



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

4 January 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is one of the richest feasts in the Christian liturgy, and for this reason, it is also among the most misunderstood. The Greek word which we translate epiphany simply means “appearance” or “manifestation”, and in the Western liturgical tradition the Epiphany is linked most strongly to the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. But in the Eastern liturgies, the Epiphany is focused not only on the visit of the Magi but on every early event by which Christ is revealed to the world as the Messiah: His birth, the visit of the Magi, His presentation in the Temple, His instruction of the elders in the Temple, His Baptism in the Jordan, and His first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. For this reason, ancient liturgies refer to the Epiphany as a festival of illumination, declaration, and theophany, and in many Eastern Christian Churches (like the Armenian), January 6th is the primary or only celebration of the Birth of Jesus, not December 25th.

This helps us understand the profound link between the Western feasts of Christmas and Epiphany and why (because the Epiphany should be celebrated on 6 January) this celebration is the traditional Twelfth Day of Christmas. The revelation of the Son of God to the world begins with His birth, continues with the visit of the Magi and with His presentation in the Temple, is intensified at His Baptism, and finds its first miraculous expression at Cana. Though separated by thirty years, the events at Bethlehem and Cana are truly but one continuous unfolding of the eternal plan of salvation, and of all these mysteries we can speak with equal force the words of the Preface of the Epiphany from the Roman Missal: “Father ... today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.”

The Epiphany is an older Christian feast than Christmas, and from antiquity it has been kept on January 6th. The first recorded mention of this feast was in 361, and by 385 the Epiphany was celebrated in Jerusalem for eight days, like the present Octaves of Easter and Christmas and the old Octave of Pentecost. All of this points to the supreme importance of the sacred mysteries we celebrate today: by His incarnation and birth, by His revelation to the Magi and His presentation in the Temple, by His Baptism and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, the Son of Mary is gradually shown to be “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.”

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman

PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND

January 9-10, 2015

South Carolina Citizens for Life

Will host the

Proudly Pro-Life Weekend

January 9-10, 2015, Columbia SC

Come show your support for the inalienable right to life



Proudly Pro-Life Dinner

Friday, January 9, 2015

Featured Speaker

Melissa Ohden

Melissa was aborted at seven months and lived to tell about it.

For Ticket Information contact South Carolina Citizens for Life at sccl@sclife.org or (803) 252-5433

Seawell's
1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC 29201
\$30 per ticket

Doors Open at 6:00pm, beginning with a silent auction; Dinner Served at 7:00pm

Overnight accommodations available at
Inn at USC Wyndham Garden
Call: (803) 779-7779

Request Special Rate listed under South Carolina Citizens for Life

Stand Up for Life March and Rally

Saturday, January 10, 2015

11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Line Up for the March, USC Russell House, Greene Street
March steps off led by Knights of Columbus
Rally begins, State House plaza, Gervais Street side

Music provided by
Joyful Sound
North Greenville University

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 4 January 2015

7.30 am ✕ Carlos Jose Restrepo
9.00 am ✕ Emily Rose Gomes
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 5 January 2015

7.00 am Greg and Michelle Moody
(Anniversary)

Tuesday, 6 January 2015

7.00 am Nelli Gomez Restrepo
12.00 noon ✕ Donald J. Dorner

Wednesday, 7 January 2015

7.00 am ✕ Michele Murtaugh Barney
12.00 noon John & Irene Karandisevsky

Thursday, 8 January 2015

7.00 am ✕ Elizabeth Upshaw-Tuten
12.00 noon ✕ Mary Butler

Friday, 9 January 2015

7.00 am ✕ Ronald W. Black

Saturday, 10 January 2015

5.00 pm ✕ John Narduzzi

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 4 January 2015

No 3 & 4 Year Olds class this week
Nursery during 9.00 Mass
Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Scripture Study
10.10 am Morning Prayer (McGrady)
No HS Youth Group

Monday, 5 January 2015

6.30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
(McGrady)
6.30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 6 January 2015

