



Saint Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville South Carolina

from the pastor

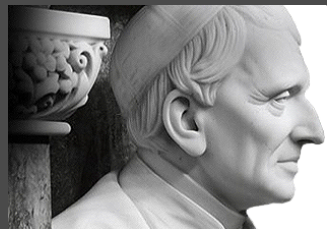
Dear Friends in Christ,

1. Three hours of Confessions remain for those who have been away from the Sacrament of Penance for a few months or years. From 5 to 6 pm on the next three Thursdays (20 and 27 March and 3 April), the door is open just for those who are reluctant to go to Confession or who have been putting it off for so long that it now seems impossible to go back. Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation! The Lord Jesus offers loving-kindness and mercy, and he calls you by name to come follow him. Come to Confession and renew your friendship with the Lord Jesus.

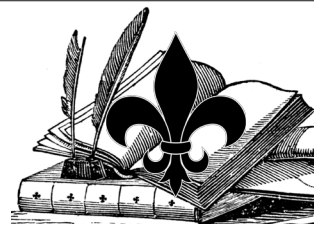
2. This week the sacred liturgy celebrates the lives of three men of great importance to the Church. Monday is the memorial of St. Patrick (died 461), who brought Christianity to Ireland. Tuesday is the memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem (died 386), who became Bishop of the Holy City in 348 and is remembered for brilliant catechetical essays and homilies on the sacred liturgy and the sacraments. And Wednesday is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary, Foster Father of the Lord Jesus, and Patron of the Universal Church. One of the most praiseworthy disciplines of Lent is attending Mass each day of the week, and this week the remembrance of these three saints provides a special incentive to come to weekday Mass.

3. In 1997, NBC and the Wall Street Journal conducted a national poll on the place of religion in the lives of Americans, and that same poll was conducted again a few weeks ago. In 1997, 14% of Americans reported that religion was "not that important" in their lives, and in 2014 the number of those who gave that same answer has risen to 21%. This falling away from religion is an illustration of what is often called secularization – the trend away from a worldview formed by religious faith towards one in which religion has no place or only a marginal place, and it cuts across all segments of our society. When confronted with this trend, too many Christians begin to look for ways to make the Gospel and the Church "more attractive" by trying to change the sacred liturgy, the doctrine of the faith, our organizational forms, etc. But such a response to secularization assumes that we are offering a product in the marketplace and that to increase our market share, we just need to tweak the product line and get better advertising. To think that way is to reveal that one has not heard and understood the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who promised us that we would be opposed, rejected and persecuted just as he was. By our Baptism we are called to friendship with the Lord Jesus and a share in his Cross, and Christ sends us in the Great Commission to continue his work among the nations by proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the Sacraments, and caring for the least of his brethren until the Last Day. Want to resist the trend of secularization? Invite someone to come with you to Mass. Ask a friend to pray the Liturgy of the Hours with you. Give a good book about our faith to a neighbor or colleague who is searching for ... well, for something or Someone not yet known. Volunteer to serve someone in need. This is how we proclaim the Gospel. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman



The St. Mary's
Program of Catholic Studies
presents



CATHOLICISM

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

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

Thursday
20 March
@ 6.30 pm

Blessed Pope John Paul II first called for a "new evangelization" some thirty years ago. Throughout his pontificate, the Holy Father encouraged renewed efforts in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who seek the truth. The "new evangelization" seeks to share anew the basic Christian message of salvation and faith in Jesus Christ to people of today. By virtue of Baptism, every Christian is called to bear witness, in words and in deeds, to the truth and beauty of faith in Jesus Christ. Join us as we go through Fr. Barron's new Series on the New Evangelization, and learn how each of us can participate in this important call.

For More Information Contact T.J. Nielsen | Timothy.Nielsen@stmarysgvl.org | 864.679.4114
Podcasts on itunes &
<http://www.stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/program-of-catholic-studies>

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 16 March 2014

7.30 am	✧ Deacon Frank Farina
9.00 am	✧ Deceased Members / Norungolo family
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday, 17 March 2014

7.00 am	✧ Delmer F. Quackenbush, Jr.
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Tuesday, 18 March 2014

7.00 am	✧ Argemira Palacio
12.00 noon	✧ Edward Smith

Wednesday, 19 March 2014

7.00 am	✧ Cecilia Arroyave
12.00 noon	Catherine Ferguson

Thursday, 20 March 2014

7.00 am	✧ Carol Kopeck
12.00 noon	Mary Seale

Friday, 21 March 2014

7.00 am	The Polce Family
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Saturday, 22 March 2014

5.00 pm	✧ Gerald Kowalczyk
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 16 March 2014

K of C Breakfast: After all morning Masses (Macalka)	
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)
6.00 pm	Women of Grace

Monday, 17 March 2014

6.30 pm	Boy Scout Meeting (McGrady)
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Tuesday, 18 March 2014

1.00 pm	Senior Men's Club
6.00 pm	Culture of Life

Wednesday, 19 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, 20 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, 21 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, 22 March 2014

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 8/9 Mar.

