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Batteries Collection for Puerto Rico's Hurricane María Victims

Many people have asked what organization they should use to donate money to help in the relief efforts for Puerto Rico. You could contact the Catholic Charities USA website at

[https://app.mobilecause.com/public/peer_fundraisers/375237/peer_fundraiser_donations/new,](https://app.mobilecause.com/public/peer_fundraisers/375237/peer_fundraiser_donations/new)

or call them at 1-800-919-9338, specifying the money be designated to Puerto Rico's hurricane relief effort. You could also contact Catholic Relief Services to donate at

[https://support.crs.org/donate/hurricane-irma-relief?gclid=CjwKCAjwmK3OBRBKEiwAOL6t1FMDf4GoDXCTqSK4Uk02KaD6GhyAVDwHrPH7nUbzRILUs1Wz_kSDsxoCdqAQAvD_BwE.](https://support.crs.org/donate/hurricane-irma-relief?gclid=CjwKCAjwmK3OBRBKEiwAOL6t1FMDf4GoDXCTqSK4Uk02KaD6GhyAVDwHrPH7nUbzRILUs1Wz_kSDsxoCdqAQAvD_BwE)

However, you could donate directly to Cáritas, the Catholic Charities agency in Puerto Rico. The process will be faster. Cáritas executive director, Father Camacho, gave the following information to make direct deposits to Cáritas account through Banco Popular de Puerto Rico: account number: 026-045109 and routing number: 021502011.

One of the most needed items right now is batteries, since there is a great shortage, specifically "D" batteries for flashlights or "AA" for radios. If you would like to help, there will be a box in the Gathering Area where you could place your donation until Sunday noon.

Please pray for Lillian Isaac as she will be traveling to Puerto Rico on Monday to deliver supplies and bring her mother to TN until the island's situation improves. Also, please continue to pray for all the victims that they may be able to remain calm, be patient, does not lose faith nor hope, for the government that they may receive discernment and guidance to speed up the clean-up and recovery process, and for the safe and quick delivery of food, water, fuel and supplies to all the affected areas so the situation does not worsen. Thank you!



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New Parish Directory Team

It is time again to update our biennial parish directory. It will be published in January 2018. We are seeking volunteers to form a team to work on this project. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our church community and meet other parishioners! If you are interested in helping us with this much needed task, please contact Mildret in the office.



LADIES NIGHT OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP TOMORROW, FRIDAY, SEPT. 29TH, 6-8 PM

Ladies, join us this Friday for another evening of fun, food, and meeting other ladies and making friends from our parish. This is a Mexican version of

Bingo (pictured at left) that uses pictures instead of numbers. Food is potluck style and each player is asked to bring a nice, new or used (good condition), and clean item for our prize table.

*No children under 21 yrs. allowed.
(wine available will be served).*

Contact: Maria at 753-8515 if you have any questions?



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1000 Churches

Do you believe the following statements?

Jesus Christ is God Almighty.

Jesus Christ is an equal part of the Holy Trinity with the Holy Spirit and God.

Jesus Christ is The Word of God incarnate.

Jesus Christ validates the Bible as the true Word of God.

Jesus Christ freely offers forgiveness of sin and eternal life to all those who repent and believe on Him.

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin.

Jesus Christ walked on the earth as fully God and man.

Jesus Christ lived a perfect, sinless life.

Jesus Christ was crucified on a cross for the sin of all humanity.

Jesus Christ came back to life three days after he was crucified and later ascended into heaven.

Jesus Christ was replaced on earth by The Holy Spirit who abides inside all true believers.

Jesus Christ now sits on the right hand of God and will one day return.

Jesus Christ is the only way to God, the Holy Spirit, forgiveness of sin, and eternal life.

If so, join with other churches and their representatives across the area to praise God and pray for the Appalachian region on Sunday, Oct. 1 at ETSU's Mini Dome for Adoration 2017, a public prayer and worship gathering.

The hope is to get 1000 different churches to participate,

and St. Mary's is registered as one of them!

The program includes a prayer initiative at 3 PM,

fellowship from 5 - 5:45 PM, and the main event from

6 - 8:30 PM. For more information and a

promotional video, please go to

<http://adorationlife.com>. If you are interested in going

or have questions, please contact Carol Faniola at

fsfaniola@gmail.com or send her a text at 423-384-

9584. It would be nice if everyone from St. Mary's could sit together at the event.

Everyone is welcome!



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Don't forget to pick up a baby bottle and fill it with money.

