



Saint Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville South Carolina

from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last night, at the beginning of the Easter Vigil, priests all over the world prepared the Paschal Candle which will burn before every altar of the Church throughout Eastertide and at every font during each Baptism in the coming year. In preparation for the lighting of the Paschal Candle, a symbol of Christ the light of the world, a fire was kindled in the dark night and then blessed with these words, "O God, who through your Son bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, sanctify this new fire, we pray, and grant that, by these paschal celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with minds made pure we may attain festivities of unending splendor."

From this new fire, the Paschal Candle in each church was lit and then carried in solemn procession into the midst of the congregation, but before being lit, each Paschal Candle was inscribed with a cross, with the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet, and with the date of this year of grace. And as these forms were being inscribed in the candle, the priest spoke these words of faith, "Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him, and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age for ever. Amen." Once this action was completed, five grains of incense incased in wax were inserted into the candle, representing the wounds our Savior received on the Cross in his hands, feet, and side. As the nails on which the grains are mounted were driven into the candle, the priest said, "By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard us and protect us. Amen." Finally, the Paschal Candle was lit from the new fire, and as the flame flickered to life the priest said, "May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."

This rite of blessing the new fire and lighting the Paschal Candle is seen by very few Catholics, both because it takes place outside of the church in the darkness and because most Catholics celebrate Easter on Sunday morning rather than in the Vigil. But this brief and simple rite casts light on the meaning of everything we celebrate today and on the symbolism of the Paschal Candle, the placing of which in the sanctuary is accompanied by an ancient and extraordinary prayer called the Easter Proclamation or Exsultet which is sung only at the Vigil. As the children of Israel were freed from slavery in Egypt by the Passover of the Lord and were led to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea by a pillar of fire, so we Christians are freed from the slavery of sin and death by the Passover of the Lord and are led to freedom through the waters of Baptism by a pillar of fire — the Paschal Candle. Jesus Christ is our Passover, our Paschal Lamb, and the Lamb once slain who is risen and lives forever.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 20 April 2014

7.30 am ✕ Cecilia Arroyave
 9.00 am ✕ Deceased members /
 Norungolo Family
 9.00 am ✕ Argemira Palacio
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 21 April 2014

7.00 am ✕ John R. Fawcett

Tuesday, 22 April 2014

7.00 am ✕ Florence Dias
 12.00 noon J. Brodie Babb
 (3rd Birthday)

Wednesday, 23 April 2014

7.00 am ✕ William Rawlston
 12.00 noon ✕ Harry Benner

Thursday, 24 April 2014

7.00 am ✕ Bridie Lennon
 12.00 noon ✕ Faber Family

Friday, 25 April 2014

7.00 am ✕ Margaret Forbes

Saturday, 26 April 2014

5.00 pm ✕ Nelli Dowling

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 20 April 2014

No Nursery
 No 3 & 4 Year Olds
 No coffee & donuts today
 9.00 am Scripture Study
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group
 (McGrady)

Monday, 21 April 2014

6.30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
 (McGrady)

Tuesday, 22 April 2014

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 23 April 2014

No Holy Hour & Confessions

6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education
 6.30-7.30 pm RCIA (McGrady)

Thursday, 24 April 2014

3.00 pm Cenacles/Rosary
 4.00 pm Prayer Meeting
 5.00 pm 1st Communion Rehearsal
 (Gallivan)

No Program of Catholic Studies

Friday, 25 April 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, 26 April 2014

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road
 abortion clinic
 9.30 am First Communion
 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
 6.30-9.30 pm HS Open House Picnic
 (Francis Field)

Financial Report

Weekend of 12/13 Apr.

Needed	31,500
Received	32,794
Surplus	1,294

Poor Box	638
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,291,500
Received	1,298,076
Surplus	6,576

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.

