



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

12 July 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

Given the great cultural changes through which we are now living, some Catholics may be tempted to withdraw from the world the better to resist the challenges to Christian life that confront us all. But such a withdrawal is not the Catholic way. Consider, for comparison, the Amish, who are famous for their separation from their neighbors: they will not use modern technology, their clothing has not changed in 300 years, they cease formal schooling after the 8th grade, they refuse to serve in the armed forces, they will not participate in Social Security or purchase medical insurance, and so forth. But such a way of life is not required by the Gospel, and in some ways it is contrary to the Gospel, which is why Catholics cannot live like the Amish.

Christians do not wear distinctive clothing. We do not fear technology or the benefits of modern science. We do not separate ourselves in politics, commerce, education, military service, or civic responsibility from those who do not share our faith. And we do not do these things because to do so would make it impossible for us to fulfill the Great Commission: "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; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28.18-20) We are called to be salt and light in the world, not to hide behind a barricade for fear that we will be polluted.

The impulse to flee from "the world" is, of course, also a part of Christianity, if by "the world" we mean that part of the created order (starting inside of us) which is in rebellion against God. For this reason, religious life has been with us since Christian antiquity, and all Christians need a deep formation for genuine holiness of life. But that is not the same as the Amish refusal to live in the world, something that Catholics cannot accept as compatible with Christian discipleship. The Letter to Diognetus, written in the 2nd century when the violent persecution of Christians was still common, explains it thus: "Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life ... With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign. And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven ... To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body."

Are we living as the "soul of the world"?

Father Newman



MARRIAGE AND THE SUPREME COURT



USCCB Nationwide Bulletin Insert

Summer 2015

The Supreme Court has tragically declared that states must issue marriage licenses to two persons of the same sex and recognize same sex “marriages” that were contracted in another state.

This broad, adverse ruling redefines marriage in the law throughout the entire country, changing thousands of laws regarding marriage, family and children and threatening religious freedom in numerous ways. “Regardless of what a narrow majority of the Supreme Court may declare at this moment in history, the nature of the human person and marriage remains unchanged and unchangeable.” -Archbishop Kurtz, President of the USCCB

WHAT YOU CAN DO

PRAY, FAST, SACRIFICE

The Bishops have encouraged Catholics to participate in a **Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty**. Visit www.usccb.org/pray to learn more and commit to praying and fasting for life, marriage, and religious liberty.



ADVOCATE FOR MARRIAGE

Don't be afraid to talk about it.

Be a witness for the truth of marriage. Take advantage of opportunities to speak about it kindly with family, friends, neighbors or co-workers. Be prepared for false charges of discrimination and to respond with the following truths in charity.

What is marriage?

Marriage is the permanent and exclusive union of one man and one woman, for the good of the spouses and for the procreation and education of children. **One man, one woman, for life.**

The difference is the difference.

Men and women are equal and different. Sexual difference is essential to marriage and raising children. Ignoring or removing “the difference is... the problem, not the solution” (Pope Francis).

Mothers and fathers matter.

They aren't interchangeable. While single parents and others raising children often make heroic sacrifices and deserve support, society should also affirm every child's basic, natural right to come from and be raised in the loving marital union of his or her own father and mother.

Support religious freedom

The First Amendment Defense Act is one way that Congress is seeking to protect religious believers from being coerced to accept, condone, or participate in same-sex “marriage.” The Child Welfare Provide Inclusion Act is another important piece of legislation. Please let your representatives know that you support this legislation through our action center, and keep informed of other such measures.

LEARN MORE

Visit www.MarriageUniqueForAReason.org for more resources on the authentic meaning of marriage. For resources for engaged couples and married couples, visit www.ForYourMarriage.org and www.PorTuMatrimonio.org.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 12 July 2015

7.30 am ✕ John Richardson
9.00 am John Paul Nielsen
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 13 July 2015

7.00 am ✕ Frank & Frances Watkins

Tuesday, 14 July 2015

7.00 am ✕ Barbara Kellems
No 12.00 noon Mass

Wednesday, 15 July 2015

7.00 am ✕ Lillian A. Sasso
No 12.00 noon Mass

Thursday, 16 July 2015

7.00 am ✕ Discalced Carmelites
No 12.00 noon Mass

Friday, 17 July 2015

7.00 am ✕ Argemira Palacio

Saturday, 18 July 2015

5.00 pm Devlin Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 12 July 2015

No Nursery during July
No coffee & doughnuts during July
9.00 am Scripture Study (M)

Monday, 13 July 2015

Tuesday, 14 July 2015

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

Wednesday, 15 July 2015

No Holy Hour & Confessions

6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies (M)

Thursday, 16 July 2015

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

Friday, 17 July 2015

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)
6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ (M)

Saturday, 18 July 2015

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 4/5 July

Needed	32,500
Received	33,027
Surplus	527

Poor Box	1,217
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Offertory Year to Date

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Surplus	527

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.

