



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

17 May 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

Between 2007 and 2014, over five million Americans ceased to identify themselves as Christians. In only 7 years, more Americans than the population of South Carolina have stopped saying that they believe Jesus Christ is Lord, and these numbers are only part of the bad news reported by the Pew Research Center from a survey conducted in 2014. The last time Pew conducted a survey this large was in 2007, and I wrote to you about their findings in 2008. The numbers then were not encouraging, and the trends identified seven years ago have only accelerated.

In 2007, 78.4% of Americans identified themselves as Christians (either Catholic or Protestant), but in 2014 that number dropped to 70.6%. In 2007, 23.9% of Americans stated they were Catholic; in 2014 that number fell to 20.8%. In 2007, 10% of Americans said that they were ex-Catholics, while in 2014 that number rose to 13%. And in 2007, 16.1% of Americans described themselves as atheists, agnostics or as having no religious beliefs, but in 2014 that number jumped to 22.8%. This means, among other things, that those who have no religious beliefs now outnumber Catholics in the United States and that 13 out of every 100 Americans are former Catholics. These numbers reveal a clear and growing trend towards the abandonment of the Gospel by millions of people in a short span of time, and we need to ponder these facts.

The collapse of cultural Christianity has been unfolding in Europe and the Anglosphere for several decades, and in some places that collapse has been swift and complete – for example, Quebec, the Netherlands and Ireland. By cultural Christianity, I mean the outward form of Christian faith and life without the interior conviction and conversion which come from personal faith in the Lord Jesus and obedience to the truth of his Gospel as the power of God unto salvation for all who believe. Seen in this way, cultural Christianity is not true Christianity in any sense, and so the collapse and disappearance of cultural Christianity can be understood as a positive development – something that strips away the pretense of a false religion that seems to be authentic right up to the moment when it vanishes like mist in the morning sun. But even if the end of cultural Christianity is a positive development for authentic Christian faith, it is also a challenge and a warning: no one is born a Christian, and no one will be a Christian because his or her mother or father were Christians.

These numbers from the Pew Research Center are available at pewforum.org, and I encourage you to have a look at the results of the 2014 survey. It is well for us to ponder the challenges of mounting a New Evangelization in our time and under these circumstances. But that is precisely what we are called to do by radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship and courageous evangelism. Let us be Evangelical Catholics who lead others to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ in his holy Catholic Church.

Father Newman



THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

May 2015

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Charleston,

Greetings in Christ! I pray this letter finds you and your loved ones well and in good spirits.

As the shepherd of our Diocese, it is my responsibility to nurture a response to God's will, and to provide for the holistic formation of men who have entered the seminary in order to discern the priesthood. As a part of this request, on Sunday, May 17, 2015, we will take up our Annual Seminarian Collection to help in the support of the 11 men who are studying for the priesthood in our Diocese. Their formation process, which you are supporting, will provide us with future priests who are spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally ready to shepherd in Christ's name.

In addition to your financial support, I ask you to pray that more young men respond to God's call to the priesthood; our needs in the Diocese of Charleston are great and our Catholic population continues to increase. I ask all our people in the Diocese to offer encouragement to young men to consider the priesthood and to young women to consider the call to religious life. "The Harvest is Great, but the Laborers are few."

Your generosity will help provide for the spiritual needs of the Church in the Diocese of Charleston. Let us together pray that God will continue to send us good and holy priests to serve his faithful people.

In the Lord's Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert E. Guglielmone", preceded by a small cross symbol.

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Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 17 May 2015

7.30 am ✕ Argemira Palacio
9.00 am ✕ Emily Rose Gomes
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 18 May 2015

7.00 am ✕ Dorothy McCormick

Tuesday, 19 May 2015

7.00 am ✕ Virginia Kinsley
12.00 noon ✕ Deceased Members /
Norungolo Family

Wednesday, 20 May 2015

7.00 am ✕ Theresa Vassolo
12.00 noon ✕ Harlan Deitz

Thursday, 21 May 2015

7.00 am ✕ Grady Cole
12.00 noon ✕ Walter & Annette Santy

Friday, 22 May 2015

7.00 am Natalie Kompik

Saturday, 23 May 2015

5.00 pm ✕ Bridget Ann Deehan

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 17 May 2015

No coffee & doughnuts this week
Nursery during 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Scripture Class
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 18 May 2015

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

Tuesday, 19 May 2015

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

Wednesday, 20 May 2015

No Holy Hour & Confessions

6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies (M)
7.00 pm VBS Meeting (Gallivan)

Thursday, 21 May 2015

2.30 pm Cenacles/Rosary
3.30 pm Prayer Meeting
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies (M)

Friday, 22 May 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, 23 May 2015

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road
abortion clinic
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 9/10 May

Needed	32,000
Received	29,712
Shortage	2,288

Poor Box	198
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Catholic Charities	4,569
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,472,000
Received	1,501,704
Surplus	29,704

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.



