



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



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## Sunday Schedule

*All take place in the Parish Center*

**8:30 AM** Eucharist (Eng.)

**9:30 AM** Faith Formation (Eng.)

**11:00 AM** Eucharist (Eng.)

**12 Noon** Faith Formation (Viet.)

**1:30 PM** Eucharist (Viet.)

**4:30 PM** Faith Formation (Spa.)

**5:00-5:30 PM** Sac. Of Recon.

**6:15 PM** Eucharist (Spa.)

## Saturdays

**9:00 AM** Novena in honor of

Our Lady of the Miraculous

Medal (Small Church)

Eucharist follows

**10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon** English

Charismatic Group (Small

Church)

**4:30 PM** Sac. of Recon.

**5:30 PM** Eucharist (Small

Church)

## Daily Eucharist (Mon – Fri)

**7:30 AM** (Small Church).

Coffee and Morning Prayer

follows (Parish Center).

Eucharistic Adoration

**10 A.M.–11: 00 A.M.** On 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday of the month.

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 13, 2018

**Psalm: The Lord has set His throne in Heaven.**

**Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Mark 16: 15-20**

*We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His mission to all believers: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. "We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives." As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in heaven - His Ascension -- we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life, love, hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, "living in a manner worthy of the call we have received." The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement. Perhaps some of the nagging doubts which inevitably accompany the journey of faith could be lessened by our meditating on the Ascension and its implications. By His Ascension, Jesus has not deserted us but has made it possible for His Spirit to come to us at all times and in all places. In this way it is possible for each of us to be transformed by the power of the Spirit instruments of Christ. When we are too far from faith to pray on our own, let us remember we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, praying for us. When the trials of life feel too heavy to bear, we must remember that Christ will come again in glory, the same glory in which He arose from the tomb, the same glory in which He ascended, and the same glory in which He currently abides.*

**We, the parishioners of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, are uniquely diverse, both ethnically and culturally, with varied economic, social and spiritual experiences. This uniqueness of diversity strengthens our unified spiritual bond - a common baptism in Jesus Christ. As worshippers seeking to be more Christ-like, we capitalize on the talents and strengths of all to fortify our efforts while serving each other's needs and those of our larger community. To accomplish this goal, we are dedicated to: serving the poor, the forgotten and the unloved; evangelizing ourselves and our neighbors; showing a loving concern for each other; and strengthening our solidarity with the larger community.**

**May 14 – May 20**

**Monday, May 14**

Saint Matthias, Apostle  
Acts 1:15-17,20-26  
John 15:9-17

**Tuesday, May 15**

*USA: Saint Isidore*  
Acts 20:17-27  
John 17:1-11a

**Wednesday, May 16**

Acts 20:28-38  
John 17:11b-19

**Thursday, May 17**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
John 17:20-26

**Friday, May 18**

*Saint John I, Pope and Martyr*  
Acts 25:13b-21  
John 21:15-19

**Saturday, May 19**

Acts 28:16-20,30-31  
John 21:20-25

**Sunday, May 20**

PENTECOST SUNDAY  
Acts 2:1-11  
I Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13  
John 20:19-23

***PARISH GIFT - \$6,461.00  
THANK YOU!***

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

We ask the charity of your prayers for the following members and friends of our parish who are ill:

Y'Blim Adrong, Paul Adup, Claude Anderson, Carl and Barbara Brady, Terry Bradshaw, Mickey Burchfield, Maria Castillo (mother of Victor Castillo), Mary Ann Coleman, Anita Davis, Peggy Daye, Celeste Donohue, Chuck Dupuis, Gwen Drummer, Heather Emper, John Garrett, John Harris, Emily and Joan Harrison, Therese Hatch, Ashley Henry, Marie Isley, Craig Jones, Loretta Jones, Ellen Kerr, Tom Kerr, Fr. Daniel Kramer, C.M., Essie Laughlin, Brenda MacDonald, Carol McFarland, Betty McKinney, Harry McNeill, Ashley Moore, Kinsley Nellis, H' Ju Nie, Charles Norman, Gabrielle Parker, Cheryl, Billy, Kim, Neal, and Paris Patillo, Marianne Polickoski, Fr. Robert J. Prior, C.M., Halo Rankin, Pat Roberts, Sherry Ross, Melinda Ruffin, Mary Scotton, Deacon Vincent Shaw, Rose Simpson, Rosetta Smith (mother of Laura Scales), Thomas Scott, Florine Stafford, Ana Swauger, Michael Taylor, Sandra Tinnely, Helen Walson, Mandy Weaver, Theresa Womack, the family of Samantha Wright and Deborah Zargham.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

5:00 PM - For the Intentions of Maria Nguyen Thi Hong

8:30 AM - For the Repose of the Soul of Tran Hien Van, requested by Christy Siu Beltran

11:00 AM - For the Repose of the Soul of Anthony Akoto, requested by Helen Inedu

**PRAYER TO CARE FOR CREATION (OUR COMMON HOME)**

Father of all, Creator and ruler of the universe, you entrusted your world to us as a gift. Help us to care for it and all people, that we may live in right relationship-- with You, with ourselves, with one another, and with creation. Christ our Lord, both divine and human, you lived among us and died for our sins. Help us to imitate your love for the human family by recognizing that we are all connected— to our brothers and sisters around the world, to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation, and to future generations. Holy Spirit, giver of wisdom and love, you breathe life in us and guide us. Help us to live according to your vision, stirring to action the hearts of all— individuals and families, communities of faith, and civil and political leaders. Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home. Amen.