M - McGrady Hall

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

Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org



THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

July 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese has a strong history of dedicated men who have offered a lifetime of service to the Catholic Faithful here in South Carolina. Even before the establishment of our diocese in 1820, groups of dedicated priests have served our local region. That tradition of service continues to this day. A primary goal of our diocese is to properly care for our priests by providing them much needed medical attention.

I write to ask for your assistance to provide our ill or retired priests with our best care and support in this time of escalating medical costs. Please be generous to our collection for **INFIRM PRIESTS**. These priests have spent their lives caring for others and helping those most in need. I am confident that we will continue to do our best to care for them as well.

In The Lords' Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert E. Gugliemone".

Most Reverend Robert E. Gugliemone
Bishop of Charleston

Office of the Bishop

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Do you have that box of old Camping Equipment taking up valuable space?

Have you upgraded your Camping Supplies,
but didn't want to throw out older but perfectly useful equipment?

SAINT MARY'S CUB SCOUT PACK 521
has a suggestion for you!

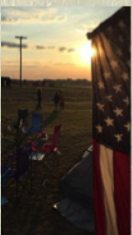
Sunday 26 July
is going to be

Cub Scout Camping Stuff Donation Day!!!

**The Cub Scouts will be accepting donations after the Sunday Masses
at a donation station in Miller Square**

**and will also accept drop off donations between 2-4 pm Sunday
on the field behind the gym**

Pack 521 is happy to accept serviceable backpacking and camping gear, including but not limited to: tents, tarps, sleeping bags, pads, pop-up canopies, backpacks, walking sticks, lanterns, flash lights, camp kitchens, camping tables, camping chairs, Dutch ovens, cast iron cookware, cast iron tripods, mess kits, canteens, stoves, small camping grills, coolers, ice packs, water storage, water filters, camping kitchen equipment, utensils, Nalgene water bottles, first aid supplies, and compasses.



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, Noah Thomas and Michael Pinto.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard DeSimony who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Bukowski, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Elster, Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Montalvo and Mr. & Dr. Nelson Quintana, Jr.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The K. of C. Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for **Sunday 19 July** in Macalka Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

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.

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.

PARISH NEWS

Collections for 11/12 July

1st: Support of the Parish
2nd: Infirm Priests

Summer Church Office Hours

5 June - 7 August

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
Friday 9 am - 12 noon

Nursery Closure

The nursery will be closed all of July.

Holy Hour & Confessions Canceled

There will be no Holy Hour and Confessions on any Wednesday in July.

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.

Baptism Class

The next class is scheduled for Tuesday 25 August at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the Church office is required. Contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

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.

INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM



Starting Wednesday
9 September @ 6.30 pm
in Sacred Heart Hall

Interested in becoming a Catholic?
Or just want learn more about what Catholics believe?

Introduction to Catholicism is an introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church, and anyone who wants to understand the Catholic Faith more deeply is invited to participate. This course meets each Wednesday evening from Labor Day until Easter. Those who have never been baptized, those who were baptized but never confirmed, and those simply seeking to know more are all welcome to attend.

While this course is first and foremost a process for bringing non-Catholic adults into the Church, it is also a great place for practicing Catholics to increase their knowledge of foundational Church teaching - in particular on those topics that often come up in conversations with non-Catholics. One practical thing that any parishioner could do to evangelize would be to invite a non-Catholic friend who might be interested in learning what the Catholic Church really teaches to join you in attending when the class begins in the fall.

For More Information

Contact T.J. Nielsen | Timothy.Nielsen@stmarysgvl.org | 864.679.4114

St. Mary's Catholic School

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.

www.stmarysgvl.org/school-main



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Family Honor Online Course

The Truth and Meaning of Sexuality, Love and Family

This course provides information on topics relating to chastity education, child development, the family, theology of the body and many current moral issues. The flexible online format and our new 'mini-semesters' adapt to your busy schedule. For more details, go to: FamilyHonor.org and click the Training tab or call the Family Honor office: 803.929.0858. Early Bird Discount expires 31 July. The Fall Mini Semester, "Examining Core Issues," begins 8 September. The Spring Mini Semester, "Applying Catholic Teaching and Developing a Plan," starts 11 January. Mini-Semester 1 is required for Mini-Semester 2 registration.

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) in SC;
- 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.

Safe Environment Coordinators:

Church:

Lisa Watkins
lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4105

School:

Pat Lanning
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Upcoming Virtus Classes

Prince of Peace (Taylors)
Saturday 18 July
11.00 am

St. Mary's
Tuesday 18 August
6.00 pm

Register online at virtus.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.



