



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

7 February 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday, and each one of us is called by the Lord Jesus to a deeper conversion as we prepare to celebrate the Passover of the Lord at Easter. During these 40 Days of fasting, prayer, and works of mercy, let us strive to live in fidelity to the promises of our Baptism, promises which we will renew at Easter. "Are you unaware," Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, "that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Romans 6.3-4).

To live the new life of Baptism requires that we first die to sin and self and learn to live for Christ, and the disciplines of Lent are meant to help us in the lifelong work of living by grace through faith in the Son of God. Here are some of the practical ways we can do that in these 40 Days:

- + come to Vespers at 5 pm each Sunday of Lent, and learn to pray the Liturgy of the Hours.
- + give alms by making a donation to the poor boxes at the doors of the church or by writing a check to Catholic Charities at 204 Douthit Street; Greenville, SC 29601.
- + go to Confession on a Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6 pm or a Saturday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. Go early this Lent, and do not wait until Holy Week when the lines will be long.
- + attend Mass each Monday through Friday at 7 am throughout Lent.
- + push back from every meal before you've had enough. Being mindful of the body's hunger for food helps us understand the soul's hunger for the LORD, a hunger that is satisfied only when we give ourselves in the obedience of faith to the Gospel.
- + invite a lapsed Catholic to join you at Mass or Vespers one Sunday in Lent. A gentle invitation is often the only thing needed to bring a someone back to the Lord Jesus.
- + walk the Way of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6 pm and find the strength to heed the call of the Lord Jesus to take up your cross and follow him.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. So repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 7 February 2016

7.30 am ✱ Sam Porretta, Jr.
9.00 am Felicity Smith
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 8 February 2016

7.00 am Nathaniel Damian Grabosky

Tuesday, 9 February 2016

7.00 am Chris Miros
12.00 noon Kathy Luger

Wednesday, 10 February 2016

Ash Wednesday

7.00 am ✱ Sibbald Michael Smith
12.00 noon ✱ Francis Veroneau
7.00 pm Pro populo

Thursday, 11 February 2016

7.00 am Seminarian Patrick Judd
12.00 noon ✱ Mark Barhyte

Friday, 12 February 2016

7.00 am ✱ Steven Dorn

Saturday, 13 February 2016

5.00 pm ✱ Nelli Dowling

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 7 February 2016

Women's Club Bake Sale: After Masses (P)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)
9.00 am Scripture Study
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 8 February 2016

6.30 pm Cub Scouts
6.30 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 9 February 2016

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

Wednesday, 10 February 2016

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
No Faith Formation for children or adults

Thursday, 11 February 2016

2.00-4.00 pm Prayer Meeting

Friday, 12 February 2016

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)
6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ
3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice
6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)
followed by Women's Club Lenten Dinner (P)

Saturday, 13 February 2016

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 30/31 January

Needed	32,500
Received	32,183
Shortage	317

Poor Box	271
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,007,500
Received	1,009,936
Surplus	2,436

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 Anderson at jennifer.anderson@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.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2016

Ashes will be distributed at all liturgies.

7.00 am	Low Mass (church)
12.00 noon	Sung Mass (church)
7.00 pm	Sung Mass (church)
7.00 pm	Spanish Mass (Baum Center)

Ashes may be received by everyone without exception.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6 pm

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent at 5 pm

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2016

Each year the holy season of Lent provides us a special time of grace and spiritual renewal so that we may become better instruments in sharing the Gospel.

This year, **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, falls on 10 February. The present laws of the Church regarding fast and abstinence during the Season of Lent are as follows:

1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast**. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.
2. **Ash Wednesday** and all **Fridays** of Lent are also days of **abstinence**. On days of abstinence, meat should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

The Obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious obligation. The Code of Canon Law states:

"On these days (of Penance), the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence..."

May this Holy Lenten Season provide us an opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through a life of deeper prayer, penitential practices, and works of charity.

2015 Tax Statements

Please contact our Director of Finance and Human Resources, Jennifer Anderson, in the church office at 864.679.4102 or jennifer.anderson@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.**

Congratulations

Congratulations to Deacon Nestor Acosta, Deacon Joe Sanfilippo, and Deacon Tom Whalen on their diaconal ordination this Saturday by Bishop Guglielmo, through the Laying on of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit. Ad multos annos!

