

### Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 12/20 9:30 am  
Wed: 12/21 6:45 pm  
Sat: 12/24 6:30 pm  
Sun: 12/25 8:30 am Don Cook (D)  
~given by Sharon Cook

### Second Collection Next Week Catholic Charities

### Advent Penance Service December 20 at 7pm

CONTRIBUTIONS for December 11, 2016	
Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$2,186.50
Religious Retirement	\$ 310
Immaculate Conception	\$ 100

COUNTERS for this week are: Cathy Staley and Cecile Mize.

### Parish Committees

Pastoral Council: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493  
Finance Committee: Bob Defenbaugh 706-886-8950  
Ladies of Saint Mary: Stephanie Cortellino 404-353-0475  
Religious Education: Sharon Cook 706-297-8344  
Jessica Burger 1-904-219-1129  
Knights of Columbus: Mike Staley 770-241-8544  
Maintenance Committee: Larry Barbour 706-244-1410  
Bulletin editor: Christa O'Barr 706-886-2819;  
**stmarystoccoa@gmail.com (email)**  
Multi-Purpose Building Committee: 706-201-1185  
Extraordinary Ministers/Lectors Coordinator: Mary Madani 770-313-9192

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 is updating our Prayer Intentions for January 2017 and thereafter. Individuals requesting prayer intentions should communicate with parishioner Ruth Manna, preferably via phone; 678 327-4738. **Please do not call the church office.** Please update Ruth at least **every four weeks** if you wish to continue with Community Prayers. Additionally, please communicate with her regarding individuals **presently** listed so that the Parish bulletin is updated beginning January. **Only** updated names will be listed in the Church bulletin beginning the weekend of January 14th/15th, 2017. Thank-you. Also, for those who do not have computer access and wish to pray for others, a 'telephone call-out' will continue by Rita Nash. Please contact Rita via email (gordie123@windstream.net) or by phone (706-356-1247).

### God's Housekeepers

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.

### St. Vincent dePaul

Saint Vincent dePaul will reconvene regular meetings starting Thursday, January 12th in St. Mary's social hall at 7:00 PM.

Thank you St. Mary's parishioners for your wonderful generosity in helping us support the poor and needy in our community. This week we have two homeless families without even a change of clothes or a place to stay that we are asked to assist. We also have individuals and families without electrical power to heat their homes. Our sister community organizations such as the Salvation Army are stretched beyond their means right now as we struggle together to help. St. Mary's conference is so very blessed to have many opportunities to bring Christ into the hearts and homes of our impoverished brothers and sisters. For more information on how to help, please call Nancy Williamson, 706 356 8046; Stephanie & Gary Cortellino, 706 898-5661; or Sharon Cook, 706-297-8344.

With the generosity of St. Mary's parishioners, private donors and sister conferences we were able to bring Christ and assistance to over 50 families and individuals in our community. As Christmas and the cold of winter approach, we are experiencing an increase in the number of calls to our help line for assistance with utilities, rent, and food. At the same time our funds are dwindling. Please consider a donation to SVdP, St. Mary's Conference as the tax year comes to a conclusion and holidays approach. For more information contact Nancy Williamson (706) 356 8046 or Sharon Cook (706) 297 8344.

The Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference  
**HELP-LINE # is:** (678) 892 6163.

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.

The Ladies of St. Mary would like thank you to everyone that brought in items for our Salvation Army Angel Tree. We took 2 car loads of gifts to the Salvation Army. They were most appreciative and wanted to thank everyone for the generosity!

The Ladies of St. Mary had a great Holiday lunch on Wednesday Dec. 14. Our next meeting is Wednesday January 11, at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. All women of the church are invited.

A Prayer For Christmas  
Wonderful the dignity  
you bestowed, O'God,  
on human nature  
when you created it;  
more wonderful still its condition  
when you recreated it.  
Grant, we pray,  
that as Jesus Christ, your Son,  
stooped to share our human nature,  
through that same Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our lord,  
who with you and Holy Spirit  
has shared one life and kingly power,  
one godhead, from all eternity. *Amen.*  
--Sacramentary of Pope  
St. Leo the Great

May it be done to me  
according  
to your  
word



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