

St. Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Church

22 Bartlett Street, Sylva NC, 28779

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3/19/23 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

IV Domingo de Cuaresma

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

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Matthew Newsome
Rev. Mr. John Szarek (retired)
Rev. Mr. Daniel Pyles

Administrative Assistant: Flor Widmar (Ext 101)

DRC: Luci Castillo (Ext 103)

Receptionist/Office Assistant: Sarah Brown (Ext 100)

Liturgical Music: Trinity Leger / Joe Conway

Bookkeeper: Carla Haire

St. Mary's Book Rack: Mary Ann Kuehl

Office Hours / Horas de Oficina

Monday, Friday & Saturday: 10 to 2; Wednesday 12 to 2

Lunes, Viernes y Sábado: 10 a 2; Miércoles 12 a 2

Appointments with the Pastor

Monday/Lunes: 10:30 to 12:30; Thursday/Jueves: 10 to 2

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**"...ONE THING I DO KNOW.
I WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE!"
John 9:25**

MASS TIMES at St. Mary Mother of God

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday at 8:30 am & 11:30 am

Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 am

Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Last Thursday at 6:30 pm (Spanish)

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 sábado a las 9:00 am

Miércoles a las 5:30 pm

Último jueves a las 18:30 (Español)

Mass Times at WCU: Catholic Campus Ministry

(during the academic school year) Sunday: 4:00 pm

Friday Daily Mass: 12:15 pm

CONFESSION

Sunday: 10:45 until 11:15 am

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, Friday at 9:30 am

and Saturday at 5:00 pm

Or by appointment

Tiempos de Confesiones

Domingo 10:45 am, Miércoles 5:00 pm

Viernes 9:30 am, Sábado 5:00 pm

O con cita previa

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday from 9:30-8:00 pm

1st Saturday Holy Hour after Mass

Last Thursday & Friday 7:00-8:00 pm

Adoración y Bendición

Primer viernes de 9:30 am a 8:00 pm

Primer sábado Hora Santa después de la Misa

Último jueves y viernes 7:00-8:00 pm

Main Line/Reception: 828-586-9496

Sacrament Emergency: 828-631-0576

Email: smmgoffice@stmarymotherofgod.com

Calendar – March 19th to 26th

Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	Newsom Family
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Catholic Social Teaching Session 3	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	William Newsom+
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass - WCU	Pro Populo
Monday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Nora McCormack+
	7:00 pm	Liturgy Commission Meeting	
	6:30 pm	English Class / Clase de Inglés	
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	NO MASS	
	6:45 pm	Faith Formation Classes	
Thursday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Joan Conway+
	6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	
	6:30 pm	Catholic Moms Connect	
Friday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Ann Nelson
	12:15 pm	Daily Mass – WCU	
	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross / Via Crucis	
Saturday:	9:00 am	Daily Mass	Irene & Samuel Asoh+, Tessy Kalu
	9:00 am	Diocesan Youth Conference at Belmont Abbey	
	11:30 am	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class (Track 2)	
	7:00 pm	Misa en Español	Marcelino Hernandez Vizcaya+
Sunday	8:30 am	Sunday Mass	John Mckenzie+
	10:00 am	Donuts & Dogma – Catholic Social Teaching Session 4	
	11:30 am	Sunday Mass	Reiter Family
	4:00 pm	Sunday Mass - WCU	Pro Populo

To request a Mass Intention:

Email to massintentions@stmarymotherofgod.com

Or use the envelopes near the women's restroom

Liturgical Minister Schedule – Next Week

Mass / Misa	Ushers / Hospitalidad	Readers / Lecturas	Servers / Monaguillos
Sabado 25 Mar 7:00 pm	Familia Perez	Benita Bueno	
Sunday Mar 26 8:30am		Sue Szarek	Brian Raming Todd Wenberg
Sunday Mar 26 11:30am		Sara Freeman	Alister, Gideon, Kristen, Maddie

From the Pastor's Desk

Discernment: The Power to See and Decide

In the first reading, Samuel was, in a way, blind as to whom God was going to choose to replace Saul as the king of Israel. God guided him until he anointed David. If not through God's guidance, Samuel would have made a wrong choice. The first reading teaches us a few lessons about how God can direct us with the grace of discernment.

