



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

5 April 2015

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 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

# ST. MARY'S PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC STUDIES SUMMER 2015 COURSE OFFERINGS



Tuesday 8.30 am — The History of the Church  
(Instructors: T.J. Nielsen and Tony Owens)

Wednesday 6.30 pm — Unlocking Scripture through  
Stories and Stuff (Instructor: Christian LeBlanc)

Thursday 6.30 pm — The History of the Church  
(Instructors: T.J. Nielsen and Tony Owens)

**REGISTRATION ENDS 13 APRIL**  
**Classes begin week of 4 May 2015**

**MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER**

See our full booklet and registration form on  
the parish website,

[www.stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/  
program-of-catholic-studies](http://www.stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/program-of-catholic-studies)

Call or email T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or  
[timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org)

## HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

This course presents the story of God's intervention in human history from the Incarnation until the present day. It emphasizes God as the Lord of history and his actions that demonstrate his love for his people. This is an excellent survey for anyone wanting to know more about the history of the Catholic Church.

## UNLOCKING SCRIPTURE THROUGH STORIES AND STUFF

This course covers the sweep of Salvation History, beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation. Along the way we'll get a big-picture view of Catholicism and the Bible as a unified whole, with an emphasis on the continuity of body and soul, the Stuff and Spirit that comprise each human being. This course has no textbook and so it is **FREE**.

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Sunday, 5 April 2015**

### Easter Sunday

- 7.30 am ✘ Lillian Sasso  
9.00 am ✘ Lillian, John &  
Lawrence Pazdan  
9.00 am ✘ Frank & Frances Watkins  
11.00 am Pro populo  
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

**Monday, 6 April 2015**

- 7.00 am ✘ Susan Moore

**Tuesday, 7 April 2015**

- 7.00 am ✘ Corrine Shields  
12.00 noon ✘ Liz O'Hanlan

**Wednesday, 8 April 2015**

- 7.00 am Special Intention  
12.00 noon Joseph Michael Dietz

**Thursday, 9 April 2015**

- 7.00 am ✘ Salvatore Sanfilippo  
12.00 noon ✘ Argemira Palacio

**Friday, 10 April 2015**

- 7.00 am ✘ Bernard Desroches

**Saturday, 11 April 2015**

- 5.00 pm Ingo Esser Family

## Meetings & Events \*

**Sunday, 5 April 2015**

- No nursery today  
No coffee & doughnuts today  
No 3 & 4 Year Olds class today

**Monday, 6 April 2015**

- 6.30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (M)  
6.30 pm Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, 7 April 2015**

- 8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies (M)  
1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

**Wednesday, 8 April 2015**

- 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &  
Confessions (church)  
6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education  
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies (M)

**Thursday, 9 April 2015**

- 3.00 pm Cenacles/Rosary  
4.00 pm Prayer Meeting  
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies (M)

**Friday, 10 April 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, 11 April 2015**

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

M - McGrady Hall

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 28/29 March

Needed	32,000
Received	32,196
Surplus	196

Poor Box	362
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,280,000
Received	1,310,479
Surplus	30,479

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stmarysgvl.org)

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 4/5 April

Support of the Parish

### Nursery Closure

The nursery will be closed on 5 April.

### 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, Susan Sullivan, Gary Blanton, Celine Brouillard and Noah Thomas.

### 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: Ret. Col. & Mrs. William Malouche and Ms. Christina Garrett.

### St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Spring has sprung! Join us in fellowship at 12.00 noon on Saturday 11 April in Sacred Heart Hall to celebrate warmer days ahead. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. New friends and guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Patricia Wellham at 864.294.9270.

### Catholic Fellowship Dinners for Adults

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. Meet and greet new and old friends of our parishes. Come join us! For information call Judy at 864.884.9853.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin The Book of Acts starting 19 April. Every year during the Easter Season the Church replaces the Old Testament readings at Mass with readings from the book of Acts. Come join us every Sunday at 9.00 am as we explore in depth the book which chronicles the first steps of the early Church. For more information, please contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com or 864.710.0717. No class on 5 and 12 April.

### 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 next testing date is:

**Wednesday 29 April at 1.00 pm**

Applications and registration for testing are required.

Please see our website for more information:  
[www.stmarysgvl.org/our-school/admission-overview/](http://www.stmarysgvl.org/our-school/admission-overview/)

or

contact Nelle Palms, Director of Admissions  
at [nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org) or 864.679.4117



### St. Mary's Classic & Gala

Friday 29 May  
7.00 pm at Embassy Suites

Order Tickets:  
<http://SMSGala.myab.co>

For More Information:  
<http://stmarysgvl.org/golfgala/>

Volunteer Signup:  
<http://tinyurl.com/qcm7uf6>

Come enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres,  
an open bar, dancing and bidding!

