

# SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 13, 2018

The Knights of Columbus will be selling carnations for Mother's Day after all Masses on Sat., May 12 and Sun., May 13. Please purchase one for each of the ladies in your life!

Offertory last weekend: \$2,832.00; Children's Collection: \$2.00

DSA Status to Date: \$3,130.00 paid, \$160.00 pledged of the required 17,971.00.

Special DSA envelopes are at the Church entrances.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** for the period of July 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 are posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway. The "bottom line" is that our operating and capital activity has a surplus of over \$23,500 for the nine-month period.

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

On Wednesday May 16, 2018 we will have our Faith Formation End of the Year picnic! All Parishioners are welcome to join us in wrapping up a wonderful year! Please bring a dish to share; a sign up poster will be available in the Parish Hall next week. If you have any questions please contact Sara Freeman (828) 506-7074 or [sylvadre@gmail.com](mailto:sylvadre@gmail.com)

Early registration is still open for Totus Tuus from July 29 - August 3 and Faith Formation 2018-2019. For early registration the fee is \$15 per child per program. There is no charge for High School Faith Formation. Talk to Sara Freeman after mass for information or contact her at 506-7074 or [sylvadre@gmail.com](mailto:sylvadre@gmail.com)

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth." — **J.R.R. Tolkien, The Letters of J.R.R. Tolkien**

Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, will mark the start of a 40 hours devotion leading up to Corpus Christi Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-ups for Adoration during the 40 hours devotion will begin May 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up board in the parish hall which will include a schedule of special devotions to be observed during the 40 hours. Committed adorers are encouraged to sign-up for and keep their normal hours, or change up as they'd like during this special observance as all hours will be open for sign-ups. *Normally scheduled Adoration will resume in July.* Our celebration of the Body of Christ will conclude with a Eucharistic procession that will begin in Bridge Park Sunday afternoon (time TBA) and conclude on the parish grounds where Father hopes to have at least 3 altars and no more than 7 altars set up along our route around the grounds. If your family or group (ie Knights, Carmelites, etc) is interested in sponsoring and decorating an altar, please email or call the office at: [stmarysylva@frontier.com](mailto:stmarysylva@frontier.com) or 828-586-9496, or talk to Father directly. *Please include in the subject line of the email: ATTN Fr Coleman, Corpus Christi Altar.* Tables and candles for the altars will be provided, along with table coverings. If you're interested but unfamiliar with what sponsoring an altar entails, or need ideas for altar decorations, please see Father. Thank you and God bless!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please consider stepping up to help out with our Sunday Masses. We especially need EMHCs, ushers and altar servers for the 9 am Mass.

### SCHEDULES FOR NEXT WEEK

<b>9:00 am</b>	Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Caryn Raming Debbie Keener David Karuru, Robert Lamanna Brian Raming
<b>11:00 am</b>	Reader MHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Tom Guertin Wayne Haire(E), Deacon Matt Newsome Kathy McFadden, Dean Slusser Deacon Matt, Josiah, Malcolm and Alister Newsome

**THOSE WHO SERVE: Final Notice!** Please contact the office with dates you prefer or cannot serve during the months of June through September including the Holy Day of Obligation for the Assumption on Mary on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. The morning Mass will be at 9:00 am and the evening Mass will be at the usual time, 5:30 pm.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE

### **Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue**

As many may remember last August I participated in a pilgrimage to Fatima Portugal for the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions to the Shepherd Children of Fatima. As a part of her apparitions Our Lady asked that a Pilgrim Virgin Statue be made in accord with her image as she appeared to the children so that she could visit and bless those throughout the world who are unable to make pilgrimage to Fatima. As a part of this message many parishes throughout the world have their very own Pilgrim Virgin Statue programs. Inspired by this request and these examples I wanted to bring this blessing to the families of our Parish by bringing back a statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Fatima for our own Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program. Many signal graces and favors have been obtained for families through their prayer requests and intentions that have been asked of Our Lady from her time of visitations. The month of May celebrates Our Lady of Fatima's feast day on the 13th of May and the month of May is dedicated to Mary. As a part of this next Sunday we will have sign-ups for one week visits of Our Lady of Fatima to the homes of families of Saint Mary Mother of God. Each family will be able to take home Our Lady in her traveling shrine on Sundays and asked to return her to Saint Mary's on the following Saturday. A sign up sheet will be available beginning after the Sunday Masses next Sunday the 20th of May with the first week of visitation beginning Sunday May 27th. If anyone would like to assist with the coordination of this program please let me know either by phone or email at [cacoleman@charlottediocese.org](mailto:cacoleman@charlottediocese.org). I pray that this will be the beginning of many more blessings for our parish community.