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 7 January 2015

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
Confessions (church)
6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education
6.30-7.30 pm RCIA

Thursday, 8 January 2015

2.30 pm Cenacles/Rosary
3.30 pm Prayer Meeting

Friday, 9 January 2015

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, 10 January 2015

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road
abortion clinic
12.00 noon Senior Fellowship Luncheon
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 27/28 December

Needed	32,000
Received	47,995
Christmas Collection:	
	53,487
Surplus for the week:	
	69,482

Poor Box	1,290
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	864,000
Received	897,434
Surplus	33,434

Capital Giving for 2014
\$700,000

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your 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

CATHOLIC DAYS



AT THE CAPITOL

January 28th | 8 a.m. - noon

South Carolina State House and Blatt Building Room 102
Hosted by South Carolina Catholic Conference
\$20 per person

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

Registration required: visit sccatholicconference.org for details.

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, Charles Moran and Susan Sullivan.

St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Please join us for lunch on Saturday 10 January at 12 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Bring a dish or dessert to share. New members age 55 plus and guests are encouraged to come spend time with us! For more information, contact Patricia Wellham at 864.294.9270.



St. Mary's Prayer Chain Ministry

St. Mary's Prayer Chain is a network of parishioners who receive prayer requests by telephone and then pray for those requests. Please call the office at 864.271.8422, ext 127 to submit your requests. Information received will be kept confidential.

Collection for 3/4 January

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

Wednesday Holy Hour & Confessions

Please Note These Changes

We will not hear Confessions on

Wednesday 21 January 2015

On 7 January, only Father Newman will be hearing Confessions.

Thank You

Fr. Newman, Fr. Chalmers, Fr. Cruz, Fr. Leon and the office staff would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity to them this holiday season and throughout the past year.

2014 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available upon request. Please call Vickie Acosta in the church office at 679.4100 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2014.

Please allow us several days to process and mail your statement. Thank you.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new member to our parish family: Mr. Benjamin Hudgins.

Bulletin Submissions

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

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mary's Mardi Gras Masquerade Gala
Saturday 14 February 2015
6.30-11.00 PM



Dinner, Bar, Live Band, Costume and Mask Contests, Fellowship and Fun!

Watch St. Mary's e-bulletin for more information and registration form coming soon!

Sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club. All proceeds to a Catholic charity.

Gala Chair: Pearlie Harris (864.288.8996 or harrismldn@bellsouth.net)

South Carolina Catholic MEN'S CONFERENCE

Building
Men of
God

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
292 Munn Road East
Fort Mill, SC 29715



SPEAKERS



Fr. James Farfaglia
Noted speaker and evangelist, Corpus Christi, TX



Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston



Joseph Hyland
Former pro football player, evangelist



Fr. Paul Williams, OFM
Pastor, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wilmington, DE



Fr. Gregory Wilson
Pastor, St. Mary Help of Christians Church, Aiken, SC

Do you want to:

- grow in your Catholic faith?
- deepen your relationship with Christ?
- be a better father, son, husband, and man?
- be a spiritual leader in your family, church, workplace, and community?

This conference is for you!

Come and fill your spiritual toolbox with the information you need to build your faith!

Along with the energetic and engaging presentations, Bishop Robert Guglielmone will concelebrate Mass with a distinguished group of priests and deacons from across the state of South Carolina. Throughout the day the sacrament of reconciliation will be offered. You will leave this event with a deeper faith, possessing the tools to continue to "Build your Faith" in Christ Jesus. These tools will make you a better father, husband, son and man of Christ.

COST: \$42 Pre-Registration / \$52 at the door

Discounts for: Knights of Columbus • Knights of Peter Claver • Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem • Ancient Order of Hibernians • Early Registration • College/HS

Includes light breakfast and lunch

REGISTRATION:

On-line at www.sccatholicmensconf.org
or mail check to: Edward M. Griffin
742 Cherry Hills Place
Rock Hill, SC 29730-8219
Registration at 7:30 a.m., Mass 9 a.m.,
Presentations 10:10 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112 will hold its Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/15) at St. Mary's Gym on Saturday 17 January at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be obtained from Miss Megan Soulsby and John McGrath. Secondary school athletes should check with their school athletic director about eligibility. For more information, please contact Mr. John McGrath at 864.292.0475.

