

Saint Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville South Carolina

from the pastor

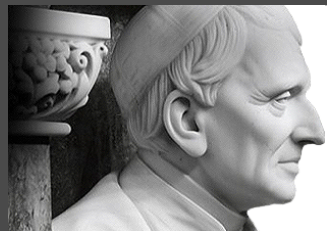
Dear Friends in Christ,

Ecclesia semper reformanda. The Church is always in need of being reformed because Christians are always in need of being reformed. The Church is also always holy because the Holy Spirit dwells within her and gives her life as the soul does in the body. This dual dimension of the Church's life — always holy and always in need of being reformed — is part of the drama of the Christian faith in every age, and Lent is a privileged time to explore the ways in which personal reformation is needed.

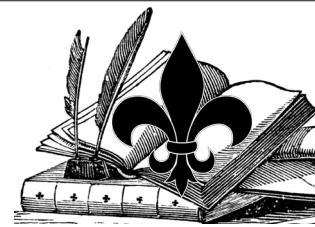
On Ash Wednesday we heard the Word of the Lord from the Prophet Joel: "Return to me with your whole heart ... rend your hearts not your garments." We need to return to God with our whole heart because our hearts are divided, and all of us have experienced the struggle between the desire to do what is right and the desire to do what we want. That interior division and struggle between the man I am and the man I should be is at the heart of all Christian conversion and discipleship, and there is zero possibility of being a disciple of Jesus Christ without a life-changing commitment to continuing conversion from sin and selfishness. But to be open to such ongoing conversion requires that we accept the truth of the Gospel and surrender to that truth in the obedience of faith, and that is why the Lord Jesus insists that being authentic disciples demands our acceptance of his saving doctrine. "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31-32)

Our conversion from sin begins at Baptism, but it must continue all the days of our lives. Four of the seven sacraments confer the forgiveness of sins, and they are: Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, the Anointing of the Sick, and Penance — commonly called Confession. After Baptism, the only ordinary way in which grave sins are forgiven is by receiving the Sacrament of Penance, by going to Confession. Catholics are bound (remember the power of binding and loosing, given by the Lord Jesus to his Apostles?) to go to Confession at least once each year as part of their Easter duty, and any Catholic who has not been to Confession in at least a year is no longer in full communion with Christ and his Church. Please use these 40 Days of preparation for Easter to go to Confession, and to make that easier, I will be in church in my confessional from 5 to 6 pm on four Thursdays of Lent: 13, 20, and 27 March and 3 April. If you regularly go to Confession on Wednesdays or Saturdays, please DO NOT come on these four Thursdays. These four nights are set aside especially for those who have not been to confession in more than a year, and I invite those who have been away from the Sacrament of Penance to heed the Word of God: "Return to me with your whole heart." If you are coming on one of those four Thursdays, an essential preparation for making a good Confession is an examination of conscience. If you search the Internet for "Catholic Examination of Conscience," you'll find several entries, including one for the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops), and that will help you prepare "to rend your hearts, not your garments."

Father Newman



The St. Mary's
Program of Catholic Studies
presents



Temptations in the Desert

Join us for a thoughtful reflection on the Temptations of Christ in the desert and what it means for us during the time of Lent

~ 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
13 March
@ 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>

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 9 March 2014

7.30 am ✕ Joseph Vorlick
 9.00 am ✕ Emily Rose Gomes
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 10 March 2014

7.00 am ✕ John Sturr

Tuesday, 11 March 2014

7.00 am ✕ Joe Kraft
 12.00 noon Peter Esser Family

Wednesday, 12 March 2014

7.00 am Jose Manuel Soto
 12.00 noon ✕ Carol Kopek

Thursday, 13 March 2014

7.00 am ✕ Robert Pavinski
 12.00 noon ✕ Deceased Members /
 Norungolo Family

Friday, 14 March 2014

7.00 am ✕ Margaret (Tierney) Forbes

Saturday, 15 March 2014

5.00 pm ✕ Deceased Members /
 Eassy Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 9 March 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)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group
 (McGrady)

Monday, 10 March 2014

6.30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
 (McGrady)

Tuesday, 11 March 2014

9.00 am Women's Club Retreat
 (Monastery of St. Clare)
 1.00 pm Senior Men's Club
 7.00 pm Knights of Columbus
 (McGrady)
 7.00 pm Baptism Class

Wednesday, 12 March 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, 13 March 2014

3.00 pm Cenacles/Rosary
 4.00 pm Prayer Meeting
 5.00-6.00 pm Confessions (church)
 6.30 pm Program of Catholic
 Studies (McGrady)

Friday, 14 March 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
 6.00 pm Way of the Cross (E/c)
 7.00 pm Way of the Cross (S/c)

Saturday, 15 March 2014

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

E - English / S - Spanish
 c - church

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 2/3 Mar.

