



Saint Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville South Carolina

from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is one of the richest feasts in the Christian liturgy, and for this reason, it is also among the most misunderstood. The Greek word which we translate epiphany simply means “appearance” or “manifestation”, and in the Western liturgical tradition the Epiphany is linked most strongly to the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. But in the Eastern liturgies, the Epiphany is focused not only on the visit of the Magi but on every early event by which Christ is revealed to the world as the Messiah: His birth, the visit of the Magi, His presentation in the Temple, and His instruction of the elders in the Temple, His Baptism in the Jordan, and His first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. For this reason, ancient liturgies refer to the Epiphany as a festival of illumination, declaration, and theophany, and in many Eastern Christian Churches (like the Armenian), January 6th is the primary or only celebration of the Birth of Jesus, not December 25th.

This helps us understand the profound link between the Western feasts of Christmas and Epiphany and why this celebration is the traditional Twelfth Day of Christmas. The revelation of the Son of God to the world begins with His birth, continues with the visit of the Magi and with His presentation in the Temple, is intensified at His Baptism, and finds its first miraculous expression at Cana. Though separated by thirty years, the events at Bethlehem and Cana are truly but one continuous unfolding of the eternal plan of salvation, and of all these mysteries we can speak with equal force the words of the Preface of the Epiphany from the Roman Missal: “Father ... today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.”

The Epiphany is an older Christian feast than Christmas, and from antiquity it has been kept on January 6th. The first recorded mention of this feast was in 361, and by 385 the Epiphany was celebrated in Jerusalem for eight days, like the present Octaves of Easter and Christmas and the old Octave of Pentecost. All of this points to the supreme importance of the sacred mysteries we celebrate today: by His incarnation and birth, by His revelation to the Magi and His presentation in the Temple, by His Baptism and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, the Son of Mary is gradually shown to be “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.”

Father Newman

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year. (From usccb.org)

Know, dear brethren, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior. On the fifth day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the twentieth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the first day of June will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the eighth day of June will be the feast of Pentecost. On the twenty-second day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the thirtieth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.



praying
the
Liturgy of the hours

MORNING PRAYER

EACH SUNDAY 10.15 AM

MCGRADY HALL

EVENSONG

12 JANUARY 2014 5 PM

VESPERS

9 MARCH 2014 5 PM

16 MARCH 2014 5 PM

23 MARCH 2014 5PM

30 MARCH 2014 5PM

6 APRIL 2014 5PM

13 APRIL 2014 5PM



ALSO PRAY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Online at www.divineoffice.org

With iOS and Android at iBreviary

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 5 January 2014

7.30 am ✕ Deacon Frank Farina
 9.00 am ✕ Ana Arroyave
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 6 January 2014

7.00 am Greg & Michelle Moody
 (Anniversary)

Tuesday, 7 January 2014

7.00 am Thomas Sullivan
 12.00 noon ✕ Jennifer Piscopiello

Wednesday, 8 January 2014

7.00 am Jerry Welte
 12.00 noon Nelli Gomez

Thursday, 9 January 2014

7.00 am ✕ Elisabeth W. McAfee
 12.00 noon ✕ Maria Cruz

Friday, 10 January 2014

7.00 am ✕ Emily Rose Gomes

Saturday, 11 January 2014

5.00 pm ✕ Lynn Hill

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 5 January 2014

Coffee & donuts: After the 9.00 am Mass
 Nursery during 9.00 & 11.00 am Masses

9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4
 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)
 9.00 am Scripture Study
 10.10 am Morning Prayer
 (McGrady)

No High School Youth Group

Monday, 6 January 2014

6.30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
 (McGrady)

Tuesday, 7 January 2014

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 8 January 2014

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
 Confessions (church)
 6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education
 6.30-7.30 pm RCIA (McGrady)

Thursday, 9 January 2014

3.00 pm Cenacles/Rosary
 4.00 pm Prayer Meeting
 6.30 pm Program of Catholic
 Studies (McGrady)

Friday, 10 January 2014

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)
 6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ
 10.00 am Scripture Study Class
 3.10-4.45 pm Youth Choir Practice

Saturday, 11 January 2014

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road
 abortion clinic
 12.00 noon Senior Fellowship Lunch
 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
 unless a location is listed.

Financial Report

Weekend of 28/29 Dec.

Needed	31,500
Received	29,693
Deficit	1,807

Poor Box	481
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	819,000
Received	844,289
Surplus	25,289

2013 Capital Campaign

Needed	700,000
Received	490,895
Pledged	52,324
Still to Go	156,781

Electronic Giving: To sign up
 or to receive more information,
 please contact Pat Perkins in the
 church office at 864.679.4109
 or pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

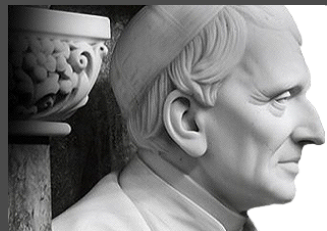
St. Mary's Accepts Credit

Cards: To make your gift for the
Regular Offertory Collection
and Fund Drive for the
Future using MasterCard, Visa
 or American Express, please call
 Pat Perkins at 864.679.4109 for
 the authorization form.



