



Saint Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville South Carolina

from the pastor

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 they receive the Gospel with saving faith and the meaning of their Baptism is explained to them as they grow, 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

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, 12 January 2014

7.30 am ✕ Edith Nigra
9.00 am Jerry Welte
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 13 January 2014

7.00 am ✕ Bob Scoggins

Tuesday, 14 January 2014

7.00 am ✕ Delmer F. Quackenbush, Jr.
12.00 noon ✕ Martin Cuber

Wednesday, 15 January 2014

7.00 am ✕ Bobby Kocisko
12.00 noon ✕ Robert Karandisevsky

Thursday, 16 January 2014

7.00 am Luis Carlos Restrepo
12.00 noon ✕ Argemira Palacio

Friday, 17 January 2014

7.00 am Fr. Newman

Saturday, 18 January 2014

5.00 pm ✕ Deceased Members /
Eassy Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 12 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, 13 January 2014

6.30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
(McGrady)

Tuesday, 14 January 2014

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

Wednesday, 15 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, 16 January 2014

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

Friday, 17 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, 18 January 2014

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

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 4/5 Jan.

Needed	31,500
Received	31,239
Deficit	261

Poor Box	629
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	850,500
Received	875,528
Surplus	25,028

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.

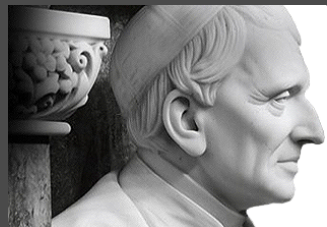
St. Mary's Accepts Credit

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



Dante's *Inferno*

"What I Was Once, Alive, I Still Am, Dead"

Event Location:

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

Thursday
16 January
@ 6.30 pm

~ WITH ~

Kenneth Covington

Kenneth Covington has taught high school English at St. Joseph's Catholic School for the last ten years. He is a native Texan with a B.A. in Drama and a Masters of Humanities from the University of Dallas. While at U.D. he had the fortune to study under members of the Royal Shakespeare company and William Gaskill, the founding director of the Royal National Shakespeare Company. Kenneth and his wife Claudine have been married since 1991, and have 8 children (just look for one of the red-headed children at Mass), ten goats, three cats, one bearded dragon, and sixty or so chickens.



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.

Senior Fellowship "Winterfest"

Please join us for warm cheer on Saturday 11 January at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

New friends are always welcome! For more information, please contact Patricia Wellham at 864.294.9270.

Women of the Parish:

We invite you to attend the Tuesday 14 January monthly meeting of the women's club, 10.00 am, first floor of Sacred Heart Hall. Our speaker will be Carole Walters from the Calvary Home for Children, a Christian home for children who have nowhere else to turn.

Please bring a canned food for the Community Commission's food drive! Refreshments provided. All are welcome! Contact patwebb1010@charter.net for more information.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth Tuten (mother of Anne Wilmeth) and Catherine Ferguson (mother of Steve Wood) who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their 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.

2013 Tax Statements

Please call Vickie Acosta in the church office at 679.4100 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2013. Please allow us several days to process and mail your statement. Thank you.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. John Bucci.

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.

Organ Recital

Adam Pajan, former organist of St. Mary's, is giving a recital on Thursday 23 January 2014 at the Daniel Memorial Chapel on the campus of Furman University at 8.00 pm. Tickets cost \$12 for adults / \$10 for Seniors 60+ / \$5 for Students (includes non-FU college students).



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.

Choral Concert

Sunday 16 February at 4 pm

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.



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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Grades 1-8

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

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9.00
am in the K-4 Classroom in
Sacred Heart Hall.
No class 19 January 2014.

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.

Vacation Bible School 2014

Mark your calendars! VBS 2014, Cool Kingdom Party “Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus” will be the week of 16-20 June from 9 am to noon. St. Mary's parishioners, entering K5-5th grade, are welcome to attend this fun filled week of faith based learning!

A nursery for younger children (rising K-4 and younger) will be provided for children of volunteers only. Leaders needed.

Registration and volunteer information will be coming soon. Hope you can join us.



High School Youth Group

Saturday 11 January: The Youth Group is traveling to Columbia for the SC Stand up for Life. Thank you Knights of Columbus, and the Pro-Life Committee for providing us the bus transportation.

Sunday 12 January: No meeting

Sunday 19 January: Join us for our regularly scheduled meeting from 6:00-8:00 pm in McGrady Hall. This will be our first meeting of the New Year! Come for Dinner, and hear the fantastic story of one of our YG Volunteers, from a Hindu home in India to saving faith in the Catholic Church. We will close out the meeting with a time of Praise and Worship.

A big part of our weekly meeting is the meal. We ask each youth to provide a Main Course, Side or Dessert every 6 months. We will have meal sign up at the Sunday 19 January meeting.

Sunday 19 January: Come here more about our plan to attend the Diocesan Youth Conference at White Oak Conference Center on 7-9 March. The theme for this year's conference is “Seek the Lord!” It is based on the scripture 1 Chronicles 16.11 “Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face always.”

Knights of Columbus

Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112

Free Throw Championships

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.