Needed	31,500
Received	30,650
Deficit	850

Poor Box	731
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,134,000
Received	1,142,207
Surplus	8,207

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.



Facebook

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

E - English / S - Spanish
c - church

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

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, Mike McGrady, Gordon Gibbs, Ronald Labbe, Andrew Brett, Cassandra Gomes, Paulina Cruz, Patricia Ridgeway and John Narduzzi.

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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Briscoe, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Didurenko, Mr. & Mrs. Marc Luzuriaga, Ms. Diana Urbina, Mrs. Christin Kolstad-Smith, Ms. Patricia Fowler, Ms. Savannah Schultz, and Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Dwyer.

Easter Flowers



Parishioners are encouraged to help decorate the church and the Baum Center for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use your Easter Flower

Offering envelope or a plain white envelope for your donation. Please include your name and the names of those you wish to honor.

Memorial requests must be submitted no later than Monday 7 April. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

PARISH NEWS

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mack Pazdan who died recently. 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.

Your Chance to Help Someone!

The Senior Companions Program is looking for volunteers. The program is a one-on-one ministry of Catholic Charities in collaboration with Bon Secours St. Francis Health System and St. Mary's Catholic Church that matches volunteers with seniors to enrich and enliven the lives of these seniors. It takes just a few hours each month to change lives and form friendships along the way. It's free, flexible, and customized to match you with someone whose life you'll enrich and who will likewise enrich yours.

Contact Susanne Wolfe, Senior Companion Co-coordinator at 864.313.5866 or by email at wolfe@charter.net. Also you can contact Karl Rogozenski, Senior Care Coordinator, with Catholic Charities at 242.2233, ext. 2629, or by email at krogzenski@catholic-doc.org.

Take the time to change someone's life. We hope to have training within the first 2 weeks of April at St. Mary's which will be from 9 am to 2 pm. The date for the class will be determined later.

St. Mary's Wedding Committee

The Wedding Committee is a team of volunteer women who help coordinate the weddings that take place at St. Mary's during the year. They are asking for new volunteers to join their team. You would be asked to help at the Friday evening rehearsal and Saturday wedding for a few hours several times a year. If interested please contact Cathy Markway at cmarkway@bellsouth.net.

St. Mary's Women's Club \$1,000 Scholarship Award

The Council of Catholic Women's mission is to respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. It strives to support and educate all Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership, and Service. This Scholarship was, therefore, created to encourage and promote such themes among Catholic females graduating from high school, in a continuing education program, or enrolled in a college or university. The applicant must be a registered member of St. Mary's parish. **Deadline is 28 April 2014.** To download the application, visit the "What's New" section on the parish website.

St. Joseph's Fine Arts Department Spring Musical

"Fiddler on the Roof"

Performances are at the school on Friday 4 April and Saturday 5 April at 7.00 pm, and a special Sunday family matinee performance on 6 April at 3.00 pm. More information and a ticket order form can be found on the school website at sjcatholicschool.org.

Lucis Via

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

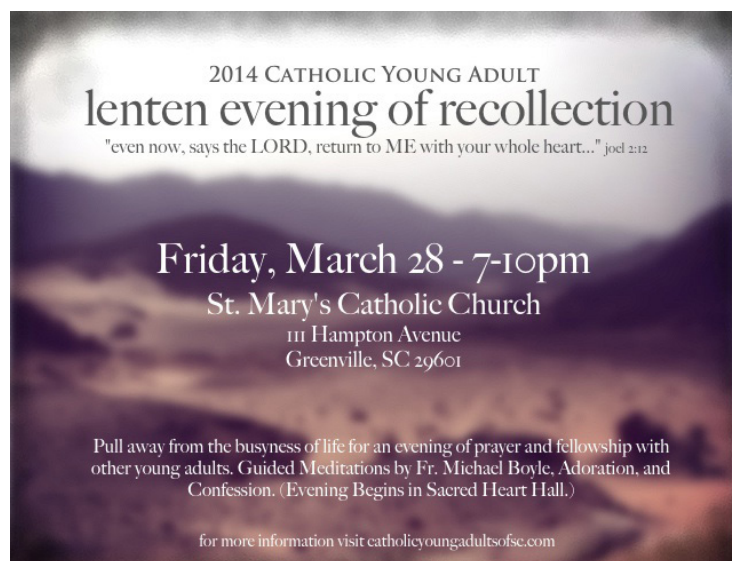
Call 864.266.8843

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.

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.



"But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry." - St. Luke 15.17-24.

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

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



Cursillistas

Your Piedmont Deanery Ultreya will be meeting on Thursday 20 March at 7.00 pm Jesus Our Risen Savior Catholic Church in Spartanburg. If you have any questions please contact John Gregory at 864.314.3050.