(1) Appearance can be deceptive. Therefore, we must not make judgements and conclusions hastily, based on appearance, initial impressions and thoughts. Sometimes, there is more than meets the eye. Sometimes, what is on the surface is only the tip of the iceberg. We hear it often said, "All that glitters is not gold." It is important to spend quality time in discernment and prayer before decisions are made. It is important to listen attentively to God and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. However, spending quality time in discernment and prayer before decisions are made should not encourage prolonged indecision and procrastination.



(2) Samuel did not depend on what was presented to him. He made inquiry: "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he arrives here." We must not be afraid or reluctant to ask valid questions which may help to a better understanding of the matter or help to unravel the truth. St. John advises, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). My dad, God rest his soul, used to tell me, "Son, do not call a mirage a river until you get to it."

(3) Someone says, "Do not be discouraged. It is often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock." David was the last key in the bunch. If you try and fail, try, try, try again!

(4) Jesse never imagined that the youngest of his sons could be considered for such an exalted position. Let us not underestimate what God can do in and through us or what God can do in and through someone else.

(5) Samuel reminds us that our Omniscient God knows the heart of each one of us. We can deceive our fellow human beings, but we cannot deceive God. The Lord said to Samuel, "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 55:8-9). Let us embrace the request of Bartimeaus, "Lord that I may see."

(6) No one can claim with certitude what is on another person's mind. Therefore, we must be careful to presume or claim to know what someone is thinking. One may end up with wrong and unfair judgements.

We pray for those who, by the nature of their calling or responsibility, must make judgements on others that they may be open to the wisdom and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We pray, too, for all of us that we may seek to be guided by the Holy Spirit in our judgements.

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

Housekeeping:

1. The Bishop is inviting the Parish Youth to a Pilgrimage at Belmont Abbey College on Saturday, March 25. The Theme for the event is, "I Am With You Always". This year we are expecting 1000+ youth from around the diocese. There will be talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration and Confessions. Families are encouraged to enable their children participate in this "Spiritual Youth Fest" centered on the Holy Eucharist by providing transportation.
2. Youth who gather at this year's Diocesan Youth Conference will be sending groups home with items for their local homeless shelters and agencies. Please help our youth from across the Diocese succeed by using this link and purchasing items for this corporal work of mercy: <https://tinyurl.com/DYCSservice>.
3. Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Diocesan Support Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity. If you did not turn in your completed pledge envelope during last week's Mass, you may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the Parish Office or go to www.charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online. Your contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus.
4. This week we celebrate two Solemnities: The Solemnity of St. Joseph on Monday, March 20, with Mass at 9:00 am and the Solemnity of Annunciation on Saturday, March 25, with Mass at 9:00 am.
5. There will not be confessions or Mass on Wednesday, March 22. Fr. Paul will be coming back from an MSP Mission meeting.

Desde el Escritorio del Pastor

Discernimiento: El Poder de Ver y Decidir

En la primera lectura, Samuel estaba, en cierto modo, ciego en cuanto a quién iba a elegir Dios para reemplazar a Saúl como rey de Israel. Dios lo guió hasta que ungió a David. Si no fuera por la guía de Dios, Samuel habría tomado una decisión equivocada. La primera lectura nos enseña algunas lecciones sobre cómo Dios puede dirigirnos con la gracia del discernimiento.

(1) La apariencia puede ser engañosa. Por lo tanto, no debemos hacer juicios y conclusiones apresuradamente, basados en apariencia, impresiones y pensamientos iniciales. A veces, hay más de lo que parece. A veces, lo que está en la superficie es solo la punta del iceberg. A menudo escuchamos decir: "No todo lo que reluce es oro". Es importante pasar tiempo de calidad en discernimiento y oración antes de tomar decisiones. Es importante escuchar atentamente a Dios y seguir la guía del Espíritu Santo. Sin embargo, pasar tiempo de calidad en discernimiento y oración antes de tomar decisiones no debe alentar la indecisión y la dilación prolongadas.



(2) Samuel no dependía de lo que se le presentaba. Él preguntó: "¿Son estos todos los hijos que tienes?" Isaí respondió: "Aún queda el menor, pero está apacentando las ovejas". Samuel le dijo a Isaí: "Envía por él; no nos sentaremos a comer hasta que él llegue aquí." No debemos tener miedo o ser reacios a hacer preguntas válidas que puedan ayudar a comprender mejor el asunto o ayudar a desentrañar la verdad. San Juan aconseja: "Amados, no creáis a todo espíritu, sino probad los espíritus para ver si son de Dios, porque muchos falsos profetas han salido por el mundo" (1 Juan 4:1). Mi papá, que en paz descansa, solía decirme: "Hijo, no llames río a un espejismo hasta que llegues a él".