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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville SC.

Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org

M - McGrady Hall

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

PARISH NEWS

Collections for 16/17 May

- 1st: Support of the Parish
- 2nd: Seminary Offering

Special Collection on 23/24 May

Earthquake relief in Nepal

Vacation Bible School 2015

VBS Adult Volunteers' Meeting

Wednesday 20 May at 7.00 pm in Gallivan Hall

Evensong in the Anglican Tradition

Pentecost Sunday 24 May 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.

Parish Envelopes

Our parish, like many others, uses an envelope system not only for tithing purposes but also to keep our parish census records up-to-date. All registered households should be on either the envelope system or automated giving as a means to make their contributions. If your family has suddenly stopped receiving envelopes and would like them for tithing and/or attendance purposes, please call the office at 864.271.8422.

We ask that you please write your check number and the amount of your donation on the envelope or indicate EFT donation. This will save a great deal of time for the offertory counters. Thank you.

Office Closure

The church office will be closed on Monday 25 May for Memorial Day.

Holy Hour & Confessions Canceled

There will be no Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday 20 and 27 May.

K. of C. Monthly Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will not have a monthly breakfast during May.

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, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Celine Brouillard and Noah Thomas.

Bulletin Submissions

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

Ordination Announcement

On Friday 29 May 2015, Bishop Robert Guglielmone will ordain Deacon Roger Morgan and Deacon Richard Wilson to the sacred priesthood for the Diocese of Charleston. The ordination Mass will take place at 6 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greenville, and a reception will follow in Gallivan Hall. Father Wilson will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 30 May 2015 at 5 pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Anderson. Father Morgan will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 31 May 2015 at St. Mary's. A reception to honor the newly ordained priests will follow each of their first Masses.



Deacon Roger Morgan



Deacon Richard Wilson

Sacred Heart Hall Closure

Between Monday 6 July and Sunday 26 July, the interior of Sacred Heart Hall will be painted, and therefore we are closing the nursery and canceling coffee and doughnuts on two Sundays: 12 July and 19 July. The rest rooms in Sacred Heart Hall will remain open on those two weekends. All meetings which would normally take place in Sacred Heart Hall between 6 and 26 July will need to be moved to other facilities, and if you need assistance in doing that, please contact Joann Miller at 864.679.4110 or joann.miller@stmarysgvl.org.

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.

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."

Your Chance to Help Someone!

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. Take the time to change someone's life. The date for the class will be determined later.

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Congratulations to

Jeffrey Thomas Johnston and Sara Elizabeth Ruffner who were married last weekend.

Women of Grace Bible Study

Women of Grace Bible Study will not meet on 24 May. We will hold our last meeting of the year on Sunday 31 May at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Dorothy Whalen at Littledotw@aol.com if you any have any questions.

Safe Environment

St. Mary's, along with the Diocese of Charleston (the "Diocese") and the Catholic Church, is committed to ensuring that all programs, ministries and operations affiliated with the Parish are conducted in a Safe Environment. Prior to serving as a volunteer with children at the church or school, parishioners and/or parents must fulfill several requirements outlined by the Diocese before they are allowed to serve.

Prior to involvement, a volunteer must:

- Attend Safe Environment Training (VIRTUS class);
- Complete Background Screening Forms;
- Read & sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct; and
- Read & sign the Diocesan Abuse Policy.

Forms can be found on the parish website at stmarysgvl.org/our-parish/virtus-classes-background-checks/

All forms and VIRTUS certificate should be returned to the Safe Environment Coordinator.

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School: Pat Lanning
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PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC 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 772.215.7123 or adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org if you would like to take one of these hours.

Hours in need of an adorer

Sunday 3 am

Monday 2 am, 11 am & 3 pm

Friday 1 am

Saturday 3 am rotation & 10 am



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Homeschool Conference

Belmont Abbey College - Gym
100 Belmont-Mt. Holly Rd.
Belmont, NC 28012

Friday 22 May @ 12.00 - 6.00 pm
Saturday 23 May @ 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

Confirmed speakers include: Fr. Joseph Mary Brown, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Dr. Catherine Moran, Dr. Bill Thierfelder, Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett, and Mrs. Melissa Savage! Admission is free and pre-registration is not required.

