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 **Ladies of**
St. Mary's

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the
month at 10 a.m.

In Memory of
James H. Broussard
"Bruce"

 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
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Membership meeting - 4th Tuesday each month
Parish breakfast on 1st or 2nd Sunday each month

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PARISH OFFICE
Monday through Thursday
10 AM - 2 PM
stmarystoccoa@gmail.com

LITURGY SCHEDULE
Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:30 AM; 11 AM
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat: 9 AM
First Friday of the Month: 9 AM

ADORATION
Monday through Thursday
6:30AM—8:45AM

RECONCILIATION
Monday -Thursday after Mass
Saturday: 10 AM & 4 PM
Or by appointment

BAPTISM & MATRIMONY
Contact Deacon Greg

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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St Mary Catholic Church

THE PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020



**Behold, this child is destined for
the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted.**

LUKE 2:34

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Thank you for your support!

Schedule & Mass Intentions

SAT: 2/1

5:00 pm **Vigil Mass**— Maria LE Thi Mai-Phuong (D)
~given by Ms. Nhan T. Nguyen

SUN: 2/2

8:30 am **Mass** — Giuan Kim Nguyen V. Ninh (D)
~given by Ms. Nhan T. Nguyen
11:00 am **Mass**— Robert Eddy (D)
~given by the Ladies Guild

MON: 2/3 Blessings of the Throats

9:00 am **Mass**— Maria (D)
~given by Trong & Phillip Nguyen

TUES: 2/4

9:00 am **Mass** - Ms. Hong & Tony Vu (L)

WED: 2/5

9:00 am **Mass**— Pro Populo

THUR: 2/6

9:00 am **Mass**— Pro Populo

FRI: 2/7

9:00 am **Mass**— Pro Populo

SAT: 2/8

9:00 am **Mass**— Pro Populo

* **Mass for the 1st Friday of the month will be at 9:00 am***

* **Mass on 1st Saturday of the month is followed by Anointing of the sick ***

General Offertory/Contributions

Week of January 26, 2019



Weekly Budget \$ 2,300.00
Weekly Offertory \$ 2,642.00
Building Fund \$ 110.00

No Second Collection Next Week

Thank-you for your contributions!

This week's counters are: David Faucett, Jim Donnelly & Cathy Staley

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tues: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thurs: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Fri: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sun: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Barbara Watson, Brenda McKevlin, Annabeth Lewis, Marcia Oshinski, Annamarie Burtness, John Craton, James Greene, Kathy Hughes, Susan Alexander, Tony Argento, Jack Hallford, Bill Bisig & Barbara Bisig, Denis Burk.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Christa (706-886-2819). Update Christa at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers. Also please call Christa at the office to notify her regarding parishioners suddenly taken ill and/or hospitalized. We are looking for a parishioner to continue the "prayer intentions" email blasts. If you are interested in taking on that ministry please contact Stephanie Cortellino 404-353-0475 or steph.cortellino@gmail.com

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(Additional info on ALL ministries can be found on our web-site.)

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

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Blessing of the Candles



Blessing of the candles is held when we celebrate the purification of Our Lady on the 40th day after the birth of Our Lord, and of the Presentation of the offering of Our Lord to the Eternal Father in the temple. The wax of the candles signifies the virginal flesh of the Divine Infant; the wick figures His soul and the flame His Divinity.

Blessing of the Throats

The Blessing of the Throats will be this weekend. The Blessing of the Throats is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste, Turkey. Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. We feel and experience pain as all people, yet our faith helps us to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear pain with greater courage. Part of the plan laid out by God's providence is that we should fight strenuously against all sickness and carefully seek the blessings of good health, so that we may fulfill our role in human society and the Church.

The prayer from the Blessing of the Throats is:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Would you like to have your birthday; anniversary or other celebratory event announced by WNEG radio/Connie Gaines on the day of your event? What a great way to start your special day and promote St Mary's. Your special day will be listed under 'St Mary's Catholic Church'. The signup sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Contact Gary Cortellino, 678 360-2545 or garycortel@aol.com

***You can also contact Christa to request a Papal Blessing Certificate for your wedding anniversary with a small fee.**

THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues.

—Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux



Chili Dinner

February 9, 2020– 4:00pm

Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Mary

All proceeds will go to the Building Fund!

Cost \$10 Adults \$5 Children

Children under 3 Free

If you bring a pot of chili you will receive 2 free tickets!

Chili and Fixins'

Dessert Beverage

We will also have a Chili Contest!
Winner will receive braggin' rights and a SPECIAL PRIZE!

Tickets will be sold at the Masses on January 24 & 25; February 1, 2 & 8.
Please sign up to bring Chili, fixins' a dessert or a beverage.

YOU ARE INVITED

Adoration will resume Monday, February 3rd in the small Chapel. Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration anytime each morning, Monday through Thursday between the hours 6:30 to 8:45 am. During Adoration, the faithful pray to Jesus Christ, who is present in the Eucharist. It's an experience that will leave you feeling at peace with God and helps to provide a constant, spiritual powerhouse for the needs of our community, country and world.



The Gift of Life



Abortion is an example of how we, as individuals and as a society, fail to recognize the dignity of each child, knit within the womb of his or her mother. We allow our hearts to be hardened to the truth. Our culture either fails to recognize the undeniable humanity of unborn children, who deserve our love and protection, or disregards it. While God's gift of new life is always something to be celebrated, we must also recognize that a pregnancy, especially when unexpected, can bring with it many challenges. Mothers too often find themselves afraid, vulnerable, abandoned, and in need. And God calls us to respond in love. We are called to go in haste, as the Blessed Mother did, to offer expectant mothers the support, encouragement, and love that they deserve. Mary's example should inspire us to serve mothers and families, even amidst our own needs. May we recommit ourselves to supporting all expectant mothers. May we never fail to set out ... in haste. As the child in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy, so may our hearts leap with joy at the wonders of new life in every expectant mother.