If you have any questions, please contact  
Lisa Lyvers at [lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org).



## 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 Lisa Buss at [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org) or 772.215.7123 if you would like to take one of these hours.

#### Hours in need of an adorer

Sunday 3 am & 12 pm  
Monday 4 am, 8 am, 3 pm & 8 pm  
Tuesday 1 am  
Wednesday 2 am  
Friday 4 pm  
Saturday 3 am rotation

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm.

### Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class today.

### Vacation Bible School 2015

Cathletics:

Training To Be Champions For Christ  
15-19 June from 9 am to noon

St. Mary's parishioners, entering K5 - 5th grade, are welcome to attend this fun filled week of faith based learning! A nursery for younger children (rising K-4 and younger) will be provided for children of volunteers only. Registration forms for families, teen volunteers and adult volunteers are now available online at [stmarysgvl.org](http://stmarysgvl.org) under Catechesis tab or the church office.

We are now looking for adult volunteers; if you are interested please contact Elizabeth McLeer at [gemcleer@gmail.com](mailto:gemcleer@gmail.com) or 864.245.0753.

### High School Ministry Open House Picnic

On Saturday 18 April from 6.30 - 9.30 pm, the St. Mary's High School ministry will host an Open House Picnic, on the St. Mary's campus. We are inviting all high school youth as well as graduating 8th graders. We are committed to providing the best possible experience for our high school youth at St. Mary's. Our program is a good balance of fun and catechesis. Events like the Open House Picnic are provided to give youth an opportunity to give us a try. The Youth Group will be providing the hamburgers, hotdogs and utensils. 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



**ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE  
OF CHARLESTON**  
BISHOP'S SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC SCHOLARS

### *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Spring 2015 Meeting

**Saturday, April 18**  
10:00—4:00  
**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
3600 Devine St., Columbia

**Registration \$60**  
Includes Lunch



**Plenary Speaker**  
**Phillip M. Thompson**  
Executive Director  
Aquinas Center of Theology, Emory University

Author of *Between Science and Religion* and  
*Returning to Reality: Thomas Merton's Wisdom  
for a Technological World*

Register at [SCCatholicScholars.org](http://SCCatholicScholars.org)



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 2015 Open House Picnic

Sports and Icebreakers

An Evening of Faith and Fun!!!

April 18th  
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" s a ministry outreach of the St. Mary's Youth Group. For more info, contact Chris Stansberry at 864.679.4111

# Divine Mercy Conference

At Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Greenville, SC



**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM\*

**Sunday, April 12, 2015**

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

## SPEAKERS:

### Johnnette S. Benkovic



- ❖ Founder and President of Living His Life Abundantly
- ❖ Executive Producer of “Women of Grace” TV show on EWTN

### Steve Wood



- ❖ Founder of The Family Life Center
- ❖ Host of “Faith and Family Radio” program

### Fr. Dwight Longenecker



- ❖ Parish Priest
- ❖ Blogger
- ❖ Radio Host
- ❖ Author

**For more information and to Register:**

**OLR Church (864) 422-1648**

**OLRChurch@Charter.net**

**\*Fee for the conference is \$25/person (\$40/couple). (\$30 per person after 03/31/15)  
Includes lunch on Saturday.**

# Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston Office of the Permanent Diaconate



Are you being  
called?

## Diaconate Formation Information Meeting

In communion with the bishop and priests, deacons are ordained for a distinct ministry, which is indicated by their name: they are ordained *for service*. They function in all three areas of the Church's life: transmission of the Word, celebrating of the sacraments, and in the community's active love. The deacon, therefore, is more properly defined in terms of who he is rather than of what he does. He is a visible sign of the Church's call to "diakonia" — service. He is both servant and sacrament.

### Candidate Qualifications

- Practicing Catholic for 5 years or more
- Between the ages of 30 & 55
- Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation, and be validly married by the Church, if applicable
- Actively involved in parish ministry for a minimum of 3 years
- A minimum of a High School diploma or GED
- Gainfully employed or retired
- Sufficient time to devote to the formation program
- If married, support and consent of his wife and family. His wife should be willing to participate in the formation process
- A commitment to celibacy is required of non-married candidates, as well as widowers

*Wives are encouraged to attend*

**COME FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:**

Saturday April 18, 2015

10:00am—12 Noon

St. Peter Catholic Church  
1529 Assembly St. Columbia, SC 29202

Please RSVP to the Office of the Permanent Diaconate by April 8, 2015  
(843) 402-9115 ext. 74 or via email [cdiesso@catholic-doc.org](mailto:cdiesso@catholic-doc.org)





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.

