



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

18 October 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the Synod of Bishops now meeting in Rome and because of the debates among bishops at that meeting, parts of Catholic Christianity that are seldom thought about except by specialists are being discussed by many people, and in the service of bringing clarity to what might otherwise be obscure, here are few things to bear in mind.

Doctrine and discipline are not the same thing. The teaching of the Gospel by the Church constitutes doctrine, a word derived from Latin words meaning teacher and teaching. The Church teaches what is contained in the Word of God found in Sacred Scripture and the Apostolic Tradition, and in so doing she is fulfilling the Great Commission. But having taught the truth revealed by God, the Church must then make choices about how to arrange our life together as disciples of the Lord Jesus, and those choices are in a general sense the discipline of the Church. So, for example, the Church teaches that the Lord Jesus commands us to baptize in the Name of the Trinity (doctrine), while the liturgical Rite of Baptism together with the Canon Law of the sacraments provide the details of how this is accomplished in our parishes (discipline). The doctrine of the faith develops slowly over time under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, but it cannot ever change in the sense of one day teaching the contrary of what was once taught. And as doctrine develops or the pastoral needs of the Church change with time and place, then the discipline of the Church changes to reflect the new conditions. So, the Church teaches that only men can be ordained to the priesthood (a doctrine that cannot change) while in the Latin Church only celibate men are ordained under normal circumstances (a discipline that can change). And from time to time, as in the case of former Anglican clergy, married men are ordained in the Latin Church (an example of how a discipline can be modified, even temporarily, without being abandoned).

Another good example of this distinction concerns the ways in which the Sacrament of Penance has been celebrated over the centuries. In the early Church, there were public and sometimes dramatic expressions of baptized Christians needing to be reconciled to the Church after serious sin, and it was common for them to be enrolled in the Order of Penitents for months or years, able and expected to attend the celebration of the Holy Eucharist but unable to receive Holy Communion. That public celebration of the Sacrament of Penance gave way over the centuries to the individual and private form of Confession that we all know. The doctrine that our sins are forgiven after Baptism in the Sacrament of Penance was always known and taught by the Church, but the practical ways in which that reconciliation has been accomplished have been a slowly changing discipline of that sacrament. What the bishops in Rome are now debating is how, if at all, the discipline of the Church can change without in any way altering the immutable truth about the nature and purpose of the Sacrament of Matrimony taught by the Lord Jesus. Pray for their wisdom, and do not be disturbed by what you read of their debates. The doctrine of the faith is solid and certain because the Gospel, like the Lord Jesus, is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

Father Newman



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October, 2015

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Saint John Paul II spoke about World Mission Sunday as a day when the Church faithful make an offering to God for distribution to the missionaries of the world. "The offerings that will be collected are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world."

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grows; new dioceses are formed, new seminaries are opened, long suppressed areas are now open to hear the gospel message of Christ and areas devastated by war or natural disasters are rebuilt. The involvement and commitment of Catholics around the world is so urgently needed. Approximately 1,100 missionary dioceses receive assistance from this vital fund.

In our Diocese, the Office of the Propagation of the Faith has been actively involved in mission work in Fiji and Nigeria. This summer Msgr. Lofton helped to install a dedication plaque in the newly completed church in the village of Naselesele, thanks to your generosity. The village of Nawi will see construction begin on a new church after their old sanctuary was torn down because of severe deterioration. Again your generosity made this possible.

