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Ladies of St. Mary's

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.



In Loving Memory of
Matilde Saavedra

In Memory of
James H. Broussard
"Bruce"

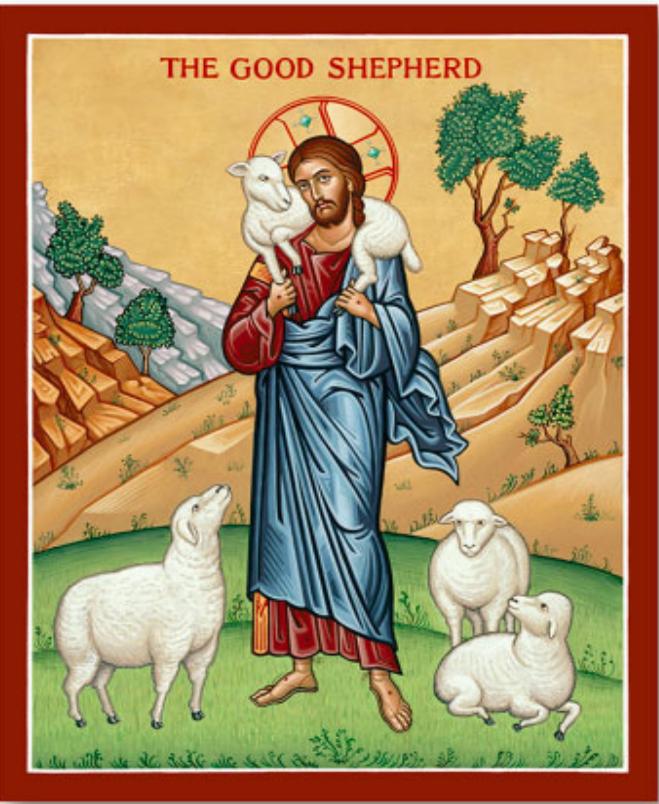
In Loving Memory of Herman Watson
husband, father and grandfather of 23



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Joseph M. Malik - Council 9975

Membership meeting - 4th Tuesday each month
Parish breakfast on 1st or 2nd Sunday each month

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017



St Mary's Catholic Church

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Sacramental Emergency: 678-823-9391
Baptism and Matrimony: Contact Fr. Sullivan
Sacrament of Penance: Wed. 5:30 - 6:30 pm or by appointment
St. Vincent de Paul Help Line: 678-892-6163

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Tues: 10 am - 2 pm
Wed: 1 pm - 5 pm
Fri: 10 am - 1 pm

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 5/9 9:30 am

Wed: 5/10 6:45 pm

Sat: 5/13 6:30 pm Steve Dessauer (L)
~given by Sharon Cook

Sun: 5/14 8:30 am People of the parish

CONTRIBUTIONS for April 30, 2017

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 2,469

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

Parish Committees

Pastoral Council: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493

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Would you like to have your birthday; anniversary or other celebratory event announced by WNEG radio/Connie Gaines on the day of your event? What a great way to start your special day and promote St Mary's. Your special day will be listed under 'St Mary's Catholic Church'. The signup sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Contact Gary Cortellino, 678 360-2545 or garycortel@aol.com



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Skip Studley, Max Biester Laura Barnett, Nan Lunn, Lore Schnell, Janice Sibley, Leon Womack, Roger Powell, June Webb, Barbara Watson, and Jimmy Gaines.

If you like to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Ruth Manna (678 327-4738). Update Ruth at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers.

Additionally, Rita Nash is continuing her 'prayer intentions' email blasts regarding parishioners suddenly taken ill and/or hospitalized. Contact Rita via email (gordie123@windstream.net) Or by phone (706 356-1247). Thank-you.

Altar server training

Father Sullivan will be doing the training on Wed. May 10th at 7:30 pm for altar servers and those who want to be altar servers. Girls and boys are welcome.

Couples Celebrating 50th & 60th Anniversary in 2017

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1967 and 1957 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday October 7th, 2017, at 12:00 noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.

Ministry of God's Housekeepers

Would you like to help? We are looking for one couple or 2 single people to help clean our church 4 times spread out over the calendar year. It will take 1 to 2 hours depending on how fast you work together. All supplies are provided. Please call Ray Hopper for details 706-779-2700

St. Vincent de Paul – St. Mary's Conference

Thank you for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul. Recently we have been able to assist a homeless mother with 2 young children with housing, we helped a recovering alcoholic stay in rehab, and have assisted approximately 8 other families with housing or utilities. Many of the people would have been "on the street" without the help of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

The next meeting of St. Vincent de Paul will be Thursday May 11 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, please come to the meeting or contact Nancy Williamson 706-836-2617.

St. Vincent de Paul helpline – 678-892-6163

LADIES OF ST. MARY'S

May 10, 2017 will be the last meeting of the year for the Ladies of St. Mary's. We will resume our meetings in the fall. Please join us on May 10 at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. We will have a brief meeting and then drive to Seneca S.C. for lunch. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Questions – Contact Stephanie Cortellino 404-353-0475.

The Ladies of St. Mary's have had a very successful year. We sponsored the Angel Tree at Christmas and helped 30+ families in Toccoa. Along with the Knights of Columbus we sponsored a Coat Drive as well as the Lenten Canned Food Drive for the Toccoa Soup Kitchen. Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner was fun and a huge success. We sponsored a Lenten Retreat facilitated by Deacon Greg, which was very well attended. We closed out the year with our Yard/Bake Sale and assisting with the First Communion Breakfast. Thank you to the members of the parish that supported our many activities throughout the year. Money made at these events goes back to the parish to support a variety of projects.

Thank you again for all your support!

SPREADING THE WORD

In our reading from Acts today, Paul and Barnabas are on a mission to spread the word of the Lord. So they reach out to their fellow Jews in the synagogue. Many respond favorably, so many that the leaders become nervous and expel them. So Paul and Barnabas just keep going. They open up their mission to the Gentiles as well. They understand that there are some who are just not ready to hear their message, and so they leave those people, knowing that they, too, are precious to God, and that they will hear the Good News of salvation in God's time. It is such a simple message, yet so wonderful—we are saved! In the reading today from Revelation, we are assured that all who are claimed for Christ will stand with God in heaven at the eternal banquet. It is the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who leads us to the waters of salvation.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

God created us in all our uniqueness. We are God's own, and God loves each of us. God has given us the Son, the Good Shepherd. We are awash in the love of God; it washed over us in baptism, and washes over us every day of our lives. The Good Shepherd is always calling to us, inviting us to follow. Because we are each unique, however, the time and the way that each of us hears and responds to the mystery of salvation will differ. Even more wonderfully, God's love for humankind is so great that we have to trust that every soul on earth will eventually hear the message of love and salvation. This is God's will, and it will be done in the time and way of God's choosing. Our task is to spread the message, using the different gifts God has given each of us, knowing that no soul on earth can ever be taken from God's hand.

Today's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43–52; Psalm 100:1–3, 5; Revelation 7:9, 14b–17; John 10:27–30