**Liturgical Ministers - May 19 – May 20**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Musician</b>
5:30 P.M.	Thelma Hatchett	Catherine Shaw	TBA
8:30 AM	Chris Fombin	Susan Fullam – Jonathan Maturan Lorraine Handschuh – Trecia Bass	no musician
11:00 AM	Cathy Dickerson	Mozetta Crouch – Frances Crouch Quyen Cil – Y Ang Hmok	Al Baxter

## Tornado Assistance

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES ASSISTANCE HERE AT ST. MARY'S

Catholic Charities employees will be here at St. Mary's Parish Center on Wednesday and Friday this week (May 16 and 18) to offer aid to individuals and households who were impacted by the recent tornado. The hours that help will be offered on the aforementioned dates will be 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Assistance will be available in English and Spanish. There is no need to sign-up in advance.

### REQUEST FROM BACKPACK BEGINNINGS (BPB)

St. Mary's is winding down its third year supporting Backpack Beginnings both monetarily and by providing workers to transport food to Hampton Elementary School. Hampton was hit hard by the tornado that passed through Greensboro on April 15. BPB is requesting that we donate toiletries for the families impacted by the tornado. Tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc. will be appreciated. A box will be in the vestibule of the parish center to collect these items. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

## Parish Calendar

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The International – National Combined Collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the mission of the Church locally, nationally and internationally. Please take the time to read the brochure you will receive from Msgr. West, give prayerful thought to your level of participation and respond with a generous contribution. Envelopes for this collection are in our parish envelope packet.

### NOTICE TO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

All Eucharistic Ministers and readers, please send your e-mail addresses to Father Charlie as soon as possible so that he may communicate more directly with you. Father Charlie's e-mail address is [cstrollo1@gmail.com](mailto:cstrollo1@gmail.com).

### 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Please be advised that there will be a meeting of the members of the 90th Anniversary Committee and the Subcommittees on Tuesday, May 22, at 6:30PM in the Parish Center. Gloria Bauman and Michael Diamond will chair this meeting.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

\***Sunday, May 20** – First Communion (English) – 11:00 AM Mass

\***Sunday, May 20** – (Spanish) – 3:00 PM Mass followed by Kermes

\***Sunday, June 3** – First Communion (Vietnamese) – 1:30 PM Mass

\***Saturday, June 9** – First Communion – 11:00 AM Mass (Spanish) and 2:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

\***Sunday, June 10** – Vietnamese Picnic in the Park – 12:00 noon – 7:00 PM

\***Tuesday, June 12** – Confirmation – 6:00 PM Mass – Bishop Jugis, Celebrant

\***Sunday, September 16** – Parish Multilingual Mass and Picnic – 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM – *St. Mary's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

## Parish News

### SHARE AND CARE

Both Father Charlie and Genevieve Weech have completed the spring cleaning of all storage areas in the parish. In order to keep parish property clean and organized, please observe the following EASY STEPS:

1) MOVE SOMETHING FROM ITS ORIGINAL SPOT! RETURN IT TO ITS ORIGINAL SPOT!

2) DROP SOMETHING ON THE FLOOR! PICK IT UP FROM THE FLOOR AND PUT IT IN THE TRASH CANS!

3) USE SOMETHING! RETURN IT NEATLY!

4) OPEN SOMETHING! CLOSE IT WHEN FINISHED!

In our spring cleaning, we noticed that at times:

1) SOME THINGS WERE NOT RETURNED TO THEIR ORIGINAL SPOT AND WERE MISPLACED!

2) SOME THINGS WERE DROPPED AND REMAINED ON THE FLOOR!

3) SOME THINGS WERE USED AND WERE RETURNED AS IF THEY WERE THROWN IN!

4) SOME THINGS WERE OPENED AND WERE NOT CLOSED!

The parish property is OUR PROPERTY. WE ALL CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY to make sure that we have what we need and that we take proper care of what we have. Please help us to be GOOD CARETAKERS OF OUR PROPERTY in the ways that WE SHARE AND CARE. THANK YOU!

*Father Charlie*

### ST. MARY'S WEEKLY DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA) REPORT

Target amount -\$40,979.00

Amount collected - \$28,741.35

Pledge balance - \$ 7,210.58

Total balance - \$5,027.07

### NEED FOR A PIANIST

St. Mary's is looking for a pianist to play for the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. If interested, please contact Al Baxter at 240.274.0345.

