

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

24 April 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

The killing of an unborn child is the sin and crime of murder and should be against the law. All human persons have the natural right to immigrate in order to provide economic or political liberty for themselves and their families. Marriage between one man and one woman is not created by the state; it is an arrangement of nature and nature's God that comes before all governments, and no state can justly declare any other form of sexual friendship to be marriage.

Those statements are examples of how moral and legal arguments intersect in the never-ending conversation about religion and public life, and every Catholic is called by Baptism to be able to articulate a coherent Christian understanding of what the Gospel requires of us. To help in the formation of that coherent understanding, I recommend three books for your careful study.

"Render Unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living our Catholic Faith" is a splendid book by Archbishop Charles Chaput, one of the finest bishops in the universal Church. Chaput's work is a brilliant meditation on the necessity of living of our faith boldly and publicly precisely in order to serve the legitimate pluralism of a secular nation. Too many argue that living together in peace with those who do not share our faith or who have no faith at all requires compromising our principles or muting our public voice; Archbishop Chaput explains winsomely why just the opposite is true.

"American Babylon: Notes of a Christian Exile" was the last published work of the late Father Richard John Neuhaus, perhaps the single most important voice in the discussion of religion and public life in the past fifty years. Neuhaus began his ministry as a Lutheran pastor serving an African American congregation in Brooklyn, and he became an important figure in the national movements for civil rights and against the war in Vietnam. As time passed, though, Neuhaus found himself drawn ineluctably towards becoming – as he would later put it – the Catholic he always was. Neuhaus wrote an entire shelf of books on religion and public life, all of which are worthy of study, but this final volume reflects the wisdom of the old warrior near the end of his campaigns, battered and bruised but still filled with hope.

"Onward: Engaging the Culture without Losing the Gospel" is a compelling book by Russell D. Moore, a Southern Baptist minister and the president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Moore makes a strong case for the best way to understand from a Christian perspective what are usually described as the "culture wars" and explains why the radical demands of the Gospel always surprise both those who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and those who don't.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions		Me	etings & Events *	
Sunday, 24 April 2016		Sunday, 24 April 2016		
	 William & Alice Turchyn James E. Sullivan Pro populo Spanish Mass 	Coffee & doug 9.00 am	VBS registration ng 9.00 am Mass ghnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass (P) 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of all) - Final Class Scripture Study High School Youth Group (P) Women of Grace	
Monday, 25	5 April 2016	Monday, 25 A	april 2016	
7.00 am	Sennette Pelicano	6.30 pm	Boy Scouts	
Tuesday, 26 April 2016		Tuesday, 26 A	pril 2016	
7.00 am 12.00 noon	 Herbert & Mattie Lupo Gitte & Peter Esser 	8.30-9.30 am 1.00 pm	Program of Catholic Studies Senior Men's Club	
Wednesday, 27 April 2016		Wednesday, 2	27 April 2016	<u>El</u>
7.00 am 1 2.00 noon 6.30 pm	Paul Murphy & Family Levi Clagett Anglican Use Mass	5.00-6.00 pm 6.30-7.30 pm 6.30-7.30 pm	Confessions (church) Religious Education - Final Class	to yo on th
Thursday, 28 April 2016		Thursday, 28	April 2016	we if
	John & Bess WatkinsFrancis Joseph Sullivan	2.00-4.00 pm	St. Mary's Prayer Group	co jer
Friday, 29 April 2016		Friday, 29 Ap	oril 2016	
7.00 am	Rebecca Lovelace	6.15 am 6.30-8.00 am 10.00 am 3.30-5.00 pm	Morning Prayer (church) Pillars of Christ Scripture Study Class Youth Choir Practice	
Saturday, 30 April 2016		Saturday, 30	April 2016	S
5.00 pm	George Francis		VBS registration	
		8.00-9.00 am	Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic	
		3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)	
	G - Gallivan Hall	* All events in	Sacred Heart Hall	

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Financial Report

<u>Weekend o</u> Needed Received Surplus	<u>f 16/17 April</u> 32,500 37,624 5,124	
Poor Box	448	
Catholic Home 3,335 Missions Appeal		
<u>Offertory</u> Needed Received Surplus	<u>Year to Date</u> 1,365,000 1,376,068 11,068	
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.		



Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org

Congratulations to

Emerson Mason Sridhar who was baptized last weekend.

Thanksgiving

I lost my wedding band in parking lot on Good Friday. It was not until Divine Mercy Sunday that I realized it was lost. Someone found it in the parking lot on the morning of Holy Saturday and returned it to the lost and found. Steve and I will be married 24 years this year, and the ring is not replaceable. Many thanks to the person who found the ring. No one has been able to tell me who found it; I would love to thank you in person! - Kirsten Zinkann

Parish Registration

If you are 21 years of age or older and still registered with the parish under your parents' name, it's time you register on your own. If you are the parent of an adult 21 years of age or older, you should encourage them to register with the parish under their own name. If they no longer live with you, live out of state or country, please notify Vickie Acosta in the parish the office of this change so our records can be updated. You may contact Vickie at 864.271.8422 or vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

Counseling services available at St. Mary's. Contact Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4122.

Mustard Seed Society

The Mustard Seed Society of St. Mary's seeks to re-purpose donated flowers, and deliver small arrangements to those who are in need of the touch of Christ: The forgotten, lonely, sick or afraid. From November 2015 - March 2016 we have received kind donations from McAfee Funeral Home and delivered over 500 small arrangements. Currently all donations are made by the McAfee Funeral Home - Greenville and Simpsonville locations.

The Mustard Seed Society is looking for flexible volunteers to assist in the following:

Pick up	Arranging	Recycling
Deconstruction	Container donations	Delivery

Deconstruction & Arranging take place at 37 Hialeah Road, Greenville, SC. Please contact Lisette Dimitrew 864.918.7950 to volunteer.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 23/24 April

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

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

Mass Intentions

Open dates are available for Mass intentions in May and June as well as the rest of 2016. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please contact Vickie Acosta in the church office at vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org or 864.271.8422.

Women of Grace Bible Study

Women of Grace Bible Study will hold our next meeting on Sunday 24 April at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Dorothy Whalen at Littledotw@aol.com if you any have any questions.

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, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Thomas Thomason, Zack & Judy McColl, Jim Barber, Carlton Carpenter, Fr. Bart Leon, Jordan A. Upham and Karen Waldrop.

Virtus Training

The next training class at St. Mary's will be in the Monsignor Gwynn Room of Sacred Heart Hall from 6.00-9.00 pm on 3 May. You must register online at virtusonline.org. Click on "first-time registrant".

Bulletin Submissions

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



from our tradition

rogation days

Rogation Days were on the traditional Roman calendar for 25 April (Major Rogation Day) and the Minor Rogation Days on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday immediately before Ascension Thursday (this year 2-4 May).

Rogation comes from the Latin rogare, which means "to ask," and "Rogation Days" are days during which we seek to ask God's mercy, appease His anger, avert His chastisements manifest through natural disasters, and ask for His blessings, particularly with regard to farming, gardening, and other agricultural pursuits. They are set aside to remind us how radically dependent we are on Mother Earth, and how prayer can help protect us from nature's often cruel ways.

The Major Rogation is of Roman origin, instituted by Pope St. Gregory the Great (b. 540) after a great plague besieged Rome. For the Major days, the Greater Litanies were recited and there could be a procession and prayers for blessings on crops. Remember, people didn't divorce prayer from the things which were critical for survival.



The Minor Rogation Days are of French origin, coming about in the 5th century, when St. Mamertus, Bishop of Vienne, Dauphiné instituted them after a series of

natural calamities. The Minor days included the Lesser Litanies. Again, there are prayers and blessings for crops, given that it is spring (at least in the northern part of the globe).