Lay Carmelites

Come and see... Wanting to deepen your faith and prayer life? Drawn to the Carmelite saints and spirituality? The Lay Carmelite Community of Greenville invites interested Catholic men and women to come to their next meeting on Saturday 5 April following the 9 am Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on 8 Gillin Drive, Simpsonville. For more information, contact Carolyn 864.320.7889 or Jan 864.287.5495.

Perpetual Adoration

Prince of Peace Parish in Taylors, SC wishes to extend a warm invitation to all area parishioners to become members of our perpetual adoration Guild of St. Thomas Aquinas. 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

Wednesday 1 pm & 3 pm

Thursday 2pm

Saturday 3 am

Sunday 8 am, 11 am & 6 pm

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 864.320.0100 or kaylalee97@hotmail.com.

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.

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women Scholarship

The SCCCW is offering a \$1,500 Scholarship to eligible SC students who are female, graduating seniors planning to attend an institution of higher education (university, college, junior college or technical school). Student must be a Catholic in good standing and a letter of recommendation from an ecclesiastical body (priest, brother, deacon, or nun) is required. Student must be actively involved in school life and the community. Please visit scccw.org/pentis for complete information and download the application. **Deadline is 15 April 2014.**



Midpoint Rally Monday 24 March at 6 pm

Shawn Carney, Executive Director, 40 Days for Life, will be speaking at the Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road. He will be sharing the exciting news about the Forty Days for Life Campaign around the world.

Day of the Unborn Child

The Solemnity of the Annunciation reminds us once again that what we have learned from science can never contradict what has been revealed to us through revelation: That the life of each human being, unique and unrepeatable, begins at the moment of his or her conception. Thus "the word was made flesh and dwelt among us" at the Annunciation. To celebrate The Solemnity of the Annunciation the Knights of Columbus, Council 1668 and the Our Lady of the Rosary Respect Life Committee will hold a special Rosary service for The Day of the Unborn Child on Tuesday 25 March 25 at 7.00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

40 Days for Life Candlelight Vigil Thursday, March 27th at 7.30 pm

Our Pastor, Fr. Jay Scott Newman will be praying with us at the Candlelight Vigil. Please come out and show your support at the Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road.



Catholic Radio in South Carolina

WCKI 1300 AM

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

"The euthanasia movement always viewed the living will as the foot in the door to legal and social acceptance of euthanasia. For our society to condone its members' bringing about their own deaths is, of course, a terrible tragedy. It speaks volumes about our failure to adequately comfort and care for the troubled, the sick and the dying. Economic and demographic factors, such as the increasing cost of health care, and aging population and a shrinking base of wage earners, also contributes to the concern that the "beneficiaries" of euthanasia could easily expand to the elderly, to the poor - indeed, to any "burdensome" member of society. In sum, it is vitally important to understand that everyone's most basic right - the right to life - is in jeopardy when our law and collective morality no longer view all persons as equally worthy of life, solely on the basis of our common humanity. Not only is it the right thing to do, it is also in our own best interests to protect and cherish weak and vulnerable members of our human family. In order to do that, we must educate ourselves and others about the growing threat of euthanasia, vigorously oppose its legalization and pray for the wisdom and compassion to properly comfort, care for and dissuade those considering suicide." - American Life League.

Important numbers to remember:

Crisis Pregnancy Helpline 1-800-4-OPTION

Birthright - 1-800-550-4900

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

Spiritual Adoption - Month 7

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice, and ultrasound reveals that he likes to open his eyes and look around. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.



Please continue to pray for you spiritually adopted baby by saying the following prayer -

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

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."

Culture of Life meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 March at 6 pm in Sacred Heart Hall, large conference room, 2nd floor. Anyone is welcome. Please contact Chuck Gaschler for more information about this ministry at 864.246.5616.



SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

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St. Mary's School Testing

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 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.

SECOND DAY Overview: **Theme:** Mary remained pure her whole life. **Saint:** St. Therese of Lisieux. **Virtue:** Purity.

Registration forms for families, teen volunteers and adult volunteers are now available on the parish website at stmarysgvl.org under the Catechesis 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

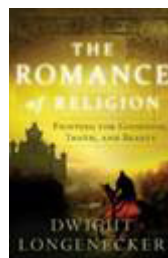
Our Lady of Good Counsel Fraternity will host a Lenten retreat at St. Anthony of Padua parish hall, 307 Gower Street, on Saturday 15 March from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm. Open to all at no cost. Speakers, Stations of the Cross, Mass and confession included. Contact Alice Ramos, OFS at 864.246.1684 or lekceorha@att.net.

Spring Women's Discernment Retreat

April 11-13, 2014

White Oak Conference Center

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.



Mini Lenten retreat with Fr. Dwight Longenecker

Friday 21 March from 5.00-7.00 pm at St. Anthony's Catholic Store at 443 Congaree Road in Greenville.

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