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Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

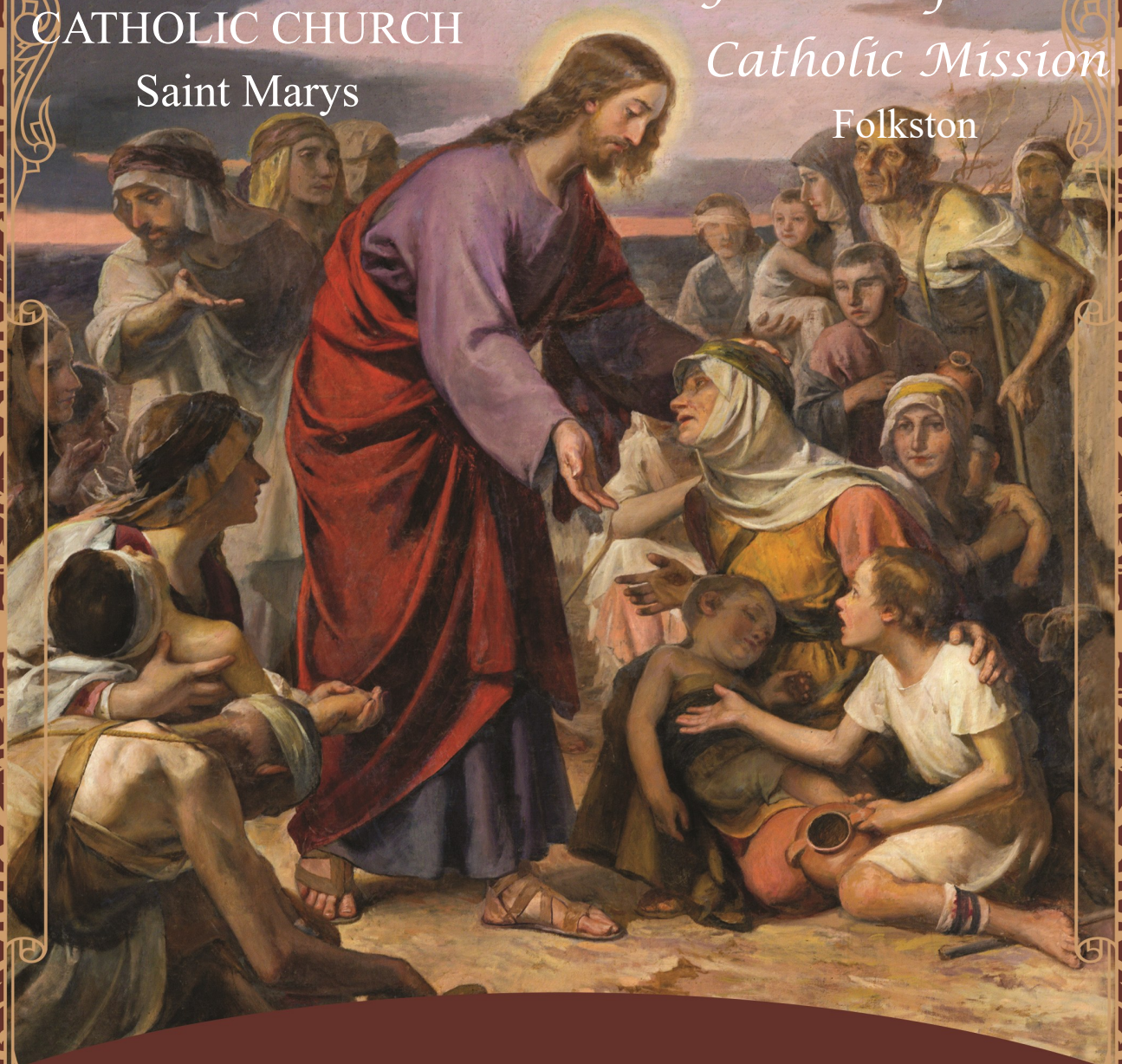
Saint Marys

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Francis of Assisi

Catholic Mission

Folkston



• 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER •

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YOU ORPHANS.**

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OLSS SUNDAY MASS

SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 PM

(except on Holy Saturday)

Sunday 11:00 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS

SCHEDULE

Monday No Service

Tuesday 5:30 PM

Wednesday - Friday 8:00 AM

SFOA SUNDAY MASS

SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS

SCHEDULE

Wednesday.....5:00 PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM or by
appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass or by
appointment

Holy Rosary

30 minutes prior to Mass

First Fridays Mass

8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

Fridays Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays from 5:00PM to 6:30 PM



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For those families requesting a Letter of good standing, participation letter from the office for school registrations, Sacraments, Godparent verification, etc. you must meet the following criteria;

1. Be officially registered in our parish for at least six months. Considerations will be taken for military families new to the parish and will be addressed on case-by-case basis.
2. Be in good standing which means you and your family regularly attend Mass and contribute to our offertory program. You must use your assigned envelope/giving number for these donations to be recorded properly. We understand that sometimes people are unable to give to the parish; however, placing your envelope even if its empty in the basket helps us determine that someone is in fact participating in the life of a parish.
3. If you have moved away and are not actively participating in our parish life, and if we have not seen you at mass for weeks and months, we may be unable to issue you with the above mentioned documents. Additionally, your standing within the parish may differ from those who consistently attend and share with our community their Time, Talent and Treasure.