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 St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Greenville SC.



The St. Mary's
Program of Catholic Studies
presents



The Liberal and Servile Arts Leisure as the Foundation of Western Culture

~ WITH ~

T.J. Nielsen

Director of Christian Formation at
St. Mary's Catholic Church

Event Location:
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Downtown Greenville
McGrady Hall
(the church undercroft)

Thursday
9 January
@ 6.30 pm

For More Information Contact T.J. Nielsen | Timothy.Nielsen@stmarysgvl.org | 864.679.4114

Podcasts on itunes &
<http://www.stmarysgvl.org/discipleship/program-of-catholic-studies>

PARISH NEWS

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized, and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Alan Howard, Alice Howard, Gordon Gibbs, Mike McGrady, Ronald Labbe, Stephen Urban, Bobby Kocisko, Cassandra Gomes, Andrew Brett, Paulina Cruz and Patricia Ridgeway.

Mass Intentions

The Mass intentions for the 31 December and 2 January 12.00 noon Masses were for Marina Restrepo V.

Pray the Rosary

Rosary of the Unborn (rain or shine) at the abortion facility at 1142 Grove Road from 8 - 9 am every Saturday morning.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Senior Fellowship will hold their next luncheon on Saturday 11 January at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margarite 'Peg' Wynsen, mother of Diane Hickey, who died this week. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Sturm, Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Henry Dr. & Mrs. Sean Morrison and Mrs. Lai Grumbles.

Choral Concert

Sunday 16 February at 4pm

The St. Mary's Full Choir and Schola Cantorum present Music in the *Castle of Heaven*, a sacred choral music concert and hymn sing. The hour-long concert feature primarily large choruses from major works. There also will be an opportunity for the congregation to join in on singing two hymns, "God of Grace and God of Glory," (a great Welsh hymn) and "Abide with Me."

Music of Bach, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Haydn, and compositions by our organist, Robert Lee and the choirmaster will be heard.

Congratulations to

Joseph Bode Mendenhall who were baptized last weekend.

Catholic Fellowship Dinners

The next dinner is on Sunday 12 January. For more information or if you would like to participate, call Judy Lema, 884.9853.

Natural Family Planning

The Next Introductory Session of Natural Family Planning will be held at Bon Secours St. Francis Women's Hospital (East Side) on Thursday 9 January at 7.00 pm. This is the model taught by the Pope Paul VI Institute and Creighton University and has been very successful for couples wishing to achieve or avoid a pregnancy. Please call Nancy McGrath RN, BS, CFCP at 292.0475 or 675.4333.



STAND UP FOR LIFE MARCH & RALLY

Saturday, January 11, 2014

State House, Columbia S.C.

Featured Speaker

**David Barton, President
WallBuilders**



11 a.m. Line up for the March
Russell House, Green Street
11:30 a.m. March steps off led by the Knights of Columbus
Noon Rally begins steps of the State House
Gervais Street side



Music by Joyful Sound, North Greenville University

sccl@sclife.org



803-252-5433

Proudly Pro-Life Dinner
Friday, January 10, 2014, 6 p.m.

FEATURED SPEAKER
DAVID BARTON

David Barton heads WallBuilders, a national pro-family organization that presents America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our moral, religious, and constitutional heritage.

FOR TICKET INFORMATION

Call 803-252-5433 or e-mail sccl@sclife.org

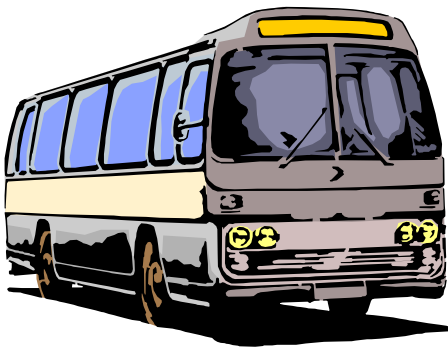
Cost: \$25 per ticket

Seawells, 1125 Rosewood Dr.
Columbia, S.C. 29201

WallBuilders

www.wallbuilders.com





STAND UP FOR LIFE MARCH

COLUMBIA, S. C.

JANUARY 11, 2014

St. Mary's Culture of Life Team

The St. Mary's Culture of Life team is sponsoring a bus trip to the *STAND UP FOR LIFE MARCH* in Columbia, S.C. **Please join us for this important event!!** The bus will depart the St. Mary's parking lot at 9:00 am Saturday January 11, 2014. The bus will make a rest stop at the half-way point of the trip. The march will begin at the Russell House in Columbia which is near the State House. At the conclusion of the March to the State House there will be a Rally you don't want to miss. We will depart Columbia right after the Rally about 2:00 pm and arrive back in Greenville around 4:00 pm.

Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis as we are limited to 49 passengers. There is a charge of only \$15.00 per person which will include a box lunch.