Welcome to Fr. Duncan

Welcome to Father Jonathan Duncan, his wife Elizabeth, and their children Bennett, Alexander, and Lucy. Father Duncan begins his work this week as chaplain of St Joseph's Catholic School and as administrator of the St Anselm's Community of the Personal Ordinariate, and he will also assist with Mass and Confessions at St Mary's. Ad multos annos!



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, Zack & Judy McColl, Jim Barber, John Barbare, Carlton Carpenter and Fr. Bart Leon.

Congratulations to

Sarah Helen Carter, Sadie Grey Denison and Sloane Palmer Denison who were baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 6/7 February

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

Collections for 10 February

- 1st: Support of the Parish
- 2nd: Church in Central & Eastern Europe

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

Souper Bowl Sunday

We will be collecting donations to help Catholic Charities. Soup kettles will be placed in the vestibules of the church on Super Bowl weekend, 6 & 7 February. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Our mission is to provide fellowship to members of St. Mary's Catholic Church who are 65 years or older. Please join us Saturday 13 February at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. For more information, contact Patricia Wellham at 864.294.9270.

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

st. mary's catholic church
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 Recollection. Fr. Peter will be presenting a series of talks on Silence, Prayer, and Sacred Music.



**Saturday
5 March 2016**

(Registration ends Tuesday March 1)

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.coursetorm.com>

For More Information Please Contact

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church | Downtown Greenville | www.stmarysgvl.org

40 Days for Life: 10 February - 20 March

You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort. Please continue praying to Our Lady of Guadalupe to intercede for the closing of the Greenville abortion facility. God knows the perfect time. His ways are not our ways. We just need to be faithful.

There are two campaigns a year, one beginning on Ash Wednesday for 40 days of Lent. The Fall campaign begins on the fourth Wednesday of September. These prayer campaigns are initiated and organized at the grassroots level in communities throughout the nation and abroad. Prayer, fasting and public vigil at the abortion facility are key components.

To find out more and sign up to help please contact: Jo Ann Gorman 770.653.9011 or Ingrid Ireland 864.329.0044.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally

Saturday 13 February from 9.30 - 10.30 am
Greenville Women's Clinic - 1142 Grove Road

Free Online Bible Study *The Bible & the Virgin Mary*

Emmaus Road Publishing and the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology are offering their first-ever video Bible study series, *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. Over the course of 12 lessons, beginning on Ash Wednesday, this study presents the participant an opportunity for growth in knowledge of Scripture and devotion to Our Lady.

You will be notified each week when a new chapter is made available. New videos will be posted weekly and remain available for two weeks.

- Watch the Mary of doctrine and devotion come alive in a new way.
- Learn the Scriptural roots of Church teaching on Our Lady.
- See the story of Mary, the Mother of God, come to life through stunning videography.
- Listen to the Word of God and discover the truth about Mary's role in your life.

Register for free access to *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* series at

BibleandtheVirginMary.com/streaming

St. Mary's School 28th Annual Classic & Gala 3 June 2016

St. Mary's Classic & Gala is our biggest fund raising event of the year. On the morning of June 3, there will be a golf tournament followed by an evening of auctioning, dancing, and fun.

Save the date and consider donating your time and talents to helping us make this amazing event a success!

If you would like to help, contact

Mrs. Lisa Lyvers

Director of St. Mary's Classic & Gala

lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org

Building Catholic Community

WCKI 1300 AM
Greer



WLTQ 730 AM
Charleston / Hilton Head

Listen Online @

CatholicRadioInSC.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Grades 1-8

No classes Wednesday 10 February.
Families attend Mass at 7.00 pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets at 9.00 am in the
K-4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall.