### ST. MARY'S PASTORAL PLAN

#### JANUARY 1, 2018 – JANUARY 6, 2019

**INTRODUCTION:** We as a culturally diverse faith community stand under the influence of the life and the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul in his charism of "Sharing God's Good News with the Poor". We join with other members of the worldwide Vincentian Family in celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of this Vincentian charism in "Welcoming the Neighbor".

We are asking ourselves: Who are our neighbors among us? How are we welcoming each other? Our vision is to move forward together TO IDENTIFY who are our neighbors among us AND TO WELCOME our neighbors among us ---so that WE ARE NEIGHBORS TO EACH OTHER.

**GOAL:** To celebrate WHO WE ARE and WHOSE WE ARE on the occasion of our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as St. Mary's Parish as a culturally diverse faith community standing under the influence of St. Vincent de Paul.

### LET'S USE THE WINDSOR CENTER PARKING LOT

To cut down on the overcrowding in the parish parking lot, Windsor Center has given us 52 parking spaces EVERY SUNDAY. We ask you to use Windsor Center Parking Lot. Thank you.

### DRIVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Refugee Ministry at St. Mary's Parish needs volunteers (with reliable vehicles) who will help to transport refugees to Mass every Sunday. Most of the families live about 2 miles from St. Mary's Church, at "Legacy Crossing" off Franklyn Boulevard in Greensboro. For details contact Chris Walson at (336) 383.0795, or Chris Fombin at (336) 339.7251. If you are willing and able to drive parishioners to Mass on Sundays, please see Father Charlie.

## Features

### CULTURE OF LIFE – A PRO-LIFE CORNER

**Week 8** - I'm almost two months old now. I'm not an "embryo" anymore. Now doctors call me a "fetus." "Fetus" is a Latin word that means "little one." I am little. I may be less than an inch-and-a-half long, but my stomach is already making its own juices. Using an ultrasonic stethoscope, you could listen to my heartbeat.

### FAITH BOOK

*From today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles:*

While meeting with the Apostles, Jesus enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you heard Me speak."

#### Reflection:

Jesus has gifted us with the same powerful Spirit that animated and sustained Him, not only through His preaching and healing ministry, but through His long suffering and death. Thanks to the Spirit, we are called and empowered to be modern witnesses to the living Christ, who is reaching out in a new age to do through us what He did in His lifetime – preach the Gospel, heal the sick and bring people back to God.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.

## Community News

### REQUEST FROM CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

As many of you may know, Congregational United Church of Christ here in Greensboro has been offering sanctuary to an undocumented community member for the past 3 months. This is the second time they have done so and it takes an enormous amount of organization and people to do so. They are in need of help with "hosting," which is sitting in a room at the church for 2 to 3 hours at a time so Oscar is not alone. They have a sign-up system so you can choose which day and time and how often you

are willing to do so. If you are interested in helping you can contact Robin Dorko, at [robindorko@gmail.com](mailto:robindorko@gmail.com), or Paul Davis, at [paul@congregationalucc.com](mailto:paul@congregationalucc.com).

### EVENT SPONSORED BY THE GREENSBORO COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Greensboro Council of Catholic Women's Spring Luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 11:30 a.m. at Greensboro Country Club. Virginia Lieto of the Catholic Writers Guild will be our speaker and talk about her experiences as a Catholic Writer. Please visit Virginia's website - [Virginalieto.com](http://Virginalieto.com). Virginia will have copies of her book, *Finding Patience: Adventures of Faith, Hope and Charity*, on sale for \$10.00. To make reservations, please send your check in the amount of \$23.00 no later than Wednesday, May 16, 2018 to: Carol Cook, 1119 Summer Place, Greensboro, NC 27410. Please let Carol know of any dietary restrictions. Please note that there will be a raffle and please remember to bring non-perishable foods for the needy. Golf carts will be available from the parking lots to and from the building. If you have any questions, please call Carol at 336.852.9345.

### GRACE FILLED BLACK CATHOLIC WOMEN: STANDING ON THE PROMISE

The 4<sup>th</sup> National Black Catholic Women's Gathering will be held in the New Orleans Marriott Hotel from Friday, July 27 – Sunday, July 29. This event is being sponsored by the National Black Sisters' Conference. The hotel room reservation rate is \$139.00 plus tax per night and the reservation cutoff date is July 2. For NBSC members and associates, the registration fee for the gathering is \$200.00 per person; for non-members, the registration fee is \$260.00. For additional information, please call the NBSC office at 202.529.9250 or visit [thenationalblacksistersconfer@verizon.net](mailto:thenationalblacksistersconfer@verizon.net).

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

### A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.  
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are a part of your story.  
**For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us.  
**For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those women who have lost children.  
**For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

by Claire Schoepp





# KERMES

**\*You are cordially invited to Kermes!**

**\*Kermes will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018 here at St. Mary's Catholic Church.**

**\*It will begin with Spanish Mass at 3:00 PM and Kermes will follow.**

**\*Come enjoy Mexican appetizers and games!**

