



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

11 January 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

The vast majority of Christians, including almost all Catholics, are baptized when they are infants, and this is most fitting. The sacraments are instruments of God's grace, and even newborn babies need the grace of God. Moreover, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it, "The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism," and for this reason "The practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church." (CCC 1250, 1252). But along with the indisputable benefits of baptizing infants comes a special danger: those who are baptized before the beginning of memory will have no recollection or understanding of the most important day in their lives, and unless the fact and meaning of their Baptism is explained to them as they grow and receive the Gospel with saving faith, then they will not know that they have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit and have been made children of God, members of Christ and heirs of the Kingdom.

Today the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord Jesus by his kinsman and herald, John the Baptist. Jesus received the Baptism of John not for the forgiveness of sins (because He had none), but in order to transform a religious ritual washing of the Old Covenant into the first sacrament of the New Covenant. The Baptism of Jesus is also the acceptance of His mission as the Father's suffering servant, and Jesus allows Himself to be numbered among sinners in order to free us from our slavery to sin. In the waters of the Jordan, the Son of Mary is anointed with the Holy Spirit and is thus revealed to be the eternal Son of God and in His sacred humanity to be the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One of God. Finally, by accepting Baptism from John, the Lord Jesus is also accepting and anticipating His own suffering and death. For this reason, each Christian is united to the death of the Lord Jesus through Baptism so that we can live the life of the new creation by grace through faith in Jesus the Christ.

All of this makes our Baptism the single most important event in our entire lives; it is the original sacrament of faith and the beginning of the life of grace. But unless we understand the meaning of this supernatural second birth, we risk misunderstanding the whole of the Christian life. For this reason, parents and godparents have the sacred duty to teach children who are baptized about the day of their Baptism and lead them to mature faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. As part of this mission to give the Gospel to all the baptized, I encourage every parishioner to find out when and where and by whom you were baptized. Resolve to keep the anniversary of your Baptism each year as a day of special celebration, and evaluate your relationship with the Lord Jesus in the light of the promises of your Baptism, which we are each asked to renew every year on Easter Sunday. And with St. Paul, I "urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:1-6)

Father Newman



praying
the
Liturgy of the hours

MORNING PRAYER

EACH SUNDAY 10.15 AM

MCGRADY HALL

EVENSONG

1 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 5 PM

SOLEMN VESPERS

SUNDAYS OF LENT AT 5 PM

22 FEBRUARY 2015

1 MARCH 2015

8 MARCH 2015

15 MARCH 2015

22 MARCH 2015

29 MARCH 2015



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, 11 January 2015

7.30 am ✱ Sisters of Mercy
 9.00 am ✱ Deceased Members /
 Norungolo Family
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 12 January 2015

7.00 am ✱ Lauren Bacall

Tuesday, 13 January 2015

7.00 am Tucker Anthony Babb
 (1st Birthday)
 12.00 noon ✱ James Garner

Wednesday, 14 January 2015

7.00 am Richard Herter
 12.00 noon Jorg Esser Family

Thursday, 15 January 2015

7.00 am ✱ Bob Scoggins
 12.00 noon ✱ Robert Karandisevsky

Friday, 16 January 2015

7.00 am ✱ Joseph A. Galasso

Saturday, 17 January 2015

5.00 pm Fr. Jay Scott Newman

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 11 January 2015

9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom
 of Sacred Heart Hall)
 Nursery during 9.00 Mass
 Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Scripture Study
 10.10 am Morning Prayer (McGrady)
 6.00 pm Women of Grace
 No HS Youth Group

Monday, 12 January 2015

6.30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
 (McGrady)
 6.30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 13 January 2015

10.00 am Women's Club Meeting
 1.00 pm Senior Men's Club
 7.00 pm Knights of Columbus
 (McGrady)

Wednesday, 14 January 2015

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

Thursday, 15 January 2015

2.30 pm Cenacles/Rosary
 3.30 pm Prayer Meeting

Friday, 16 January 2015

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, 17 January 2015

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road
 abortion clinic
 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 3/4 January

Needed	32,000
Received	34,745
Surplus	2,745

Poor Box	1,423
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	896,000
Received	932,179
Surplus	36,179

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Manage Your EFT" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Doiron at jennifer.doiron@stmarysgvl.org.



Facebook

'Like' us on Facebook at
 St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Greenville SC.

Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org

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

CATHOLIC DAYS



AT THE CAPITOL

January 28th | 8 a.m. - noon

South Carolina State House and Blatt Building Room 102
Hosted by South Carolina Catholic Conference
\$20 per person

Join Catholics from across South Carolina as they gather in Columbia for Catholic Days at the Capitol, January 28, 2015. This annual event provides an opportunity to put into action our faith's call to political responsibility and gives Catholics a voice in shaping our state laws.