For more information:

Visit www.ihmconference.org
Email: info@ihmconference.org
Call 540.636.1946



Knights of Columbus
Assembly 1073

May 16, 2015

Featuring
Vincent Lovetro
&
The "Mile Marker 0" Band

An Evening in Paris



Tickets are \$25 a Person
No tickets sold at the door.
Contact Frank Bufis for Info or tickets
864-351-8763
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Gluten Free Menu
Salad Bar
Steak Au Poivre
Haricots Verts (Green Beans)
Potatoes Gratin
Dessert
Coffee/Tea
Cash Bar

Council Home
762 Mauldin Road
Greenville, SC 29607

Doors Open
6 PM



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Quo Vadis Days 15-19 June

Quo Vadis is a 5 day discernment camp for young men (ages 15-25) sponsored by the Diocese of Charlotte. The day is structured to include Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, time for personal reflection, and interaction with priests and seminarians. There is also ample time devoted to activities and fellowship. This camp takes place at Belmont Abbey College on 15-19 June. Cost is \$100 per person. The cost includes lodging at Belmont Abbey College, all meals and supplies. If you need financial assistance, or if you have questions, please contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. Christopher Gober at vocationsmail@charlottediocese.org or 704.370.3327.



st. mary's catholic school

2014-2015
The Year of Charity



St. Mary's Classic & Gala

Friday 29 May
7.00 pm at Embassy Suites

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

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

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.

Private tours are available by appointment.

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

School Office Hours for Summer

15 June - 3 August
Monday through Thursday
9.00 am - 2.00 pm

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe; most
of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School
Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open: 864.271.3870.

Thank you for your patience.

www.stmarysgvl.org/school-main



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School Spotlight K4 & K5 Butterflies & Chicks

St. Mary's has been bursting with
new life over the past month.
Ms. Morris' K4 class watched a
group of caterpillars transform
into chrysalises and then into
butterflies as they learned about life cycles and metamorphosis.



While K4 was eagerly watching their
insects, Mrs. Permanente's K5 had their
eyes on a member of the vertebrate
subphylum: chickens. Several eggs were
placed in an incubator, and the students
had an opportunity to see the chicks
hatch.



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STUDY

19 May - Women's Study: The Feminine Genius at 7.00 pm. Emily Stimpson, Catholic writer and Speaker, outlines JPPII's description of the Feminine Genius. Join other women as we listen to Emily's remarks (audio-recorded) and dialogue about our unique gifts as women! Food and Beverage provided! Contact Victoria for the specific address: 770.366.3246.

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

28 May - Women's Rosary Group at 7.30 pm. The location of the event is the home of Brenna W. To get the exact address, contact Brenna at 913.269.2073.

31 May - Spring Picnic at 2.00 pm. Father Chris has graciously invited all young adults in our ministry to have a picnic at his home, the beautiful Prince of Peace rectory near Howell Commons Apartments. See the [Facebook event](#) for more details. Questions? Contact Victoria at 770.366.3246 or Dan at 412.651.5333.

12 June - Monthly Happy Hour at 6.00 pm. In June, our Happy Hour starts at Liberty Tap Room at 6:00 and moves onward to the ballpark watching the Greenville Drive take on the Rome Braves! Hosts: Victoria & Dan.

GOD'S WORK.YOUR HANDS. CONSIDER PRIESTHOOD



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Prayer to Know My Vocation

Lord, I want to be happy in this life
and spend eternity with You in the life to come.

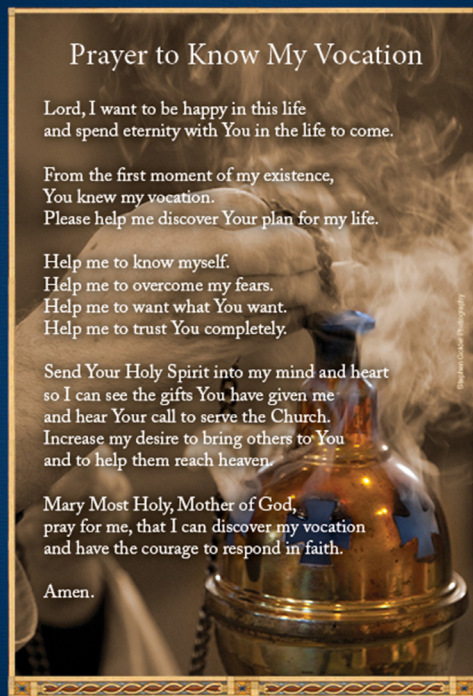
From the first moment of my existence,
You knew my vocation.
Please help me discover Your plan for my life.

Help me to know myself.
Help me to overcome my fears.
Help me to want what You want.
Help me to trust You completely.

Send Your Holy Spirit into my mind and heart
so I can see the gifts You have given me
and hear Your call to serve the Church.
Increase my desire to bring others to You
and to help them reach heaven.

Mary Most Holy, Mother of God,
pray for me, that I can discover my vocation
and have the courage to respond in faith.

Amen.



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