Please fill out the information below and mail with a check payable to *St. Mary's Catholic Church* no later than January 6th to:

Culture of Life Team c/o

Chuck Gaschler 263 Phillips Trail, Greenville, SC 29609

Contact Chuck at 864-360-7744 for questions or more information.

Return this portion of the form along with your check payable to St. Mary's

Name _____ phone# _____

Address _____

Number of passengers _____ x \$15.00 = Amt. enclosed \$ _____

e-mail address (for confirmation of your reservation): _____

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes for grades 1-8 meet
on Wednesday 6.30-730 pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9.00
am in the K-4 Classroom in
Sacred Heart Hall.

First Communion Parents

On Wednesday 15 January the parents (only) of 2nd Graders
will have a church tour at 6.30 pm. Please meet in the church.
Students in RE will still have class.

Family Honor Program "Changes & Challenges"

St. Mary's will host Changes & Challenges for Parents and
their 6th grade preteens. Changes & Challenges will focus on
the truth and goodness of human sexuality and the virtue of
chastity. This two-week program on 26 March 2014 (parents
only) and 2 April 2014 (parents and preteens) from 6.30-8.45
pm.

For more information, contact the RE Office at 679.4110
or joann.miller@stmarysgvl.org. Register online with Family
Honor. Deadline to register is 12 February 2014.



All young adults (18-39) are welcomed & encouraged
to join our ministry whose mission is to help young
adults answer the universal call to holiness.

Thursdays: Adoration at 7.00 pm at Prince of Peace

Mondays: Bible Study class returns on 6 January
with the book of Acts. See attached schedule.

Learn about our upcoming events:

Check www.lvgreenville.com

Email lvgreenville@gmail.com

Call 864.266.8843

High School Youth Group

No meeting on 5 January.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships

Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112
will hold its Knights of Columbus Free Throw
Championship for Boys and Girls ages 9-14
(as of 1/1/14) at St. Mary's Gym on Saturday
18 January at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be
obtained from Miss Megan Soulsby and John
McGrath. Secondary school athletes should
check with their school athletic director about
eligibility. For more information, please contact
Mr. John McGrath at 864.292.0475.

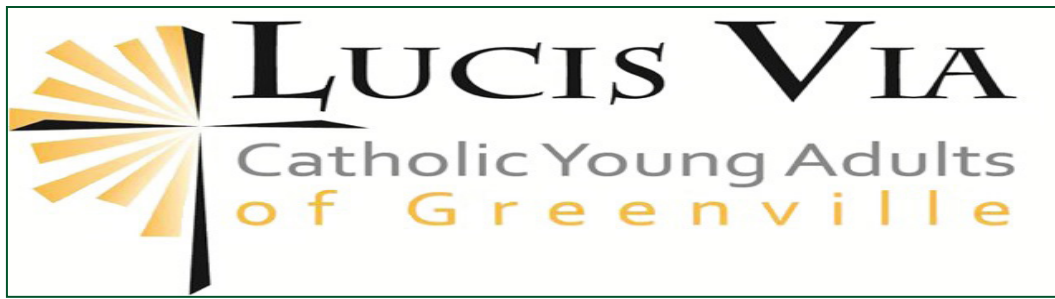
Knights of Columbus Alcohol Awareness & Abuse and Drug Awareness & Abuse Poster Contest

Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112
is holding the Knights of Columbus Alcohol
Awareness and Abuse and Drug Awareness and
Abuse Poster Contest. The contest is for Boys
and Girls 8-11 and 12-14. The youth select to
make a poster for either Alcohol Awareness and
Abuse or Drug Awareness and Abuse. Posters
must be 11" x 17" and include a slogan, visual
image and completed entry form. The deadline
is January 17th. For more information, please
contact Mr. John McGrath at 864.292.0475.

St. Mary's School Testing

The first testing date for the 2014-15 school
year will be held Saturday 25 January at St.
Mary's School. The deadline to register is
Friday 17 January.

Please contact Nelle Palms for more
information at nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org or
864.679.4117.



Winter 2014 Lucis Via Bible Study

The Book of Acts

Date	Subject	Chapters & Verses
January 6	Ascension Through Pentecost	1 & 2
January 13 (Chapel)	Peter & John	3 - 5
January 20 (MLK memorial)	Election of Deacons & Stephen	6, 7, & 8:1
January 27	Philip	8
February 3	Saul	9:1-31
February 10 (Chapel)	Peter's Miracles & Vision	9:32 - 10:49
February 17	Bringing Faith To the Gentiles & The Council of Jerusalem	11:1-18 & 15:1-35
February 24	Gentile Conversions & Further Persecutions	11:19 - 12:24
March 3 (Ash Wednesday is on the 5th)	Lectio with Ash Wednesday readings	Mt 6:1-6,16-18
March 10 (Chapel)	Paul's 1st Missionary Journey	12:25, 13 & 14
March 17	Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey	15:35 - 18:22
March 24	Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey	18:23 - 21:15
March 31	Paul's Arrest & Imprisonment	21:16 - 26:32
April 7 (Palm Sunday is next week)	Paul's Journey to Rome & His Ministry in Rome	27 & 28

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