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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY of the YEAR August 26, 2018

Faith Formation begins September 5, 2019. Kindergarten through Fourth Grade will have class from 6-7 and 5th - 12th grade will have class from 7:15 - 8:15. For more information and registration info see the Faith Formation table in the Parish Hall after mass August 18-19 & August 25-26. The cost for registration is \$20 per child or \$80 maximum per family. We welcome volunteers to help in various ways, including teaching, record keeping, and event planning. High school students are welcome to serve as classroom assistants. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a teacher or assistant please contact Sara Freeman at (828) 506-7074.

St. Mary's Small Group Bible Studies

Looking for a way to become more familiar with Jesus and His Word? Trying to find a way to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Searching for a way to better pray with Scripture? Would you like to feel more a part of the community at St. Mary's and get to know some fellow parishioners you may know or don't know? Feel like you would like to form more meaningful and prayerful relationships at St. Mary's and be better supported in prayer? If you would like to answer one, some or all of these questions, then you might be interested in participating in a Small Group Bible Study. We will be starting several small groups the week of **September 16**. For those interested in joining one of these groups there will be an opportunity to sign up between the Masses on Sunday **August 26** and Sunday **September 2**. These groups will meet weekly for six weeks in the small group facilitators' homes on a day and time set by the facilitators. The names of the facilitators, day and time of weekly meeting, and topic to be discussed, will be provided when you sign up for a group. During the week of **September 9**, the facilitators will contact interested participants with the specific location and other pertinent information concerning the Small Group Bible Study. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Starr at kstarr@email.wcu.edu.

From Our Pastor

Prayer and Sacrifice:

Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation Novena

9 consecutive Mondays 8/27-10/22 6-7pm

Our Lord responded to His disciples at the bottom of Mt. Tabor after the Transfiguration when they struggled to cast a demon out of an epileptic boy. **“His disciples asked him in private, “Why could we not drive it out?” He said to them, “This kind can only come out through prayer and fasting.”**(Mk 9:28-29). The Church Fathers have always understood this to mean prayer and penance/sacrifice. As I mentioned in my homily Sunday 8/19 our response in this time of crisis in the Church should be to draw near to our Lord in the Eucharist and offer penance for the reparation of our own sins and most especially the grievous sins of priests and bishops in our Church. Beginning this Monday, August 27th from 6-7pm I will be leading a Holy Hour of Reparation Novena on nine consecutive Mondays ending on Monday October 22nd the Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II. I encourage anyone who would like to attend to join us for these times of prayer and penance, to pray for our clergy and Church.

From Our Bishop

CHARLOTTE — Bishop Peter Jugis issued a statement Aug. 17 in response to recent allegations of sexual misconduct against Church leaders, including a retired archbishop of Washington, D.C., and the release of a Pennsylvania grand jury report detailing child sexual abuse by hundreds of priests in six dioceses of that state.

One of the 301 priests named in the Aug. 14 grand jury report, Spiritan Father Robert Spangenberg, served at St. James Church in Hamlet for about three years in the mid-1990s.

“Over the past few weeks we have been presented with a lot of shameful revelations about the conduct of leaders and others in the Catholic Church,” Bishop Jugis said in the statement. “I have been hearing from many people who feel betrayed and wonder what is going to happen next to our beloved Church.

“In this statement from the USCCB, which I fully support, you can see that steps are already being taken to thoroughly investigate these matters and take appropriate action,” he said. He added, “Let us continue to pray for all victims of sexual abuse.”

— Catholic News Herald

From the USCCB

President of U.S. Bishops' Conference Announces Effort That Will Involve Laity, Experts, and the Vatican as U.S. Bishops Resolve to Address "Moral Catastrophe"

August 16, 2018

WASHINGTON— Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has issued the following statement after a series of meetings with members of the USCCB's Executive Committee and other bishops. The following statement includes three goals and three principles, along with initial steps of a plan that will involve laity, experts, and the Vatican. A more developed plan will be presented to the full body of bishops at their general assembly meeting in Baltimore in November.

Cardinal DiNardo's full statement follows:

"Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Two weeks ago, I shared with you my sadness, anger, and shame over the recent revelations concerning Archbishop Theodore McCarrick. Those sentiments continue and are deepened in light of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report. We are faced with a spiritual crisis that requires not only spiritual conversion, but practical changes to avoid repeating the sins and failures of the past that are so evident in the recent report. Earlier this week, the USCCB Executive Committee met again and established an outline of these necessary changes.

The Executive Committee has established three goals: (1) an **investigation** into the questions surrounding Archbishop McCarrick; (2) an opening of new and confidential channels for **reporting** complaints against bishops; and (3) advocacy for more effective **resolution** of future complaints. These goals will be pursued according to three criteria: proper **independence**, sufficient **authority**, and substantial leadership by **laity**.