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 27 January 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class.
Classes resume 11 January 2015.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes for grades 1-8 meet on
Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm.

First Communion Parents

On Wednesday 14 January the parents (only) of 2nd Graders will have a church tour at 6.30 pm. Please meet in the church. Students in RE will still have class.

Family Honor *Real Love & Real Life*

Do You Need Help in Talking to Your Child About Chastity?

Would you like to jump-start communication with your son or daughter? Do you need help in talking to your child about chastity, sexuality, marriage, dating and other important topics? Would you like to spend time with other families who share your values and want the best for their children? Would you like to do all this in an environment that is relaxed, fun and respects the dignity of everyone present?

If you answered yes to any of these questions and you're the parent of 7th, 8th, & 9th grade child, we encourage you to register for the Real Love & Real Life parent-child program, to be held at here at St. Mary's on 11, 18 & 25 March 2015 from 6.30-8.45 pm. This fun and informative three sessions program is for parents to attend with your 7th, 8th, & 9th grader. You'll see and hear skits, video clips and informative presenters. You can also participate in group breakout sessions and interactive games. Topics include: communication skills, chastity, dating and marriage, true self worth, fertility appreciation, friendships and lots more. Most importantly, this program gives you focused time with your child to talk about some of the most important topics in life.

The Real Love & Real Life program is presented by Family Honor, a national organization that creates opportunities and provides tools to help parents and children connect and communicate about important life issues, with a special focus on God's gift of sexuality. Pre-registration is required.

Registration deadline is 27 February 2015. Register online with Family Honor at
familyhonor.org/programs/find-a-family-honor-program-near-you/





praying
the
liturgy of the hours

MORNING PRAYER

EACH SUNDAY 10.15 AM

MCGRADY HALL

SOLEMN VESPERS

SUNDAYS OF LENT AT 5 PM

22 FEBRUARY 2015

1 MARCH 2015

8 MARCH 2015

15 MARCH 2015

22 MARCH 2015

29 MARCH 2015



ALSO PRAY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Online at www.divineoffice.org

With iOS and Android at iBreviary



st. mary's catholic school

2014-2015
The Year of Charity



St. Mary's Classic & Gala

Friday 29 May 2015

Do you own a Vacation Home?

Florida, Myrtle Beach, Wild Dunes, Lake Keowee? Whatever the destination may be, the St. Mary's Gala needs your help. We have been blessed that a number of families have donated the use of their vacation home as a live auction item in the past. We are grateful for these donations as they raise a great deal of money for our event. However, it is hard for us to know who to reach out to and ask about donating in this way.

If you are interested, please contact our Director, Lisa Lyvers at lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org. She will forward the information on to our Gala Chairs- Erin Brasington and Winsy Pittinos.

www.stmarysgvl.org/our-school



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2015-2016 Admissions Testing

St. Mary's School has begun the 2015-2016 new family application process for grades K3-8. Admissions testing is required for grades K5-8 and the priority testing dates are:

Saturday 24 January at 9.00 am

Saturday 28 February at 9.00 am

Applications and registration for testing are required.

Please see our website for more information:
www.stmarysgvl.org/our-school/admission-overview/
or

contact Nelle Palms, Director of Admissions
at nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4117

St. Mary's Annual Fund

Give the Gift of a St. Mary's Education!

We are excited to announce that 100% of the Annual Fund donations received by the school will now be directed toward Tuition Assistance.

Please read Sister Mary Sheila's letter to learn more details about our Tuition Assistance programs and how the generous donations of those in our community can provide a Catholic Education to families in need as well as sustain current school families in the case of job loss or illness. To contribute, make checks payable to "St. Mary's School" with "Annual Fund" in the memo line.

