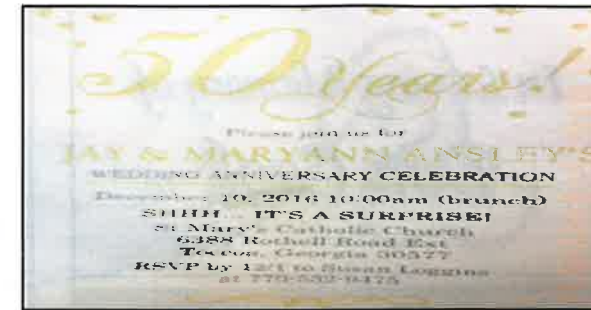
An Archdiocesan required training session will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Meet in the parish hall at 11am for training, followed by a light lunch and viewing of Scott Hahn's "The Fourth Cup." Questions? Call Mary @ 770-313-9192. Attendance is mandatory to be in this ministry.

ATTENTION ALL NEW AND CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

An Archdiocesan required training session will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Meet in the parish hall at noon for a light lunch and viewing of Scott Hahn's "The Fourth Cup," following by training to conclude at 2pm. Questions? call Mary @ 770-313-9192. Attendance is mandatory to be in this ministry.

For the preparation of the Advent/Christmas season, let's rally one more time for Toccoa Life. They are especially in need of size 3 and 4 diapers. Thank you for your generosity.

If you are looking for a way to help your church and can spend 2 hours four times a year spread out over the calendar year cleaning the church. We would appreciate your help! Please call Ray Hopper 706-779-2700 for more information.



ADVENT ABCS

If motivation is the key to success, then the season of Advent starts our liturgical year out right by focusing our attention on the ultimate reason for our hope and all we do as Christians. The first reading and the Gospel reassure us that the Messiah will cover the earth in justice at the end of time. This may be a frightening prospect to those who are blameworthy, but to the Lord's "holy ones" it is a reason to "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Luke 21:28). The scriptures also reveal the ABCs of arriving at our goal. In the full text of today's psalm each verse starts with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet—from "A" to "Z." That made it easy to learn by heart the psalm's instruction on following God's way of faithful love. Today's New Testament scriptures also instruct us in what we must do "to be blameless in holiness ... at the coming of our Lord Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 3:13).

During this season of Advent we remember Jesus' first coming in time, we anticipate Christ's coming at the end of time, and we pray with hopeful expectation for our lives right now: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

St. Vincent dePaul

SVdP, St. Mary's Conference will meet this Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:00 PM in the home of Nancy Williamson (322 Rue Saint Joan, Lavonia, GA). This will be our only meeting in December and will be a social event to get to know each other better. All parishioners are invited to join us — please bring a dish that is an hors-d'oeuvre or finger food. Please note that our regular meeting dates are changed to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 7:00 PM, beginning in January, 2017. For questions or information call Nancy Williamson at (706) 356 8046.