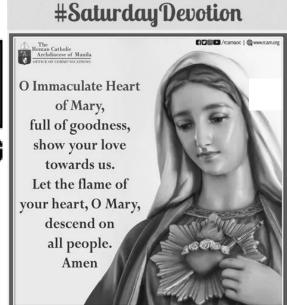




- <u>Bible study</u> in the parish hall <u>Thursdays 10-:15 -11:30</u>
  The last meeting of the season was Thursday May 29. The group will begin their study again Thursday September 4th
- <u>Women's' Club Meetings</u> meet regularly each <u>Second Monday</u> of the month /11am . Currently on Summer Break. Resumes Sept. 8th.
- <u>Pennies From Heaven</u>— A collection will be taken every second weekend at the end
  of mass by the Knights of Columbus. The collected donations will assist the Rock Hill
  Oratory Seminarians. <u>NEXT COLLECTION Sept. 13,14</u>





We are very blessed to continue having our small church doors open, as well as, the service of our priest, Father Augustin in these tough financial times. We are certainly blessed.

As Mother Angelica used to say on EWTN-

"PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP US BETWEEN YOUR GAS AND YOUR ELECTRIC BILL!"

IF YOU ARE ABLE PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR WEEKLY GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Submissions for bulletins must be made by Tuesday to: <a href="mailto:stjcoordinator@gmail.com">stjcoordinator@gmail.com</a>
Or to Bob Renaud~ <a href="mailto:brenaud65@gmail.com">brenaud65@gmail.com</a>



# ST. JOSEPH

Catholic Church



#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Thursday – Weekday Mass 9:30 am (Rosary 9:10am)

Saturday( Anticipated Mass) 4:00pm

Sunday 12:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:45pm Saturdays

(or by appointment)

All other sacraments please call parish office to inquire.

Rev. Agustin L. Guzman, CO, Pastor

Phone: 803-329-1008 (St Mary Catholic Church, Rock Hill)

Emergency: Home 803-327-2098 Cell: 803-627-5297

John Rodgers, Office/Business Manager

Office Phone - 803-377-4695 (St Joseph)

Office Hours: Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm (John Rodgers)

110 W End St, Chester SC 29706



August 31, 2025 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### UPCOMING FEAST

31 Sts. Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus
O1 St. Giles
O2 Bl. Burte' & Companions
O3 St. Gregory the Great
O4 St. Rose of Viterbo
O5 St. Teresa of Calcutta
O6 Bl. Granzotto

## Let Us Pray

... for all those affected but senseless violence, especially that found in our schools,

#### MINISTRY (Sat./Sun.) SCHEDULE:

LECTOR: Sat. B. Renaud/A. Jones
E.M: Sat. P. Hamilton/S. Robinson
LECTOR: Sun R. Whisonant/M. Lifsey
E.M: Sun K. Hutto/J. Rodgers

#### **August 17th/24th OFFERINGs:**

Envelopes	\$2045.40	\$2430.00		
Loose	\$37.00	\$146.00		
Total:	\$2082.40	\$2576.00		
Other: candle ,refurb, special \$343.00/\$30.00				
Weekly Budget:		\$1847.00		

St. Joseph online Donation:

https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysrh/funds/stjoseph-church-chester-donations

IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR WEEKLY GIFT SO WE CAN MEET OUR WEEKLY BUDGET. THANK YOU!

#### **ORATORY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALTY**

If you would like to have more information about the center or the programs it offers, you may visit the Oratory in Rock Hill.

www.rockhilloratory.org
oratorycenter@qmail.com

### BE HUMBLE—DO NOT LOOK TO BE EXALTED

Our Gospel reading this week doesn't tell us how Jesus's listeners reacted to the parable He gives. This teaching was certainly counter cultural of the day. We don't know if they laughed in discomfort, shook their heads in disbelief, questioned Jesus's sanity, argued back, or followed his advice. All we know is how we again react as we re-read this story. An uncomfortable feeling of surprise, skepticism, and fear seem to all find its place. And I'm sure they asked, as we may find ourselves asking; Is Jesus serious? Does he have any idea what he's asking? It appears he does. Every once in a while, just as we are growing comfortable with our faith, a story like this one comes along to mess with our complacency. Don't exalt myself? Don't place things on my Facebook page that makes my life look perfect? Don't judge my worth (or the worth of others) based on dress size, zip code, academic accomplishments, or professional titles? Instead we are asked to open our hearts and not look for anything in return. Once again the message Christ gives to all of us is simple; 'LOVE OTHERS as He LOVES US'. And 'SERVE without expecting to be served in return'.



<u>Seminarians</u> embark on a beautiful, challenging, and deeply spiritual journey. Their path is one of devotion, self-discovery, and a profound connection with the divine. For the next several weeks, we will pray specific prayers for our Seminarians as they embark upon a beautiful, challenging, and deeply spiritual journey. Their path is one of devotion, self-discovery, and a profound connection with the divine.

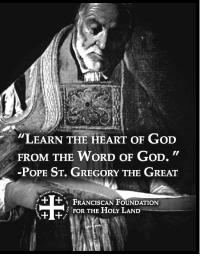
### The power of prayer depends on God's infinite goodness and mercy

The reason your petitions are granted is not your worthiness and merit, but the infinite mercy of God. If your merit were the reason, you would not petition, but demand; but as it is, you ask. And so you must have faith and trust in God's goodness and mercy.

Holy Scripture has splendid pictures of the power of prayer: Israel in the desert, Moses and Joshua, the mighty deeds of the judges and the Maccabees, the miracles of our Lord and the Apostles, and the whole history of God's chosen people and of the early Catholic Church. Prayer figures in a constant and marvelous exchange between human need and divine help.







St. Gregory, pray for us!

The souls of our deceased:	Our sick:	
Judithanne Hare	Josette	Maggie Wilson
Mona Paragon	Beth Gaddy	Jay Williams
Warren Dew	Alex Whisonant	Jim Anderson
Troy West	Cina MaCanlasa	Marsia Dabinson
Damien Whisonant	Gina McCanless	Maggie Robinson
Danny McMurray	Roger Ramsey	John Jacobs
Michelle Munnell	<b>Gabby Rowsam</b>	Sam St. Croix
Alfredo Orlando Guzman	Jacqueline Botta	Ella Phillips
Bobbie Kay Lalli	Will Thesier	<b>Austin Nunnery</b>
Jim McMurray	Beth Stevenson	Tootie Juliano
Michael Young	Elaine Gaither	Macy
Jim McGee	Sarah Collins	Kim Fronapple
This month's remembrance	Willis Johnson	Carol Hayes
Brenda Cachetta	Jack Schumacher	Mark
Nancy Young	Meg Landerville	
Sadie and Hannah		



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- We pray for all those suffering mentally, physically, financially, and especially spiritually that they seek God and find comfort and healing.
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- We pray that our guardian angels and patron saints continue to intercede in assisting us to eternal glory where we may give praise and honor to our Heavenly Father.
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See the Remembrance Book to include deceased loved ones for each month

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