Needed	31,500
Received	34,232
Surplus	2,732

Poor Box	421
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,102,500
Received	1,111,557
Surplus	9,057

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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Presents
**A Lenten Day of Recollection
with Joseph Pearce**



Join acclaimed Catholic author and EWTN Host Joseph Pearce for a morning of Lenten Recollection. Professor Pearce will be presenting his personal conversion story as well as the role of suffering and Lent in our lives.

**Saturday
15 March 2014**

Mass at 9.00 am
in the Church

Coffee and Doughnuts at
9.30 am in Gallivan Hall

Presentation starts at
10.00 am in Gallivan Hall

Free of Cost, but
Registration Required

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Downtown Greenville

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Please Contact T.J. Nielsen:

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PARISH NEWS

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lorraine Beauchemin (mother of Joe Beauchemin), Stephen Urban (father of Julia Urban) and Phil George 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.

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, Cassandra Gomes, Andrew Brett, Paulina Cruz and Patricia Ridgeway and John Narduzzi.

40 Days for Life Opening Rally

Please join others across the Upstate on Saturday 8 March at 9:30 am for the Kick-off Rally featuring Priests for Life, Father Denis Wilde, O.S.A., Ph.D. The Rally will be held at Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road, Greenville. Call JoAnn 864.248.0264 or Ingrid 864.329.0044.

St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Our mission is to provide fellowship to members of St. Mary's Catholic Church who are 65 years or older. Join us Saturday 8 March at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Bring a dish or dessert to share. New friends are welcome! For more information, contact Patricia Wellham at 864.294.9270.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday 9 March. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

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.

St. Mary's Choir CD

The newest St. Mary's Choir CD complimentary recording, PSALLITE is available to all families of the St. Mary's community (one per family). If you wish to have extra copies to give to friends and colleagues, please make a donation to St. Mary's for each CD you need.

Please see the choirmaster or any member of the choirs after each Mass. They will be delighted to help out.

Congratulations to

Annaclaire Kathleen Beers and Mary Elise Gevaert who were baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sitter and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vargas.

Vacation Bible School

Looking for a way to get involved? We are still looking for a Craft and Games Leader. Materials are provided. If you are interested, please contact Kayla Weston at kaylalee97@hotmail.com or 864.320.0100.

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. Statements will be issued only upon request.

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

St. Joseph Catholic School Panel Discussion

St. Joseph's Catholic School will host a panel discussion entitled "The Affordable Care Act, SJCS, Religious Liberty, and Catholic Teaching on Love and Sexuality" on 26 March in the school's chapel beginning at 7.00 pm. Panel presenters will include Rev. Jon Chalmers, Chaplain, St. Francis Hospital; Dr. Ingeborg Collins, a Catholic female physician; Rev. Jeffrey Kirby, a moral theologian and Vicar for Vocations for the Diocese of Charleston, and Matthew Utecht, a Catholic attorney who devotes his practice to health care law. The event is open to the community. For more information, please visit the school's website at sjcatholicschool.org.

