

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Greenville, South Carolina

23 November 2014

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, in every nation on earth, the Church rejoices that in Jesus Christ and by his victory over sin and death the Kingdom of God has come among us: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Revelation 5.12)

One week from today is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a New Year of Grace, and I encourage everyone to make New Liturgical Year's Resolutions to help strengthen your dedication to the Lord Jesus and his holy Church. For example, you could resolve to pray each day a part of the Liturgy of the Hours, and a very good way to learn to do this is to come at 5 pm on the four Sundays of Advent for Vespers. You could also resolve to go to Confession more often, to volunteer to serve someone in need, to give more generously to the poor, and to practice the ancient discipline of lectio divina — meditative reading of a few verses of Holy Scripture.

Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. This was the conclusion of St. Jerome (born 347 and died 420) who translated the entire Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin, and this is the solemn teaching of the Catholic Church. As the Letter to the Hebrews has it: "the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4.12), and that is why every Christian must know and love the Holy Scriptures from personal prayer and study.

To to help everyone have a richer experience of reading, studying and praying with Holy Scripture, we are offering an Advent morning of recollection on Saturday 6 December 2014. We will begin with Mass at 8.30 am and then, after a coffee break, have three conferences in Gallivan Hall. There is no cost to attend, and this is a splendid opportunity for all to learn more deeply why "all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3.16). So, please consult the e-bulletin for more information and plan now to join us on Saturday 6 December to learn "How to Read the Bible."

Finally, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception — the patronal feast of the Church in the United States — is on Monday 8 December, and it is a holy day of obligation, meaning that all Catholics are bound to attend unless impeded by illness or absolutely essential work. We will have three Masses on 8 December: 7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm.

Father Newman

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What Every Catholic Needs to Know About Scripture

Saturday 6 December 2014

8.30 am — Mass in the Church
9.00 am — Coffee and Doughnuts in Gallivan Hall
9.30 am — Delving Deep into Scripture by Fr. Jay Scott Newman
10.40 am — The Story of the Bible by T.J. Nielsen
11.40 am — This Year's Gospel (St. Mark) by Fr. Jon Chalmers
12.30 pm — Workshop Ends

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Downtown Greenville
www.stmarysgvl.org
for planning purposes please RSVP if attending
by contacting T.J. Nielsen:
timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 23 November 2014

7.30 am ♣ Arthur Heidrich 9 00 am **★** Frances Antrobus Pro populo 11.00 am 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Sunday, 23 November 2014

Nursery during 9.00 & 11.00 am Masses Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 9.00 am classroom of Sacred Heart Hall) 9.00 am Scripture Study 10.10 am Morning Prayer (McGrady) 6.00 pm HS Youth Group (McGrady) 7.00 pm Concordiae concert (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 15/16 November

32,000 Needed Received 33,306 Surplus 1,306

Poor Box 634

Monday, 24 November 2014

7.00 am Special Intention

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6.30 pm **Boy Scout Meeting**

(McGrady)

6.30 pm **Cub Scouts**

Tuesday, 25 November 2014

7.00 am ₩ M/M H.P. Hallas & Son 12.00 noon ♣ Frances Anderson

Tuesday, 25 November 2014

No Program of Catholic Studies 1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 26 November 2014

♣ Carol Joan Cowles 7.00 am 12.00 noon ★ Mercedes Kowalczyk

No Holy Hour & Confessions No Religious Education No RCIA

Thursday, 27 November 2014

Wednesday, 26 November 2014

No Program of Catholic Studies

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2.30 pm Cenacles/Rosary **Thanksgiving** 3.30 pm Prayer Meeting No Program of Catholic Studies No Mass

Friday, 28 November 2014

In Thanksgiving 10.00 am

Friday, 28 November 2014

Morning Prayer (church) 6.15 am Pillars of Christ 6.30-8.00 am Scripture Study Class 10.00 am Youth Choir Practice 3.10-4.45 pm

Saturday, 29 November 2014

5.00 pm ♣ Deceased Members / Niemiec Family

Saturday, 29 November 2014

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road

abortion clinic 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Offertory Year to Date

640,000 Needed Received 604,458 35,542 Shortage

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of vour Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Manage Your EFT" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Doiron at jennifer.doiron@stmarysgvl.org.



Facebook

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

> Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org



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



Arlen Clarke, Conductor

Johann Sebastian Bach

MAGNIFICAT

George Frederic Händel

MESSIAH

Part 1

Sunday, 23 November 2014 7:00 P.M.

General Admission Suggested Donation \$20
For the Support of the American Guild of Organists
Young Organist Scholarship Fund

Saint Mary's Church, Greenville, South Carolina Fr. Jay Scott Newman, Pastor

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 and Charles Moran.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Art Sharbel, Jr. (uncle of Margaret Chalmers) and Terry Rainey (brother of Fr. Christopher Smith) 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 their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Thank You

"The Board of Governors, staff, and volunteers of Project Host thank you for your donation. Contributions like yours help The Project Host Soup Kitchen offer a balanced, nutritious meal each day in a safe, clean, and loving environment to all who are hungry."

