

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

## from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Scripture tells us that the Lord Jesus returned to the glory of his Father forty days after his Resurrection, and for that reason, the Church traditionally celebrates the Ascension on the Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter – forty days after Easter Sunday. In recent years, however, the liturgical commemoration of the Ascension has been transferred in many places from the proper Thursday to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and that is why we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ today.

This mystery of faith does not mean that the Lord was merely taken from our sight to continue in space and time as we know them while simply being in another place; rather, Christ the Lord in his Ascension transcended the created universe altogether, including the created realities of time and space. But in transcending the created universe, the Lord Jesus did not abandon his Church or leave us comfortless. Even as Christ gave us the Great Commission to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and celebrate the sacraments for the salvation of souls, he also promised to send the Holy Spirit of truth to be our teacher, guide, and consoler, and the coming of the Spirit was accomplished and manifested 50 days after Christ's Resurrection, a mystery which we will celebrate next week on the great Solemnity of Pentecost. Christ's Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are the very conditions for the possibility of this time of the Church in which we are called to share in the sublime work of bringing the whole human race to know, love and serve the living God, and in Word and Sacrament, the Savior remains with us to sustain us in that mission.

In describing the final moments of the Lord Jesus with the Apostles, St. Matthew candidly admits that even forty days after the Resurrection, confusion remains: "And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted." These doubts, however, were resolved by the solemn revelation of the divine nature and glory of the Son of Man: "All authority is heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." And twenty centuries later we are still laboring to fulfill the Great Commission, which begins with comprehending the majesty of this sacred mystery of faith. In the Roman Missal, the first Preface of the Ascension speaks to us of the sacred mystery of Christ's Ascension in these words:

"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before."

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions		Meetings & Events *	
Sunday, 1 June 2014		Sunday, 1 June 2014	
	<ul> <li>Mary Louise Williams</li> <li>John Narduzzi</li> <li>Pro populo</li> <li>Spanish Mass</li> </ul>		s: After the 9.00 am Mass 9.00 & 11.00 am Masses Scripture Study Morning Prayer (McGrady) High School Youth Group (McGrady) Women of Grace
Monday, 2 June 2014		Monday, 2 June 2014	
7.00 am 📲	• Edward Smith	6.30 pm	Boy Scout Meeting (McGrady)
Tuesday, 3 June 2014		Tuesday, 3 June 2014	
	<ul> <li>Paul D. Conrad</li> <li>Mary V. Pacewic</li> </ul>	1.00 pm	Senior Men's Club
Wednesday, 4 June 2014		Wednesday, 4 June 2014	
	<ul> <li>Ana Arroyave</li> <li>John Narduzzi</li> </ul>	5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
Thursday, 5 June 2014		Thursday, 5 June 2014	
7.00 am 12.00 noon ⊮	Aubree Paige Moore (2nd Birthday) Peter Esser Family	3.00 pm 4.00 pm	Cenacles/Rosary Prayer Meeting
Friday, 6 June 2014		Friday, 6 June 2014	
7.00 am	Karen Miller	6.15 am 6.30-8.00 am 10.00 am 3.10-4.45 pm	Morning Prayer (church) Pillars of Christ Scripture Study Class Youth Choir Practice
Saturday, 7 June 2014		Saturday, 7 June 2014	
5.00 pm	Robert and Frank Dowling	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 o	f 24/25 May			
Needed	31,500			
Received	25,550			
Shortage	5,950			
Poor Box	451			
Catholic				
Communication: 2,132				
Offertory Year to Date				
Needed	1,480,500			
Received	1,482,895			
Surplus	2,395			

**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.



Collection at St. Mary's



21-22 June

## DOING THE MOST GOOD

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN The food runs out?

Many families are having trouble making ends meet and finding themselves somewhere they never thought they would need to go for help - The Salvation Army.



Our Food Pantry is essential because it supplies food for our on-site Dining Hall, which serves three hot meals per day for each clients of the Homeless Shelters and the CSRC Rehabilitation program as well as the homeless from the streets. At any given time, we can house up to 140 people in our shelters who depend on the availability of food in the pantry.

Last year alone, The Salvation Army served over 121,350 meals to residents of our shelters and provided bags of food to 8,970 individuals through our Social Services Department.

It supplies families being served through our Social Services Department and provides bags of food to approximately 50 families per day, 52 weeks per year.