The liturgy for the Rogation Days, during which the priest vested in purple, begins with Psalm 43.26 – "Arise, O Lord, help us and redeem us for Thy name's sake" – which is followed by the Litany of the Saints. At the Litany's Sancta Maria, all stand and a procession begins, which in older times was (and still is in rural areas) usually around the boundaries of the parish, giving to the procession the name of "beating the bounds." The Litany is followed by Psalm 69, a series of petitions, and the Mass, with readings from James 5.16-20 and Luke 11.5-14.

Pope St. Leo III – the Pope who crowned Charlemagne on Christmas Day of 800 –introduced these days of penance into Rome in 816, the year of his death, after which they became standard throughout the Roman Church.

As with Ember days, the celebration of Rogation Days is left to the discretion of each national conference of bishops after the revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969.



From the General Norms of the Liturgical Calendar:

45 On Rogation and Ember Days the Church is accustomed to entreat the Lord for the various needs of humanity, especially for the fruits of the earth and for human labor, and to give thanks to him publicly.

46 In order that the Rogation Days and Ember Days may be adapted to the different regions and different needs of the faithful, the Conferences of Bishops should arrange the time and manner in which they are held.

Consequently, concerning their duration, whether they are to last one or more days, or be repeated in the course of the year, norms are to be established by the competent authority, taking into consideration local needs.

47 The Mass for each day of these celebrations should be chosen from among the Masses for Various Needs, and should be one which is more particularly appropriate to the purpose of the supplications.

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.

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 23 May 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.

Friday Morning Scripture Study

The Friday morning Scripture study will begin a new study, *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*, on 6 May from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall. If you wish to join this 12 week study please contact Sue Prevost at 288.6649 or sbkprevost@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization with principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. Our service programs are Church, Community, Youth and Pro Life. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Safe Environment

St. Mary's, along with the Diocese of Charleston (the "Diocese") and the Catholic Church, is committed to ensuring that all programs, ministries and operations affiliated with the Parish are conducted in a Safe Environment. Prior to serving as a volunteer with children at the church or school, parishioners and/or parents must fulfill several requirements outlined by the Diocese before they are allowed to serve.

Prior to involvement, a volunteer must:

- Attend Safe Environment Training (VIRTUS class);
- Complete Background Screening Forms;
- Read & sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct; and
- Read & sign the Diocesan Abuse Policy.

Forms can be found on the parish website at stmarysgvl.org/our-parish/virtus-classes-background-checks/



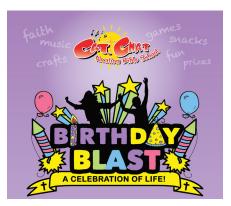
All forms and VIRTUS certificate should be returned to the Safe Environment Coordinator.

<u>Safe Environment Coordinators:</u> Church: Lisa Watkins lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org 864.679.4105

School: Pat Lanning patricia.lanning@stmarysgvl.org 864.271.3870

Vacation Bible School

Birthday Blast: A Celebration Of Life will be the week of 13-17 June



from 9 am - 12 noon (Friday 11.30 am). Registration for volunteers and students will take place before and after all Masses in Sacred Heart Hall the weekends of 23/24 April and 30 April/1 May. Deadline for registration is 13 May.

Registration forms for families, teen volunteers

and adult volunteers are now available online at stmarysgvl.org under Catechesis tab or at the Church Office.

For additional information, please contact Elizabeth McLeer at 864.245.0753 or gemcleer@gmail.com.

Religious Education News

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets at 9.00 am in the K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall.

Final Class - 24 April

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30-7.30 pm.

RE Rosary: 6.30 pm - Parents welcome to attend Final Class

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

Classic Invitation & Registration

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2016 St. Mary's Classic. The funds for this year's event will go towards the purchase and installation of a state of the art digital projection system for Gallivan Hall and iPads for our elementary classrooms.