Alcohol Awareness & Abuse and Drug Awareness & 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 17 January. For more information, please contact Mr. John McGrath at 864.292.0475.



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 headquarters of the office governing Vatican City State 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:

Nine 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 18-26. (If you're getting started after January 18, 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 99000). Printable versions of each day's content are also available on the website.



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

9daysforlife.com

Diocesan Medical Missions

Join us for an evening of music and mingling, dinner and learning more about the Diocese of Charleston's Guatemalan community.

Saturday 8 February at 7.30 pm
Grace Hall of Christ Our King Church
1122 Russell Drive, Mount Pleasant, SC
Cocktail Attire

To Purchase Tickets contact Jennifer Elkins at 843.531.5542 or by email at jelkins@catholic-doc.org. Or you may go online to www.sccatholic.org/guatemalangala

Tickets are \$125 per person (includes dinner and two drinks). Chance to win a Mission Trip for Two Raffle at the event! Guatemalan Silent Auction Items and much more!

Free Adult Computer Class

St. Joseph's Catholic School will offer a free Adult Computer Class on campus on Saturday 1 February 2014 from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Sponsored by the school's National Honor Society, the seminar will help teach adults and senior citizens the basic use of the Internet and computer programs. Space is limited to 20 participants. Contact SJCS staff member Melissa Broering at 864.234.9009, extension 120, to register.



Men's Discernment Retreat

February 14-16

White Oak Conference Center
633 Mobley Hwy, Winnsboro, SC 29180

Interested in learning more about Christian
discipleship, discernment, and the priesthood?
Register now!

Visit www.CharlestonVocations.com to sign up, or contact the
Office of Vocations for more information at 1-800-660-4102.

For men ages 18-49 | Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Charleston

The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Charleston is hosting a discernment retreat for men (Ages 18-49) on 14-16 February at White Oak Conference Center.

If you're interested in learning more about Christian discipleship, discernment, and the priesthood, please consider this retreat.

Registration is now open! For information and to sign up online, visit www.CharlestonVocations.com, or contact the Office of Vocations at 1.800.660.4102.

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.

Cursillistas

Your Piedmont Deanery Ultreya will be meeting on Thursday 16 January at 7.00 pm at Jesus Our Risen Savior in Spartanburg. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Gregory at 864.430.0149.

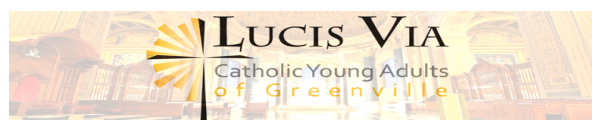
Marriage Anniversary Celebration

All Catholic Married Couples Invited

The Diocese of Charleston's 14th Annual Marriage Anniversary Mass is Sunday 16 February at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Bluffton, SC at 3.00 pm. (fulfills Sunday obligation)

See attached registration form. For more information please call the Family Life Office at 803.547.5063 or 803.548.7343.

Please register by Monday 10 February for planning purposes.



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 returned 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

14th ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sponsored by the
Diocese of Charleston– Office of Family Life



Sunday 16 February 2014 at 3.00 pm
St. Gregory the Great Church
333 Fording Island Road
Bluffton SC 29909

The Marriage Anniversary Celebration is an opportunity to honor all married couples especially those in long-term marriages. The married couples will affirm their love and commitment to each other with other couples in the Diocese of Charleston with Bishop Robert Guglielmone. The Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation.

A reception will follow.

HUSBAND'S FIRST NAME _____ WIFE'S FIRST NAME _____

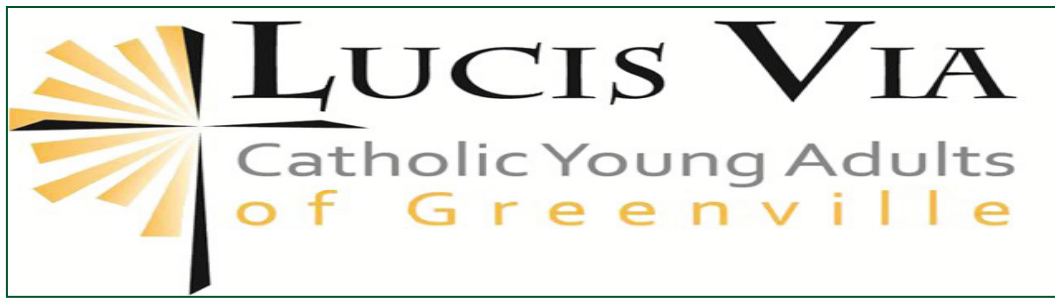
LAST NAME _____ # years married in 2014 _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ CURRENT PARISH _____

PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 10, 2014 to:
Family Life Office
2879 Hwy 160W #4336
Fort Mill, SC 29708
803.547.5063 or email to famlifecor@earthlink.net

‘Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.’(I Cor. 13.7)



Join us in the St Francis Eastside Hospital 125 Commonwealth Drive Greenville, SC 29615. We meet in Room 201 except on the 2nd Monday of the month when we'll meet in the Chapel. Class starts at 7:00 pm

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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