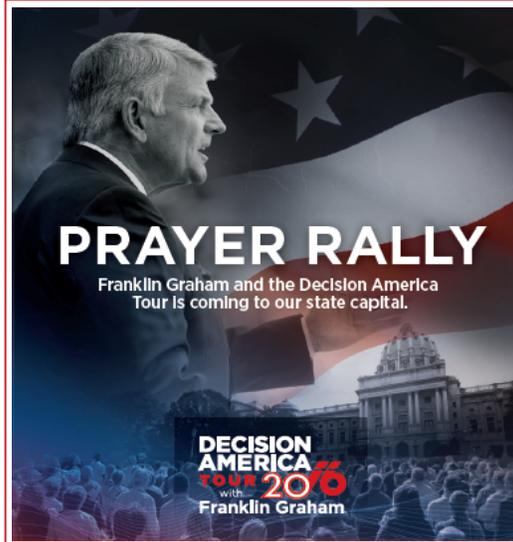
No class 14 February.

Confirmation Information Meeting for Parents

On Wednesday 24 February at 2.15 pm or
at 6.45 pm in Pazdan Hall for parents with
students in the 7th grade preparing for the
Sacrament of Confirmation in Fall 2016.
One parent must attend.

First Communion Retreat

On Sunday 28 February from 10.15 am -
12.45 pm in Pazdan Hall. Students must be
pre-registered. It's not too late.



9 February
12.00 pm

Capitol North Side
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

DecisionAmericaTour.com

ST. MARY'S PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC STUDIES SPRING 2016 COURSE OFFERINGS



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

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

Wednesday 6.30 pm — The Gospel of John (Closed - Course Full)
(Instructor: Dr. Joe Beauchemin)

CLASSES BEGIN 16 FEBRUARY

[MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

please visit us at

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

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.

Tuition Assistance is available!

Financial Aid is available to active, registered parishioners of St. Mary's Church who both qualify for parishioner tuition and who demonstrate financial need. Tuition Assistance Information and a link to the FACTS website are listed below. The deadline for financial aid is 19 February 2016.

2016-2017 Tuition Assistance Information

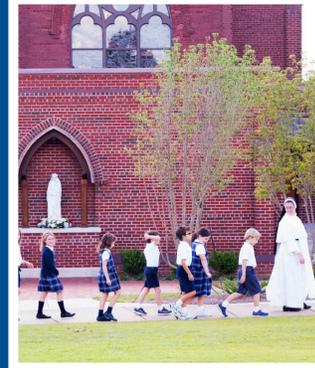
FACTS Financial Aid application is available.
FACTS website

For more information or to schedule a tour:

Mrs. Nelle Palms, Director of Admissions
864.679.4117
nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org

st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION VIRTUE EXCELLENCE



Priority Testing
Date at 9 am

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

From Our Tradition ~ *Ember Days*



Four times a year, the Church traditionally set aside three days to focus on God through His marvelous creation. These quarterly periods take place around the beginnings of the four natural seasons. "The purpose of their introduction, besides the general

one intended by all prayer and fasting, was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy." (Catholic Encyclopedia)

The fasts, known as "*Jejunia quatuor temporum*," or "the fast of the four seasons," are rooted in Old Testament practices of fasting four times a year:

Zechariah 8:19: "Thus says the Lord of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah seasons of joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love truth and peace." (RSV-CE)

These four times, each kept on a successive Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, are known as "Ember Days," or *Quatuor Tempora*, in Latin and occur as follows:

Winter: Advent Embertide after Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent). Also marked by feast of St. Lucy (13 December).

Spring: Lenten Embertide after Quadragesima Sunday (1st Sunday of Lent)

Summer: Whit Embertide after Pentecost Sunday

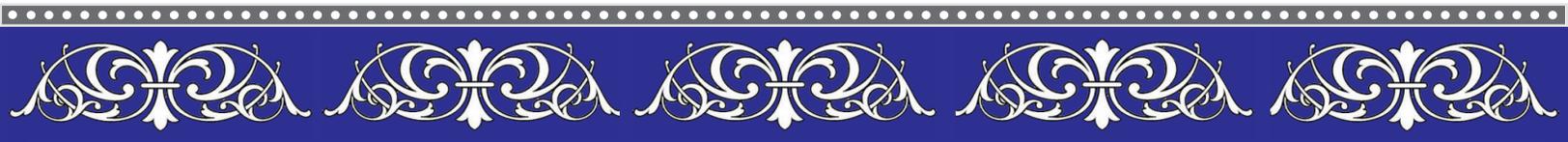
Autumn: Michaelmas Embertide after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 September)

The significance of the days of the week are that Wednesday was the day Christ was betrayed, Friday was the day He was crucified, and Saturday was the day He was entombed.

