



*Coming to his senses, he thought,
"I will get up and go to my Father..."*

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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**9/11/22 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXIV Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario**

Pastor: Rev. Paul Asoh, MSP (Ext 102)

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Matthew Newsome
Rev. Mr. John Szarek
Rev. Mr. Daniel Pyles

Administrative Assistant to the Pastor / DRE:

Luci Castillo (Ext 101/103)

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Liturgical Music: Joe Conway (Ext 104)

Bookkeeper: Ellen Miller

St. Mary's Book Rack: Mary Ann Kuehl

Receptionist: Beth Fields

Office Hours / Horas de Oficina

Monday & Thursday: 10 to 2; Friday: 9 to 2; Saturday: 10 to 1
Lunes y Jueves: 10 to 2; Viernes: 9 to 2 Sabado: 10 to 1

MASS TIMES at St. Mary Mother of God

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm (Español)
Sunday at 8:30 am & 11:30 am

Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at
9:00 am; Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Misas de fin de semana:

Vigilia del sábado a las 7:00 pm (Español)
Domingo a las 8:30 am & 11:30 am

Misas diarias:

Lunes, jueves, viernes y sábados a las 9:00 am
Miércoles a las 5:30 pm

Mass Times at WCU: Catholic Campus Ministry
(during the academic school year) Sunday: 4:00 pm
Friday Daily Mass: 12:15 pm

CONFESSION/CONFESIONES

Sunday: 10:45 until 11:15 am
Wednesdays at 4:45 pm, Friday at 9:30 am
and Saturday at 5:00 pm
Or by appointment

Tiempos de confesiones

Miércoles de 4:45-5:15 pm
Viernes 9:30-10:30 am durante la Adoración
Sábado 5:00-6:00 pm
O con cita previa

Adoration and Benediction

Every Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
1st Friday from 9:30 am -8:00 pm
1st Saturday Holy Hour after Mass

Adoración y Bendición

Todos los viernes de 6:00 a 8:00 pm
Primer viernes de 9:30 am a 8:00 pm
Primer sábado Hora Santa después de la Misa

Main Line/Reception: 828-586-9496

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Calendar – September 11th to 18th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Jim Alexander+
	10:00 am	Sanctuary Episode 8 – The Church	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	William Newsom+
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Deceased of the Kennedy & Maurro Families+
	7:00 pm	Hispanic Ministry Meeting	
Tuesday:	6:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Hall
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	
	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Stellato Family
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Deceased of the Bubb and Nigriny Families+
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass (at WCU)	
	6:00 pm	Adoration (until 8:00 pm)	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	
	10:00 am	Lay Carmelite Community Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Misa de Vigilia	
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Roger Grenier+ & Carole Lemay
	10:00 am	Extreme Mercy – Fr. Donald Calloway – Session 1	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom Family
	2:00 pm	Kermes for Mexican Independence at Bridge Park	
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass (at WCU)	

To request a Mass Intention:

Email to massintentions@stmarymotherofgod.com

Or use the envelopes near the women's bathroom

Liturgical Minister Schedule – Next Week

Mass / Misa	Ushers / Hospitalidad	Readers / Lecturas	Servers / Monaguillos
Sabado Sep 17 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Juan Carlos Villegas	
Sunday Sep 18 8:30am	Mike Ensley Don Pierce	Brian Raming	Todd Wenberg
Sunday Sep 18 11:30am	Robin Starrs Joe Cerniglia	Sue Cerniglia	Newsomes Gideon Freeman

From the Pastor's Desk

The Power of Forgiving Myself

The three readings of this Sunday all point to the different ways we are unfaithful to God, and His mercy and compassion towards us. Starting with how the Israelites disparaged Moses who led them out of slavery: "... as for that man Moses..." This they did to justify why they should build the golden calf in the absence of Moses, who in their impatience they claimed to be lost. Are many people not like the Israelites? They sing "Hosanna, hosanna" when there is something to benefit or when things are going well. And they sing "Crucify him, crucify him" when there is nothing to benefit or when things are not going well. We can easily jump ship.

Also, do we become impatient in times of adversity, lose faith, and make a "golden calf," as a quick and an easy way out? Or like Aaron, do we fail to stand firm when we are pressured to follow the wrong path? Despite his disappointment towards his people, Moses did not give up on them. He interceded for them and obtained God's forgiveness for them. Moses teaches us to remain consistent in the path of goodness in good times and in bad times.

In the second reading, St. Paul recalls that he was once a blasphemer, a persecutor, and arrogant. We read in the Acts of the Apostles how Paul, despite being a persecutor and a murderer of Christians, was forgiven by the Lord and was made a chosen instrument of evangelization (Acts 9:15). If Saul, a persecutor, and a murderer became a chosen instrument, it means that there is hope for us sinners when we repent.