# Over 100 tons of food have been served and given to hungry individuals and families.

Don't wait! We are in need of:

- Pasta Boxed dinners Instant milk Peanut Butter Crackers
- Canned meats Canned fruit Canned vegetables Instant potatoes
  - Rice Sugar Cereal Flour

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT THE SALVATION ARMY AT 235-4803.

## 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, Ronald Labbe, Andrew Brett, Cassandra Gomes, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum.

## **Evensong in the Anglican Tradition** Pentecost Sunday 8 June at 5 pm

After the Holy Eucharist, the most important form of Christian prayer is the Liturgy of the Hours, also called the Divine Office. In the Roman form of the Divine Office there are two liturgical Hours for the evening: Vespers and Compline. In the 16th century Book of Common Prayer, these two Hours were combined into one celebration called Evensong, and this beautiful way of praying is part of the Anglican patrimony preserved in the Catholic Church by the Personal Ordinariates for Catholics from the Anglican tradition. The Community of St. Anselm's is offering this splendid opportunity of liturgical prayer to everyone at St. Mary's and in the wider community.

Please join us at 5 pm and bring a friend for Evensong.

#### • JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2014 \* FORTNIGHT FREEDON F**FNNM** TO SERVE NIGHT4FREEDOM★ORG

Fortnight for Freedom is a call by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) to fourteen days of prayer, education, and action for religious freedom in the United States and abroad. The theme of this year's Fortnight, 21 June - 4 July, is Freedom to Serve and

will focus on how religious freedom enables the flourishing of the Church's robust service to the poor and vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Church's teaching.

The Diocese of Charleston will open the Fortnight with a Mass celebrated by The Most Rev. Robert Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston, at St. Mary's Church in Greenville, SC on 21 June at 10.00 am. Eucharistic Procession to the Grotto will follow the Mass. Please come and join us in praying for our Country and our Church here in South Carolina.

For more information please contact the Family Life Office at 803.547.5063 or familylife@catholic-doc.org.

## Collection for 31 May / 1 June

Support of the Parish & St. Mary's Building Fund

## **Baptism** Class

Prior to having a child baptized at St. Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to birth of child.

The next class is scheduled for Tuesday 24 June at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the Church office is required. Contact T.J. Nielsen at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114

## Pray the Rosary for the Unborn

Rosary of the Unborn (rain or shine) at the abortion facility at 1142 Grove Road from 8 - 9 am every Saturday morning.

## Adult Men's Basketball

Consider joining us on Wednesday and/or Sunday nights at 8.00 pm for basketball in the Baum Center. If you are interested, please email Mike Graczyk at graczykfamily@gmail.com so that we can add you to the email blast that goes out the day before.

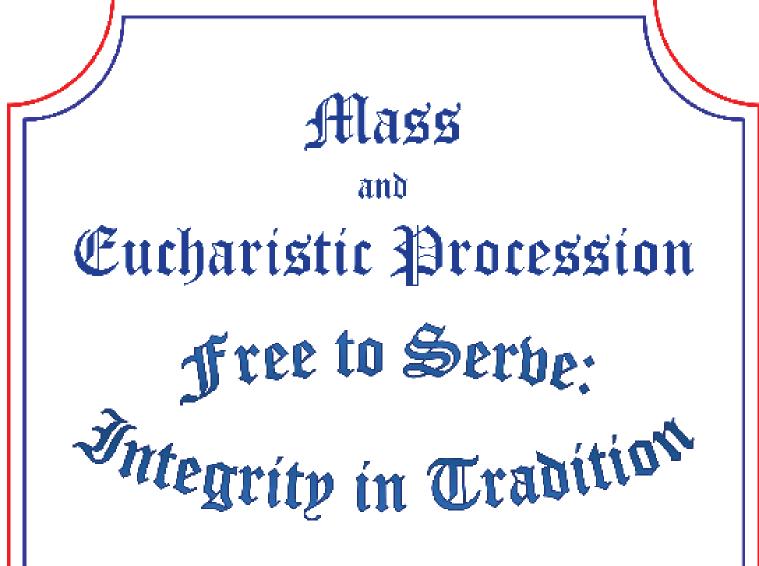
### Congratulations to

Maria Therese Laylock who was baptized last weekend.

#### Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms. Jill M. Graves





When: June 21, 2014 promptly at 10 AM

Where: St. Mary's Gym in Greenville

Why: To celebrate our faith and religious freedom



## For more information contact:

The Diocese of Charleston, Family Life Office at 803.547.5063

## Become a Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner

The Diocese of Charleston is in need of more Natural Family Planning (NFP) instructors! The good news about this rewarding ministry is that the number of couples discovering the joys and freedom of NFP is increasing. The challenge now is that more instructors are needed to meet this demand. The Diocese of Charleston will host its fourth Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program in Greenville, SC for those interested in teaching others how to uswe the method. Applications are currently being accepted for the 13-month practitioner program.

Making it easier fowr students to leave jobs and families for the training, Education Phase I will be conducted over two, 4-day weekends: 31 July - 3 August and 21-24 August. Education Phase II will be held from 25 February - 2 March 2015.

For more information and to request an application, please contact Kelli Ball, Diocesan NFP Coordinator, at 803.807.0158 or kellihball@gmail.com, or Nancy McGrath, Program Director and Educator, at napronurse@aol.com or 864.292.0475.

## St. Anthony Catholic Store Book Signing Friday 13 June at 5pm

Please join us for a Book signing and Cocktail party with special guest Joseph Pearce launching his new title *Beauteous Truth: Faith, Reason, Literature and Culture* and *Race with the Devil*, and *Bilbo's Journey.* Also present will be encore guest The Rev. Jeffrey F. Kirby, STL, Vicar of Vocations, promoting his new title *Lord Teach Us To Pray.* For more information, call 864.288.0335.

## Marriage Encounter

As Jesus prayed to his Father he said, "I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do." Do we glorify God on earth by living out our marriage vows faithfully? Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage at the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 3-5 October in Myrtle Beach. **Please apply early.** For more information, call 803.810.9602 or visit scmarriagematters.org.

## 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 Friday 12 am midnight Sunday 1 pm

## St. Mary Magdalene Adoration Chapel

A key card is required to enter the chapel. If you would like to sign up as an adorer or regular visitor, or just visit for the day, please come to the St. Mary Magdalene parish office Monday-Friday, between 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

## **Vocations Office**

The Vocations Office is pleased to launch its new vocations website. Some who have already visited the site have described it as "easy to navigate," "engaging," and "dynamic"! The website is full of vocation resources for all. Please visit: charlestonvocations.com.

Additionally, the Vocation Office continues its presence on social media. Please follow us on Facebook: "Charleston Vocations," and on Twitter: "FatherKirby."



### From Sunday's Gospel:

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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." - Matthew 28.19-20a



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MORNING PRAYER EACH SUNDAY 10.15 AM MCGRADY HALL

## Evensong

SUNDAYS AT 5 PM 8 JUNE 2014 13 JULY 2014 31 AUGUST 2014 21 SEPTEMBER 2014 19 OCTOBER 2014

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## ALSO PRAY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Online at www.divineoffice.org With iOS and Android at iBreviary



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.

Follow us: Facebook.com/LVgreenville Visit us at: www.lvgreenville.com Email us: LVgreenville@gmail.com Monday Bible Study: Will return in September.

Upcoming Events:

**6 June - First Friday Happy Hour** from 6.00-7.00 pm at Mac's Speed Shop (930 S. Main Street Greenville SC 29601). Contact: Claudia 864.449.8249

**19 June - Greenville Drive Baseball Game** 6.15 pm at (945 S. Main Street Greenville SC 29601). We will meet under the marquee on the S. Main street side of the park beside the ticket office and buy tickets together. Contact: Claudia 864.449.8249

**22 June - Lunch** 1.00 pm at Swamp Rabbit Cafe (205 Cedar Lane Rd, Greenville, SC 29611). Contact: Victoria 770.366.3246

## High School Youth Group

Join us on Sunday Night 1 June for our regular Sunday Night meeting from 6.00-8.00 pm in McGrady Hall - undercroft of the church. Newcomers are always welcome.

Following is our meeting schedule the next few weeks. Sunday 1 June - Regular Sunday Night Meeting Sunday 8 June - Kick Ball Tournament, YG vs. Lucis Via Saturday 14 June - Father/Son, Father/Daughter Kayak Trip

### Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday 5 August - Saturday Night Alive in Christ, YG Kickoff 5-7 September - Fall Retreat at Camp Kahdalea

For information about our High School Ministry, please contact Chris Stansberry at Chris.Stansberry@stmarysgvl.org or 864.630.1646.



For programming information, visit catholicradioinsc.com

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