



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

10 January 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

The vast majority of Christians, including almost all Catholics, are baptized when they are infants, and this is most fitting. The sacraments are instruments of God's grace, and even newborn babies need the grace of God. Moreover, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it, "The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism," and for this reason "The practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church." (CCC 1250, 1252). But along with the indisputable benefits of baptizing infants comes a special danger: those who are baptized before the beginning of memory will have no recollection or understanding of the most important day in their lives, and unless the fact and meaning of their Baptism is explained to them as they grow and receive the Gospel with saving faith, then they will not know that they have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit and have been made children of God, members of Christ and heirs of the Kingdom.

Today the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord Jesus by his kinsman and herald, John the Baptist. Jesus received the Baptism of John not for the forgiveness of sins (because He had none), but in order to transform a religious ritual washing of the Old Covenant into the first sacrament of the New Covenant. The Baptism of Jesus is also the acceptance of His mission as the Father's suffering servant, and Jesus allows Himself to be numbered among sinners in order to free us from our slavery to sin. In the waters of the Jordan, the Son of Mary is anointed with the Holy Spirit and is thus revealed to be the eternal Son of God and in His sacred humanity to be the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One of God. Finally, by accepting Baptism from John, the Lord Jesus is also accepting and anticipating His own suffering and death. For this reason, each Christian is united to the death of the Lord Jesus through Baptism so that we can live the life of the new creation by grace through faith in Jesus the Christ.

All of this makes our Baptism the single most important event in our entire lives; it is the original sacrament of faith and the beginning of the life of grace. But unless we understand the meaning of this supernatural second birth, we risk misunderstanding the whole of the Christian life. For this reason, parents and godparents have the sacred duty to teach children who are baptized about the day of their Baptism and lead them to mature faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. As part of this mission to give the Gospel to all the baptized, I encourage every parishioner to find out when and where and by whom you were baptized. Resolve to keep the anniversary of your Baptism each year as a day of special celebration, and evaluate your relationship with the Lord Jesus in the light of the promises of your Baptism, which we are each asked to renew every year on Easter Sunday. And with St. Paul, I "urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:1-6)

Father Newman

ST. MARY'S PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC STUDIES

SPRING 2016 COURSE OFFERINGS



Tuesday 8.30 am — Our Moral Life in Christ
(Instructors: Joe Sanfilippo and Tony Owens)

Wednesday 6.30 pm — Our Moral Life in Christ
(Instructors: Nestor Acosta and Tom Whalen)

Wednesday 6.30 pm — The Gospel of John
(Instructor: Joe Beauchemin)

CLASSES BEGIN 16 FEBRUARY

MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER ONLINE

please visit us at

www.stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/program-of-catholic-studies

Or call or email T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org

OUR MORAL LIFE IN CHRIST

This course presents a study of the moral life in Christ — based on his teachings in the Gospels, the Ten Commandments, and the beatitudes — which enable Christians, with God's grace, to imitate the life of Christ in their lives, to make correct moral decisions, and spread the Kingdom of God on earth in their journey toward eternal salvation.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

The Gospel of John is one of the most theologically rich and intriguing books in the Bible. This course will explore the Gospel of John in light of the whole of scripture and the teaching and tradition of the Church.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 10 January 2016

7.30 am	Deacon John & Mrs. Irene Karandisevsky (60th Wedding Anniversary)
9.00 am	* Steve Brown
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday, 11 January 2016

7.00 am	* Madeline Vesterby
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Tuesday, 12 January 2016

7.00 am	* John Sossoman
12.00 noon	* Irene & William Ainsworth

Wednesday, 13 January 2016

7.00 am	* Bob Scoggins
12.00 noon	Tucker Babb

Thursday, 14 January 2016

7.00 am	Seminarian Francisco Oñate-Vargas
12.00 noon	Soraya Chackal

Friday, 15 January 2016

7.00 am	Maillet Family
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Saturday, 16 January 2016

5.00 pm	* Ann D. Cook
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 10 January 2016

Coffee & doughnuts:	After the 9.00 am Mass (P)
9.00 am	3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)
Nursery:	During 9.00 am Mass
6.00 pm	Women of Grace

Monday, 11 January 2016

6.30 pm	Cub Scouts
6.30 pm	Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 12 January 2016

10.00 am	Women's Club
1.00 pm	Senior Men's Club
7.00 pm	Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, 13 January 2016

No Holy Hour & Confessions

6.30-7.30 pm	Religious Education
6.30-7.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism

Thursday, 14 January 2016

2.00-4.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
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Friday, 15 January 2016

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

Saturday, 16 January 2016

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 2/3 January

Needed	32,500
Received	36,597
Surplus	4,097

Poor Box	594
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	877,500
Received	888,597
Surplus	11,097

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 - Gallivan Hall M- McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

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

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Presents

A Lenten Day of Reflection with Father Peter Funk, OSB



Join Father Peter Funk, OSB, Prior of Holy Cross Monastery in Chicago for St. Mary's 2016 Lenten Day of Reflection. Fr. Funk will be presenting a series of talks on Silence, Prayer, and Sacred Music.