I urge all the faithful in the Diocese of Charleston to be active participants in the World Mission Sunday offering. Vatican II in the document, *Ad Gentes*, reminds us that the Church is never more Church than when it is in mission. Your offering on World Mission Sunday will allow you personally to be a missionary for Christ.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 18 October 2015

7.30 am ✱ Doris Desrosiers
9.00 am Maria Eugenia Gomez
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 19 October 2015

7.00 am ✱ Tim Stennett

Tuesday, 20 October 2015

7.00 am ✱ Paul Bittner
12.00 noon ✱ David Minette

Wednesday, 21 October 2015

7.00 am
12.00 noon Laura Kuczewski

Thursday, 22 October 2015

7.00 am
12.00 noon Leonard Kuczewski

Friday, 23 October 2015

7.00 am Deacon George & Diane
Tierney (50th Wedding
Anniversary)

Saturday, 24 October 2015

5.00 pm Eliana Restrepo

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 18 October 2015

No 3 & 4 Year Olds class this week
K of C Breakfast: After all morning Masses (P)
Nursery during 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Scripture Study
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 19 October 2015

6.30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 20 October 2015

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

Wednesday, 21 October 2015

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

Thursday, 22 October 2015

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

Friday, 23 October 2015

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)
6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ
10.00 am Scripture Study Class
3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Saturday, 24 October 2015

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 10/11 October

Needed	32,500
Received	29,861
Shortage	2,639

Poor Box	534
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	487,500
Received	478,822
Shortage	8,678

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

G - Gullivan Hall M- McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

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

PARISH NEWS

Collections for 17/18 October

- 1st: Support of the Parish
- 2nd: World Mission Sunday

Special Collection on 24/25 October

A special collection for disaster relief will be taken the weekend of 24/25 October.

All Souls Day, 2 November

Monday 2 November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day. On that day we pray for the souls of the just who are being prepared for the glorious vision of God, and in your stewardship envelopes you'll find an envelope for All Souls Day with lines on one side for writing the names of your beloved dead whom you would like remembered at the altar during November. Please complete that envelope and drop it in any collection during October.

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, Michael Pinto, Jim Sponsler, Joseph Srp, Neal Campbell, IV, Rose and Anne Eassy and Marie-Therese Isidore.

Congratulations to

Dr. Clark Brittain who was ordained to the diaconate last weekend.

Dylan Elise Garrett who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Umland.

Holy Hour & Confessions Canceled

There will be no Wednesday Holy Hour & Confessions on 28 October, 25 November, or 30 December.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The K. of C. Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 18 October in Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Doughnuts

Starting on Sunday 25 October 2015 please join us after the 9 am Mass in our new location in Pazdan Hall. The Pazdan Hall Dining Room will provide ample room for coffee and doughnuts and for families with children to enjoy time together in a comfortable space. We also need more volunteers. If you are willing to serve a few times each year on the Doughnut Team please contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or jpaluszak@bellsouth.net.

Baptism Class

The next class is scheduled for Monday 26 October 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.

Bulletin Submissions

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

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 evening, 26 October from 6.00-7.30 pm. A back-up date of Tuesday 27 October from 6.00-7.30 pm is set for those who cannot make it on the 26th. Serving is open to all boys and young men who are at least ten years of age, from t h e



fifth grade to college age. For more information, please see the St. Mary's website at: stmarysgvl.org/ourparish/parish-organizations or contact Deacon John Heuser at 864.365.7845.

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Culture of Life

To equip the people of St. Mary's to help build a
"Culture of life where all human life is protected, respected, and nurtured."

Rosaries for Life

Remember to pray the rosary this fall every day during the **40 Days for Life** from 23 September - 1 November especially for the intention to close the Greenville Abortion Mill. www.closeThemills.com

Please join St. Mary's Culture of Life to pray the rosary outside the columbarium every first Friday immediately after the 7.00 am Mass.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

CHANGE THE LIFE OF A TEEN MOTHER AND HER BABY!
Make a difference & put your

St. Mary's Baby Bottle Boomerang
Will be held **Oct. 17th & 18th**
This event is to benefit Birth Right of Greenville. Birthright believes:
"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."
Please take a bottle fill it up and make a donation. **We need 3 volunteers here at St. Mary's to hand out baby bottles for the 1pm Spanish Mass**
Please email Jackie Beauchemin if you would like to help.
jackie.beauchemin@sealedair.com



