

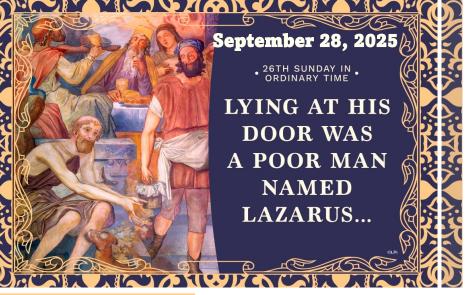
Our Lady Starofthe Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINT MARYS, GA

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Holy Rosary 30 minutes prior to Mass

First Fridays Mass 8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

Fridays Eucharistic Adoration 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 PM (except on Holy Saturday) Sunday 11:00 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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 30 Minutes before Mass or by appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS & PHONE

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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

09/27/25 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass

+ Jim Walsh

09/28/25 - XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

+ George Francis Mcculley

09/29/25 - Monday: NO MASS

09/30/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM

Adoration & Communion Service

10/01/25 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM Communion Service

NO 5:00 PM Mass at SFOA

10/02/24 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Communion Service

10/03/24 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass

+ Barney Panfil

10/04/24 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

 $+\ Pope\ Francis,\ +\ Fr.\ Marvin\ Lefrois,$

+ Fr. John O'Brien

10/05/24 - XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People

11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

+ Michael P. Boyle



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.

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. 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.

Cynthia Lewis. Waldene Lassiter, Jose Nieves, Peg Hudock, Larry Mourey, Fran Schneider,

Lucy Attner, Laurie Dominici, Bret Winkler

Larry Millard, Missy Capers

Jude Pappas

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



The Feast Day of
Saint Francis
of Assisi
will be celebrated on
Saturday,
October 4
<u>In Folkston</u>
with Mass at
4:00 PM and
dinner follow in the
social hall.
Everyone is invited to

TO HELL IN A VERY NICE BASKET?

People in the United States are among the most generous on Earth. We're also among the guiltiest: That is, we feel guilty about our many advantages. But are we actually guilty of anything besides success - and is it a sin, in the end, to be comfortable? That's the lurking suspicion that makes many of us uncomfortable. Somehow we've absorbed the idea that God doesn't like rich people.

Does the Bible make the case against the rich? On the

Does the Bible make the case against the rich? On the contrary, it's easy to make a defense for the rich. "Blessing theology" fearlessly maintains that prosperity is evidence of virtue. Wealth, health, lots of children, and a long life are biblical signs of God's favor. It's a quid pro quo spirituality that's always been popular and remains intact despite the prevailing economic conditions. Its primary attraction is that it puts all the control for our quality of life in our hands. We know what to do to make God and ourselves happy in one fell swoop. Blessing theology is the best insurance policy you can buy.

But is it vaporware? In the poem by Edwin Arlington Robinson, Richard Cory glitters when he walks and still puts a bullet in his head. Otherwise physically healthy folks experience depression. People with umpteen children may not enjoy happy families. Not all who reach the age of 90 are glad they did. Material success and satisfaction are not birthed as twins. On the other hand, the mythical relationship between poverty and virtue is likewise fiction. In the parable of Lazarus we see no mention that the man covered with sores is morally superior to the rich man who barely notes him.

What bothers the prophet Amos (who's easily bothered) and what condemns Dives (Latin for "rich guy") is the same fault: not that people are prosperous but that prosperity has led to indifference. Amos never says that folks on beds of ivory chowing down on farm animals sin by doing so; that is not an indictment against Sealy Posturepedic or a manifesto of vegetarianism (Amos is both a shepherd and a tree farmer!). Nor does Jesus imply that Dives does badly in eternity for doing so well on Earth. The crime that enrages the prophets and consigns Dives to the netherworld is, simply, not caring. The poor suffered, and the comfortable changed the channel.

"I've got mine" can seem like a good life plan. We can extend that to "my family has theirs" or "our nation has ours," but it all comes down to the same dangerous scenario. You know that chasm between where Lazarus is and Dives wants to be in the end? Dives dug that with his own two hands. Too bad it never occurred to him to build a bridge instead.

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 Boys: Always looking for new altar boys and experienced altar boys servers. For more information contact Jason Dominici at olssaltarservers@weareolss.org

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

OCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church email ocia@weareolss.org

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 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at religioused@weareolss.org

Ladies Auxiliary: Fostering friendship in our faith community! Open to all women, ages 18 – 108! Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 6PM in the Social Hall. Funds generated at our Annual Christmas Bazaar are used to provide college scholarships, support the Youth Ministry and Vacation Bible School. We also provide prayer blankets for anyone who is ill or in the hospital – contact Darlene Logan (225) 772-2797 or Tricia Jenkins (912) 552-5683 for a blanket or additional information.