Observing the Ember Days is now a voluntary practice of fasting (no food between meals) and half-abstinence, meaning that meat is allowed at one meal per day. (If you observe the traditional Friday abstinence from meat, then you would observe complete abstinence on an Ember Friday.)

Priestly ordinations, prayer for priests, almsgiving and other charitable and penitential acts and prayer for the souls in Purgatory are all customary practices on Ember Days.

Lenten Ember Days: 17, 19 & 20 February





ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB

Monthly Meeting

We invite all women of the parish to join us for the next meeting of the Women's Club on Tuesday 9 February at 10.00 am in the Monsignor Gwynn Room on the first floor of Sacred Heart Hall. Members will vote for 2016-17 officers presented by the Nominations Committee. Selection of two Delegates and one Alternate will be chosen to attend the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) Convention in Myrtle Beach from 11-13 March. Refreshments will be served. We will pray the Rosary at 9.30 am at the statue of Mary located in the first floor lobby of Sacred Heart Hall. The meeting will follow beginning at 10.00 am. We invite everyone to attend the noon Mass following the meeting.

Pilgrimage Opportunity



The Greenville Deanery of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the EWTN campus, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and Ave Maria Grotto in Irondale, Alabama from 1-3 April. Questions may

be directed to either Sue Prevost at sbkprevost@gmail.com or 864.298.6649 or Taylor Smith at margaret.taylor2012@gmail.com or 864.787.0532. If you would like to join us, please note the **deadline for registering is 15 February.**

VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE

Sponsored by
St. Mary's Women's Club

**Saturday and Sunday
February 6th & 7th**

in the Dining Room
of Pazdan Hall
after all English Masses

All proceeds go to a Catholic charity.
Thank you for your support!

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women 11-13 March in Myrtle Beach, SC

The SCCCW invites all women of the parish to join them for their 86th Annual Convention at the Marina Inn at the Grande Dunes. This year's theme is, "Called to Serve God's Children with Mercy and United in Love". The speakers are Mary Beth Hicks, author, columnist and speaker; Donna Tyson, nationally acclaimed motivational speaker; and Michael Acquilano, Director of the SC Catholic Conference for the Diocese of Charleston.

• **Hotel reservations:** Reference "SCCCW" when contacting The Marina Inn at MarinaInnatGrandeDunes.com or 843.913.1333. Cost per night: \$119.00 plus taxes & service charges. Reservation deadline at this hotel is 10 February.

• **Convention Registration cost** (includes banquet and 2 breakfasts.): \$100.00 for SCCCW members / \$125.00 for Non-Members Convention Registration must be postmarked no later than 26 February. (See Registration form for information.)

• Please visit stmarysgvl.org and follow the threads from 'Parish Organizations' to 'Women's Club (more info)' to download the Convention Flyer information and Convention Registration Form. Contact Pat Webb at patwebb1010@charter.net or 864.419.0467 for questions.

Friday Lenten Dinners

Women's Club members will serve soup and grilled cheese sandwiches in the Macalka Dining Room in Pazdan Hall after all Stations of the Cross beginning Friday 12 February. There is no cost. Please join fellow parishioners for this devotion that commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion and a Lenten dinner and fellowship afterwards.



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.

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

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:

Sunday 11 am* Monday 8 pm & 11 pm
Tuesday 12 noon Saturday 3 am & 3 pm



Website: www.charlestonvocations.com
Facebook: Charleston Vocations

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



2016 Men's Discernment Retreat
Beautiful Cabin on Lake Murray, SC (Leesville)

11-13 March

Register at CharlestonVocations.com

**I Have Called
You By Name.**

Isaiah 43:1

The Knights of Columbus Council 1668 presents
A St. Patrick's Celebration and Dinner
Saturday, March 5th
McGivney's Hall
762 Mauldin Rd
6pm

Adults \$17
Children age 6-12 \$8; under 6 free
Family Rate \$55 (2 adults, 3 or more kids)
After March 1, ticket prices are \$20 Adult, \$10 child

