



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

17 January 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Be still and know that I am God." This exhortation of Psalm 46 reveals the connection between sacred silence and being in the presence of the living God. Throughout Holy Scripture the prophets reveal the necessity of reverential silence as a condition for approaching the majesty and mercy of God, and the New Testament frequently speaks of the Lord Jesus seeking a quiet place to be in communion with His Father. For this reason, the Church exhorts us in a variety of ways to seek sacred silence in the liturgy, and that task becomes difficult or even impossible when parents bring to the liturgy children who are too young to remain quiet. So, given the importance of silence in the sacred liturgy, I ask everyone to be generous as I reach out to grab the third rail of ecclesial life: loud children in church.

There is no way to address this matter without offending someone's sensibilities, but as the shepherd of the flock it is my duty to ensure good order for all in the celebration of the sacred mysteries. And so I must firmly remind parents that children who are too young to remain quiet during the sacred liturgy are not yet ready to be in the church while Mass or Vespers is being celebrated. Of course, we want our children to learn from earliest years to be at home in the House of God, but a child who regularly shatters the sacred silence of the liturgy is best kept at home with other family members who would attend another Mass, in the nursery provided in Sacred Heart Hall, in one of the cry rooms, or at least in one of the vestibules of the church with the double doors closed. Audio speakers are provided in the cry rooms and vestibules precisely so that parents tending small children can hear what is taking place in the church. Of course, from time to time even parents who are doing their best to observe these suggestions may find themselves in a pew with a recalcitrant child. When that happens, please head for the door sooner rather than later; such situations are almost never resolved quietly in the church, and the by the time the screaming rises to the rafters, nearly no one else in the building is still praying.

Now, to those without small children who are usually the first to notice the distraction caused by crying babies or troublesome toddlers: Please understand that the parents are doing their best to raise their children in the fear of the LORD, and bringing them into the precincts of the sacred liturgy is a part of that task. We should always be grateful for the gift of new life, even when that gift is squirming and shrieking in the next pew. Be patient, and offer your distraction to the Throne of Grace for the sake of all the babies who will never learn to love the LORD.

And to all: Let common sense, loving-kindness, and good humor prevail. We are all in this together, striving to follow the LORD as His pilgrim people, in the service of which we need to heed His command: "Be still and know that I am God."

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.

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Presents

A Lenten Day of Recollection 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. Peter 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

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YOUR **PRAYERS** MATTER.
YOUR SACRIFICES MAKE A **DIFFERENCE.**



Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15.
(CNS photo/Paul Haring)

4 WAYS TO **JOIN**



Email



App (iPhone & Android)



Text Message



PDF

Who:

You and thousands of other Catholics across the country!

What:

9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside to mark the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy).

During this time, all are invited to participate by taking part in local events and by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the 9 days.

When:

Sign up now & participate January 16-24. (If you're getting started after January 16, it's okay!)

How:

Visit 9daysforlife.com to download a free app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages. Printable versions of each day's content are also available on the website.



Secretariat of
Pro-Life Activities
www.usccb.org/prolife

9daysforlife.com

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 17 January 2016

7.30 am ✕ Robert Karandisevsky
9.00 am Fr. Jay Scott Newman
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 18 January 2016

7.00 am ✕ Argemira Palacio

Tuesday, 19 January 2016

7.00 am ✕ Angelina Scala
12.00 noon Joyce & Bernard Budna

Wednesday, 20 January 2016

7.00 am ✕ James Schumacher
12.00 noon ✕ Richard Herrmann

Thursday, 21 January 2016

7.00 am Seminarian Jimmy Touzeau
12.00 noon Craig Cummings

Friday, 22 January 2016

7.00 am

Saturday, 23 January 2016

5.00 pm ✕ Sudie & Glenn Kennedy

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 17 January 2016

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

Monday, 18 January 2016

Church office closed

6.30 pm Cub Scouts
6.30 pm Boy Scouts (M)
6.30 pm Lector Training (church)

Tuesday, 19 January 2016

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club
6.30 pm Lector Training (church)

Wednesday, 20 January 2016

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
Confessions (church)
6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education
6.30-7.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism

Thursday, 21 January 2016

2.00-4.00 pm Prayer Meeting

Friday, 22 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, 23 January 2016

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 9/10 January

Needed	32,500
Received	30,740
Shortage	1,760

Poor Box	150
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	910,000
Received	919,337
Surplus	9,337

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

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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.

