



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINT MARYS, GA

Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission



FOLKSTON, GA

SECOND SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 5, 2023

From the cloud
came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5



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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays	No Daily Mass
Tuesdays	5:00 pm Rosary & Adoration, 5:30 pm Daily Mass
Wednesdays	7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Thursdays	7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Fridays	7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Saturdays	4:30 pm Rosary, 5:00 pm Mass (except on Holy Saturday)
Sundays	10:30 am Rosary, 11:00 am Mass
Confessions	
Saturday	3:30 pm to 4:30 pm or by Appointment
1st Fridays	8:00 am Mass @ Historic Chapel 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1st Saturdays	10:00 am Adoration, Rosary, Mass

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesdays	6:00 pm Daily Mass
Sundays	8:30 am Mass
Confessions	<u>30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment</u>

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

WELCOME, VISITORS! We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or find one in the narthex.

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Greg Williamson, Mary Angela Morrissey, Tom
 Meyer, Peggy Hurley, Steve Puckett, Samantha
 Evans, Ferdinand Von Behren, Lauren Sullivan, Jim
 Kline, Gale Herring, James Ventella, Jarrod Conley,
 Leny Logan, Anna Rotondi, Bob & Marie Devine,
 Agnes Rodman, Mike Blackerby, Ianthe Brathwaite,
 Jim Kane, Robert Morris, Everett Harvell, Tommy
 Evans, Emily Edmonds, Mary Panfil, Emma
 Maniscalco, Mita Byers, Mely Andino, Benjamin
 Solamon, Anna DeMartino, Fr. Leahy, Barbara
 Trudeau, Marie & Tony Franzese, Katy Sherrill,
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 Rinck, Kitty Rodriguez, David Cocomazzi, Doris
 Adams, Carol Campbell, Thurston Armstrong, Frank
 & Ruth McNeil, Dr. Patrick Moreo, William David
 (Dub) Shepard, Lenda Morris, Rhonda Peterson,
 Daniel Brausch, Gael Aodue, Emma Sizemore, Tom
 O'Shaughnessy, Claire Walsh

**To add a name to the prayer list please email
 office@weareolss.org**

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office to get on the schedule. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, (\$10 or more) signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

03/04/23 - 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil
*For the repose of the soul of
 Kathy Weatherhold*
03/05/23 - Second Sunday of lent
8:30 AM - (St. Francis)
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Pro Populo / For the People
03/06/23 - Monday: NO MASS
03/07/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass
For the repose of the soul of Judith Benton
03/08/23 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM Mass
For the repose of the soul of Marianne Kornas
**03/08/23 - Wednesday: 6:00 PM Mass at St. Francis
 in Folkston**
03/09/23 - Thursday: 8:00 AM
For the repose of the soul of Felicia Sahli
03/10/23 - Friday: 8:00 AM
For the repose of the soul of Gino Pena
03/11/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
*For the repose of the soul of
 Troy Llagan Luna*
03/12/23 - Third Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
For the repose of the soul of Mary Jordan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
 Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



SECOND SUNDAY OF Lent

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LISTEN

Listen. Abram listened and, certain of God’s blessing, set out for an unknown future in response to God’s call. Awestruck Peter, James, and John heard a voice from a cloud tell them to listen to Jesus. When we listen to the Lord, we are assured of and find strength in God’s presence. Listening deeply, we perceive the Lord’s call and find the grace to respond to it, finding the assurance we need to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ, even when it is challenging to do so. When we listen, we hear Jesus say to us as he did to the disciples on the mountain, “Rise, and do not be afraid.”

LISTEN WHILE ON THE JOURNEY

Have you ever taken a long trip with a family member or friend and found yourself talking about the deeper things of life? Given time, the mundane can give way to topics of meaning and purpose. We sometimes speak of our movement through life and faith as a journey. The metaphor of a journey is fitting, since we are not only to make our way from one point to another the way we take a quick trip or a walk around the block—the process of living in faith is one of growth and change over time. On the journey of life and faith, we can find the grace to talk deeply with the Lord and listen to the voice of God, who strengthens us to face the challenges of living as followers of Christ.

GOD IS WITH US

It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God’s love, Christ’s very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love. This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.