Return bottles on Oct. 24th/25th & Oct. 31st/Nov. 1st

Life Chain **RESCHEDULED!**

Due to the hazardous weather conditions last weekend, Life Chain has been rescheduled to Sunday October 25th, 2:30 - 3:30pm at Woodruff Road, Greenville. Please join others across the country for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. For signs and to find out where St. Mary's is assigned on the route call Valerie Baronkin @ 864.297.8838.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™ HELP SAVE LIVES

SEPTEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 1

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies

From September 23 — November 1, our community will join with hundreds of other cities participating in *40 Days for Life*, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



PRAYER & FASTING



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



PEACEFUL VIGIL

40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort made up of more than 625,000 volunteers in 559 cities across 24 nations.

With God's help, *40 Days for Life* has seen proven results: **10,331** babies spared from abortion, **118** abortion worker conversions, and **60** closed abortion centers.

Get involved, and *you* can help save lives!



Greenville, SC **40 DAYS FOR LIFE:**

Vigil Location: 1142 Grove Road

Vigil Hours: 7 AM — 9 PM every day

Local Contacts:

Ingrid Ireland (864) 329-0044

Jo Ann Gorman (864) 248-0264

Learn More & Get Involved:

40daysforlife.com/Greenville or
www.facebook.com/40DaysGreenville

www.40daysforlife.com/greenville

www.facebook.com/40daysgreenville

Teen Life Fest "Saturday Night Life"

Will be held Saturday, 17 Oct, from 5.00 – 9.30 pm at Prince of Peace in Taylors, SC. This event is open to teens ages 13 and up. There will be local speakers, food and music. It begins with the 5 pm Mass and the focus is on respecting themselves. Call Theresa Wersinger 864.293.1314.

40 Days for Life Closing Celebration

Saturday, 31 Oct., 9.30am Greenville Women's Clinic, Sanctity of Life Prayer. Music by Mason Costa. Call Jo Ann Gorman 864.248.0264 or Ingrid 864.329.0044.

Please participate in any of these "40 Days for Life" events. Make it a family event to contribute to the cause and make a difference!

If you would also like to sign up and be a part of St. Mary's Culture of Life and get more information on what you can do, please contact one of us:
Jackie Beauchemin / jackie.beauchemin@sealedair.com ✱ Maureen Lesley / molesley@gmail.com ✱ Jennifer Cleveland / jclelandzoo@gmail.com

Look for updates and information on the St. Mary's Facebook page.



ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB

Monthly Meeting

The next Monthly Meeting of the Women's Club will be held on Tuesday 10 November at 10.00 am in the Monsignor Gwynn Room on the first floor of Sacred Heart Hall. All women of the parish are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Additionally, we will pray the Rosary at 9.30 am and attend the noon Mass following the meeting. Both of these events are optional.

Give blood today. Start saving lives. Earn TBC Rewards!

1 Scan the code.
Or visit: TBCRewards.com

2 Activate your account.
Sign-up with your Donor ID number and password.

3 Redeem your points!
Choose from a variety of e-gift cards.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday

1 November

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

TBC Rewards
for all donors!

*TBC rewards are redeemable online for many different E-Cards

Every unit of blood can save 3 lives!

Your donation makes a difference!

To reserve a time, send Name, Phone Number and Time to
Ritamb@aol.com

Please sign up in 15 minute time increments

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TBC Donor Card or a Photo ID required

Technology Seminar

“Emerging Technologies, Moral Implications, Impact on Mental Health, and Protections”

St. Mary's Church Campus
Gallivan Hall
111 Hampton Ave, Greenville, SC 29601

Saturday 7 November
8 am to 1 pm

This seminar explores emerging technologies, their moral implications, and the way they affect our youth. The impact of high parental expectations, the age of immediacy, unchecked screen time, and screen addictions on mental health is explored. The importance of parental awareness and involvement is stressed along with the need for children to have religious and spiritual anchors. Suggestions for computer protectors will provide parents with guidance.