“I Am The Way and The Truth and The Life”

(John 14:6)

11th Eucharistic Congress

September 11 – 12, 2015, Charlotte Convention Center

FRIDAY

Singing and Praying Hymns of Praise in Honor of the Holy Eucharist, Byzantine-Rite Vespers

Bible Study of the Gospel of St. John with Fr. Patrick Winslow

Procession of the Eucharist to St. Peter's Church and Nocturnal Adoration, College Night

SATURDAY

Eucharistic Procession - Uptown Charlotte
Holy Hour
Confession

English and Spanish Tracks for Adults
K-12 Education Tracks for Students
Sean Forrest, Adam Truffant, Katie Dunn
Religious displays

Vendors of Sacred Art
Vocation and Catholic Education information
Holy Mass

PRESENTATIONS

Holy Hour Homilist:
His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan
“The Holy Eucharist: The Way and The Truth and The Life of the Intentional Catholic”

Father Daniel L. Mode
“Father Vincent Capodanno, The Grunt Padre”

Teresa Tomeo
“Fortifying Faith, Family and Culture”

Concert of Sacred Music
Choir Members from Parishes of the Diocese

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk
“Bioethics: A Moral Compass for the Family”

For more information please visit: **GoEucharist.com**



2015

40 Days for Life - Close the Mills

The National Headquarters of "40 Days for Life" asked each location participating in the campaign to choose a target date for closing the abortion mill in their local community. Greenville chose 12 December 2015, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as the target date for closing the Greenville Women's Clinic on Grove Road. This facility has ended the lives of over 94,000 babies since its opening in 1978 (according to DHEC records). **Prayer and fasting** is critical to accomplishing this goal. Please join us in this effort! Visit closethemills.com.

Since the Campaign began 5 weeks ago we have received a call from a woman who feels she has a calling to pray at the abortion facility weekly. We received another call from a woman from another denomination wishing for her church group to take a day per week this fall and participate in 40 Days. God answers prayer in many different of ways.

*And let us not grow weary in well-doing,
for in due season
we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.
- Galatians 6.9*



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

If you would like to take one of these hours, please contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeaceataylors.org or 772.215.7123.

Hours in need of an adorer

Urgent needs:	2nd adorer needed for:
Sunday 3 am & 7am	Monday 10 am, 2 pm & 3 pm
	Tuesday 10 am
	Wednesday 11 pm
	Thursday 8 pm
	Friday 7 pm
	Saturday 3am



Website: www.charlestonvocations.com

Facebook: Charleston Vocations

Twitter: ChasVoc

YouTube: Charleston Vocations

Priesthood

"If some of you hear the call to follow Christ more closely, to dedicate your entire heart to Him, like the apostles John and Paul, be generous, do not be afraid, because you have nothing to fear when the prize that you await is God himself, for Whom, sometimes without ever knowing it, all young people are searching." - Pope Saint John Paul II



**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.**

26 July - Monthly Lunch - Location TBD

Follow us: [Facebook.com/LVgreenville](https://www.facebook.com/LVgreenville)

Visit us at: www.lvgreenville.com

Email us: LVgreenville@gmail.com

Call: 864.266.8843

Rediscovering The Heart of Christian Leadership



'If you asked the average person, "What does the Catholic Church stand for?" few would say the love and mercy of Jesus Christ...'
Over 2,000 years ago, a young adult began His mission at the age of 30 and transformed the whole world. He called forth humanity to transform their lives in simple yet, radical ways that were contrary to what the culture of the time was preaching. He challenged hearts and lives to be authentic to the image that they had been created in, and from that presence of God was made known to the world, through a vibrant, faith-filled community.

Thousands of years later, the call and challenge still remain. In a time where young adults are aching to belong and know their dignity and worth, the role of the Christian witness is more critical than ever. Join young adult leaders from across the Diocese as we re-equip with the strategy of the first followers of Christ, while facing the challenges of our current culture, in Rediscovering the Heart of Christian Leadership.

Who should attend?

Any young adult who desires to be authentically transformed, lead others to Christ, and assist in the outreach to the Catholic Young Adult community.

Questions?

Contact Rachel Neubauer,
Associate Director of Young
Adult Ministry

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Diakonia Retreat Center



Located on 210 pristine acres in upstate South Carolina (Salem, SC) this Eco-friendly retreat center featuring walking trails, scenic lakes, gardens and much more...will put you closer to God and nature than you have ever been before.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston - Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Rediscovering the Heart of Christian Leadership

Young Adult Leadership Training

August 7-9, 2015 Diakonia Retreat Center – Salem, SC



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Parish: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Food allergies/ dietary
needs: _____

Room options: (check one)

Private Room: (\$125) _____

Shared Room: (\$50) _____

Roommate: _____

Cost includes room and meals (Snacks on Fri., B,L,D on Sat. and B on Sunday)

**For scholarships, please contact the Office of Young Adult Ministry*

Send completed registration form & check to:

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Diocese of Charleston
1662 Ingram Road
Charleston, SC 29407

**Make checks payable to: Diocese of Charleston*

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