**Saturday
5 March 2016**

Mass at 8.30 am in the Church
Presentation in Gallivan Hall
Program ends at 1.15 pm

Cost \$10

(continental breakfast & lunch provided)

TO REGISTER ONLINE

Please Go To

<https://stmarys.coursestorm.com>

For More Information Please Contact

T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org

Farewell to Father Chalmers

On Sunday 10 January, Father Chalmers will celebrate the 9 am Mass, and after Mass there will be a reception for him in the dining room of Pazdan Hall. All are invited to greet Father Chalmers on his last Sunday at St. Mary's and thank him for his service here for past three and a half years.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 9/10 January

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

*St. Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.
Thank you for your generosity and support.*

2015 Tax Statements

Please contact our Director of Finance and Human Resources, Jennifer Doiron, in the church office at 864.679.4102 or jennifer.doiron@stmarysgvl.org if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2015. Please allow us several days to process and mail your statement. **Tax statements are issued only upon request.**

Changes to Holy Hour & Confessions

Only Father Newman will regularly hear Confessions on Saturday afternoon and during the Holy Hour on Wednesdays. Father Cruz hears Confessions on Sunday morning in Spanish in Sacred Heart Hall, beginning at 11.30 am.

And on Wednesday 13 January 2016
the Holy Hour and Confessions are canceled.

Office Closure

The parish office will be closed Monday 18 January for the Martin Luther King holiday.

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, Michael Pinto, Jim Sponsler, Joseph Srp, Neal Campbell, IV, Rose and Anne Eassy, Marie-Therese Isidore, Thomas Thomason, Judy McColl and Jim Barber.

Congratulations to

Vincent Gregory Smith and John Francis Sharkey, V who were baptized last weekend.

The Baptism of the Lord 2016

Dear Friends,

Ten years ago this month Pope Benedict XVI published his first encyclical titled *Deus Caritas Est*, God is Love. Reading it was a theological epiphany for me that engaged not only with how love is expressed within the human family but also how the love of God is expressed through institutions in human society; and the encyclical has been an important compass to orient my work and vocation.

Little did I know when I first read the encyclical that the same pontiff would both create the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter and approve my application for ordination to the sacred priesthood of the Catholic Church. Throughout this interesting path, Fr. Newman, the deacons and deacon candidates, and the people of St. Anselm's and the broader St. Mary's community have accompanied me, and I am profoundly grateful.

In *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict raised service to others, what the Church understands as *diakonia*, to the same level of importance in the work of the Church as proclamation of the Word and celebration of the Sacraments. I leave you to take up the leadership of Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School in Birmingham, Alabama. Holy Family Cristo Rey is itself an act of *diakonia*, of loving service to students and families with limited-economic means that helps them find their path to college and human flourishing. My greatest hope is that it can be so organized and led as to exemplify the same beauty of holiness that St. Mary's demonstrates in Word, Sacrament, and song.

I treasure my relationships at St. Mary's and ask that you hold both Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School and me in your prayers as you will be in mine.

In Christ,

Father Jon Chalmers





A
WEDDING
OF
POETRY
AND
MUSIC

Sung by the
Schola Cantorum

of Saint Mary's Catholic Church

POETRY OF GEORGE HERBERT
(1593-1633)

MUSIC OF ARLEN CLARKE

Sunday, 7 February, 2016
4:00 PM

Conducted by the Composer
Dr. David Rhyne, organist

Saint Mary's Catholic Church
West Washington Street
Downtown Greenville

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet Wednesday from 6.30-7.30 pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes meet 9.00 am in the
K-4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall.

No class 17 January.

First Communion Parents

On Wednesday 13 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.

Bulletin Submissions

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

2016 Calendars

We still have some 2016 calendars available in the parish office. You may pick one up during business hours (M-F, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm).