Sponsored by the Family Commission of St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club, The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Charleston, and St. Mary's Catholic Church

To help us plan, please tell us if you will be attending (not required, but appreciated). There is no cost to attend. Either detach and return to: SMCWC, PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602 or e-mail veronica.yockey@juno.com

INTENT TO ATTEND THE TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR ON 7 NOVEMBER 2015
Number of people attending: _____

PROGRAM

8:00 A.M.	Mass in the Church
8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, Juice
9:00 - 9:50	"21st Century Emerging Technologies: Moral Implications" Mrs. Sandy Rogers, Computer Lab Director at St. Mary's Elementary School and Computer Systems Engineer
10:00 - 10:50	"Back From the Future: Insights into How Your Actions of Today Will Affect Your Children Tomorrow." Harry Shucker, Ed.D., Vice President For Student Services (1985-2007), Furman University
11:00 - 11:50	"Internet Hazards and Computer Security" Mr. Rick Floyd, Internet Security Specialist, Greenville County Schools
12:00 - 12:50	"Q and A Panel Discussion" Mrs. Sandra Rogers, Dr. Harry Shucker, Mr. Rick Floyd and Mrs. Kathy Schmugge, Director, Office of Family Life, Diocese of Charleston

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015-2016 as the Holy Year of Mercy, beginning 8 December 2015. We are proud to offer the 'Our Lady of Mercy' stained-glass window located in the vestibule on the parking lot side of the church as this year's ornament.

A small supply of the 2014 ornament, 'Pray and Labor', is also available for purchase.



3.5" x 2.5"

2015 ORNAMENT ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Number of **2015** Ornaments Ordered: _____ @ \$16.00 each = \$

Number of **2014** Ornaments Ordered: _____ @ \$16.00 each = \$

Paid by ☐ check ☐ cash (if mailing, checks only) Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to: St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club
Mail to: St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602
For questions, contact Loretta Mülle at lmulle@att.net or 864-376-6235

Ornaments may be picked up at the Women's Club's Annual Christmas Bake Sale after all English Masses on 5 & 6 December 2015, in the Macalka Dining Room of Pazdan Hall.

We invite you to join the members of the St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club in their mission to serve the church and community.

Contact Patty Naylor, Membership Chair, at patnay@live.com or 864.414.8919 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION  VIRTUE  EXCELLENCE



Open House Week November 2nd ~ 6th



GRADES K3 - 8TH

Call to schedule your open house tour:
864.679.4117

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 ♦ www.stmarysgvl.org/theschool

Sunday Mornings
for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class 18 October.

Religious Education
Grades 1-8

Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm

Make-up session for
Touching Safety Program
28 October from 6.00-6.30 pm.

Confirmation Retreat

Students in the Confirmation classes will have a retreat on Friday 30 October from 5.30-10.30 pm in Gullivan Hall. All students must attend.



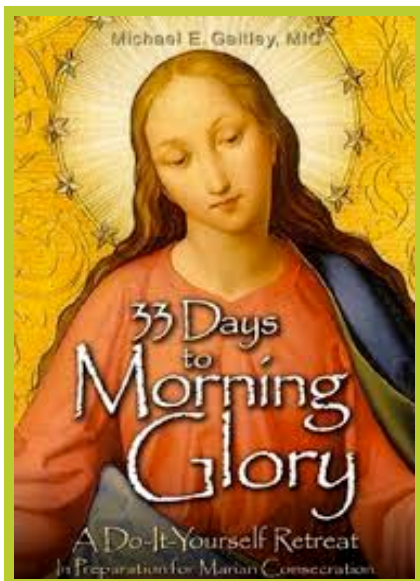
Pillars of Christ

Pillars of Christ is a men's ministry led by a group of St. Mary's men who are on fire with the love of Christ and His Church. The group meet on Friday mornings from 6.15-8.00 am for prayer in the church and then in Sacred Heart Hall for study.

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.