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Craig Hamilton and Ms. Sarah DiLella.

Christmas Flowers

St. Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church and gym for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope).

Please print your names and the names of those whom you wish to honor. The names need to be submitted to the church office no later than **Friday 12 December**.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Parish News

Collection for 22/23 November

Support of the Parish

Office Closure

The church office will close at 12.00 noon on 26 November and be closed all day on 27-28 November for Thanksgiving.

Nursery

23 November is the last Sunday the nursery will be offered during the 11.00 am Mass.

Wednesday Holy Hour & Confessions

Please Note These Changes

We will not hear Confessions on

Wednesday 26 November 2014 Wednesday 24 December 2014 Wednesday 31 December 2014

Thank you.

Father Newman

New Altar Server Training

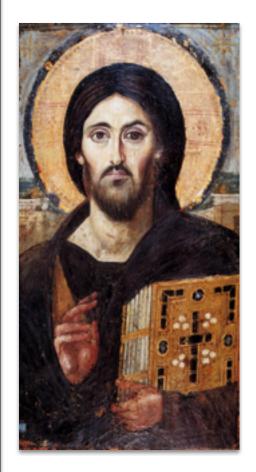
A training session for all boys and young men who are interested in becoming altar servers at Saint Mary's is scheduled for Monday 1 December from 6 to 7.30 pm. A back up date of Tuesday 2 December is set for those who cannot make it on the 1st. Serving is open to all boys and young men who are ten years of age from the fifth grade to college age. For more information please see the St. Mary's website at stmarysgvl.org/our-parish/parish-organizations or contact Deacon John Heuser at 864.365.7845

Congratulations to

Graeme Everett Reisner and Aiden Gareth Holder who were baptized last weekend.



Spring 2015 Course Offerings



Tuesday 8.30 am — The Blessed Trinity: and Our Christian Vocation (Instructors: T.J. Nielsen and Tony Owens)

Wednesday 6.30 pm — The Blessed Trinity: and Our Christian Vocation (Instructors: Tom Whalen and Nestor Acosta)

Thursday 6.30 pm — Our Moral Life in Christ (Instructors: Joe Beauchemin, Joe Sanfilippo, T.J. Nielsen)

MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER

See our full booklet and registration form on the parish website, www.stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/programofcatholicstudies

Call or email T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org

REGISTRATION ENDS 14 DECEMBER Classes begin week of 4 Jan 2015

THE BLESSED TRINITY: AND OUR CHRISTIAN VOCATION

This course analyzes the Divine Life of God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — as revealed in Sacred Scripture. It studies the Christian vocation and how God invites us to be in communion with him, so that we can share in the divine life that he has prepared for us from all eternity.

OUR MORAL LIFE IN CHRIST

This course presents a study of the moral life in Christ — based on his teachings in the Gospels, the Ten Commandments, and the beatitudes — which enable Christians, with God's grace, to imitate the life of Christ in their lives, to make correct moral decisions, and spread the Kingdom of God on earth in their journey toward eternal salvation.

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.

Friday Morning Bible Study

The Friday Morning Bible Study is starting a study of the Epistle of St. James on 5 December. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome. Please call Sue Prevost at 288.6649.

Bulletin Submissions

To submit items for the e-bulletin, contact Lisa Watkins at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org. The deadline for items is <u>12</u> days prior to the bulletin date.

Catholic Fellowship Dinners

If you would like to enjoy a good meal and fellowship you are invited to attend the evening dinners and socials held throughout the year. Our next get together will be 6 December (new date). Meet and greet new and old friends of our parishes. Come join us! For information call Judy at 864.884.9853.

SC Citizens for Life

9 January 2015: Proudly Pro-Life Dinner in Columbia, SC with featured speaker abortion survivor Melissa Ohden.

10 January 2015: Stand Up for Life March & Rally. March from the University of South Carolina Russell House to the SC State House. Featured Speaker, Abortion Survivor Melissa Ohden.

FAITH FORMATION News

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets on Sunday at 9.00 am in the K-4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall.

No class 30 November.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet Wednesdays from 6.30-7.30 pm.

No classes 26 November.

High School Youth Group

Sunday 23 November: Regular Sunday night meeting from 6.00-8.00 pm, in McGrady Hall - undercroft of the church. Please contact Chris Stansberry at chris.stansberry@stmarysgvl.org or 630.1646 for more information about St. Mary's High School Ministry.