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

Liturgical Schedule for 18-20 April

Good Friday 18 April

3.00 pm	English Passion of Our Lord (church)
3.00 pm	Spanish Passion of Our Lord (Baum Center)
6.00 pm	English Way of the Cross (church)
6.00 pm	Spanish Way of the Cross (Baum Center)

Holy Saturday 19 April

8.00 pm	English Vigil of Easter (church)
8.00 pm	Spanish Vigil of Easter (Baum Center)

Confessions are not heard, and the 5.00 pm Mass is not celebrated.

Easter Sunday 20 April

7.30 am	English Mass (church)
9.00 am	English Mass (church)
9.00 am	English Mass (Baum Center)
11.00 am	English Mass (church)
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass (church)

The church office will close at noon on Thursday 17 April and reopen on Tuesday 22 April.

You are invited to a senior piano recital presented by

Mary Lewis

Daniel Recital Hall
Furman University

Thursday, May 1 2014,
8:00 PM

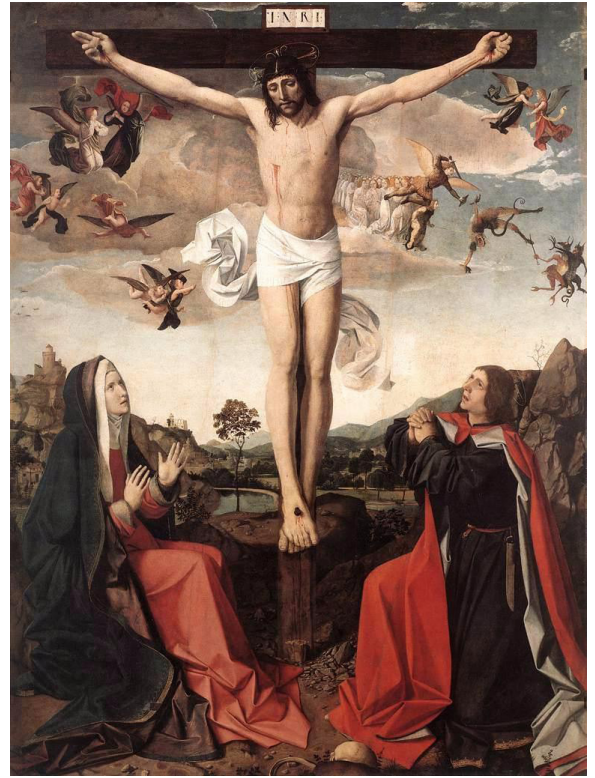
Featuring works by
Haydn, Mendelssohn, Schumann,
Ravel, Bloch, and Gulda.



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, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum and Judy McColl.

PARISH NEWS



Josse Lieferinxe (active c. 1493-1508). *Crucifixion*.

Holy Hour & Confessions Cancelled

Please note that our regular Wednesday Holy Hour and Confessions will not be held on 23 April.

St. Anselm's Adult Forum

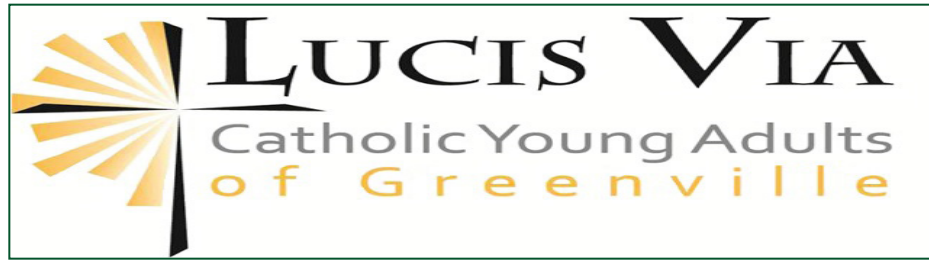
The 10.00 am St. Anselm's Hour will NOT take place on Easter Sunday, but will return on Sunday 27 April to jump back into Fr. Barron's The Priority of Christ (Chapters 2 and 3). Hope to see you then!

Women of Grace

Women of Grace will not meet on Sunday 20 April. The study will resume on Sunday 4 May.