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The K. of C. Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 17 January in Macalka Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

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 Monday 25 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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms. Laura Koluch, Mr. & Mrs. Kennon Holcombe, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Gilliam, Ms. MiKelley Kusick, Ms. Kelly Sobanski, Mr. Joseph Barter, Mr. & Mrs. Devin Perkins, Ms. Jacqueline Fontana, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Meerendonk and Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Pometto, III.

Lectors Needed

We will soon be needing a number of lectors to replace our Deacon Candidates who have been serving in this capacity over the past 3 years. If you are interested in serving as a lector, please plan on attending one of our two assessment meetings to be held in the church on 18 & 19 January, from 6.30 - 8.00 pm. Questions may be directed to Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

Women's Club

The next meeting of the Women's Club will be Tuesday 12 January at 10.00 am in the Monsignor Gwynn Room on the first floor of Sacred Heart Hall. The program is sponsored by our Community Affairs Commission and features a speaker from SWITCHSC who will talk about Human Trafficking. Refreshments will be served. All women of the parish are invited. Preceding the meeting, we will pray the Rosary at 9.30 am (optional) at the statue of Mary in the lobby of Sacred Heart Hall. Following the meeting we will attend the noon Mass (optional).

Greenville Deanery Council of Catholic Women

The Winter Meeting of the Greenville Deanery CCW will be held on Sunday 17 January at 2.00 pm in the cafeteria at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 307 Gower Street, Greenville, 29611. Plans for the upcoming South Carolina Council of Catholic Women's (SCCCW) 86th Annual Convention held in Myrtle Beach from 11-13 March will be discussed. This year's theme is "Called to serve God's children with mercy and united in love". Catholic women from all over South Carolina will come together to pray, learn, and support each other in a weekend of Catholic fellowship. If you would like a copy of the 2015 SCCCW Convention Newsletter e-mail Pat Webb at patwebb1010@charter.net.

We invite all women of St. Mary's parish
to join us for a spiritual weekend.



2015 - 2016 YEARBOOK

BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS

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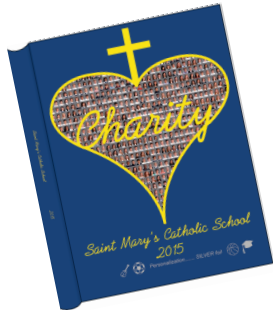
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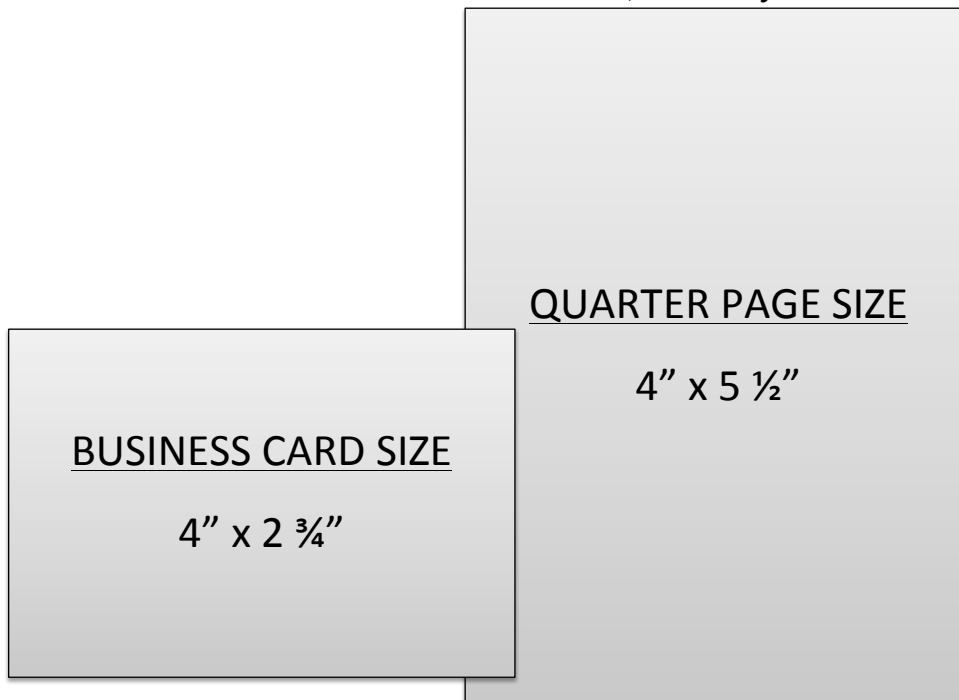
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Step 4: If you would like to add a picture or a logo, please email them as an attachment to srjohnagnes@stmarysgvl.org. Attachments can be sent as jpeg, tiff, or pdf files. Businesses with preset advertisements, please contact Sr. John Agnes at the above email address to discuss possibilities. If you have questions or inquiries, please email or call 864-271-3870 ext. 226.