Registration required: visit sccatholicconference.org for details.

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, Ronald Labbe, Andrew Brett, Cassandra Gomes, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Charles Moran, Susan Sullivan and Gary Blanton.

St. Mary's Senior Fellowship "Winterfest"

Join us on Saturday 10 January at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall for our Winterfest celebration. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. New friends and guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Patricia Wellham at 864.294.9270.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new member to our parish family: Mr. Isaac Mikhael, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Vinson, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pohl and Ms. Adair Floyd.

St. Mary's Prayer Chain Ministry

St. Mary's Prayer Chain is a network of parishioners who receive prayer requests by telephone and then pray for those requests. Please call the office at 864.271.8422, ext 127 to submit your requests. Information received will be kept confidential.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mary's Mardi Gras Masquerade Gala
Saturday 14 February 2015
6.30-11.00 PM



Dinner, Bar, Live Band, Costume and Mask Contests,
Fellowship and Fun!

Watch St. Mary's e-bulletin for more information and registration form coming soon!

Sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club. All proceeds to a Catholic charity.

Gala Chair: Pearlie Harris (864.288.8996 or harrismldn@bellsouth.net)

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 10/11 January

Support of the Parish & St. Mary's Endowment Fund

Wednesday Holy Hour & Confessions

Please Note These Changes

We will not hear Confessions on

Wednesday 21 January 2015

2014 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available upon request. Please call Vickie Acosta in the church office at 679.4100 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2014.

Please allow us several days to process and mail your statement. Thank you.

Congratulations to

Elizabeth Marie Aleshire who was baptized last weekend.

Baptism Class

Prior to having a child baptized at St. Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to birth of child.

The next class is scheduled for Tuesday 27 January at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the Church office is required. Contact T.J. Nielsen at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.

Bulletin Submissions

To submit items for the e-bulletin, contact Lisa Watkins at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org. The deadline for items is 12 days prior to the bulletin date.

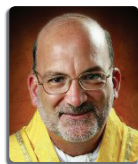
South Carolina Catholic MEN'S CONFERENCE

Building
Men of
God

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
292 Munn Road East
Fort Mill, SC 29715

SPEAKERS



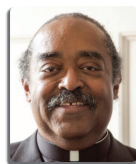
Fr. James Farfaglia
Noted speaker and evangelist, Corpus Christi, TX



Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston



Joseph Hyland
Former pro football player, evangelist



Fr. Paul Williams, OFM
Pastor, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wilmington, DE



Fr. Gregory Wilson
Pastor, St. Mary Help of Christians Church, Aiken, SC

Do you want to:

- grow in your Catholic faith?
- deepen your relationship with Christ?
- be a better father, son, husband, and man?
- be a spiritual leader in your family, church, workplace, and community?

This conference is for you!

Come and fill your spiritual toolbox with the information you need to build your faith!

Along with the energetic and engaging presentations, Bishop Robert Guglielmone will concelebrate Mass with a distinguished group of priests and deacons from across the state of South Carolina. Throughout the day the sacrament of reconciliation will be offered. You will leave this event with a deeper faith, possessing the tools to continue to "Build your Faith" in Christ Jesus. These tools will make you a better father, husband, son and man of Christ.

COST: \$42 Pre-Registration / \$52 at the door

Discounts for: Knights of Columbus • Knights of Peter Claver • Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem • Ancient Order of Hibernians • Early Registration • College/HS

Includes light breakfast and lunch

REGISTRATION:

On-line at www.sccatholicmensconf.org
or mail check to: Edward M. Griffin
742 Cherry Hills Place
Rock Hill, SC 29730-8219
Registration at 7:30 a.m., Mass 9 a.m.,
Presentations 10:10 a.m.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets at 9.00 am in the K-4 Classroom of Sacred Heart Hall. No class on 18 January.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes for grades 1-8 meet on Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm.

First Communion Parents

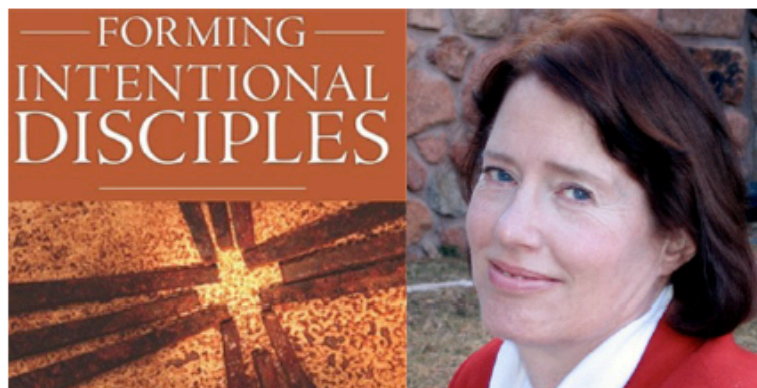
On Wednesday 14 January the parents (only) of 2nd Graders will have a church tour at 6.30 pm. Please meet in the church. Students in RE will still have class.