TODAY’S READINGS

Genesis 12:1–4a
Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b–10
Matthew 17:1–9

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH SERVICES

Good Samaritan Food Pantry: Our Lady Star of the Sea parish with the wonderful support of the parishioners provide food for families and individuals in need in our community. We are open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9am - 12pm

Altar Servers: Always looking for new altar servers and experienced altar servers. For more information contact church office at 912-882-4718

Catholic Youth Ministry: For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at religiously@weareolss.org

RCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church call Parish Office 912-882-4718

Bereavement Ministry: A group of volunteers who deliver food to grieving families at the time of their loss and/or assist the church in providing hospitality after a funeral service. Contact person is Victoria Brooks 912-322-6857

Shut-ins & Hospitalized Family Members: When You or your loved one is getting ready for a planned surgery or procedure or things unplanned happens and we end up in the hospital Please Notify Parish Office at 912-882-4718

Religious Education: Sundays during the school year September 11, 2022 ~ May 14th, 2023, 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at religiously@weareolss.org

Ladies Auxiliary: uses their skills and talents in a wide variety of roles. Anyone who is ill or in the hospital, if they would like a prayer blanket, Contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net /912-552-1155

The **Knights of Columbus (K of C)** is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882. It has grown to support refugee relief, Catholic education, local parishes and dioceses, and global Catholic social and political causes. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men. For more info Contact; Tom Jenkins or Norberto Caez at KofC@weareolss.org

Ushers: Provide a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. If interested in becoming a usher, please contact parish office at 912-882-4718

TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Scrutinies

Next Sunday, if your parish is blessed with catechumens (now called "elect" during Lent) who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, you will likely celebrate with them the first of three scrutinies. These are rites integral to final Lenten preparations made by the elect, and they are celebrated on three successive Sundays, starting with the Third Sunday of Lent. The Church tells us that the scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the lives of the elect. During the week leading up to each celebration, the elect engage in prayerful preparation involving deep reflection on their own lives and the new life to which they are called. The rites themselves use a special form of intercessions specifically directed to the lives of the elect, and include a prayer of exorcism.

It is essential that these rites be celebrated in the midst of the community, so that the elect experience the support of the parish members on this profound journey of faith. But it is equally important that the parish members witness the growing faith of the elect so they may be inspired by it for their Lenten journey of reflection on their own baptism in preparation for Easter.

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8th grade – College Diocesan Youth Conference – DYC – April 21-23, 2023

Guest Speakers for the DYC this year include Fr. Agustino Torres and Mari Pablo. The conference is a great way to experience the joy of living our faith with other Catholic teens, listen to some great speakers and to get closer to Christ. ALL TEENS are encouraged to attend. Registration will be available at CYM meetings, 8th grade RE Class, or by contacting Chrissy Bundrick (912) 552-7783 or email ourladystaroftheseacym@gmail.com



Make plans to join your family and friends as your Knights of Columbus present their annual **Lenten Friday Fish Fry!** For only \$10 per person and \$40 for a family of 4 or more you can enjoy fried (or baked) Pollock fish, French Fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, baked beans and a drink; along with a number of tasty desserts prepared by the women of our Ladies Auxiliary. To-go meals will also be available !

Dates: March 10, 17, 24, and 31

Time: 5-6:30

Place: Social Hall



The Ladies Auxiliary is offering scholarships to deserving Catholic High School seniors from class of 2023. The scholarship is open to any catholic student residing in Camden or Charlton Counties and attending OLSS, St. Francis of Assisi, or Kings Bay Chapel. You can find the application on the church website or Camden County High School Website. You can also contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net for application.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Please help feed our community! If you can bring one item or two items to help support the pantry it would be greatly appreciated.

Items needed: PB&J, Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Tuna!

It's never too early to plan for next school year! We are currently looking for CCD teachers for our 2023-24 school year. Please consider joining our team. Contact Bryant or Kristie Shepard for additional information.



THE AIRCONDITIONING UNIT IN THE MAIN CHURCH BROKE DOWN, IT WILL COST A LOTS OF MONEY TO REPLACE IT, ONLY WITH YOU FINANCIAL SUPPORT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DO IT. THIS WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE MAINTENANCE FUND, ALSO IN THE NARTHEX WILL BE PLACED OUR WOODEN BOX FOR COLLECTING FUNDS FOR THIS URGENT PROJECT.



OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SFoA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

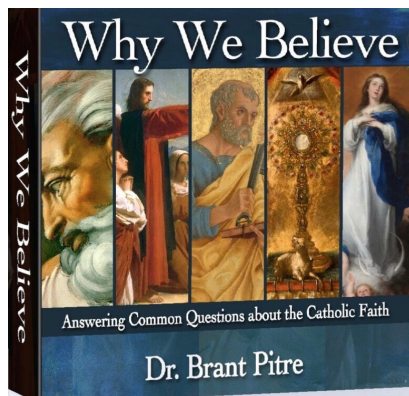
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COLLECTION - \$ 10,309.50	COLLECTION - \$ 7,559.50	COLLECTION - \$ 1,355.00	COLLECTION - \$ 450.00
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The English word "Lent" means "Spring Season", a time for new growth or renewed life and fresh beginnings. As Catholics, Lenten season is traditionally the time we promise to give up something that is meant as penance, that will deepen our faith while we grow closer to God, A regrowth or new beginning of sorts.....However do we have to give up something? How about we do something? Lent is a great time to deepen your faith experience and grow closer to Christ.

Join us Tuesday nights beginning February 7th after Mass at 6:30PM for our 8-week Lenten bible study

"Why We Believe" We will begin at the beginning with the existence of God and walk step by step through the foundations of faith. Along the way we will explain: Does God Exist? Is Jesus God? Did Jesus claim to be God? Peter and the Papacy? Did Jesus establish the Catholic Church? How Did We Get the Bible? Is the Eucharist Jesus' Real Presence? What does the Bible teach about Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist? Why Confess to a Priest? Purgatory and Prayers for the Dead? Where is Purgatory in the Bible?

Make that promise to "Do" something for Lent, and bring new life into your Catholic faith. We will begin with a light meal at 6:00PM so don't worry about dinner then enjoy an evening of fellowship while you discover how just reasonable, biblical, and beautiful the Catholic faith really is.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In a few weeks' time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive-bearing dove at the end of Noah's stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores.

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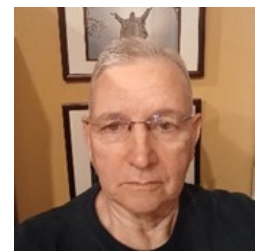
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS,
FRIDAYS OF LENT
OLSS -6:30PM
SFOA - 6:00 PM**

Final Nominees for the OLSS Pastoral Council are Patty Annunziata, Carl Boria, Dominic DeLuca, Ray Meaux, Dante Russo, and Natalia Sepulveda. Voting for the three positions available will be conducted before and after Saturday and Sunday Masses, March 18th and Mar 19th. Ballot will be in the Narthex. Please, one ballot per Parishioner and make sure you sign and print your name on the ballot. Unsigned ballots and write-in nominations will not be counted. All nominees were provided the opportunity to submit a picture and a brief comment on their background. Below is what was received

Ray Meaux

I made my Profession of Faith at the 1994 Easter Vigil on the SUBASE. I joined the RCIA Team the next year and have been an adult Catechist ever since. I also served as DRE on SUBASE for three years. Was recruited to start RCIA at NAS JAX and served there for 4 years. We joined OLSS in 2020. I currently lead the RCIA Group with 16 souls seeking full communion.

If I can serve The Church as a parish council member, I'll do my best to help spread the Gospel to all. God Bless





Need Help at home?

CYM will be having their annual service retreat on March 11, 2023. We'd love to come and help you with things around the house: yard work, cleaning, organizing, minor repairs, painting, pressure washing, putting things in the attic, etc. Please call (912) 552-7783 OR email your requests to ourladystaroftheseacym@gmail.com to get on the list for us to come to you home. We'd love to come help you and look forward to it. POC Chrissy Bundrick

HELP WANTED 912-342-0708

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in St. Marys, GA is searching for a Music Director. The position is about 10 hours per week. We are blessed with a beautiful Baldwin Baby Grand Piano and a Lowrey Majesty Organ. Both instruments are in excellent condition. The Music Director is responsible for providing organ or piano accompaniment for services on Saturday Evening and Sunday

mornings and other special occasions, as well as forming and directing choir and leading one midweek choir rehearsal. Flexibility in musical style (more traditional preferred). For more information and to apply for this position, please contact

Fr. Marius at Pastor@weareolss.org



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"Besides doing more push-ups, Matt, you'll have to stop collapsing and yelling 'It's my cross to bear!'"

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