Entertainment by
The Accidentally
Irish Lads
and the
Rince na hEireann
Irish Dancers

For tickets call
Ken - 380 - 7354
Rick - 363 - 5681
Limited tickets
available - no sales
at the door

Menu:
Cured Beef
Cabbage
Colcannon
Potatoes and
Carrots
Irish Soda Bread
Desserts
Water and Iced
Tea
Cash Bar

Children's Menu:
Hot dog
Mac 'n' cheese
Potato tots



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

21 February - Monthly Lunch: 1 pm at Liberty Taproom
At The Field (941 S Main St, Greenville, SC 29601).

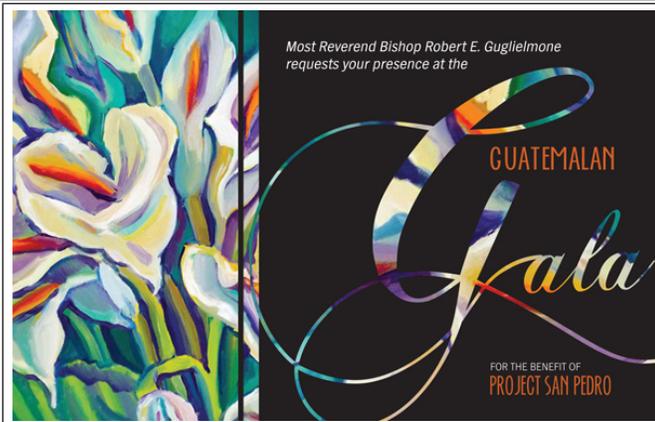
LENTEN RETREAT

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

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

Visit us at: www.lvgreenville.com

Email us: LVgreenville@gmail.com



Diocese of Charleston: International Ministries 3rd Annual Guatemalan Gala 20 February 2016

Mario Gonzalez Chavajay - a Tz'utuhil Mayan artist from San Pedro, Guatemala - will be the guest of honor at the gala. The event will be at the new Diocesan Pastoral center in Charleston.

The ticket cost to the Guatemala Gala is \$75 and includes: a Lowcountry oyster roast on the Ashley River, beer and wine, music, mingling and a silent auction.

Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo encourages everyone to attend the Gala and support the education of the children with Project San Pedro, which is a program of the Diocese in Guatemala.

Join us for an evening of music, mingling, a silent auction and dinner including a Lowcountry oyster roast on the Ashley River while learning more about the missionary work of the Diocese of Charleston in Guatemala.

Gala

Saturday, February 20, 2016
7:00 p.m. | (Casual Attire)

Diocese of Charleston:
New Pastoral Center
901 Orange Grove Road,
Charleston, South Carolina

To Purchase Tickets: Contact Gina James
803-602-0397 | gjames@catholic-doc.org
Or visit our website: <http://sccatholic.org/guatemalangala>

To buy tickets, visit sccatholic.org/guatemalangala

For more information, contact
Deacon Gabriel Cuervo
843.225.7403
gcuervo@catholic-doc.org

South Carolina Catholic
MEN'S CONFERENCE
Building Men of the Family of God
March 5, 2016

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church | 510 St. James Street | Goose

NEW! WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Friday, March 4, 2016
6:30 — 8 p.m. (Registration at 6:00 p.m.)
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
510 St. James Ave. | Goose Creek, SC
Speakers: Dr. Ray Guarendi, Chad Justice

Do you want to:

- Grow in your Catholic Faith?
- Deepen your relationship with Christ?
- Be a better father, son, husband and man?
- Be a spiritual leader in your family, church, work place, and community?

This conference is for you!
Come and fill your spiritual toolbox with the information you need to build your faith and lead your family.

COST: \$40 Pre-Registration / \$50 at the door
Discounts for: Knights of Columbus • Knights of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem • Knights of Peter Claver • Ancient Order of Hibernians • College/HS Students • Early Registration
Includes light breakfast and lunch

REGISTRATION:
On-line at www.sccatholicmensconf.org or mail check to: Edward M. Griffin | 742 Cherry Hills Place | Rock Hill, SC 29730-8219
Registration at 7:30 a.m., Mass 9:00 a.m., Presentations 10:15 a.m., Conclude 4:00 p.m.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:
Hampton Inn – North Charleston | 2688 Fernwood Drive | North Charleston, SC 29406 | (843) 735-7500 | Price: \$104 plus tax | Book prior to February 25, 2016 | *South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference!