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.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Todd Purney (husband of Leticia Purney), 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.

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, Jim Barber and John Barbare.

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.

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.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 16/17 January

Support of the Parish & Catholic Miscellany

*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.**

Office Closure

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

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).

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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. William Pitts, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Vance and Dr. & Mrs. Murray Daw.

Congratulations to

Evelyn Creely and Amelia Sternberg who were baptized last weekend.

Jarrett S. Loftis and Morgan Anne Roach who were married recently.





PRAYER RALLY

Franklin Graham and the Decision America Tour is coming to our state capital.

**DECISION
AMERICA**
TOUR 2016
with
Franklin Graham

"IF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND HEAL THEIR LAND." —2 CHRONICLES 7:14, NKJV

DATE: 9 February **DecisionAmericaTour.com**

TIME: 12.00 pm LOCATION: Capitol North Side

1100 Gervais Street Columbia, SC 29201

**BILLY
GRAHAM**
Evangelistic Association
Always Good News.

  #DecisionAmerica

Let's join him!

St. Mary's Wedding Committee

The Wedding Committee is a team of volunteer women who help coordinate the weddings that take place at St. Mary's during the year. They are asking for new volunteers to join their team. You would be asked to help at the Friday evening rehearsal and Saturday wedding for a few hours several times a year. If interested please contact Cathy Markway at cmarkway@bellsouth.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class 17 January.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet Wednesday from 6.30-7.30 pm.

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 at 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm and Saturday 20 February 8.30 am – 1.30 pm for Family Honor's unique program, *Leading & Loving*, designed for parents of young children, newborn through 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. Space is limited so register online now at www.familyhonor.org.

For more information, contact

Sr. Mary Sheila at smarysheila@stmarysgvl.org or

Joann Miller at joann.miller@stmarysgvl.org



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

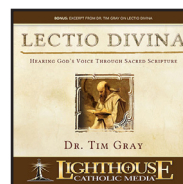


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Featured Talk

Lectio Divina

In this informative presentation, Dr. Tim Gray, Augustine Institute President, shares how Lectio Divina enables you to enter into a dialogue with God. This prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture is a proven means to encounter God in daily life and will benefit those new to prayer and the more experienced alike.



www.LighthouseCatholicMedia.org



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2015-2016
The Year of Faith



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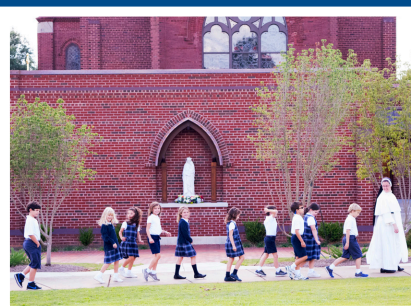
TRADITION



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EXCELLENCE



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 Prayer Corner

Life Lessons: Making the Most of a Day

The sacrament of Baptism incorporates us into the Church, making us sharers in the common priesthood of all believers. We are consecrated for Christian worship and are called to offer our own lives - all our prayers, works, joys and sufferings - in union with Christ's offering of Himself for our salvation. One expression of this offering is the prayer known as the Morning Offering. There are many forms of this prayer, yet they all express the desire to offer every aspect of our day to God in union with Jesus Christ His Son.

At the end of a day, it is always good to thank God for the blessings of that day and to ask His forgiveness for any wrong we have done in the course of it. With a Morning Offering, though, we give our day to God before we know what that day will hold, and we call upon Him to make our offering holy. For that reason, this prayer helps us to accept the joys of each day as gifts from God, to see the challenges and sufferings of the day as opportunities to grow in holiness, and to remain united with Christ throughout the day - not only during times of prayer, but also in our work and leisure. Teaching your children to offer their day to God with a Morning Offering will help them to face the challenges and reap the blessings of each day as they seek to live it in union with Christ.

St. Mary's Ducks Basketball

(Home games in bold)

19 January Christ Church
Girls 4.00 pm / Boys 5.15 pm

22 January Bob Jones
Girls 4.15 pm / Boys 5.30 pm

26 January Prince of Peace
Girls 4.00 pm / Boys 5.15 pm

28 January OLR
Girls 4.00 pm / Boys 5.15 pm



Tradition - Virtue - Excellence



Vespers at Prince of Peace

Each Sunday from 17 January - 7 February, 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.