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.

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 INTENTIONS

05/09/26—Saturday Vigil 5:00PM Mass
+ *Sophie Niksa*

05/10/26—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Lancelot Simmons Sr.*

05/11/26—Monday: NO MASS

05/12/26—Tuesday—5:00PM Adoration followed by
Mass

05/13/26—Wednesday:
8:00AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Jeff Newsom*
5:00PM Mass at SFOA
Stanislaw Badzioch

05/14/26—Thursday: 8:00AM Mass
*Blessings for the Ford & Wyatt children &
grandchildren*

05/15/26 - Friday: 8:00AM Mass
Blessings for Jenny Ford

05/16/26—Saturday Vigil 5:00PM Mass
+ *George Niksa*

05/17/26—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
8:30AM (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Angie McDaniel*
11:00AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Pro Populo / For the People

Sacrament of Baptism in OLSS

A newborn child should be baptized within the first few months of life. A child who has reached the age of kindergarten should receive some basic instruction/preparation before reception of the Sacrament. In order to have a child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and registered in the OLSS Parish for at least four months. A child to be baptized should normally have two Godparents, a male and a female. In order to serve as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Roman Catholic, fully initiated, and at least sixteen years of age. A Godparent must supply a letter from his/her proper pastor indicating suitability to serve as a Godparent for Baptism. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class which lasts approximately one hour.

Sacrament of Marriage in OLSS

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage need to contact the church office for a list of instructions at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Definite plans for a particular date should not be made until such contact has been completed. Only when a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage, will a definite date be set. There is a requirement for marriage preparation classes. Options for these will be discussed when you meet with the priest or deacon you have chosen as your celebrant

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

Larry Mallard, Trish Danos Trahan

Helen Black, Kathryn McShane Potts

Braedon Horman

Frank Willis, Jr., Paul Norton, Kathy Head, Matt Metty, Frank & MaryAnn Greco, Diane Harrell, Dr. Christopher Scuderi

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage announces its theme—One Nation Under God—as a nationwide call to renewal, unity, and mission rooted in the Eucharist. The 2026 Pilgrimage will travel the Eastern Seaboard along the Cabrini Route, beginning in St. Augustine, Florida, and concluding in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The first stop in Georgia will be Monday, May 25, 2026 at the dock on St. Mary's Street West at 5:00PM. From 5:00PM—6:00PM there will be a **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION** to Our Lady Star of the Sea. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at OLSS from 6:00PM—7:00PM, followed by a reception in our Social Hall & on our grounds from 7:00PM—9:00PM. This will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady Star of the Sea. For additional information on the pilgrimage, go to the website: <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

Last week, our readings encouraged us to "continue on the way." Now we hear that our Christian life, our life in Christ and the Spirit is a process rather than an accomplishment.

In the first reading, we hear of Philip among the Samaritans. Samaria was an iffy location for preaching the Gospel. During Jesus' lifetime, a [Samaritan town refused him hospitality](#) because he was going to Jerusalem. On the other hand, a Samaritan woman listened to him and brought her whole town to believe in him. Philip's success in Samaria turned out to be unclear. The people listened to him, he apparently baptized them in the name of Jesus, but they did not experience the presence of the Holy Spirit until Peter and John prayed with them and laid hands on them. Sometimes it takes a team to evangelize successfully.

This story serves as a prelude to today's selection from Jesus' last discourse. Between the Gospels for last week and this week, the lectionary skips over the two verses in which Jesus pledges that he will do anything that disciples ask in his name. These verses lead into Jesus' promise that they will receive his Spirit, whom he calls the "Advocate, the Spirit of Truth."

John the Evangelist loves circling his themes, almost like a merry-go-round, inviting us to see things anew in their connection with everything else and then to see it all again with ever-greater insight.

In this section, John has Jesus explain that the coming Spirit dwells in the Father, brings to life Jesus himself, and will dwell in Jesus' disciples in a new way after the world no longer experiences Jesus as the Word Incarnate.

As we ride the merry-go-round of Christian life, we realize that we can remain always in the process, always growing in our identity in Christ, the Father and the Spirit. That's the proclamation we make each time we begin a prayer or activity, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Although we rarely think of the meaning of those phrases, they express our faith in all that Jesus is teaching in his Last Supper discourse.