In the love of Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Coleman

We are at the end of another successful academic year in campus ministry at WCU. In addition to Sunday Mass and catechesis, and Wednesday fellowship, we were also able to offer four different weekly Bible studies this semester, participated in the diocesan "Give Your Heart Away" service weekend, and took a dozen students on a camping retreat in the Smoky Mountain National Park. Later this month we will be sponsoring half a dozen student leaders in evangelization and small group facilitation training at a four day workshop at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory.

This year we have also been able to make an impact beyond our usual student population at WCU. We were able to offer RCIA to a student at Southwestern Community College who was baptized this Easter, as well help prepare a Western faculty member to be received into the Church at St. Eugene's in Asheville.

Who knows what the next year will bring? WCU is hosting eight different Freshman Orientation fairs over the month of June, and campus ministry will have a table at each one, to meet the incoming students and their parents.

We couldn't have the presence on campus that we do without the dedicated support of the St. Mary's community. Some of you have recently received our spring appeal letter. Many have already responded with a donation. Thank you! Because of your generosity, we are now less than \$1000 away from meeting our budget goal for the year. If you would like to help us meet our goal by June 30, please send a check (made payable to "Catholic Campus Ministry") to PO Box 2766, Cullowhee NC, 28723. You can also go to [wcucatholic.org/donate](http://wcucatholic.org/donate) to make your gift online.

Thank you for your continued support of this special ministry.  
Deacon Matt

### **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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.

**CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE – May 13, 2018**

**LITURGICAL AID**

<b>Proper (Cycle B-II)</b>	<b>Mass Readings</b>		<b>Psalms</b>
<b>Sunday ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20</b>		<b>Sun I</b>
<b>Monday ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE (Feast)</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-17,20-26 John 15:9-17</b>	<b>Apostle</b>	<b>SUN I</b>
<b>Tuesday Easter Weekday; St. Isidore</b>	<b>Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a</b>	<b>Holy Men</b>	<b>Tue III</b>
<b>Wednesday Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19</b>		<b>Wed III</b>
<b>Thursday Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Acts 22:30;23:6-11; John 17:20-26</b>		<b>Thu III</b>
<b>Friday Easter Weekday; Pope St. John I</b>	<b>Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19</b>	<b>Martyr</b>	<b>Fri III</b>
<b>Saturday Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Acts 28:16-20,30-31; John 21:20-25</b>		<b>Sat III</b>
<b>Sunday PENTECOST</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13; John 20:19-23</b>		<b>Sun I</b>
(Ordinary Time resumes with Week 7)			

Sunday	8:15 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 11:00 am	Confessions <b>SUNDAY MASS: Linda Tiller†</b> Youth Choir Practice in the Conference Center Confessions <b>SUNDAY MASS: Pro Populo</b>
Monday	7:00 pm	Latino Apologetics in the Conference Center
Tuesday		
Wednesday	4:45 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Confessions until 5:20 pm <b>WEEKDAY MASS: Jacob Scifers</b> Faith Formation END-OF-YEAR PICNIC Latino Readers' Practice in the Church
Thursday	9:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	<b>WEEKDAY MASS: The Mayeaux Family</b> Morning Prayer RCIA Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Conference Center Latino Choir Practice in the Church Latino <i>Familias Pastoral</i> in the Conference Center
Friday	9:00 am After Mass 9:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>WEEKDAY MASS: Darren Balkey</b> Confessions Adoration and Benediction until 10:30 am Ceremony Practice in the Church
Saturday	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	<b>WEEKDAY MASS: Fr. Peter Shaw</b> Morning Prayer Lay Carmelite Community Meeting in the Conference Ctr. Quinceanera Ceremony in the Church Confessions until 6:45 pm <b>MISA EN ESPANOL</b>
Sunday	8:15 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm	Confessions <b>SUNDAY MASS: The Grenier Family</b> Youth Choir Practice in the Conference Center Confessions <b>SUNDAY MASS: Pro Populo</b> Meeting of THE MEN at George Knauer's

**NO MASS either Monday or Tuesday this week**