(3) Alguien dice: "No te desanimes. A menudo es la última llave del manajo la que abre la cerradura". David era la última clave del grupo. Si lo intentas y fallas, ¡intenta, intenta, vuelve a intentarlo!

(4) Isaí nunca imaginó que el menor de sus hijos pudiera ser considerado para tan exaltado cargo. No subestimemos lo que Dios puede hacer en ya través de nosotros o lo que Dios puede hacer en ya través de otra persona.

(5) Samuel nos recuerda que nuestro Dios Omnisciente conoce el corazón de cada uno de nosotros. Podemos engañar a nuestros semejantes, pero no podemos engañar a Dios. El Señor le dijo a Samuel: "Dios no ve lo que el hombre ve, porque el hombre ve la apariencia, pero el Señor mira dentro del corazón" (1 Samuel 16:7). "Porque mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos mis caminos" (Isaías 55:8-9). Abracemos la petición de Bartimeo, "Señor, que yo pueda ver".

(6) Nadie puede afirmar con certeza lo que está en la mente de otra persona. Por lo tanto, debemos tener cuidado de presumir o pretender saber lo que alguien está pensando. Uno puede terminar con juicios erróneos e injustos.

Oramos por aquellos que, por la naturaleza de su llamado o responsabilidad, deben juzgar a otros para que puedan estar abiertos a la sabiduría e inspiración del Espíritu Santo. Oramos también por todos nosotros para que busquemos ser guiados por el Espíritu Santo en nuestros juicios.

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

Noticias

1. El Obispo está invitando a la Juventud de la Parroquia a una Peregrinación en Belmont Abbey College el sábado 25 de marzo. El tema del evento es, "Yo estoy con ustedes siempre". Este año esperamos más de 1000 jóvenes de toda la diócesis. Habrá charlas, Misa, Adoración Eucarística y Confesiones. Se alienta a las familias a permitir que sus hijos participen en este "Festival de la Juventud Espiritual" centrado en la Sagrada Eucaristía proporcionando transporte.
2. Los jóvenes que se reúnan en la Conferencia Juvenil Diocesana de este año enviarán grupos a casa con artículos para sus agencias y refugios locales para personas sin hogar. Ayude a nuestros jóvenes de toda la Diócesis a tener éxito utilizando este enlace y comprando artículos para esta obra de misericordia corporal: <https://tinyurl.com/DYCSservice>.
3. Por favor sea generoso con la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano. Mientras miramos nuestras vidas y las muchas maneras en que Dios nos ha bendecido, devolvamos una donación proporcionada a la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano como una forma de decir gracias al Señor. Dios nunca será superado en generosidad. Si no entregó su sobre de compromiso completo durante la Misa de la semana pasada, puede completar un sobre de compromiso y devolverlo a la Oficina Parroquial o visitar www.charlottediocese.org/dsa para hacer una donación en línea. Su contribución a la Campaña de Apoyo Diocesano es una forma de actuar con amor por nuestras hermanas y hermanos en toda la diócesis y continuar la obra de salvación iniciada por Jesús.
4. Esta semana celebramos dos Solemnidades: La Solemnidad de San José el lunes 20 de marzo con Misa a las 9:00 am y la Solemnidad de la Anunciación el sábado 25 de marzo con Misa a las 9:00 am.
5. No habrá confesiones ni misa el miércoles 22 de marzo. Paul regresará de una reunión de MSP Mission.

Religious Education

The next Faith Formation class day is March 22.

El próximo día de clases de Formación de Fe es el 22 de marzo.



FAITH
FORMATION

St. Mary Bookrack / Estante de Libros

Check out the St Mary Bookrack for Lent items.

Beginning the week of March 20 there will be a few Easter items as well.

Echa un vistazo a St Mary Bookrack para artículos de Cuaresma.

A partir de la semana del 20 de marzo también habrá algunos artículos de Pascua.

WCU Campus Ministry

CAMPUS MINISTRY SPRING RETREAT - March 24-26

St Francis House at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC

"Thy Will Be Done"

College students are invited to escape the stress of campus for a weekend of prayer, fellowship, and exploration of what it means to accept God's will for your life. Registration is \$50 payable to "Catholic Campus Ministry." This retreat allows for both sleeping indoors as well as a camping option. Contact Deacon Matt Newsome for more information at ccm@wcucatholic.org.