The Golf Tournament will be played at The Preserve at Verdae on Friday 3 June.

Registration for your team can now be completed online

http://goo.gl/forms/246UWMTorV

Have questions? Contact

Mrs. Lisa Lyvers, Director of St. Mary's Classic & Gala lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org or 662.466.1333

Volunteer Registration

We are in great need of volunteers to help solicit donations for the St. Mary's Silent and Live Auction. To be more efficient, we have divided up Greenville and surrounding areas. Once you sign up, you will be contacted with more information. You will receive a list of businesses to visit or call, along with a donation solicitation letter. It is really quite easy once you get started! Please sign up today to help.

We are also looking for a Day of Play Volunteer Coordinator, a Golf Tournament Scoring/Prize Distribution Volunteer, and Set Up Volunteers Gala.

Sign up online: signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4daaac2fa2fe3-stmarys or contact Danielle Andrews: dnandrews110@gmail.com or Lisa Lyvers: lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org.



Where are you going?

QUO VADIS DAYS 2016 June 13-17, 2016 * Belmont Abbey College Rising high school freshmen through college

A camp for Catholic men to learn more about the priesthood, deepen their faith, and help discern God's call in their lives. www.charlottevocations.org "Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." $_$ st. Join Poul II

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June 27 - July 1, 2016 * Belmont Abbey College

Retreat for women, freshman in high school to freshman in college www.charlottevocations.org



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2015-2016 The Year of Faith

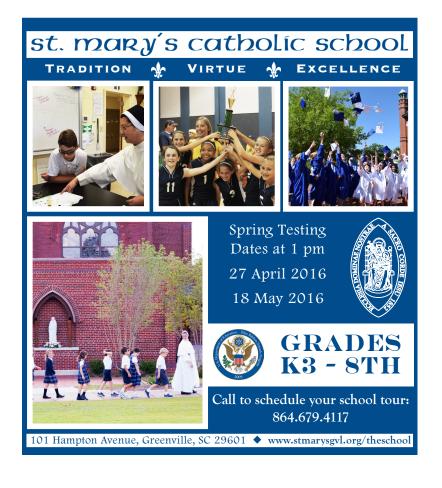


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Lisa Lyvers Director of St. Mary's Classic & Gala lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org

www.stmarysgvl.org/theschool





School Spotlight - Visit by Upstate Middle School Students

On Thursday, 14 April, St. Mary's had the honor of hosting the upstate Catholic middle schools for a Holy Door Pilgrimage. Two hundred thirty students plus forty-five chaperones gathered in Gallivan Hall with Father Newman for a talk about mercy. Everyone processed over to the church and passed through the Holy



Door of Mercy on St. Mary's campus (the bell tower entrance of the church). After praying in the church, everyone gathered on Francis Field for a picnic. This was an excellent opportunity for Catholic middle school students from all over the upstate to pray and socialize together.



Pictured: Students from Our Lady of the Rosary, Prince of Peace, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary's, St. Joseph in Anderson, and St. Joseph, Greenville gathered together to process through the Holy Door and to enjoy a picnic.







CHARLESTON VOCATIONS Catholic Diocese of Charleston, Se

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

From the Diocesan Vocations Prayer Card

Please pray for the seminarians listed on each day of the month.

1^{st} & 16^{th}	All newly ordained priests
2 nd & 17 th	Andrew Fryml
3^{rd} & 18^{th}	Rhett Williams
4^{th} & 19^{th}	Francisco Oñate-Vargas
5^{th} & 20^{th}	Jimmy Touzeau
6^{th} & 21^{st}	Michael Cellars
7^{th} & 22^{nd}	William Frei
8^{th} & 23^{rd}	Patrick Judd
9^{th} & 24^{th}	Matthew Curley
$10^{\rm th}$ & $25^{\rm th}$	Matthew Bauer
$11^{\rm th}$ & $26^{\rm th}$	All priests serving in our diocese
12^{th} & 27^{th}	All women religious in our diocese
13^{th} & 28^{th}	All deacons & religious brothers
$14^{\rm th}$ & $29^{\rm th}$	All men called to the priesthood
15^{th} & 30^{th}	Bishop Robert Guglielmone