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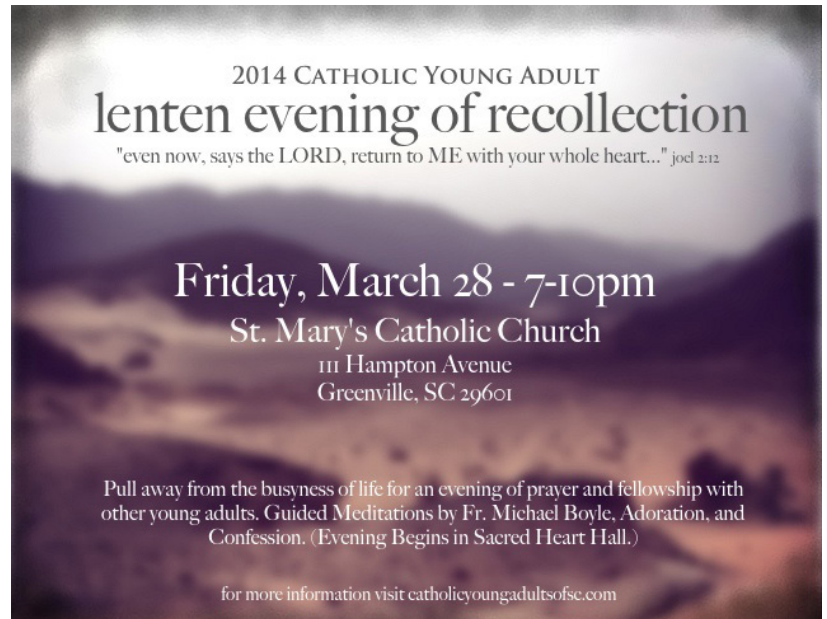
All young adults (18-39) are welcomed & encouraged to join our ministry whose mission is to help young adults answer the universal call to holiness.

Learn about our upcoming events:

Check www.lvgreenville.com
Email lvgreenville@gmail.com
Call 864.266.8843

Thursdays: Adoration at 7.00 pm at Prince of Peace

Mondays: 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.



Do not be afraid of Confession! When one is in line to go to Confession, one feels all these things, even shame, but then when one finishes Confession one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession! I would like to ask you – but don't say it aloud, everyone respond in his heart: when was the last time you made your confession? Everyone think about it ... Two days, two weeks, two years, twenty years, forty years? Everyone count, everyone say 'when was the last time I went to confession?'. And if much time has passed, do not lose another day. Go, the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests, Jesus receives you, he receives you with so much love. Be courageous and go to Confession!

- Pope Francis

General Audience, Wednesday 19 February 2014

Special times for Confession
for those who have not been to Confession
in many months or years

5.00-6.00 pm on 4 Thursdays this Lent
13, 20, 27 March and 3 April



WOMEN OF ST. MARY'S
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US:

St. Mary's Women's Club
Annual Day of Recollection

At

The Franciscan Monastery of St. Clare
33 McCauley Road, Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Date: Tuesday, 11 March 2014
Celebrant/Speaker: Brother Henry Fulmer, OFM
9:00 AM: Mass at Chapel in Monastery
10:00AM: Move to retreat house, La Foresta on property (space limited to 40 people*)
10:20 AM: Session with Brother Fulmer
11:45 AM: Brunch

PLEASE BRING A BRUNCH FOOD AND A LITTLE EXTRA TO SHARE WITH THE SISTERS AT THE MONASTERY.

Directions: Hw. 25N to Right onto Tigerville Road,
3rd Left onto Shelton Road,
1st Right onto McCauley Road.
Monastery is on the left. Enter front doors to Chapel.

*Reply to Peggy at
peggym4644@aol.com or
864-386-2309 for seat.



Photos from 2013 with Fr. Romanoski.

40 Hours Devotion Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church 9-11 March



Join us as we gather for 40 continuous hours before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to pray publicly and privately for a greater respect for the sanctity of human life. Come for a short visit with Our Lord or stay as long as you like. Adoration will begin after the 5.00 pm Sunday Mass and conclude on Tuesday at 10.00 am with a procession, benediction, and final reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our special guest will be Father Denis Wilde from the Priests for Life. He will celebrate Mass at 5.00 and then open the 40 Hours Devotion with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a powerful homily on the sanctity of life. Daily Mass will be celebrated at the regular time on Monday and Tuesday. Deacon Ballard will close the 40 hours on Tuesday at 10.00 am.

During the 40 Hour Devotion, there will be Bible readings, the Rosary for Life, the Divine Mercy and Infant of Prague Chaplets, Litanies, Lives of the Saints, pre-recorded music, and time for personal prayer. A schedule of hourly events can be emailed to participants.

This event is open to all. To sign up for an hour or more, contact Victoria Norris at 864.967.2713 or gynorris@charter.net.