Virtus Training

The next training class at St. Mary's will be in the Monsignor Gwynn Room of Sacred Heart Hall on Tuesday 20 May at 6.00 pm. Registration must be done online at virtusonline.org; click on "registration".



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: 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.

Upcoming Events:

Small Group: Book Discussion – Wild at Heart by John Eldredge: Fridays at 7 pm thru 25 April at 201 McSwain Drive. Call Jamie at 864.525.6191 with questions.

Thirsty 4 Theology: “Seek & You Shall Find”: 7 pm at Chuy’s on Woodruff on the following dates/topics/speakers. Call Victoria at 770.366.3246 with questions.

21 April: Direction with Steve Wood;

28 April: Balance with Michele Houmis

12 May: Forgiveness with Father Jeffrey Kirby

19 May: Intimacy with Father John Eckert

Service Project - Blood Drive & Letters to Troops: Saturday 26 April from 11 am-3.30 pm at Chuy’s on Woodruff Road. Donate blood and/or help write letters to local troops deployed overseas. Call Tyler at 803.422.6118 with questions.

3rd Sunday Monthly Lunch: Sunday 27 April at 1 pm at the Swamp Rabbit Cafe and Grocery. *Note that 3rd Sunday lunch is moved to the next Sunday due to Easter!*

First Friday Happy Hour: Friday 3 May at 6 pm. Place TBD. Check our website (www.lvgreenville.com) or call Victoria at 770.366.3246 for an update.

Spring Picnic: Saturday 18 May at 1 pm at Shelter 5 in Cleveland Park. Bring a side dish! Call Dan at 412.651.5333 with questions.

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Senior Companions Training

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.

A second training session will be announced at a later date. If you are interested in participating in this program or have already signed up, please plan to attend this training. Thank you.

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 & 1 pm



Changes at St. Mary Magdalene Adoration Chapel

Effective 5 May, 2014, a new electronic locking system will be implemented. Adorers and visitors will need a key card to enter. This will be the ONLY way to gain access to the chapel. Key cards will be distributed to adorers and visitors after Mass on the weekends of 26/27 April and 3/4 May. To receive a key card, please complete an Adorer Registration & Contact form available in the chapel or here.

Once the system is in place, "One-day Visitor Cards" will be available from the receptionist in the Parish Center between the hours of 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. If you have questions, please contact us at adoration@smmcc.org or call 864.288.4884 x238.



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WCKI 1300 AM

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From St. John's Anglican Church, Ashfield, New South Wales.





JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

5TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

SUNDAY,
APRIL 27, 2014
3 PM

EXPOSITION
OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
CHAPLET OF MERCY
VESPERS
BENEDICTION

Complete the Novena begun on Good Friday on the Feast of Divine Mercy, Bright Sunday, with a solemn communal celebration of the sung Chaplet, Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

and the Canonization of Pope John Paul II

At Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

3710 Augusta Road Greenville, SC

Sunday, April 27, 2014

Schedule of events:

3:00 - Divine Mercy Chaplet with special music

3:15 - Divine Mercy Today

Presented by Sister Anne Shields S.G.L.

- ❖ Internationally noted conference and retreat speaker
- ❖ Author of numerous books on Catholic spirituality
- ❖ Host of the radio program *Food for the Journey*



4:00 - Eucharistic Adoration and Confession

4:45 - Benediction

5:00 - Divine Mercy Mass

Celebration of the Canonization of
Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII

6:00 - Polish Dinner (Reservations required)



For more information and to make reservations for the dinner:

- Call OLR Church Office (864)422-1648
- Email: OLRChurch@Charter.net
- On the WEB: www.OLRGreenville.net



This is a free event and donations will be gladly accepted.

I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. Saint Faustina, Diary, 49.

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS

"Life is a gift that God has given us. That life is present even in the unborn. A human hand should never end a life. I am convinced that the screams of the children whose lives have been terminated before their birth reach God's ears." - *Blessed Mother Teresa*

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 8

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.



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."

