

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church \*\* \* \* \* \* Greenville South Carolina

#### from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Amish, a community formed in the 17th century by a schism within the Mennonite movement in Switzerland, are famous for their radical separation from the world: they will not use modern technology, they dress differently from their neighbors, they cease formal schooling after the 8th grade, they refuse to serve in the armed forces, they will not participate in Social Security or purchase medical insurance, and so forth. These behaviors are regarded as odd by most people, and with good reason: Such a way of life is not required by the Gospel, and in many ways it is contrary to the Gospel. And that is why Catholics cannot live like the Amish.

We do not dress differently than our neighbors. We do not fear technology or the benefits of modern science. We do not separate ourselves in politics, commerce, education, military service, or civic responsibility from those who do not share our faith. And we do not do these things because to do so would make it impossible for us to fulfill the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28. 18-20) We are called to be salt and light in the world, not to hide behind a barricade for fear that we will be polluted.

The impulse to flee from "the world" is, of course, also a part of Christianity, if by "the world" we mean that part of the created order (starting inside of us) which is in rebellion against God. For this reason, religious life has been with us since Christian antiquity, and all Christians need a deep formation for genuine holiness of life. But that is not the same as the Amish refusal to live in the world, something that Catholics cannot accept as compatible with Christian discipleship. The Letter to Diognetus, written in the 2nd century, explains it thus: "Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life ... With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign. And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven ... To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body."

Are we living as the "soul of the world"?



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- Talks will be interpreted into Spanish. Check here to request a translation device.
- \* College Students and Chaperoned Youth age 10+ are welcome. Regretfully, childcare cannot be provided, but all are welcome to join us for Mass at 5:00 PM Saturday.

Make check payable & mail to: St. Anthony of Padua c/o IBT, 4501 New Bern Ave., Suite 130, PMB 215, Raleigh, NC 27610

#### Calendar of Events

#### **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

#### **Meetings & Events \***

#### Sunday, 23 March 2014

7.30 am Rita Marzolf
9.00 am ♣ Deceased Members /
Gomes family

11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

#### Sunday, 23 March 2014

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

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

6.00 pm High School Youth Group

(McGrady)

#### Monday, 24 March 2014

7.00 am ♣ Becky Bernhard

#### Monday, 24 March 2014

6.30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

(McGrady)

6.30 pm Cub Scouts

#### Tuesday, 25 March 2014

7.00 am ♣ Ana Arroyave 12.00 noon ♣ Charles A. Pacewic

#### Tuesday, 25 March 2014

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

#### Wednesday, 26 March 2014

7.00 am ★ Lorraine Beauchemin 12.00 noon Sr. Marie Isaac

#### Wednesday, 26 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, 27 March 2014

7.00 am ★ Lorraine Beauchemin 12.00 noon ★ Louise Parascondela

#### Thursday, 27 March 2014

3.00 pm Cenacles/Rosary 4.00 pm Prayer Meeting 5.00-6.00 pm Confessions (church)

No Program of Catholic Studies - next class 3 April

#### Friday, 28 March 2014

7.00 am ₩ William Rawlston

#### Friday, 28 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, 29 March 2014

5.00 pm → Deceased Members / Eassy family

#### Saturday, 29 March 2014

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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#### **Financial Report**

#### Weekend of 15/16 Mar.

 Needed
 31,500

 Received
 34,465

 Surplus
 2,965

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#### Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,165,500 Received 1,176,672 Surplus 11,172

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.

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



<sup>\*</sup> All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed.

## God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

#### **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year. The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns

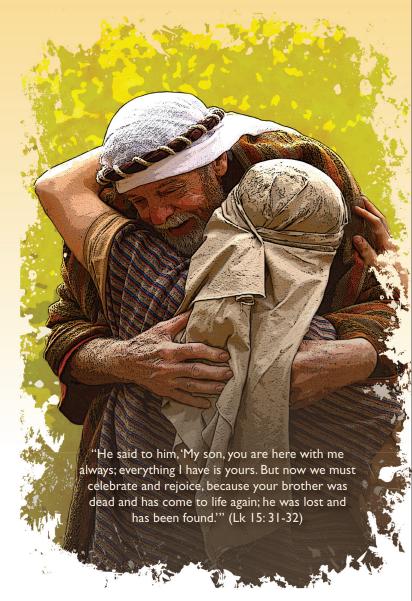
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of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"<sup>2</sup>

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to



welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

<sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1457-1458.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy\_father/benedict\_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf\_ben-xvi\_spe\_20120309\_penitenzieria-apostolica\_en.html.