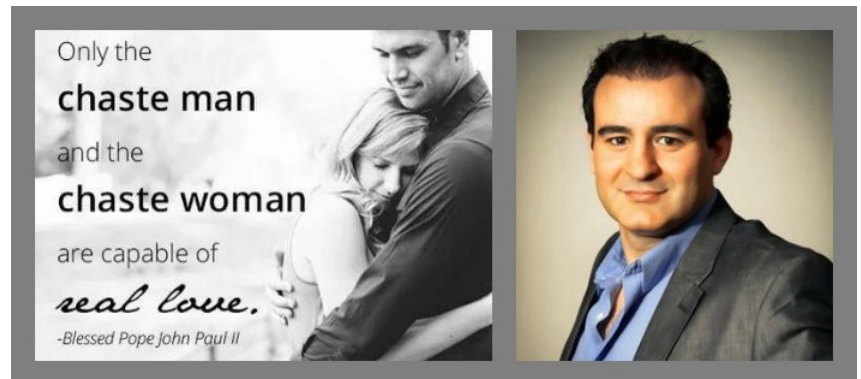
## FELLOWSHIP

10 April - Monthly Happy Hour from 6 - 7 pm at Blue Ridge Brewing Company (217 N Main St, Greenville, SC 29601). Host: Claudia.

23 April - Women's Rosary Group at 7.30 pm. Join other LVG women in praying the rosary! Bring an hors d'oeuvres to share and enjoy wine provided by the hostess. The location of the event is the home of Victoria B. To get the exact address, contact Victoria at 770.366.3246.

Sex, God and the Bible with Giovanni Calise

Monday 13 April  
7 pm at Fitzpatrick's Irish Pub



## Theology on Tap Speaker Series



20 & 27 April  
4 & 11 May

Liberty Tap Room

More details soon.



## Diocese of Charleston Young Adult Ministry

Follow the Diocese of Charleston  
Young Adult Ministry on Facebook.

## SERVICE

Saturday 25 April from 8 am - 12 noon at 2 Abba Way (use 210 Edwards Street to get to the neighborhood) Taylors, SC 29687. Christina C is organizing a LVG team to help with the Pope Francis Habitat for Humanity build! Tasks include putting on the 2nd coat of paint and installing the attic hatch. You will need this Waiver of Liability Form.

More information and RSVP on the Facebook event.

2015 Spring Catholic Young Adult Retreat  
**The Call to Joyful Discipleship**  
Camp St. Christopher, Seabrook Island, SC  
April 17-19, 2015

"Each of you has a personal vocation which He has given you for your own joy and sanctity. When a person is conquered by the fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him and give Him the best of ourselves. This is what the saints have always done, spreading the light of the Lord ... and transforming the world into a welcoming home for everyone." - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

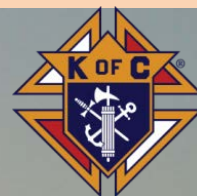
For more information or to register, visit [catholicyoungadultsofsc.com](http://catholicyoungadultsofsc.com).

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Visit us at: [www.lvgreenville.com](http://www.lvgreenville.com)

Email us: [LVgreenville@gmail.com](mailto:LVgreenville@gmail.com)

Call: 864.266.8843



5<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference

### Being Catholic Men, Being Catholic Leaders

Proverbs 27:17

Saturday, April 25, 2015  
8:00am - 3:30pm

St. Matthew's Catholic Church  
8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway  
Charlotte, NC 28277

**For more details:**

**<http://www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org/>**

Women's Night of Reflection: April 24, 2015 more details to come

Featuring:



**Tom Peterson**  
President and Founder of  
Catholics Come Home



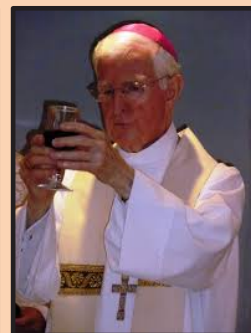
**Darrell Miller**  
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Academy, VP Youth  
and Facility  
Development



**Michael Manhardt**  
One Strong F.A.M.I.L.Y.  
(Forget About Me I Love  
You)



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