Sunday 18 May at the Knights of Columbus Breakfast: The Culture of Life will be having a Baby Shower for your spiritually adopted baby. Please be sure to come and bring a gift. If you should forget, a donation will be acceptable. All proceeds will be for Birthright who, because of you, and through their good works, provide help for women in crisis pregnancies.

Please choose any items from the following list and bring it to the Baby Shower on 18 May.

No need to gift wrap - plastic carry bags will be just fine. We hope to see you at the Baby Shower as we celebrate LIFE!

Baby Wipes

Baby Wash/Shampoo

Receiving Blankets

Baby Towels

Girls Winter Clothing Outfits & Sleepers 0 - 3 months

Pacifiers (new)

Baby Bottles, plastic, large and small (new)

Infant Teething Rings (new)

Newborn Diapers



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."

The date for our next meeting has been changed. We will be meeting in Sacred Heart Hall, 2nd Floor, in the large conference room, on Tuesday 6 May at 6.00 pm. Anyone who would like to know more about the Culture of Life ministry is encouraged to attend this meeting. Please contact Chuck Gaschler at 864.246.5616 for more information.



SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

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St. Mary's 26th Annual Golf Gala Friday 30 May

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 and are available for sale online through Eventbrite.com. Please contact Terri McMorro with any questions at 864.906.1393 or at tmcmorrow1978@gmail.com. Click here to purchase: **2014 St. Mary's Golf Gala Tickets**.

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

This exciting event is not only an excellent way to support our school, but a very fun day with parents and faculty!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30-7.30 pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No classes on 20 April.

First Communion Practice

First Communion practice will be held on Thursday 24 April from 4.30-5.30 pm. Children should meet in Gallivan Hall.

First Communion

On Saturday 26 April the students will make their First Communion at 9.30 am. Please pray for our First Communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time.

Vacation Bible School 2014

Don't Miss Out; Get Registered!

Cool Kingdom Party: Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus will be the week of 16-20 June from 9 am to noon. Registration for volunteers and students will take place before and after all Masses on 26 & 27 April and 3 & 4 May in Sacred Heart Hall.

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.

Deadline for registration is 7 May. For additional information, please contact Kayla Weston at kaylalee97@hotmail.com or 864.320.0100.

High School Youth Group

Open House Picnic

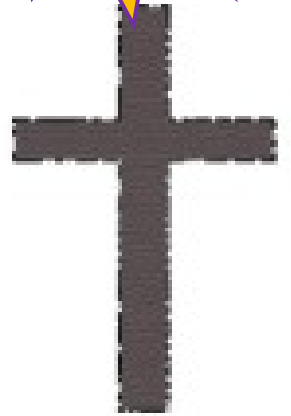
Saturday 26 April from 6.30-9.30 pm

All Parish High School Youth & current 8th graders are invited to an Open House Picnic hosted by our Youth Group. The evening of fun will feature hamburgers, hot dogs, games, an inspirational talk and a water balloon fight! St. Mary's is providing the hamburgers and hot dogs, we ask all attendees to provide the following - If your last name begins with A-G: Dessert, H-Q: Side Dish, R-Z: Soda. If you have never been to a youth group event, this is an excellent event to attend. Please feel free to bring a friend and join us for a fun evening!

For all St. Mary's
High School Youth,
& current 8th Graders!

Bring a Friend
& Come Have
Some Fun!

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE



A IN CHRIST

Spring 2014 Open House Picnic

Sports and Icebreakers

An Evening of Faith and Fun!!!

April 26th
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
St. Mary's Catholic Church

St. Mary's is providing
a yummy picnic with
Grilled Burgers
and Doggies!

If you plan to attend, bring a Dessert, Soda (6 pack or 2 liters), or a side dish (beans, veggie and dip, chips... just no mayo). If your last name begins with: A-G: Dessert H-Q: Side Dish R-Z: Soda

This event is for all High School Teens
bring your friends!!!

"Saturday Night Alive In Christ" is a ministry outreach of the St. Mary's Youth Group. For more info, contact Chris Stansberry at 864.679.4111

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