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 refuge relief, Catholic education, local parishes and dioceses, and global Catholic social and political causes. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men.

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

Father's Hospitality Angels: Volunteers dedicated to serving our priest and parish through receptions, welcoming newcomers, children's movie nights, Senior Home Outreach, and much more. We host many fundraising events throughout the year to fully support our ministry and special projects. If you would like to spread your wings and join us, we meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6PM in the Social Hall or call Victoria Brooks for more information - 912-322-6857

Legion of Mary: A lay organization to help the world by active works and prayers and to serve Jesus through Mary. Contact Maureen Van Horn 912-322-8672 or MaureenVanhorn@tds.net

COACH PAUL

Today's reading from First Timothy sounds almost like a coach getting his team ready for the big game. This coach has much higher goals than a home run or a touchdown. Instead of pursuing a league championship, he seeks faith, love, patience, and gentleness. How about us? Are we in the game or on the sidelines? Let's look at what Coach Paul is talking about. We strive for faith when we see it as not just believing that God exists or that Jesus is God's Son. Faith is a relationship with the Lord in which we imitate Jesus' outlook on life, his teachings, his love of God. We struggle with his commands to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek, to forgive all wrongs, and to take up our cross each day. As Paul would say, we are "competing well for the faith."

We pursue love by listening to the Gospel, in which Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who was only concerned with his own comfort. Jesus says that if we truly understood the prophets, such as our first reading from Amos, we would not spend all our energy and wealth on ourselves. We may find that love for our family is much easier than love for strangers or the homeless, but Jesus never said that love would be easy.

As we learn to let go of our need to have everything go our way, we become more patient with people who disagree with us, or with frustrations and problems. We learn to see God in our setbacks as well as in our successes. Striving to see Jesus in everyone, we can become more patient with them. They will begin to see Jesus in us as our devotion to him grows. Experiencing the Lord is the championship we want.

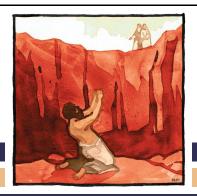
PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



BRIAN BORIA,
SEAN CREO,
BRITTANY HUGHES,
SHANE MILLER,
KAMDEN OLSEN,
ALEX FRANQUES,
ROBERT FRANQUES JR

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Mon 09/29	
Tue 09/30	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - Social Hall
Wed 10/01	SFOA - 9:00 AM - Men's Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - RE BUILDING OLSS - 6:00 PM - Hospitality - RE BUILDING OLSS - 6:00 PM - Book Club - RE BUILDING DOUBLE ROOM
Thu 10/02	OLSS - 10:00 AM - Ladies Crafts - RE BUILDING OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE BUILDING OLSS - 6:00 PM - OCIA - RE BUILDING DOUBLE ROOM
Fri 10/03	OLSS - 9:00 AM - Book Club - RE BUILDING DOUBLE ROOM OLSS - 5:00 PM - Men's Cursillo - RE BUILDING OLSS - 5:00 PM - Holy Hour for Vocations with Bishop Parkes - Main Church
Sat 10/04	SFOA - 4:00 PM - Saint Francis of Assisi Feast day Mass and Dinner
Sun 10/05	OLSS - 12:00 PM - Donut Social - SOCIAL HALL



The Parish Choir Needs You! Our church is in need of more singers, no experience necessary, just the love for music and community! We are looking for more singers for Saturday's Vigil mass and Sunday's 11AM Mass. Rehearsal are

Wednesdays nights. See Scott for more details. All are Welcome!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 09/27	Gene Niksa Richard Foy	Landon Wilkins Evan Gomez Colton Wilkins Bryant Shepard Waylon Wilkins	Dave Costa Diane Costa Dennis Foster Greg Glaz
Sun 09/28	Ray Meaux Lucia Feijo	Evan Gomez Joaquin Gomez Samuel Dominici	Steve Galloway Joyce Galloway John Nevins Ken Sylvester
Tue 09/30			
Wed 10/01	Richard Foy		
Thu 10/02			
Fri 10/04	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 10/04	Elisabeth Sepulveda Richard Foy	Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Don Petrine James Pappas
Sun 10/05	Judy Buchanan Greg Lockhart	Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Ken Sylvester Clyde Miller

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

COLLECTION - **\$ 8,533.72**

COLLECTION - **\$ 8,110.47**

MAINTENANCE - **\$ 450.00**

MORTGAGE - **\$ 410.00**

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

COLLECTION - COLLECTION -

COLLECTION - **\$ 960.00**

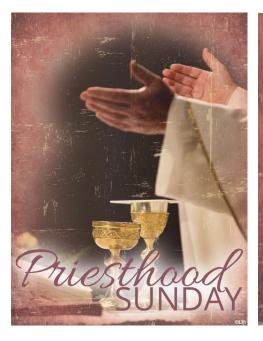


COLLECTION - **\$ 1,096.00**

MAINTENANCE -**\$ 515.00**



MORTGAGE - **\$ 903.00**



Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of September each year to honor the Catholic priesthood, with the date for 2025 being Sunday. September 28. It is a day to reflect on and express gratitude for the selfless ministry of priests who serve the Church through the sacraments and spiritual guidance.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church - St. Marys, GA

Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2024_2025 Budget - FY25 P&L July 2024 - June 2025

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue		
4000 - REVENUES		
4100 - PARISH OPERATING REVENUE	560,390.75	482,139.00
4200 - EXEMPT OPERATING REVENUE	184,902.93	54,850.00
4300 - SPEC. OPERATING REVENUE	95,303.48	58,500.00
4400 - SPECIAL COLLECTION	33,525.24	41,000.00
Total 4000 - REVENUES	874,122.40	636,489.00
Total Revenue	\$874,122.40	\$636,489.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$874,122.40	\$636,489.00
Expenditures		
5000 - EXPENSES		
5100 - PAYROLL EXPENSE	200,623.55	237,665.00
5200 - OVERHEAD EXPENSE	369,537.20	307,769.00
5300 - PARISH PROGRAMS EXP	73,063.02	59,000.00
5500 - SPECIAL COLLECTIONS EXP.	38,710.02	27,055.00
Total 5000 - EXPENSES	681,933.79	631,489.00
Total Expenditures	\$681,933.79	\$631,489.00
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$192,188.61	\$5,000.00
Other Expenditures		
7200 - CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	7,265.02	5,000.00
Total Other Expenditures	\$7,265.02	\$5,000.00
NET OTHER REVENUE	\$ -7,265.02	\$ -5,000.00
NET REVENUE	\$184,923.59	\$0.00

Statement of Financial Position Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church - St. Marys, GA

As of June 30, 2025

Distribution account	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 - ASSETS	
1101 - Ameris - Reg. Checking	
1101.1 - Ameris - Reg. Checking	\$158,303.90
1101.2 Bld. Maint Fund checking	\$97,807.59
1101.3 Hospitality Checking	\$1,760.82
1101.4 Legion of Mary Checking	\$97.96
1101.5 Ladies Aux Checking	\$4,788.45
1101.6 Rel Ed Checking	\$2,315.97
1101.7 Youth Ministry Checking	\$1,451.24
1101.9 Good Sam Checking	\$33,519.08
Total for 1101 - Ameris - Reg. Checking	\$300,045.01
1104 OSV Online Giving	\$3,506.28
Total for 1100 - CASH	\$303,551.29
1200 - INVESTMENTS	
1205.1 - Savings with Diocese Regular	\$39,645.21
1205.2 - Savings w/ Diocese Harvest of Hope Campaign	\$47,275.12
Total for 1200 - INVESTMENTS	\$86,920.33
Total for 1000 - ASSETS	\$390,471.62
Total for Bank Accounts	\$390,471.62
Accounts Receivable	
Total for Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	
Total for Current Assets	\$390,471.62
Fixed Assets	
1300-LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT	\$0.00
1305 - Land	\$175,000.00
1310 - Buildings	\$4,531,000.00
Total for 1300-LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT	\$4,706,000.00
Total for Fixed Assets	\$4,706,000.00
Other Assets	
otal for Assets	\$5,096,471.62

Liabilities

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otal for Liabilities and Equity	\$5,096,471.62
Total for Equity	\$5,089,980.12
Net Income	\$184,923.59
3900 - Retained Earnings	\$198,205.58
xNET ASSETS	\$4,706,000.00
Open Bal Equity	\$850.95
Equity	
Total for Liabilities	\$6,491.50
Total for Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-term Liabilities	
Total for Current Liabilities	\$6,491.50
Total for Other Current Liabilities	\$16.47
Total for 2000 - CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$16.47
Total for 2100 - Payroll Liabilities	\$0.00
2100 - Payroll Liabilities	\$0.00
Total for 2020 - Special Collections	\$0.00
2020 - Special Collections	\$0.00
2010 - Mass Stipends	\$16.47
2000 - CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Total for Credit Cards	\$6,475.03
2005 - Ameris Visa	\$6,475.03

AN INVITATION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE UNITED PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 3, 2025

Join Bishop Stephen Parkes who is coming to tour kings bay submarine base from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Members of the base chapel catholic community will bring bishop parkes in a car pilgrimage caravan to our lady star of the sea church where he will preside at a Eucharistic

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For the Diocese od Savannah and for the Archdiocese of Military Services, USA from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM





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912-882-4718



BE AWARE OF A FRAUD/ SCAM EMAILS FALSLY PURPORTING 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 REQUESTED 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