We have already begun to develop a concrete plan for accomplishing these goals, relying upon consultation with experts, laity, and clergy, as well as the Vatican. We will present this plan to the full body of bishops in our November meeting. In addition, I will travel to Rome to present these goals and criteria to the Holy See, and to urge further concrete steps based on them.

The overarching goal in all of this is stronger protections against predators in the Church and anyone who would conceal them, protections that will hold bishops to the highest standards of transparency and accountability.

Allow me to briefly elaborate on the goals and criteria that we have identified.

The first goal is a full **investigation** of questions surrounding Archbishop McCarrick. These answers are necessary to prevent a recurrence, and so help to protect minors, seminarians, and others who are vulnerable in the future. We will therefore invite the Vatican to conduct an Apostolic Visitation to address these questions, in concert with a group of predominantly lay people identified for their expertise by members of the National Review Board and empowered to act.

The second goal is to make **reporting** of abuse and misconduct by bishops easier. Our 2002 "Statement of Episcopal Commitment" does not make clear what avenue victims themselves should follow in reporting abuse or other sexual misconduct by bishops. We need to update this document. We also need to develop and widely promote reliable third-party reporting mechanisms. Such tools already exist in many dioceses and in the public sector and we are already examining specific options.

The third goal is to advocate for better procedures to **resolve** complaints against bishops. For example, the canonical procedures that follow a complaint will be studied with an eye toward concrete proposals to make them more prompt, fair, and transparent and to specify what constraints may be imposed on bishops at each stage of that process.

We will pursue these goals according to three criteria.

The first criterion is genuine **independence**. Any mechanism for addressing any complaint against a bishop must be free from bias or undue influence by a bishop. Our structures must preclude bishops from deterring complaints against them, from hampering their investigation, or from skewing their resolution.

The second criterion relates to **authority** in the Church. Because only the Pope has authority to discipline or remove bishops, we will assure that our measures will both respect that authority and protect the vulnerable from the abuse of ecclesial power.

Our third criterion is substantial involvement of the **laity**. Lay people bring expertise in areas of investigation, law enforcement, psychology, and other relevant disciplines, and their presence reinforces our commitment to the first criterion of independence.

Finally, I apologize and humbly ask your forgiveness for what my brother bishops and I have done and failed to do. Whatever the details may turn out to be regarding Archbishop McCarrick or the many abuses in Pennsylvania (or anywhere else), we already know that one root cause is the failure of episcopal leadership. The result was that scores of beloved children of God were abandoned to face an abuse of power alone. This is a moral catastrophe. It is also part of this catastrophe that so many faithful priests who are pursuing holiness and serving with integrity are tainted by this failure.

We firmly resolve, with the help of God's grace, never to repeat it. I have no illusions about the degree to which trust in the bishops has been damaged by these past sins and failures. It will take work to rebuild that trust. What I have outlined here is only the beginning; other steps will follow. I will keep you informed of our progress toward these goals.

Let me ask you to hold us to all of these resolutions. Let me also ask you to pray for us, that we will take this time to reflect, repent, and recommit ourselves to holiness of life and to conform our lives even more to Christ, the Good Shepherd."

OPENING-FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR: We are actively looking for a new faith formation coordinator hopefully to start before the beginning of our new Children's Faith Formation Program year September 5th. The position is part time 10-20hrs per week. For more information please contact Fr. Coleman by calling 828-586-9496 or via email at cacoleman@charlottediocese.org.

First Friday Adoration

Who: All are welcome! Even if you can't currently devote yourself to one particular hour, please join us in adoring.

What: Commit to sitting with Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament for one hour a month.

When: The first Friday of each month. Reminders go out each month, through the bulletin and via email.

Where: St Mary, Mother of God Parish... the Lord awaits us on the altar, and he's reserved a seat just for you!

Why: To deepen our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ by giving him one hour of our time a month. The Saints often tell us of their deep devotion to Our Savior through adoration and frequent practice of the sacraments. We're all striving toward sainthood. Adoration is a good place to start the journey!

We are in need of a few adorers willing to commit to sitting with Our Lord for the same hour each month. While we are still in the infancy of this stewardship ministry and continue to build it up, the hours we are in most need of having committed adorers are: **6:30-7:30 a.m. on Saturday and 7:30-8:30 a.m. on Saturday.** Ideally, we need two adorers (these can be singles, married couples, families or groups) per hour. This is a safeguard to ensure Our Lord isn't left alone should someone have a situation arise that prevents them from fulfilling their hour for a particular month, and it cuts down on the need for substitutes. If you're interested in deepening your relationship with Our Lord through prayer and adoration, please contact Denisea Kampe at: 828-508-1949 or denisea.kampe@gmail.com

SCHEDULES FOR NEXT WEEK

9:00 am	Reader EMHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Jan Chervenak Debbie Keener Mike Ensley, Dan Gonnella Brian Raming
11:00 am	Reader MHCs Ushers Altar Servers	Fé Stack Carol Bauknecht(E), Deacon Matt Newsome John Bauknecht, Wayne Haire Deacon Matt, Josiah, Malcolm and Alister Newsome
Sunday	Hosts for Our Lady of Fatima Statue	Joe and Jamie Waters

Children and Youth Activities

Parish Family Game Night Friday, August 31st, 6 pm - 9 pm

We encourage parishioners, families, youth and children to join us on Friday for Family Game Night. Bring your favorite board or card games, please no electronic games. This is a great time for us to have some fellowship time with and have fun with one another. Bring a snack to share!