Website: www.charlestonvocations.com

Facebook: Charleston Vocations

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

Closing of the Year of Consecrated Life

On Sunday 31 January, the Sisters at the Monastery of St. Clare invite you to join them in a Prayer Service beginning at 4.00 pm with Adoration (optional) followed by Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm, then refreshments.

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. To register, fill out the form on our website at sccatholic.org/family-life, call 803.547.5063, or email FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org.

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 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

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

17 January - Monthly Lunch: 1 pm at Barley's Taproom & Pizzeria (25 W Washington St, Greenville, SC 29601).

Lenten Retreat

26-28 February - Diocese of Charleston Young Adult Ministry Lenten Retreat at Diakonia Retreat Center. Register online at CatholicYoungAdultsofSC.com.

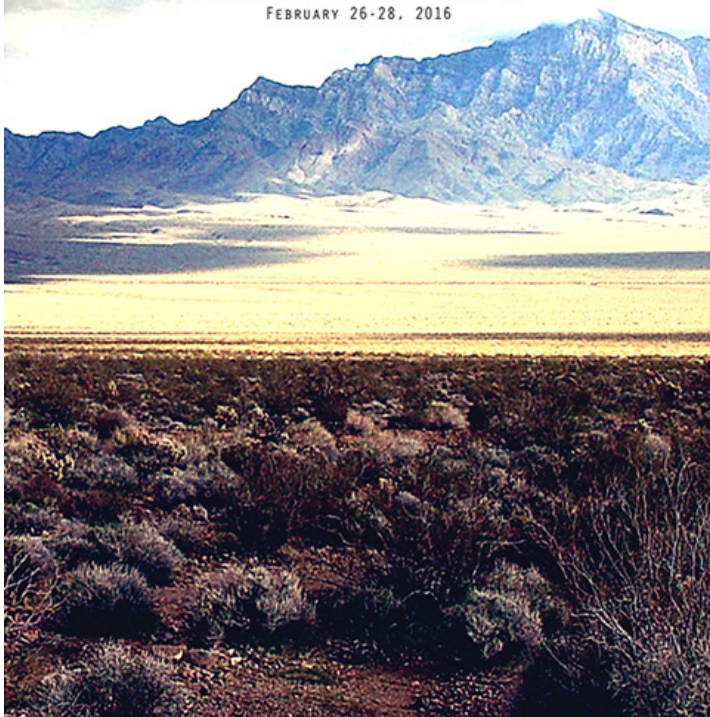
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MOSES: COMPANION FOR A JOURNEY INTO THE PROMISED LAND
 DIAKONIA RETREAT CENTER - SALEM, SC
 FEBRUARY 26-28, 2016



"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Who should come?

Any young adult (18-35) who wants to grow in holiness and attain a greater knowledge of the Catholic faith.



How much does it cost*?

Private Room: \$130

Shared Room: \$75

Cost includes dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, and snacks.

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



Questions?

Contact Rachel Neubauer, Associate Director of Young Adult Ministry

rneubauer@catholic-dcc.org
 843.261.0445 or 843.670.2586



A Lenten Journey with Moses

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must take in life..." -- Pope Benedict XVI

Moses, like us, was an ordinary man created for an extraordinary purpose. From the reeds of the Nile to the Desert near Midian, atop of Mt. Sinai and leading forth the Israelites through the Red Sea, God fashioned Moses as a leader to bring His people into the Promised Land. As we begin journeying through the Lenten season, join us as we learn of the



struggles, challenges, virtues and disciplines that help to guide us as a people of God who are preparing to enter into the holiest season of the Liturgical Year, and celebrate the 'mystery of the Resurrection' of Jesus Christ.



Featured Speaker & Spiritual Director: Fr. Marcin Zahuta. Fr. Marcin is a native of Poland. He attended Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and was ordained in the Diocese of Charleston in 2006. Fr. Marcin has a great hunger to challenge and inspire young adults to live an excellent life in the fullness of Christ's teachings. He is currently the Pastor of St. Thomas More in Columbia.

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.

Online Registration: <http://catholicyoungadultsofsc.com/register-for/>

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Parish: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Food allergies/dietary needs: _____

Room options: (check one)

Private Room: (\$130) _____

Shared Room: (\$75) _____

Roommate: _____

Send completed registration form & check to:

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*Make checks payable to: Diocese of Charleston

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