The entire discourse aims at leading us to grasp the reality that we are in God and God is in us. John wants us to understand that Jesus' life, death and resurrection have changed history, that our goal in life is union in God, and that the Spirit of God, will dwell in us to the extent that we allow it to.

Jesus explains our freedom to accept or avoid the gift when he calls us to keep his commandments. What does he command? To love and serve and embrace our unity with one another through, with and in Christ.

This message sounds strong. At the same time, it is as simple as washing one another's feet. The love Christ talks about is not primarily an emotion, but an embrace of our shared identity as creatures, human beings invited into the same life, the same depth, the same identity in God.

Moving toward living this love in full is possible only with the aid of the Spirit of Truth who leads us to understand who we are together and where we have the capacity to go. The Spirit of Truth, the one who advocates with us in the name of God, will lead us to experience the humility appropriate to our condition — a humility that rejoices in all God hopes for us and that draws us ever more deeply into Christ's mission of love.

We might think this way of life is possible only for people like Thomas Merton, Teresa of Ávila and the Little Flower. Christ promises that it is within the reach of each and every one of us.

The Letter of Peter tells us to be ready to explain our reasons for hope. Although prone to see more lack than abundance, we can develop the vision that recognizes God working in and through our universe and our neighbors in having fun with each other, sharing food or working together for justice.

Let us continue the way of recognizing the wonder of the Spirit of God at work among us.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 5/11	OLSS Ladies Auxiliary—6:00PM—RE Double Room
Tues 5/12	SFoA Ladies Cursillo 9:30AM—Social Hall OLSS Homily Continued—6:00PM Social Hall
Wed 5/13	SFoA Men's Cursillo 9:00AM—Social Hall OLSS Legion of Mary 5:30PM—RE Room #8
Thurs 5/14	OLSS Ladies Cursillo 5:30PM—RE Room #5 OLSS Knights of Columbus 6:00PM—RE Room #8
Fri 5/15	OLSS Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:00PM—Main Church OLSS Mens Cursillo 5:00PM—RE Room #8
Sat 5/16	OLSS St Joseph the Worker Meeting 8:30AM—Social Hall
Sun 5/17	SFOA Breakfast Social 9:30AM—Social Hall OLSS Donut Social after Mass—Social Hall

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

MAY 3, 2026	MAY 4, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 11,729.00	COLLECTION - \$ 14,722.24
MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,152.23	MAINTENANCE - \$ 7,618.68

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

MAY 3, 2026	MAY 4, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,800.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,525.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,240.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,155.00

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 5/10	Teresa David, Renee Gentle, Chrissy Bundrick, Bill Tobias, Kathy Brown
Monday 5/18	Jon Preble, John Nevins, Diana Schneider, Teresa David

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 5/10	Lewart Simmons, Susan Price La-Salle
Sunday 5/17	Kathleen Rodgers, Lynn Crews

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 05/09	Caroline Neff Gene Niksa	Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Saul Capulong Ken Sylvester Don Petrine Dante Russo
Sun 05/10	Hunt Thornhill Brian Benton	Isaac Dominici John Michael Hopkins Samuel Domini- ci Dean Sjostedt	Robert Cappello John Nevins Clyde Miller Carl Boria
Tue 05/12	Karen Hill		
Wed 05/13	Richard Foy		
Thu 05/14	Bonnie Carr		
Fri 05/15	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 05/16	Elisabeth Sepulveda Gene Niksa	Evanisto Gomez Samuel Domini- ci Joaquin Gomez	Saul Capulong Ron Logan Caroline Negg Darlene Logan
Sun 05/17	Karen Jenkins Greg Lockhart	John Michael Hopkins Isaac Dominici Colton Wilkins Nathaniel Eddy	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Mike Recore Robert Cappello

EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This Memorial Day, Our Lady Star of the Sea Church (OLSS) will participate in the Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which includes a procession, Mass, dinner, and Adoration. The Father's Angels group seeks VIRTUS-trained volunteers to assist with all aspects of the dinner, including setup, serving, and cleanup. Interested individuals are requested to contact Victoria Brooks at 912-322-6857.



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TO BE SENT FROM FATHER MARIUSZ

Unfortunately Many Parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

NEVER EVER TAKE ANY ACTIONS RE-
QUESTED IN THE E-MAILS OR TEXTS !!!

Please be very Cautious and careful since this was not the first time they tried to do it and probably not the last time they will try to do it.

Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz - Pastor



THE BUS IS FILLING UP!

Our Seminarian, Jared Miller, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 6, in Savannah. We are now taking reservations for those who wish to take the bus. The bus will leave OLSS at 7:00AM. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. A \$50 deposit is required to reserver your seat; it will be refunded when you board the bus. Those who do not show up will forfeit the deposit. Please keep Jared in your prayers.



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