Speakers:
 **Dr. Ray Guarendi**
National Speaker, EWTN/
Radio Evangelist and
Author
 **Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo**
Bishop of Charleston
 **Chad Justice**
National Inspirational
Speaker & Author,
Lafayette, LA
 **Fr. Dwight Longenecker**
National Speaker and Author. Pastor, Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenville, SC
 **Fr. Matthew Gray**
Parochial Vicar,
St Gregory the Great,
Bluffton, SC

The South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference is sponsored by the South Carolina Knights of Columbus State Council in support of the Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life & Youth Ministry.

6th Annual
Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, February 27th, 2016
Saint Matthew's Catholic Church

Brian Pusateri
Broken Door Ministries
brokendoorministries.com

Joe McClane
Speaker, Author, Evangelist
Catholiccheck.com

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
Director of the Association of
Marian Helpers

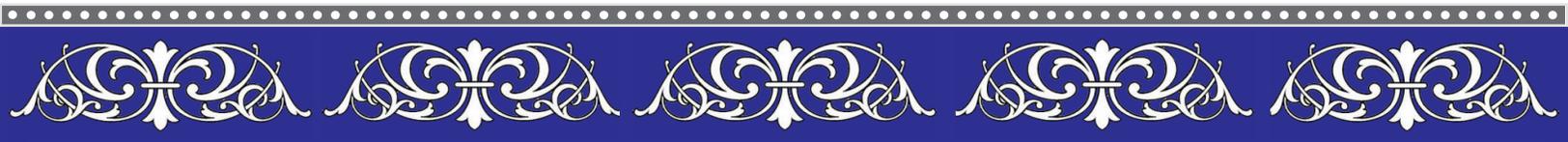
Chancellor Abbot Placid Solari

Bishop William Curtin

Step Up, Find Your Strength

www.CatholicMenOfTheCarolinas.org

6TH ANNUAL CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
Saturday - February 27th 2016 • Saint Matthew's Catholic Church • www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org





st. mary's catholic school

2015-2016
The Year of Faith



Family Prayer Corner Life Lessons: Praying for Others

Our Lord taught us that when we pray, we should go to our inner room, close the door, and pray to our Father in secret (cf. Matthew 6.6). But this was not to deter us from praying with others, for he also said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18.20). How do these two expressions of prayer fit together?

True prayer is something deeply personal, an intimate conversation with God who sees into the secret places of our hearts. That "inner room" of which Jesus spoke is where we are alone with God - "with him who we know loves us" as St. Teresa of Avila wrote. But we never enter that room empty-handed; we carry with us both friend and foe - those we desire God to bless and those we need His help to forgive. As we look upon these people in God's presence, He enables us to see them as He sees them, to love them as He loves them. In this way, our personal prayer transforms and purifies our relationships with others, strengthening our communion in Christ.

Young children must first develop a habit of speaking to God out loud before they realize that He hears even their unspoken prayers. By taking time each day to pray with your child(ren), you teach them how to speak to God and also how to bring others to Him in prayer. This can be as simple as naming loved ones and asking God to bless them.

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School Spotlight - Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week was kicked off with a two-hour delay, but don't worry! That didn't stop us from packing in the fun activities. On Monday, 8th and 2nd grade students represented rosary beads and guided the school in a living "World Mission Rosary."

On Tuesday, as the students reflected on consecrated life in our parish and school, they made spiritual gifts and cards for Father Newman, Father Bart, & Father Cruz. The Sisters visited classrooms sharing their personal vocation stories. For a look into consecrated life among men, Fishers of Men was shown. For a look into consecrated life for women, For Love Alone was shown. (Contact the school office if you'd like to borrow a copy.)

K5 entertained and inspired the school with their "If I Had Wings" program on Wednesday.

Mr. Plumlee led us as Principal for the Day on Thursday, and PTO showered the students with love sponsoring a free gift, no homework night, and roller skating.



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