Eucharistic Congress Saturday, September 8th

2 Buses leaving St. Mary's at 4:30 am returning after 10pm

If you are interested in your child, who received their 1st Communion during this past year, being in the Eucharistic Congress Procession we need to register them. A parent will need to accompany them and walk alongside with them in the procession. Any youth (K-6th) will need to be accompanied by an adult family relative and any youth (7th-12th) wanting to go without parents will need a chaperone and offsite activity form signed. Youth of all ages are requested to sign up for a youth track activity. There is a new track this year for any age to attend a youth track if they are any individual with an intellectual/developmental disability. If you have access visit <https://dioceseofcharlotte.wildapricot.org/k-12-tracks> for more details. Please see Susie Bryson or email her at sylvaymc@gmail.com for proper forms for parents to sign, information to sign up your child or youth for the proper youth track for presentations and to provide more details. We will be taking 2 buses from St. Mary's with limiting seating. The cost is \$30 per person or \$80 max for families. Also see Susie Bryson for more details and to reserve your seat today!

Picnic and Tubing, Saturday, September 29th, 9 am - 4 pm

Parish families are invited to Deep Creek in Bryson City for a day of tubing and a picnic. We will have a sign-up sheet for everyone to bring a dish or dessert to share. This is a time for us to be together, relax and enjoy time with one another.

Youth Ministry 7th-12th graders

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 16th, 1 pm - 3 pm

Sunday Youth Happening We are calling all 7th-12th graders of St. Mary's and their friends to join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and time to talk about our faith together. If you have a topic that is of interest you would like to explore let us know. If it's your first time with us or returning we are looking forward to having you be with us. Lunch will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Stay tuned for Sunday B. A. M. as a fundraiser for the March for Life Event in January! You won't want to miss it!. For more information or questions, please see Susie Bryson, Youth Ministry Coordinator, or contact her at 828-508-1386. Thank you!

LITURGICAL AID

Proper (Cycle B-II)	Mass Readings		Psalms
SUNDAY TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69		SUN I
Monday ST. MONICA	2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12; Matthew 23:13-22	Holy Women	Mon I
Tuesday ST. AUGUSTINE	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a,14-17; Matthew 22:23-26	Pastor, Doctor	Tue I
Wednesday THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18; Mark 6:17-29	Martyr	SUN I
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51		Thu I
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13		Fri I
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30		Sat I
SUNDAY TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21b-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23		SUN II

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rita Goffinet*, now recovering at home, and
Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Susie Bryson, Sheila Collier, Will Crain, Rory Glover, Monica Glover, Debbie Hentschel, Barbara Jakiela, Skip Karby, Rita Lamanna, Paul Lormand, Daniella Machado, Tim Mann, 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, Pat Bryson, Theresa Campbell, Il Whan and Moon Chung, Alicia Elias, Rosemary Finnegan, Elba Hernandez, 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.
* If you'd like to prepare food for Rita Goffinet, know that she is on a restricted diet. Joan Sipler at Half Past has a list of her food tolerances.

CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE – August 26, 2018

Sunday	Between Masses 8:15 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Sign-ups for Small Group Bible Study Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Pro Populo Confessions SUNDAY MASS: The Namotka Family SUNDAY MASS at WCU Student Center
Monday	9:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: Tom Guertin† Morning Prayer Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation Novena Youth Core Team Meeting in the Conference Center Latino Apologetics in the Conference Center
Tuesday		
Wednesday	4:45 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Confessions until 5:20 pm WEEKDAY MASS: Shawn Sexton Latino <i>Formacion</i> in the Church
Thursday	9:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: John Mangun† Morning Prayer RCIA Latino Choir Practice in the Church
Friday	9:00 am After Mass 9:30 am 6:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: Scott Reitz† Confessions Adoration and Benediction until 10:30 am Family Game Night in the Conference Center
Saturday	9:00 am 9:30 am After Mass 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	WEEKDAY MASS: Kortne Waginger Morning Prayer First Saturday Confessions Baby Shower for Christian and Tabitha Houston Confessions until 6:45 pm MISA EN ESPANOL: Pro Populo
Sunday	Between Masses 8:15 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Sign-ups for Small Group Bible Study Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Linda Tiller† Confessions SUNDAY MASS: Eve Guilbeau† SUNDAY MASS at WCU Student Center

Offertory last weekend: \$2,543.00; Children's Collection: \$2.10
DSA Status to Date: \$7,615.00 paid, \$2,030.00 pledged

NO WEEKDAY MASS TUESDAY MORNING