Go to www.wcucatholic.org/retreats to register online.



Corpus Christi Retreat: Source and Summit

"The Eucharist is 'the source and summit' of the Christian life. All ministries are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it" (CCC 1324). Come to this retreat and learn how to make the Eucharist the "source and summit" of your life and ministry. Renew your spirit with a mix of Adoration, contemplation, and prayer, plus be guided by several thoughtful reflections on the Mass. Make this year's Feast of Corpus Christi one to remember.

June 9-11, 2023

***Catholic Conference Center
in Hickory, NC***

For more information:

Visit www.catholicconference.org/eucharist

Email info@catholicconference.org

Call 828-327-7441



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, Fran Berry, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Michael Burke, Cáceres Family, Moon Chung, Verónica Natalia Chávez, Jim Clark, Joan Conway, 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, William Newsom, Jr., Tom Nicoletti & Nicoletti Family, William Owen, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Pérez, Don Pierce, Cathleen Pilch, Stephen Pilch, Zig Pilch, Cynthia Pitts, Alicia Ramirez, Rios Family, Verónica Rodríguez, SantaCruz Family, Stuart and Janet Snyder, María Sol Montel, Kathy Starr, Teresa Starrs, 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.

Catholic Social Teaching

The Catholic Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom for building a just society and *living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society*. From apostolic times, the Church has engaged the biggest questions about citizenship, economics, labor, and the common good. This series will explore the *seven main themes of Catholic Social Teaching* and ponder how Catholics should live here and now while knowing they were made for a kingdom “not of this world”.

At Donuts & Dogma

Continues every
Sunday at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Hall



Human Dignity

Everyone is special.

What is best for everyone?

Common Good



Solidarity

We are one big family.



All people should have a say!

Subsidiarity



Participation

We all want to work and contribute to our communities.



We are part of and need to care for creation.

Care for Our Common Home



Preferential Option for the Poor

Some people need extra help.

Protecting God's Children

Help protect all of God's children

Everyone has a role to play in protecting children. If you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns securely and anonymously over the phone or online: 888-630-5929 or www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.

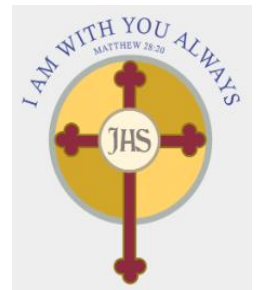
Ayuda a proteger a todos los niños de Dios

Todo el mundo tiene un papel que desempeñar en la protección de los niños. Si tiene información sobre un posible abuso sexual o mala conducta por parte de cualquier miembro del clero, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Charlotte, por favor reportar sus inquietudes de forma segura y anónima las por teléfono o en línea: 1-888-630-5929 o www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.

Bishop's Youth Pilgrimage 2023

The Bishop's Youth Pilgrimage, held at Belmont Abbey College, is designed to provide young people a day of reflection, prayer, formation, vocation awareness and fellowship. It is a component of the annual Diocesan Eucharistic Congress.

During the day-long event (8 am to 3 pm), youth enjoy live music, a vocations fair, motivational speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, and a Eucharistic Procession on the historic Belmont Abbey College campus. There are separate program tracks for middle and high school students, and confession will also be available. Cost is only \$15!



<https://goeucharist.com/bishops-youth-pilgrimage-2023>

March 25, 2023 - 8 am to 3 pm

Stewardship

Offertory last weekend: \$2,692 / Budget: \$3,292
February month to date: \$8,539 / Budget: \$13,168

Ofertorio último fin de semana: \$2,692 / Meta: \$3,292
Mes de enero a la fecha: \$8,539 / Meta: \$13,168

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: Linda Gray
· 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
· OCIA 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: Joe Cerniglia
· Lay Carmelites Director: Jean Burton

Stewardship Committee

Chair: Brian Raming

WCU Campus Ministry

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instagram.com/stmarysylva

youtube.com/c/StMaryMotherofGod

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New to the parish?

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

Want to volunteer? 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.

¿Quieres ser voluntario? Llame a la oficina y lo ayudaremos a compartir su tiempo y talentos dentro de la parroquia.

Lenten Fish Fry

Last Chance!

March 31

Serving 5 pm to 7 pm

Adult \$12 Child \$7

Dine in or take out



Meal includes:

**Fried fish, mac-n-cheese,
hushpuppies, dessert and water**

Open to the public!

Provided by the Knights of Columbus



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