

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

The **FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet Saturday, April 28th in the outer office after Mass. We are still in need of one or two more members to fulfill our obligation to the Diocese. Please contact the Church office for more information.

The **PARISH COUNCIL** will meet Sunday, April 29th in the Conference Center at 12:30 pm.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

The Culture of Death says that there is some kind of “power” in the “right to choose” abortion, or in the right “to determine the manner of one’s death” by euthanasia. The **real** power spoken about in today’s readings is the power to give ourselves away in love, to transform suffering into life-giving sacrifice (that heals others and brings salvation, as the First Reading indicates), and to ultimately be transformed into the likeness of the God who is love (Second Reading).

SCHEDULES FOR NEXT WEEK

9:00 am	Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Tom Hart Debbie Keener David Karuru, Brian Bock Brian Raming
11:00 am	Reader MHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Susie Bryson Wayne Haire (E), Deacon Matt Newsome Kathy McFadden, Robin Starrs Deacon Matt, Josiah, Malcolm and Alister Newsome

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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.

Gift bags for our 6 students receiving First Holy Communion on May 6, is available in the Parish Hall. We appreciate any gift for the 6 students who have worked so hard this year. We especially appreciate your prayers. Thank you!

First Holy Communion gifts are available in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday April 29, 2018 - Sara Freeman, our Faith Formation Coordinator, will be available to answer questions about registering for our summer program Totus Tuus July 29th - August 3rd and for Faith Formation 2018-2019 year. The **early** registration fee for each program is \$15. For more information contact Sara at sylvadre@gmail.com or (828)506-7074.

Parish Family Life Activities

Today, 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.

Offertory last weekend: \$2,422.00; Children’s Collection: \$1.30

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Grace Mullis, 15-months old and diagnosed with brain cancer, and Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Sandy Beauchemin, Susie Bryson, Sheila Collier, Will Crain, Rory Glover, Monica Glover, Barbara Jakiela, Skip Karby, John Knaff, 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.

LITURGICAL AID

Proper (Cycle B-II)	Mass Readings		Psalms
Sunday <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18		Sun IV
Monday <i>Easter Weekday;</i> <i>St. George</i>	Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18	Martyr	Mon IV
Tuesday <i>Easter Weekday;</i> <i>St. Fidelis</i>	Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30	Martyr	Tue IV
Wednesday <i>ST. MARK (Feast)</i>	1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20	Apostles	SUN I
Thursday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20		Thu IV
Friday <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6		Fri IV
Saturday <i>Easter Weekday;</i> <i>St. Peter Chanel;</i> <i>St. Louis de Montfort</i>	Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14	Martyr; Priest	Sat IV
Sunday <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8		Sun I

CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE – April 22, 2018

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
Monday	9:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: John Joe Thompson† Morning Prayer Latino Apologetics in the Conference Center
Tuesday	9:00 am 9:30 am	WEEKDAY MASS: Pro Populo Morning Prayer
Wednesday	4:45 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Confessions until 5:20 pm WEEKDAY MASS: Fr. Matt Strickenberger Faith Formation Classes (K-12) until 7:30 pm Latino Holy Hour in the Church
Thursday	9:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: Dan Gonnella 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 Afternoon 6:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: Scott Reitz† Confessions Adoration and Benediction until 10:30 am Wedding Rehearsal Family Game Night in the Fellowship Hall
Saturday	9:00 am 9:30 am 12:00 pm 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: Pat Bryson Finance Council Meeting in the Outer Office Wedding Ceremony in the Church Confessions until 6:45 pm MISA EN ESPANOL: Esther Marquez
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: The Grenier Family Youth Choir Practice in the Conference Center Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Pro Populo Parish Council Meeting in the Conference Center SUNDAY MASS at WCU Student Center