Prayer for Vocations

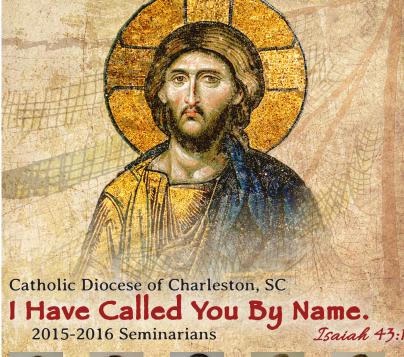
Loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love.

Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

GOD'S WORK. YOUR HANDS. CONSIDER PRIESTHOOD



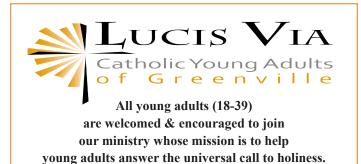




Facebook: Charleston Vocations

Lay Carmelites

Seeking a deeper relationship with God? Drawn to the Carmelite saints...Therese of Liseux, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross? The Lay Carmelite Community of Greenville invites interested Catholic men and women to attend an upcoming meeting to learn more about what it means to be a Lay Carmelite. Our monthly Meetings will be held on 7 May and 4 June at St Elizabeth Ann Seton following the 9 am Mass. Call Jan at 864.287.5495 for more information.



STUDY

27 April - Unpacking the Pope's Visit to the US: 7 pm at St. Mary Magdalene (2252 Woodruff Rd, Simpsonville, SC 29681). We'll spend about 6 weeks discussing the transcripts from all of Pope Francis' talks while in the US providing important context, referencing supportive documents/texts for a deeper dive into key topics, and answering guided questions. Deacon Ivan Hawk of SMMCC will be attending and available to support discussion. LVG leaders include Heather B, Kylee H and Sarah P.

Fellowship

15 May - Monthly Lunch: 1 pm at Mekong Restaurant (2013 Wade Hampton Blvd, Greenville, SC 29615). Sarah P is hosting at Mekong Restaurant. Questions? Contact Sarah at 864.561.4460.

21 May - 2nd Annual YAClympics: Sequicentinnel Park in Columbia, SC at 8 am. Return with LVG to defend our title!

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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

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11.28). To share an hour with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123 Choose an hour of your convenience or consider one of our EMPTY HOURS (*) or one needing a prayer partner:

Monday 1 pm* & 8pm	Thursday 1 am*
Tuesday 12 noon	Friday 5 am, 7 pm* & 10 pm*
Wednesday 2 am	

Substitutes are needed for Midnight - 6 am.

Preaching to God's Creatures: The Franciscans of Anderson County

The Anderson County Museum (ACM) is proud to present "Preaching to God's Creatures: The Franciscans of Anderson County". The influence of the Franciscan Order spread into Anderson, SC when a Franciscan priest, Fr. Francis Gorman, arrived to serve the Catholic community, starting St. Mary of the Angels Church in 1943. The Anderson County Museum is located at 202 E. Greenville Street Anderson, SC 29621. The exhibit will run until June 2016 and is free to the public. Please call 864.260.4737 for more information.

Sidewalk Advocacy Training

You are invited to attend a Sidewalk Advocates for Life twoday training program at Blessed Sacrament Church in West Ashley on Friday 29 April from 6.30-10.00 pm and Saturday 30 April from 1.00-5.00 pm. Registration (payable at the door) is \$15 and includes course materials and refreshments. The only pre-requisites are a humble desire to reach out in love and a willingness to volunteer two hours a month – either as either a prayer partner or an advocate at the abortion clinic after training is completed. To register, please email SAFLCharleston@gmail.com or call Anne at 843.437.3190.



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