A Party
is upon us
we would love for you
to attend

A CELEBRATION
HONORING

THE 95th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BIRTH OF

RUTH BOYER O'ROURKE

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

2.00 - 4.00 pm

THE WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL 120 S MAIN STREET, GREENVILLE

> Kindly RSVP to Joy Rodgers 864.836.5782 joyrodger3@att.net

SMART CASUAL ATTIRE



St. Mary's Catholic Church Greenville, South Carolina



Sacred Heart Columbarium at St. Mary's Church contains 600 niches surrounding a bronze statue of the Lord Jesus — a beautiful and sacred place for mortal remains to rest next to our church. During November, these niches are available at the discounted prices of \$3800, \$5225, and \$7125 depending on their location. To learn more or to arrange a visit, please contact Jennifer Doiron at 864.679.4102 or jennifer.doiron@stmarysgvl.org.

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St. Mary Magdalene

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.

Prince of Peace

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 2 am
Thursday 1 am
Friday 4 am, 12 pm & 4 pm

Catholic Days at the Capital

Join Catholics from across South Carolina as they gather in Columbia for Catholic Days at the Capitol on 28 January 2015. This annual event will provide an opportunity to put into action our faith's call to political responsibility and gives the faithful a voice in shaping our state laws.

When: 28 January 2015 Time: 8 am to noon

Location: South Carolina State House

Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Activities include:

- A breakfast for Catholic Days participants with the Bishop of Charleston and legislators
- A legislative briefing on policy issues affecting human life and dignity
- Pre-scheduled meetings with elected officials
- Group photos of each diocesan delegation with their Bishop
- A Red Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated by the Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone to pray for those working in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government

Pre-Registration is required - visit sccatholicconference.org.

St. Mary's Catholic Church Women's Club 2014 Ornament Information and Order Form

3.25" x 2" Gold Plated Frame



The first window on the right after entering the Church from Washington Street

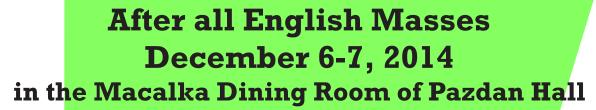
2014 ORNAMENT ORDER FORM PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:
Name:
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E-Mail Address
Number of Ornaments @ \$16.00 each: Amount Enclosed \$
Make check payable to: St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club Mail to: Andrea Phillips, 221 Holly Dr., Easley, SC 29640 For More Information Contact Andrea at aphillips@greenvillecounty.org or 864-320-1492

Profit from ornament sales will be disbursed to various Catholic charities at the end of the Club's year in May.

Thank you for your continued support of our Mission to serve the church and our community!

Ornaments may be picked up at the SMCWC's Christmas Bake Sale after all English Masses on 6-7 December in the Macalka Dining Room of Pazdan Hall.

Christmas Bake Sale





Sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club

President Veronica Yockey, veronica.yockey@juno.com or 864-246-5777

Your purchases enable us to support our church and various Catholic charities.

Thank you for your continued support!



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.

Worship

1 December-Hour of Grace: Adoration & Confession at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School (311 Gower St., Greenville, SC 29611) at 7.00 pm. Begin your Advent with an opportunity to adore Christ and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Tuttle. Praise & worship style music will be played by LVG's own, Lorena R! Join us in the CHAPEL of the SCHOOL! RSVP on the Facebook event.

8 December - Mass for the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary's in downtown. Those interested in going to dinner afterwards are invited to come to Carolina Ale House (113 S. Main Street). Please contact Claudia W. at 864.449.8249 with any questions.

18 December - Women's Rosary Group at 7.30 pm. The hostess for this time is TBD...but go ahead and mark your calendars for the date and time!

FELLOWSHIP

23 November - Monthly Lunch at Compadres Mex Mex Grill (929 S Main St., Greenville, SC 29601). Your RSVP allows us to make sure our reservation is accurate. Contact Jamie (864.525.6191) or Meg (864.363.8753) McG with questions.

5 December - Christmas Party at Fitzpatrick's Irish Pub (1565 Laurens Rd, Greenville, SC 29607) at 7.30 pm. RSVP on the Facebook event.

STUDY

Men's Book Study

Men of Greenville, join your brothers at The Community Tap in a book study of *Be A Man!*: *Becoming the Man God Created You to Be* by Fr. Larry Richards to rediscover the importance of the spiritual life. Meet at 6.30 pm with discussion from 6.45-8 pm. Contact Dan at 412.651.5333 with questions.

Remaining schedule:

25 November Chapter 69 December Chapter 7

30 December No meeting -Break for Advent

13 January Chapter 8 27 January Chapter 9 10 February Chapter 10

17 February Prayer in Perpetual Adoration Chapel in preparation for

Lent, followed by Fat Tuesday Celebration

LVG Bible Study

The Bible study will resume with St. Mark's Gospel in January. More details to follow.



Young Adult Fall Retreat

"We are truly grateful to God for providing such a beautiful weekend. Thank you for all your prayers, and for responding to our Fall Retreat Weekend! Thanks especially to Steve Wood from the Family Life Center and Fr. Ted Kalaw for their gift of time and sharing of wisdom. And to the Diakonia Retreat Center for their incredible hospitality in truly allowing us to retreat!"

- Diocese of Charleston Young Adult Ministry

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