Family Honor Program *Real Love & Real Life*

11, 18 & 25 March 2015
6.30-8.45 pm

St. Mary's will host Real Love & Real Life for parents and their 7th, 8th, & 9th graders. Topics include: communication skills, chastity, dating and marriage, true self worth, fertility appreciation, friendships and lots more. Most importantly, this program gives you focused time with your child to talk about some of the most important topics in life. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is 27 February 2015. Register online with Family Honor at familyhonor.org/programs/find-a-family-honor-program-near-you/

Hear the Author of the book that is "Rocking the Catholic World"



Sherry Weddell to speak at St. Mary Magdalene Parish Saturday 21 February 2015, 8.30 am - 4 pm

This Forming Intentional Disciples conference will be an eye-opener to the biggest problem facing the Church today, and at the same time will clearly offer a solution: how we can form disciples in our postmodern culture, and transform our parishes as we do so.

It's a wonderful opportunity for parish staff, lay leaders and anyone interested in making the New Evangelization come to life in their parish.

This important conference is open to all Catholics in the Upstate. Registration is required.

To learn more and to register, go to St. Mary Magdalene's website at smmcc.org. Both online and downloadable mail-in registration is available on this website. There is a \$15 fee which includes lunch.

Clean Out Your Bookshelves!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church High School and Middle School Youth Groups are collecting gently used books for an upcoming Used Book Sale. Please drop off GENTLY USED books to the Religious Education Church Office during church office hours. We are not accepting any Encyclopedias, textbooks, vehicle owner manuals or computer manuals. Book Fair will be 28 February and 1 March.

Volunteers Needed

Greenville Literacy Association's Greer Learning Center is in need of volunteer tutors for adult classes. Volunteers teach adult students working on GED test preparation and, of particular need at this time, teach non-English speaking adults to learn English as a Second Language. The Greer Learning Center is located in the J Harley Bonds Resource Center at 505 North Main Street. For more information, contact Jennifer Machuca at 848.5370 or machuca@greenvillegliteracy.org.

Pilgrimage to Assisi & Rome

Fr. Patrick Tuttle will be leading a pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome from 12-23 October 2015. The pilgrimage will include 6 days in and around Assisi and 4 days in Rome. For more information contact Don Kilburg at 864.420.0518.





st. mary's catholic school

2014-2015
The Year of Charity



St. Mary's Classic & Gala

Friday 29 May 2015

Do you own a Vacation Home?

Florida, Myrtle Beach, Wild Dunes, Lake Keowee? Whatever the destination may be, the St. Mary's Gala needs your help. We have been blessed that a number of families have donated the use of their vacation home as a live auction item in the past. We are grateful for these donations as they raise a great deal of money for our event. However, it is hard for us to know who to reach out to and ask about donating in this way.

If you are interested, please contact our Director, Lisa Lyvers at lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org. She will forward the information on to our Gala Chairs- Erin Brasington and Winsy Pittinos.

www.stmarysgvl.org/our-school



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2015-2016 Admissions Testing

St. Mary's School has begun the 2015-2016 new family application process for grades K3-8. Admissions testing is required for grades K5-8 and the priority testing dates are:

Saturday 24 January at 9.00 am

Saturday 28 February at 9.00 am

Applications and registration for testing are required.

Please see our website for more information:
www.stmarysgvl.org/our-school/admission-overview/
or

contact Nelle Palms, Director of Admissions
at nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4117



School Spotlight

Coding Club

We are proud to announce that our newest club kicked off this week. 15 students joined Mrs. Rogers on Tuesday morning to learn about writing computer code.

The club will be using Scratch, a programming-fundamentals platform created at MIT (check it out! <http://scratch.mit.edu/>). Mrs. Rogers will be using CS First, a curriculum developed by Google.



St. Mary's Ducks Basketball

(Home games in bold)

		Girls	Boys
8 January	St. Joe's	4.00 pm	5.15 pm
13 January	Mount Zion	4.00 pm	5.15 pm
15 January	Mitchell Road	4.00 pm	5.15 pm



Tradition - Virtue - Excellence





YOUR **PRAYERS** MATTER.
YOUR SACRIFICES MAKE A **DIFFERENCE.**




Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican, Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

4 WAYS TO JOIN

- Email
- App (iPhone & Android)
- Text Message
- PDF

Who:

You and thousands of other Catholics across the country!

What:

9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside to mark the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy).

During this time, all are invited to participate by taking part in local events and by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the 9 days.

When:

Sign up now & participate January 17-25. (If you're getting started after January 17, it's okay!)