In the Gospel, the prodigal son took off and "squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation." When he came to his senses and returned home to his father, the father forgave him and restored his princely position. Again, this shows that there is hope for us sinners when we repent.

The three instances above show us how generous God is in forgiving us. These instances show that there is no sin that is beyond God's forgiveness. He sent his son Jesus Christ to die on the Cross to save us. We are the lost sheep and the lost coin found by Jesus. The readings are a message of encouragement to us that God does not hold our past sins against us when we truly repent of the sins. The major problem is some people's inability to forgive themselves, leave their ugly past behind and move forward. This is where the parable of the prodigal son is very relevant. He messed himself up. He came to his senses. He forgave himself. The power of forgiving himself gave him the courage to step out of the mess and go home. If he had remained in the guilt of what he did to himself and stayed on the pig farm, he would have ruined his life. Since he had the courage to step out, his father restored his princely status. Therefore, let no one allow his or her ugly past hold him or her hostage. Come to your senses! Free yourself please! God has already forgiven and forgotten your sins.

Sincerely in Christ, Pastor, Fr. Paul Asoh, MSP



Housekeeping:

1. St. Mary Mother of God will celebrate our Golden Jubilee / 50th anniversary as a Parish on September 25th, with the 11:30 am Sunday Mass. A schedule of events and festivities follows starting with the blessing and naming of the new house, an International Food Festival and Fusion, games, and other activities. Please check the bulletin, website, and Facebook.
2. All Parishes of the Diocese of Charlotte have been asked to have a Second collection for Priests' Retirement Benefits on September 25th, 2022. This is to help take care of the many Priests who have served and still serving many Parishes in our Diocese for decades and years. We have been accessed a slightly reduced goal of \$5,214 out of which we have already collected \$1,210. Please we appeal for your generosity on the 25th of this month and the weeks after.
3. Please disregard any personal email from me soliciting funds, gift cards or email correspondence. They are scams which seek to take advantage of parishioners.
4. You are invited to the Mexican Independence Day celebration and fundraiser at Bridge Park next Sunday, September 18th, starting at 2:00 pm. There will be different foods and a raffle. Please let us support our Hispanic community and the Parish.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

El Poder de Perdonarme a Mí Mismo

Las tres lecturas de este domingo apuntan a las diferentes formas en que somos infieles a Dios, y su misericordia y compasión hacia nosotros. Comenzando por cómo los israelitas menospreciaron a Moisés que los sacó de la esclavitud: "...en cuanto a ese hombre Moisés..." Esto lo hicieron para justificar por qué debían construir el becerro de oro en ausencia de Moisés, quien en su impaciencia decían estar perdido. ¿Hay mucha gente que no es como los israelitas? Cantan "Hosanna, hosanna" cuando hay algo que beneficiar o cuando las cosas van bien. Y cantan "Crucifícale, crucifícale" cuando no hay nada que beneficiar o cuando las cosas no van bien. Podemos abandonar el barco fácilmente.

Además, ¿nos impacientamos en tiempos de adversidad, perdemos la fe y hacemos un "becerro de oro", como una salida rápida y fácil? O como Aarón, ¿no nos mantenemos firmes cuando nos presionan para que sigamos el camino equivocado? A pesar de su decepción hacia su pueblo, Moisés no se dio por vencido con ellos. Intercedió por ellos y obtuvo el perdón de Dios para ellos. Moisés nos enseña a permanecer constantes en el camino del bien en las buenas y en las malas.

En la segunda lectura, San Pablo recuerda que una vez fue blasfemo, perseguidor y arrogante. Leemos en los Hechos de los Apóstoles cómo Pablo, a pesar de ser un perseguidor y asesino de cristianos, fue perdonado por el Señor y convertido en instrumento escogido de evangelización (Hch 9,15). Si Saulo, perseguidor y homicida, se convirtió en instrumento escogido, significa que hay esperanza para nosotros pecadores cuando nos arrepentimos.

En el Evangelio, el hijo pródigo se fue y "despilfarró su herencia en una vida de disipación". Cuando volvió en sí y regresó a casa con su padre, el padre lo perdonó y restauró su posición principesca. Nuevamente, esto muestra que hay esperanza para nosotros los pecadores cuando nos arrepentimos.