Consecration Schedule

Meetings are held on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Large Conference Room on the second floor of Sacred Heart Hall.

The dates for the meetings are:

- 2 November
- 9 November
- 16 November
- 23 November
- 30 November
- 8 December – Feast Day: Consecration

Retreat Coordinators
Contact to [register](#) or questions.

Mrs. Eileen Scoggins 864.415.8289

Mrs. Barb Bathon 574.261.2294

**Cost of Materials –
Goodwill Offering**

www.allheartsafire.org

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest for St Mary's Parish 8th Graders

Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112 will hold its annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for St. Mary's Parish 8th Graders. The theme of the Essay Contest is "The Importance of Religious Freedom."

Essay Contest Forms and Packets are available by contacting John McGrath at 864.292.0475 by 27 October. Essays must be received by 6 November.

The Program of Catholic Studies
presents

The Ecumenical Councils of 3rd Constantinople and 2nd Nicaea

presented by
Timothy J. Nielsen

**THIS
THURSDAY**
(22 OCT)

6.30-8.00 pm
In McGrady Hall
(the undercroft)

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact T.J. Nielsen, Director of Christian Formation, at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.
Podcasts available at <http://stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/program-catholic-studies-recordings/>

Radiothon

The Annual Radiothon for Catholic Radio in SC will air 29 & 30 October from 9 am - 6 pm on WCKI 1300 AM in the Upstate as well as online at CatholicRadioinSC.com.

For more information about how to help Catholic radio during Radiothon, representatives can be reached at 864.877.8458 or at the website.

Vespers at Prince of Peace

Each Sunday in October and through 22 November, Prince of Peace in Taylors is celebrating Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) in the church at 5.00 pm. This 30-35 minute service is a great way to join in the public prayer of the Church at the end of the day.

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

The Lord invites each of us to a weekly prayer hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123 to schedule an hour. Choose an hour of your convenience or consider one of our EMPTY HOURS (*) or one needing a prayer partner:

Monday 4 am*, 3 pm, 8 pm & 11 pm

Tuesday 1 am* & 2 am*

Thursday 1 pm

Friday 7 pm

Saturday 3 am



Website: www.charlestonvocations.com

Facebook: Charleston Vocations



I Have Called
You By Name.

Isaiah 43:1

Catholic Mothers' Conference

Saturday 7 November, 8.15 am - 4.30 pm

St. Ann Catholic Church in Charlotte

All mothers are invited to attend the 2nd annual Mothering With Grace Conference! Come experience renewal in your vocation through inspiring talks, prayer, and Holy Mass! Featuring author Rachel Balducci with Sr. Gertrude Gillette, OSB, and celebrant Fr. Matthew Kauth. Admission \$40 (includes lunch). Advance registration required; Infants welcome. First 100 registrants receive a swag bag of free gifts! Visit motheringwithgrace.org to reserve your seat today!

3rd Marian Eucharistic Conference

14-15 November at St. Joseph's Catholic School

Our featured speakers will focus on seeking to anchor ourselves to the two pillars of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

General Admission: \$50, Youth \$25 (includes lunch on Saturday & Sunday). All are required to register by 7 November by mail; no registration at the door. For more information, visit meconferencesc.net or call 864.354.7160.

St. Joseph's Catholic School

Adult's Introduction to Freshman Theology

Tuesdays from 6.45 - 8.00 pm

A short introductory course based on the freshman curriculum will be offered to adults this fall by Miss Michele Houmis and is open to the general public. To register, email mhoumis@sjcatholicsschool.org.