Culture of Life

Concerns about “living wills”

The goal of the euthanasia movement is, in effect, legal and social acceptance of death on demand. Primary tools in this effort have been the “living will,” other so-called advance directives, and the laws implementing them. Typically, a living will instructs medical personnel to stop medical treatment when the patient is in a terminal condition. But many state laws and court decisions now consider “medical treatment” to include the provision of basic care, such as food and water, and “terminal” to include many people who are far from imminent death and indeed, not even dying. It is doubtful that every person who signs an advance directive fully understands what he or she is instructing a doctor to do under penalty of law. Yet to authorize a doctor to stop basic care, such as provision of food and water, when a person is not near death, amounts to authorizing euthanasia by starvation and dehydration.

Important numbers to remember:

Crisis Pregnancy Helpline: 1-800-4-OPTION

Birthright: 1-800-550-4900

Abortion Recovery Help: 1-877-HOPE-4-ME

40 Days for Life Campaign - 5 March - 14 April - 1142 Grove Road

You have been invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life Campaign. Don't forget! St. Mary's has been designated Tuesdays to pray at the abortion clinic. Starting on Tuesday 11 March we hope to see a great number of our parishioners standing up for LIFE by going to pray outside the abortion mill. Remember your presence could influence a woman in crisis pregnancy to change her mind and ultimately save a baby from the horrors of abortion! If Tuesdays are really not convenient for you, perhaps you can go on another day.

You can register online by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/greenville and choose a time which is suitable for you. Should you encounter any problems with registration, please be sure to call Ingrid Ireland at 864.329.0044 or JoAnn Gorman at 864.248.0264.

St. Mary's Culture of Life Team mission is “to equip the people of St. Mary's to help build a ‘culture of life’ where human life is protected, respected and nurtured.” If you feel you want to be a part of our Team, please get in touch with Chuck Gaschler at 864.246.5616.



SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

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St. Mary's School Testing

The third testing date will be held Wednesday 19 March at St. Mary's School. The deadline to register is Wednesday 12 March.

The fourth testing date will be held Wednesday 12 April at St. Mary's School. The deadline to register is Wednesday 4 April.

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

SAVE THE DATE: St. Mary's 26th Annual Golf Gala Friday 30 May

This exciting event is not only an excellent way to support our school, but a very fun day with parents and faculty! Information regarding purchasing tickets to the Evening with St. Mary's (Gala) will be coming soon. Registration and information for the golf tournament during the day are available in the Golf Classic section of the school website.

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.

Vacation Bible School 2014

Cool Kingdom Party: Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus will be the week of 16-20 June from 9 am to noon.

FIRST DAY Overview: **Theme:** Mary said "yes" to God. **Saint:** St. Dominic Savio. **Virtue:** Obedience.

Registration forms for families, teen volunteers and adult volunteers are now available on the parish website at stmarysgvl.org under the Family & Youth tab or in Sacred Heart Hall or the Church office.

We are now looking for adult volunteers; if you are interested please contact Kayla Weston at kaylalee97@hotmail.com or 864.320.0100.

Secular Franciscan Lenten Retreat

Our Lady of Good Counsel Fraternity will host a Lenten retreat at St. Anthony of Padua parish hall, 307 Gower Street, on Saturday 15 March from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm. Open to all at no cost. Speakers, Stations of the Cross, Mass and confession included. Contact Alice Ramos, OFS at 864.246.1684 or lekceorha@att.net.

Spring Women's Discernment Retreat

April 11-13, 2014

White Oak Conference Center
Winnsboro, SC

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

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Mardi Gras Gala so successful, from the volunteers to the guests!



Registration: Nancy Criss, Jo Ann Gorman and Shelby Gaschler



Best Mask: Greg Haselden



Pearlie Harris



Gerald Lema and John McGrath





Judy Lema and Nancy McGrath

The band:
Scotch and
Soda with a
Twist



Karen & Dave Koon.
Casanova won best
costume!



Andrew and Veronica
Pacewic



Jean Boggs, who
will be 97 in July,
was the very first
Mardi Gras Regina
back in 1938.

←

Jean as first Regina
1938

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Past Rexes and Reginas from Mardi Gras who attended the event:



From Left: Andrew Pacewic (2003), Joan Sagedy (1997), Lou Sagedy (1987), Carl Swanson, Nancy Stewart (2002), Pearlie Harris (2005), Victoria Padgett (1970), Anna Tipton, Jean Boggs (1938), Valerie Baronkin (2006) and Len Byrne.

JOIN US
NEXT
YEAR!



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