Los tres ejemplos anteriores nos muestran cuán generoso es Dios al perdonarnos. Estos casos muestran que no hay pecado que esté más allá del perdón de Dios. Envío a su hijo Jesucristo a morir en la Cruz para salvarnos. Somos la oveja perdida y la moneda perdida encontrada por Jesús. Las lecturas son un mensaje de aliento para nosotros de que Dios no toma en cuenta nuestros pecados pasados cuando nos arrepentimos verdaderamente de los pecados. El principal problema es la incapacidad de algunas personas para perdonarse a sí mismas, dejar atrás su feo pasado y seguir adelante. Aquí es donde la parábola del hijo pródigo es muy relevante. Se arruinó. Llegó a sus sentidos. Se perdonó a sí mismo. El poder de perdonarse a sí mismo le dio el coraje para salir del lío e irse a casa. Si hubiera permanecido en la culpa de lo que se hizo a sí mismo y se hubiera quedado en la granja de cerdos, habría arruinado su vida. Como tuvo el coraje de salir, su padre restauró su estatus principesco. Por lo tanto, que nadie permita que su feo pasado lo tome como rehén. ¡Entra en razón! ¡Libérate por favor! Dios ya perdonó y olvidó tus pecados.

Sinceramente en Cristo, Pastor, P. Paul Asoh, MSP

Noticias:

1. St. Santa María Madre de Dios celebrará nuestro Jubileo de Oro / 50 aniversario como Parroquia el 25 de septiembre, con la Misa dominical de las 11:30 am. Los eventos seguirán comenzando con la bendición y el nombramiento de la nueva casa, un Festival Internacional de Comida y Fusión, juegos y otras actividades. Consulte el boletín, el sitio web y Facebook.
2. La Diócesis de Charlotte tendrá una Segunda colecta para los Beneficios de Jubilación de los Sacerdotes el 25 de septiembre. Esto es para cuidar de los muchos Sacerdotes que han servido y siguen sirviendo a nuestra Diócesis durante décadas. Se nos ha accedido a una meta reducida de \$5,214 de la cual ya hemos recaudado \$1,210. Por favor, solicitamos su generosidad el 25 de este mes y las semanas posteriores.
3. Ignore cualquier email personal mío solicitando fondos, tarjetas de regalo o correspondencia por correo electrónico. Son estafas que buscan aprovecharse de los feligreses.
4. Estás invitado a la celebración y recaudación de fondos del Día de la Independencia de México en Bridge Park el próximo domingo 18 de septiembre a partir de las 2:00 pm. Habrá diferentes comidas y una rifa.



Religious Education

Welcome Faith Formation students!

Faith Formation has begun. Classes for the new school year will be held in-person every week.



FAITH
FORMATION

¡Bienvenidos estudiantes de Formación en la Fe!

La formación en la fe ha comenzado. Las clases para el nuevo año escolar se llevarán a cabo en persona todas las semanas.

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$4,397 / September to date: \$4,397

Priests Retirement 2022: \$1,210 collected toward a goal of \$5,213

A second collection for the Priests Retirement fund will be September 24 & 25

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$4,397 / Septiembre a la fecha: \$4,397

Retiro de sacerdotes 2022: \$1,210 recaudados para una meta de \$5,213

Una segunda colecta para el fondo de Jubilación de Sacerdotes será el 24 y 25 de septiembre

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the deaths of Sheila and Chuck Coller, long-time parishioners at St. Mary's. In recent years they were no longer able to spend their summers at their home in the mountains due to illness. There will be a joint funeral Mass on September 24 at 9:30am at St. Jude's Cathedral Chapel in St. Petersburg, FL. Condolences can be sent to Cheryl Coller Reed, 1576 Pennwood Circle South, Clearwater, FL 33756

50 Acts of Charity School Supplies / 50 Actos de Caridad Útiles Escolares

School starts soon! Children need supplies! Can you help? Let's help the children of Jackson County start the school year right with new supplies.

As part of our 50 Acts of Charity, we'll be collecting School Supplies for school age children in Jackson County. Please pick up a couple things and place in the box in the vestibule. All donations will be coordinated with Catholic Charities and be donated to local children in need.

Children are our most treasured and important investment in our future. Let's help them start the academic year right!



¡La escuela comienza pronto! ¡Los niños necesitan suministros! ¿Puede usted ayudar? Ayudemos a los niños del condado de Jackson a comenzar bien el año escolar con nuevos útiles.

Como parte de nuestros 50 actos de caridad, recolectaremos útiles escolares para niños en edad escolar en el condado de Jackson. Recoja un par de cosas y colóquelas en la caja en el vestíbulo. Todas las donaciones se coordinarán con Caridades Católicas y se donarán a niños locales necesitados.