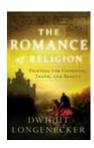
#### Parish News

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

#### 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.



#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms. Jennifer Gattoni-Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Lesley, Mr. & Mrs. Seth Lawson, Ms. Jennifer Boysen, and Mr. Emile Al Bazi.

#### 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 wolfes@charter.net. Also you can contact Karl Rogozenski, Senior Care Coordinator, with Catholic Charities at 242.2233, ext. 2629, or by email at krogozenski@catholic-doc.org.

Take the time to change someone's life. Training for Senior Companion care givers is set for Friday 11 April 2014 from 1.00-4.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. If you are interested in participating in this program or have already signed up, please plan to attend this training. Thank you.

#### Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Norman Berardinelli and Stephen Rogers (uncle of Dana Williamson) who died last week. 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.

#### **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.



God, the Father of mercies, through the death and the resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- Formula of Absolution

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

5.00-6.00 pm on 2 Thursdays this Lent 27 March and 3 April

#### 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.

#### Young Adult Lenten Evening of Recollection

Looking for a way to pull away from the busyness of life for an evening of prayer and fellowship with other young adults? Join other Catholic Young Adults Friday 28 March for our Catholic Young Adult Lenten Evening of Recollection. The evening begins at 7.00 pm and will include guided Meditations by Fr. Michael Boyle, Adoration, Confession and Fellowship. Location for the event is St. Mary's Catholic Church, 111 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC. The evening will begin in Sacred Heart Hall. For more information visit catholicyoungadultsofsc.com or email rneubauer@catholic-doc.org.



#### 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

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.



#### SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

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#### St. Mary's School Testing

The fourth testing date will be held Saturday 12 April at St. Mary's School at 9.00 am. The deadline to register is Wednesday 4 April.

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

#### 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!

#### Golf Registration

Registration and information for the golf tournament during the day are available in the Golf Classic section of the school website.

#### Evening With St. Mary's Gala Tickets Embassy Suites Greenville

Tickets to the evening gala are \$45.00 each. We are going paperless for this event, tickets are available for sale online through Eventbrite.com. Click here to purchase tickets: 2014 St. Mary's Golf Gala Tickets. Please contact Terri McMorrow with any questions at 864.906.1393 or at tmcmorrow1978@gmail.com.

Remember: this year's golf tournament and gala evening will fund a new playground!

#### Dominican Nugget from the Sisters

#### Frescos by Fra Angelico

Dominicans contemplate and preach Truth. One famous Dominican, Blessed John of Fiesole, preached Truth with paintings so beautiful that his medieval contemporaries gave him the nickname "Brother Angel" or Fra Angelico.

If you ever find yourself visiting Florence, Italy, be sure to tour San Marco! Now a museum, this was once a priory of Dominican Friars, and Fra Angelico was asked to paint a fresco on the wall of each Friar's cell (bedroom) to give him an image to guide his contemplation of the life of Christ. There are over forty rooms. Each image is about 3 feet tall, and beautifully preserved. Some Friars went home to an image of the resurrection every night, others to the crucifixion!

Although the topics vary, each fresco lifts one to prayer. Below is an image of the Mocking of Christ, a fitting reflection for Lent. Notice that Christ is abused by slaps, rods, and spitting ~ but that the hands are not connected to a person. This shows that Saint Dominic, often pictured in the corner of the frescos, is meditating on the open Scripture in his lap, and imagining what this moment must have been like for Christ, who was blindfolded.

Application: In the Bible, at the end of each of the four Gospels is an account of Christ's Passion. Choose a short passage from one of these Passion narratives to read slowly, prayerfully, aloud. Imagine that you are present on the scene. What was that moment like for Jesus? Unite your sufferings to His, console Him with your compassion, and beg His mercy.



#### 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 3 am, 1 pm & 3 pm Thursday 2pm & 8 pm Saturday 3 am Sunday 8 am

#### 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. 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.htm for complete information and download the application. **Deadline is 15 April 2014.** 

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

THIRD DAY Overview: **Theme:** Mary is Queen of Heaven and Earth. **Saint:** St. Joseph. **Virtue:** Faith.

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.

#### Lenten Penance Service

31 March from 7.00-9.00 pm at St. Mary Magdalene on Woodruff Road.



From Sunday's Gospel: John 4.13-14

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

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