How:

Visit 9daysforlife.com to download a free app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages (or text 9DAYS to 55000). Printable versions of each day's content are also available on the website.



Secretariat of
Pro-Life Activities
www.usccb.org/prolife

9daysforlife.com

Fundraiser

George Weigel, a TV commentator, columnist, and biographer of St. John Paul II will be presenting "Why John Paul II is a Saint: The Family and Religious Freedom" on 13 February 2015 from 7-9 pm at The Harbour Club 35 Prioleau Sreet Charleston as a fundraiser for SC families with difficult pregnancies. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, \$75.00 per couple. For more information or to register please email Michael Acquilano at MAcquilano@catholic-doc.org or call the Family Life Office at 843.547.5063.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary Magdalene

A key card is required to enter the chapel. If you would like to sign up as an adorer or regular visitor, or just visit for the day, please come to the St. Mary Magdalene parish office Monday - Friday, between 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

Prince of Peace

Please contact Tom O'Donnell (POP parishioner and Guild coordinator) at 864.610.0588 if you would like to take one of these hours.

Hours in need of an adorer

Sunday 4 pm
Monday 2 am
Wednesday 2 am, 3 pm &
11 pm
Thursday 1 am
Friday 4 am & 12 pm
Saturday 3 am

March for Life

The March for Life in Washington DC will be Thursday 22 January 2015. This is a gathering of people from all over our country who march, pray and educate for the Sanctity of Human Life. There are buses leaving from several locations to attend. If you would like to join us, please contact the Office of Family Life at FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org or 803.547.5063.

World Meetings of Families

Pope Francis is attending the World Meetings of Families in Philadelphia, a family friendly event that is held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family. The theme of the World Meeting of Families is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.

The Diocese of Charleston-Office of Family Life is organizing a trip that will include transportation and lodging from 21-28 September 2015. Registrations must be done by the individual or family online at www.worldmeeting2015.org/. Please contact the Office of Family Life if you have any questions or would like to be a part of the diocesan trip by emailing FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org or calling the office at 803.547.5063. If families or parishes would like to arrange their own trip, they should visit www.worldmeeting2015.org/.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Marriage Celebration Mass

The Diocese of Charleston Anniversary Family Life Office is sponsoring the Marriage Celebration Mass with Most Reverend Robert Guglielmo, 15 February 2015, at St. Peter Church in Columbia, SC at 3.00 pm.

There is a form on the website: www.sccatholic.org/family-life or FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org or call 803.547.5063.



Website: www.charlestonvocations.com

Facebook: Charleston Vocations





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.

STUDY

Women's Book Study

Tuesdays beginning 20 January
St. Francis Eastside - Room 201

Father Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) published *Love and Responsibility* in 1960, the fruit of his pastoral work, particularly among young people. His analysis of the true meaning of human love is life-transforming and practical, shedding light on real issues between men and women.

Edward Sri unpacks the contents of this great work, making it accessible to every reader. The author emphasizes the down-to-earth nature of *Love and Responsibility*, helping readers appropriate practical information.

Discussion led by Lorena R and Christina C. Questions? Call Christina - 443.986.5945 or Lorena - 843.833.3820.

FELLOWSHIP

9 January - Monthly Happy Hour at Connolly's Irish Pub (24 East Court Street, Greenville, SC 29601) from 6.00-7.00 pm. Catch up with everybody after the holidays at our next Happy Hour. This time we'll be at Connolly's Irish Pub downtown Greenville for drinks and darts! Sarah P. will be hosting and can be reached at 864.561.4460 with questions.

18 January - Monthly Lunch at Liberty Tap Room (941 S Main St, Greenville, South Carolina 29601) at 1.00 pm. Claudia W will be your hostess.

SERVICE

In an effort to serve those in our community that have unmet technological needs, LVG is announcing an effort to collect your unused technology items. We will be refurbishing items, as needed, and donating them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for use with those who demonstrate the need for a computer, printer, etc. As most of you are aware, we live in a world with increasing technological needs for education, training, job seeking, and more. This is a need that is out of the reach for many financially.



How to get items to LVG:

- bring your donation to any LVG event
- give your donation to any member of our Leadership Team



Lucis Via Winter Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Upstairs conference room of Sacred Heart Hall

Mondays from 7.00 - 8.30 pm

January to March

Please plan to bring your Bible; many folks use the Ignatius Study Bible.

Readings/homework will be assigned.

Stay tuned to lvgreenville.com for more details as the time draws closer.

Giovanni Calise

"From Clubs to Christ"

Friday 23 January 2015

7.30 pm at Local Cue

30 Orchard Park Drive, Suite 7
Greenville, SC 29615

RSVP on the Facebook event.

National speaker Giovanni C. will share his testimony about why he left the nightclub industry and a \$100,000 job to follow Christ.



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