Los niños son nuestra inversión más preciada e importante en nuestro futuro. ¡Ayudémoslos a comenzar bien el año académico!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS - POR FAVOR GUARDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Charlotte Alexander, Alonso Family, Ángel Esteban Arrua, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Mary Ann Asbury, Justin Basenese, Jacki Bautista, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Michael Burke, Cáceres Family, Moon Chung, Verónica Natalia Chávez, Jim Clark, Will Crain, Rebecca & Russell Ensley, Diane Glover, Jim Glover, Rory Glover, Monica Glover, Rita Goffinet, Marisa Graham, Miles Harris, Debbie Hentschel, Barbara Jakiela,, Souhair Kwaham, Rita Lamanna, Daniella Machado, Tim Mann, Sam Matthews, Karen Matulis, Paula McCafferty & McCafferty Family, Peter Namotka, Georgia Newsom, William Newsom, Jr., Linwood Newsome, Tom Nicoletti & Nicoletti Family, William Owen, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Pérez, Cathleen Pilch, Stephen Pilch, Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Alicia Ramirez, Rios Family, Verónica Rodríguez, SantaCruz Family, Stuart and Janet Snyder, María Sol Montel, Jay Thorne, Allen Thurston, Joshua Turner, Lewis Turner, Joe Waters, Pauline Watson, Bonnie Welch, Elaine Wilkes

Those Called to Active Duty: Luke Turner

Serving a Vocation: Sr. Catherine, OCD and Fr. Joseph Wasswa (Diocese of Charlotte)

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

*If you know of someone to be added to the prayer list
or is homebound that would like a visit please email or call the office.*

Extreme Mercy – Fr. Donald Calloway

Would you believe the story of someone who...

- Dropped out of High School...
- Ran away from home at age 15...
- Joined the Japanese mafia...
- Was deported from Japan handcuffed to a military transport...
- Followed the Grateful Dead across America...
- Nearly died from drug overdose...
- Was sent to a locked-down psychiatric institution...
- Met Jesus through Mary and became a priest!

Come hear the amazing conversion story of Fr. Donald Calloway which he tells with unmistakable zeal for the priesthood and devotion to Our Lady. Discover why Divine Mercy is for all of us at all times, especially in the most difficult situations.

Come hear the story at:

Donuts & Dogma

Beginning
Sunday, September 18
at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Hall



Men's Retreat

Men's Retreat 2022: Practical Holiness

Saint Francis de Sales said, "Be who you are... and be that well." Come to this retreat and learn how to grow spiritually even amidst life's many demands.

October 7-9

Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC

Enjoy the company of other men in this beautiful setting with exceptional dining and walkable trails. It's ideal for both group discussion or private reflection. Along with thought-provoking talks, they'll be opportunities for Mass, Adoration, confession, and spiritual direction.



For More Information:

Web: www.catholicconference.org/mens-retreat
email: info@catholicconference.org
call: 828.327.7441

WCU Campus Ministry

Annual Fall Beach Retreat

September 23 to 25 at Folly Beach, SC

Any college-age young adult is invited to attend. The cost is \$50 per person.

Space is limited!

Register at wcucatholic.org/retreats



Parish Organizations

Parish Council

Chair: Brian Raming

Secretary: Sue Szarek

Parish Finance Council

Chair: Robin Starrs

Buildings & Grounds Commission

Chair: Don Pierce

Communications & Evangelization Commission

Chair: Mike Ensley

- Online & Social Media Resources:
Deacon Matt and Linda Gray

Community Outreach Commission

Chair: Elaina Quijada

- Food Pantry: Yenny Sanchez
- Respect Life: Sue Szarek
- Prison Ministry: Steve Kuehl

Faith Education & Formation Commission

Chair: Bonnie Dodge

DRE: Luci Castillo

- RCIA Coordinator: Mike Ensley
- Contact Luci for sacramental needs

Liturgical Commission

Chair: Joe Conway

- Altar Guild: Sue Szarek

Hispanic Community Commission

Chair: Juan Carlos y Deisi Villegas

Parish Life Commission

Chair: Javier & Analise Comacho

- Knights of Columbus: Jonathan Fischer
- Lay Carmelites Director: Jean Burton

Stewardship Committee

Chair: Brian Raming

WCU Campus Ministry

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New to the parish?

Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Hall and complete a registration form.

If interested in volunteer opportunities please call the office
and we will help you share your time and talents within the parish.

¿Nuevo en la parroquia?

Pase por el mostrador de bienvenida en el salón y complete un formulario de registro.

Si está interesado en oportunidades de voluntariado, llame a la oficina
y veremos cómo compartir su tiempo y talentos dentro de la parroquia.

GRAN KERMESSES

VEN A CELEBRAR LA

INDEPENDENCIA DE

MEXICO

A PARTIR DE LAS 2:00 PM

EN LA MUSICA Y AMBIENTE:

SANGRE

DOMINGO
SEPTIEMBRE
2022

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DI JOEL MIX

VEN A CELEBRAR CON TU FAMILIA EN:

BRIDGE PARK SYLVANIA, OHIO

- AMBIENTE 100% FAMILIAR
- HABRÁ ANTOJITOS MEXICANOS
- BAILES FOLCLÓRICOS
- CON EL GRUPO RITMO LATINO Y CULTURAL.
- Y MUCHAS SORPRESAS MÁS !!!