To read Sister's letter, visit the "Donations" page on the school website, and select the "Annual Fund Appeal" pdf on that page.

St. Mary's Ducks Basketball

(Home games in bold)

		Girls	Boys
2-3 January	Christmas Tournament @ Easley Rec	TBA	TBA
6 January	Spartanburg Day	4.00 pm	5.15 pm
8 January	St. Joe's	4.00 pm	5.15 pm



Tradition - Virtue - Excellence



Fundraiser

George Weigel, a TV commentator, columnist, and biographer of St. John Paul II will be presenting "Why John Paul II is a Saint: The Family and Religious Freedom" on 13 February 2015 from 7-9 pm at The Harbour Club 35 Prioleau Sreet Charleston as a fundraiser for SC families with difficult pregnancies. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, \$75.00 per couple. For more information or to register please email Michael Acquilano at MAcquilano@catholic-doc.org or call the Family Life Office at 843.547.5063.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Monday 4 am
Wednesday 2 am & 11 pm
Thursday 1 am
Friday 4 am & 12 pm
Saturday 3 am

March for Life

The March for Life in Washington DC will be Thursday 22 January 2015. This is a gathering of people from all over our country who march, pray and educate for the Sanctity of Human Life. There are buses leaving from several locations to attend. If you would like to join us, please contact the Office of Family Life at FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org or 803.547.5063.

World Meetings of Families

Pope Francis is attending the World Meetings of Families in Philadelphia, a family friendly event that is held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family. The theme of the World Meeting of Families is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.

The Diocese of Charleston-Office of Family Life is organizing a trip that will include transportation and lodging from 21-28 September 2015. Registrations must be done by the individual or family online at www.worldmeeting2015.org/. Please contact the Office of Family Life if you have any questions or would like to be a part of the diocesan trip by emailing FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org or calling the office at 803.547.5063. If families or parishes would like to arrange their own trip, they should visit www.worldmeeting2015.org/.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Marriage Celebration Mass

The Diocese of Charleston Anniversary Family Life Office is sponsoring the Marriage Celebration Mass with Most Reverend Robert Guglielmone, 15 February 2015, at St. Peter Church in Columbia, SC at 3.00 pm.

There is a form on the website: www.sccatholic.org/family-life or FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org or call 803.547.5063.



Website: www.charlestonvocations.com

Facebook: Charleston Vocations





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.

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:

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

Women's Book Study

Tuesdays beginning 20 January

Father Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) published *Love and Responsibility* in 1960, the fruit of his pastoral work, particularly among young people. His analysis of the true meaning of human love is life-transforming and practical, shedding light on real issues between men and women.

Edward Sri unpacks the contents of this great work, making it accessible to every reader. The author emphasizes the down-to-earth nature of *Love and Responsibility*, helping readers appropriate practical information.

Discussion led by Lorena R and Christina C. Questions? Call Christina - 443.986.5945 or Lorena - 843.833.3820.

SERVICE

In an effort to serve those in our community that have unmet technological needs, LVG is announcing an effort to collect your unused technology items. We will be refurbishing items, as needed, and donating them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for use with those who demonstrate the need for a computer, printer, etc. As most of you are aware, we live in a world with increasing technological needs for education, training, job seeking, and more. This is a need that is out of the reach for many financially.



How to get items to LVG:

- bring your donation to any LVG event
- give your donation to any member of our Leadership Team



Lucis Via Winter Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Upstairs conference room of Sacred Heart Hall

Mondays from 7.00 - 8.30 pm
January to March

Please plan to bring your Bible; many folks use the Ignatius Study Bible.

Readings/homework will be assigned.

Stay tuned to lvgreenville.com for more details as the time draws closer.

Giovanni Calise

"From Clubs to Christ"

Friday 23 January 2015
7.30 pm at Local Cue

30 Orchard Park Drive, Suite 7
Greenville, SC 29615

RSVP on the Facebook event.

National speaker Giovanni C. will share his testimony about why he left the nightclub industry and a \$100,000 job to follow Christ.



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