

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

THIS SUNDAY, in honor of the ordination to the permanent diaconate of Matthew Newsome and David Ramsey, we are planning a Pot-Luck reception after the 11:00 am Mass. The meat and dessert will be provided, but please bring a side dish to share.

Tuesday Morning Mass is at 10:00 am this week.

First Holy Communion

On May 6, 2018 we will have 6 of our Faith Formation students receive First Holy Communion during Mass at 11:00 am. Beginning next week, on April 22, you will find gift bags for each of the students. We welcome and appreciate your gifts and support; most of all though, we request your prayers for the children and their families.

Thank you so much, Sara Freeman - Faith Formation Coordinator

First Holy Communion gifts are available in the Fellowship Hall.

The **FINANCE COUNCIL** for Saint Mary is in need of one or two more members to fulfill our obligation to the Diocese. "The Parish Finance Council supports good financial governance of a parish, promotes high standards of fiscal integrity and provides accountability to the diocese and to the parishioners."

Please contact the Church office for more information.

Parish Family Life Activities

Anyone, youth and adults, interested in volunteering for the **Special Olympics** on Wednesday, April 18. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking. We need helpers for lunch time and Olympic Village activities from 10:30-2:00 pm at Smoky Mountain High School Football Stadium. If we could have a parish team representing St. Mary's what a great witness that would be in the community.

April 22nd will be **Parish Yard Clean Up**. Anyone in the parish that wants to help with cleaning up our church grounds please join us after the 11 am Mass. Lunch will be provided. Theotokos Youth Ministry (7-12th) grades will be also participating and will have a guest speaker, Brian Bock around 1 pm to talk to us about Arbor Day. He will help us plant a tree and shrubbery by the Marian patio. If youth need confirmation service hours this will count.

Family Game Night is back. Join us on Friday, April 27th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite board or card game and a snack to share. We ask that you leave all electronic/video games at home. You never know, there might even be a game of Twister happening. Hope to see you there!

The "Image of God" **Diocesan Youth Conference** for High School students is April 27-29 at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC.

Please contact Susie Bryson, Youth Ministry & Activities Coordinator or email her at sylvaymc@gmail.com for further information or if you have questions about activities mentioned.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life. The physical resurrection of Christ is a revelation of the sacredness of the human body, and of the fact that the love we are called to have, the commandments we are called to obey, and the repentance we are called to practice all involve a deep reverence for physical human life.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Sandy Beauchemin, Susie Bryson, Sheila Coller, Will Crain, Rory Glover, Monica Glover, Barbara Jakiela, Skip Karby, Rita Lamanna, Paul Lormand, Daniella Machado, Karen Matulis, Georgia Newsom, William Newsom, Jr., William Newsom, Sr., William Owen, Cathleen Pilch, Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Alicia Ramirez, Stuart and Janet Snyder, Jay Thorne, Allen Thurston, Joshua Turner, Lewis Turner, Joe Waters, Pauline Watson, Bonnie Welch, Elaine Willkes;

Those in Nursing Homes and the Homebound: Phyllis Brogan, Theresa Campbell, Il Whan and Moon Chung, Alicia Elias, Rosemary Finnegan, John Huffman, Anna Morrill, and Lorraine Sclafani;

Family and Friends called to active duty: Christian Houston;

Friends in Religious Life: Sr. Catherine, OCD ;

and the intentions for all of the prayers written in the parish book of prayers.

Saint Anselm's Story *Saint of the Day for April 21*

Indifferent toward religion as a young man, Anselm became one of the Church's greatest theologians and leaders. He received the title "Father of Scholasticism" for his attempt to analyze and illumine the truths of faith through the aid of reason.

At 15, Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, was elected prior three years later, and 15 years later, was unanimously chosen abbot.

Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness, and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the Abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies.

During these years, at the community's request, Anselm began publishing his theological works, comparable to those of Saint Augustine. His best-known work is the book *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God Became Man").

Against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093, at age 60. His appointment was opposed at first by England's King William Rufus and later accepted. Rufus persistently refused to cooperate with efforts to reform the Church.

Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled to England by Rufus' brother and successor, Henry I. Disagreeing fearlessly with Henry over the king's insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent another three years in exile in Rome.

His care and concern extended to the very poorest people. Opposing the slave trade, Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.

Reflection

Like every true follower of Christ, Anselm had to carry his cross, especially in the form of opposition and conflict with those in political control. Though personally a mild and gentle man and a lover of peace, he would not back off from conflict and persecution when principles were at stake.

SCHEDULES FOR NEXT WEEK

Readers: please note that our new deacons will be proclaiming the Gospel, and so the designated Reader will do both the first and second readings.

9:00 am	Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Rick Beauchemin Deacon David Ramsey Mike Ensley Taylor Beauchemin, Deacon David Ramsey
11:00 am	Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Gladys Pilch Kathy McFadden, Deacon Matt Newsome Linwood Newsome, Dean Slusser Deacon Matt, Josiah, Malcolm and Alister Newsome

LITURGICAL AID

Proper (Cycle B-II)	Mass Readings		Psalms
Sunday <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48		Sun III
Monday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29		Mon III
Tuesday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35		Tue III
Wednesday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40		Wed III
Thursday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51		Thu III
Friday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59		Fri III
Saturday <i>Easter Weekday;</i> <i>St. Anselm</i>	Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69	Pastor, Doctor	Sat III
Sunday <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18		Sun IV

Offertory last weekend: \$3,148.00; Children's Collection: \$.00

CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE – April 15, 2018

Sunday	8:15 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 11:00 am After Mass 4:00 pm	Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Deceased Members of the Grenier Family† Youth Choir Practice in the Conference Center Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Pro Populo Pot-Luck Reception for our newly ordained Deacons SUNDAY MASS at WCU Student Center
Monday	9:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: William Newsom Morning Prayer Latino Apologetics in the Conference Center
Tuesday	10:00 am 10:30 am	WEEKDAY MASS: Pastor's Intention Morning Prayer
Wednesday	4:45 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Confessions until 5:20 pm WEEKDAY MASS: Bill Lyons† Faith Formation Classes (K-12) until 7:30 pm Latino Readers' Practice in the Church
Thursday	9:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: Susan Hunnicutt Morning Prayer RCIA Latino Choir Practice in the Church Latino <i>Familias Pastoral</i> in the Conference Center
Friday	9:00 am After Mass 9:30 am	WEEKDAY MASS: Darren Balkey Confessions Adoration and Benediction until 10:30 am
Saturday	9:00 am 9:30 am After Mass 10:00 am 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: Paul Lormand Morning Prayer First Holy Communion Day of Reflection in the Hall Lay Carmelite Meeting in the Conference Center Confessions until 6:45 pm MISA EN ESPANOL: Briana & Yahir Maya (Birthday)
Sunday	8:15 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:00 pm	Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Agnes Reed† Youth Choir Practice in the Conference Center Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Regina Bryson† Youth Activity in the Fellowship Hall SUNDAY MASS at WCU Student Center

TUESDAY MORNING MASS is at 10:00 AM