After your advertisement form along with payment have been received, a proof of your advertisement will be sent to you. Please make all checks payable to St. Mary's Catholic School. Thank you so much.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: **Wed, February 10th**



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Priority Testing
Dates at 9 am
30 January 2016
20 February 2016



**GRADES
K3 - 8TH**

Call to schedule your school tour:
864.679.4117

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

Family Honor *Leading & Loving*



Parents, we know that raising children in today's secular society is challenging and raising holy and virtuous kids seems almost impossible some days! Would you like to learn practical principles and time-tested techniques to help you to raise the next generation of saints?

Join us on

Wednesday 17 February 2016 at 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm and Saturday 20 February 2016 8.30 am – 1.30 pm

for Family Honor's unique program, *Leading & Loving*, designed for parents of young children, newborn - 5th grade.

We will discuss ideas on being a good role model, look at how the virtue of chastity is developed in our children, and help you to be better able to answer some of your children's challenging questions – all while cultivating Catholic virtues and values. Here, one parent shares what they liked most about the program, *"The celebration of sexuality and the positive message. Quite different from the negative, fear-based content we grew up with."*

There is no charge for this program (though donations will be requested). Deadline for registering is Wednesday 3 February 2016. Space is limited so register online now at www.familyhonor.org.

For more information, contact

Sr. Mary Sheila at srmarysheila@stmarysgvl.org or

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Website: www.charlestonvocations.com

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If you are discerning a vocation
to the priesthood or consecrated life,
contact the Vocations Office.

**I Have Called
You By Name.**

Isaiah 43:1

Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass

The Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life is sponsoring the Annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass at 3.00 pm on 21 February at St. Mary Help of Christians in Aiken, SC with Most Reverend Robert Guglielmone as the main celebrant. The Marriage Anniversary Celebration is an opportunity to honor all married couples especially those in long-term marriages. To register, please fill out the form on our website at sccatholic.org/family-life, call 803.547.5063, or email FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org.



Catholic Radio in South Carolina

WCKI 1300 AM

For programming information, visit
catholicradioinsec.com

Save the Date & Early Registration

27 February - 6th Annual Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference: "Step Up, Find Your Strength". To register, visit CatholicMenOfTheCarolinas.org.

5 March - SC Catholic Men's Conference: "Building Men of the Family of God" at Immaculate Conception in Goose Creek, SC. Visit www.sccatholicmensconf.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

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 8 pm & 11 pm

Tuesday 7 pm*

Thursday 3 pm*

Saturday 3 am & 3 pm

Sunday 11 am*



**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

8 January - Monthly Happy Hour: 6 pm at Connelly's
(24 E Court St, Greenville, SC 29601).

SAVE THE DATE

**26-28 February - Diocese of Charleston Young Adult
Ministry Lenten Retreat** at Diakonia Retreat Center.

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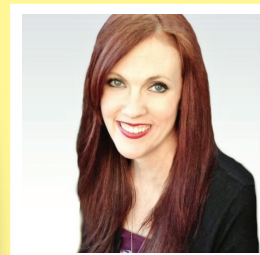
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The Diocese of Charleston Presents



FEATURING



Live-streamed talk
from popular blogger
and radio host
Jennifer Fulwiler



The Divine Mercy Chaplet
prayed in unison with
moms all over the world



Presentation by Lydia Borja,
founder of the Flourish in
Hope ministry

Catholic Conference 4 Moms

Discuss talks by **Kimberly Hahn, Mike Aquilina,**
and many other well-known Catholic speakers!
(Videos recorded specifically for this conference.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY | MASS • CONFESSION

20th | INSPIRING SPEAKERS

VENDORS • DOOR PRIZES

PRAYER • DISCUSSION

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

CATERED LUNCH • LIGHT BREAKFAST

Contemplate the Year of Mercy with other moms
at an affordable, one-day Lenten conference!

TICKET INFO LOCATION

Early registration includes catered lunch. • St. Joseph's Catholic School
\$20 for early registrants / \$25 after Feb.10 100 St. Joseph's Dr., Greenville SC 29637

To register, go to: upstate-CC4moms.eventbrite.com or mail us the form below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parish: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Ticket Qty: _____ Total \$: _____

Make checks payable to:

Megan Alvis

Mail registration to:

512 Glendalyn Ave.
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For more info, visit:

CatholicConference4Moms.com

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