20 October: Recognizing Christ: John and Andrew

27 October: The Exceptionality of Christ: Growing in Faith

3 November: Christ Present Now: Do You Love Me?

Location: SJCS Campus, Room 207 ~ HS Second Floor

Pope Francis Forum for Dialogue and Diversity

Pope Francis Forum for Dialogue and Diversity is hosting Mr. Robbie Waisman, one of about 900 boys who survived the Buchenwald Nazi concentration camp, at 7.00 pm in the St. John Paul II Center at St. Joseph's Catholic School on Tuesday 10 November. His talk is open to the public.



st. mary's catholic school

2015-2016
The Year of Faith



St. Mary's Catholic School

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St. Mary's Ducks Volleyball

(Home matches in bold)

16/17 Oct. DOCYVT in Summerville
19/20 Oct. CMSC Tournament @
Mitchell Road



School Spotlight - Library

Native American Folk Tales

A couple weeks ago, Mrs. Hilley introduced elementary students to Native American folk tales such as *The Legend of Bluebonnet* by Tomie dePaola and *Mystic Horse* by Paul Goble. In this unit, students are immersed in the legends that arose out of the rich oral traditions of various Native American tribes such as the Lenape, Comanche, and Pawnee.



To help set the mood, Mrs. Hilley donned her "Chief Blue Feather" costume and displayed a teepee decorated by a previous St. Mary's class. She showed the students a rainstick, an instrument believed to have been created by the Aztecs and used during ceremonies to bring about rain. These visualizations help make the past a little more tangible to students of today.

Family Prayer Corner

Life Lessons: The Most Powerful Sign on Earth

Every time that we make the Sign of the Cross, we call to mind our Baptism. It was at Baptism that we were first marked with the Cross as the minister silently traced the Cross on our foreheads and invited our parents and godparents to do the same. By this sign we were claimed "for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross" (Rite of Baptism). It was by His death on the Cross that Jesus freed us from sin and its power. By tracing the Cross over ourselves or our children, we proclaim our faith that He has indeed redeemed us from sin and death.

The words we speak as we make this sign remind us of the minister's words at Baptism, "N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." These words are a profession of faith in the Most Holy Trinity – the one God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through Baptism we enter into the life of the Holy Trinity, made possible by the Cross, the death and resurrection of God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sign of the Cross reminds us of who we are and what we were made for – children of God, set free from sin by the death of Christ, and set free for eternal life with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we make this sign, may we recall this awesome dignity which was bestowed on us in Baptism.

This bi-weekly series of reflections on family prayer draws inspiration from the book *A Short Guide to Praying as a Family: Growing Together in Faith and Love Each Day* by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation (St. Benedict Press, 2015). Reflection text © 2015 St. Cecilia Congregation.



Tradition - Virtue - Excellence





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

Fall Bible Study - *The Mercy of God*

Mondays until 9 November
Sacred Heart Hall at St. Mary's

This Fall, LVG will explore the Mercy of God through reading the Book of Jonah and 1-3 John. Join us Mondays at 7pm

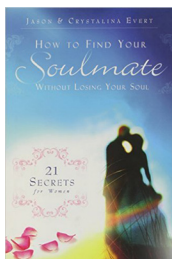
from 14 September - 9 November. The leaders include Claudia, Dan, Elizabeth, Jake, Lee, and Shana.



Women's Book Study Tuesdays until 10 November

The Women's book study will be on Tuesday nights at 7pm at the Saint Francis Eastside Hospital - Entrance C (in the small conference room behind the guards on the first floor). We will be studying the book: *How to Find Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul*.

Everyone will need the book and to read the chapters in advance of the day we will discuss! Call Linni with questions: 864.884.4423.



RETREAT

6-8 November - Diocese of Charleston Young Adult Ministry Fall Retreat at Diakonia Retreat Center in Salem, SC. Details and registration are available on the Catholic Young Adults of South Carolina website.



FELLOWSHIP

30 October - Bonfire Party: 7.30 pm at the rectory of Father Smith and Father Tomlinson.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Mondays
16 Nov. - 7 Dec.
Intersection
of
Faith and Politics

More details coming!



Diocese of Charleston Young Adult Ministry

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Visit us at: www.lvgreenville.com

Email us: LVgreenville@gmail.com
Call: 864.266.8843

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