



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

8 May 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Scripture tells us that the Lord Jesus returned to the glory of his Father forty days after his Resurrection, and for that reason, the Church traditionally celebrates the Ascension on the Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter – forty days after Easter Sunday. In recent years, however, the liturgical commemoration of the Ascension has been transferred in many places from the proper Thursday to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and that is why we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ today.

This mystery of faith does not mean that the Lord was merely taken from our sight to continue in space and time as we know them while simply being in another place; rather, Christ the Lord in his Ascension transcended the created universe altogether, including the created realities of time and space. But in transcending the created universe, the Lord Jesus did not abandon his Church or leave us comfortless. Even as Christ gave us the Great Commission to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and celebrate the sacraments for the salvation of souls, he also promised to send the Holy Spirit of truth to be our teacher, guide, and consoler, and the coming of the Spirit was accomplished and manifested 50 days after Christ's Resurrection, a mystery which we will celebrate next week on the great Solemnity of Pentecost. Christ's Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are the very conditions for the possibility of this time of the Church in which we are called to share in the sublime work of bringing the whole human race to know, love and serve the living God, and in Word and Sacrament, the Savior remains with us to sustain us in that mission.

In describing the final moments of the Lord Jesus with the Apostles, St. Matthew candidly admits that even forty days after the Resurrection, confusion remains: "And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted." These doubts, however, were resolved by the solemn revelation of the divine nature and glory of the Son of Man: "All authority is heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." And twenty centuries later we are still laboring to fulfill the Great Commission, which begins with comprehending the majesty of this sacred mystery of faith. In the Roman Missal, the first Preface of the Ascension speaks to us of the sacred mystery of Christ's Ascension in these words:

"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before."

Father Newman



ROMAN CATHOLIC
**DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON**
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 2016

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mother's Day has traditionally been the time in our Diocese when you are asked to join me in our effort to reach out to those most in need of our help. Each year we ask that you make some sacrifice to support the work of Catholic Charities and the various ministries of service. Your contributions on this Mother's Day will make a great difference in the lives of so many people who look to the Church for assistance.

In this Year of Mercy, with your help, we can continue providing for families, clothing for those who are homeless, job counseling for the unemployed, elder care through senior programs, case management and financial assistance for those impacted by the floods in our Diocese last year, dentures for the uninsured, and ministry to those in prisons throughout the State of South Carolina.

There is so much need out there, and much more to do on our part. Please help Catholic Charities be the loving hand of Christ extended to the poor and suffering.

In the Lord's peace,

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

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 8 May 2016

- 7.30 am ✘ Deceased Members /
Torretta Family
9.00 am ✘ Jeannette Ranglelli &
Victoria Kuczewski
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 9 May 2016

- 7.00 am Susan K. Simon

Tuesday, 10 May 2016

- 7.00 am Ana Maria Restrepo
12.00 noon ✘ Alice & Harlan Deitz

Wednesday, 11 May 2016

- 7.00 am ✘ Mary Rixner
12.00 noon The Roman Family
6.30 pm Anglican Use Mass

Thursday, 12 May 2016

- 7.00 am ✘ Restrepo Castaño Families
12.00 noon ✘ Mary Rohland

Friday, 13 May 2016

- 7.00 am ✘ Wozniak Kazimera

Saturday, 14 May 2016

- 5.00 pm ✘ Jennette Pelicano

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 8 May 2016

- No coffee & doughnuts this week
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Scripture Study
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

Monday, 9 May 2016

- 6.30 pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 10 May 2016

- 8.30-9.30 am Program of Catholic Studies
1.00 pm Senior Men's Club
7.00 pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, 11 May 2016

- 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
Confessions (church)
6.30-7.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies

Thursday, 12 May 2016

- 2.00-4.00 pm St. Mary's Prayer Group

Friday, 13 May 2016

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

Saturday, 14 May 2016

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 30 April/1 May

Needed	32,500
Received	33,508
Surplus	1,008

Poor Box	309
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,430,000
Received	1,440,313
Surplus	10,313

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
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

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





The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.
— Pope Benedict XVI

Schedule

To avoid taking men away from their families any more than they already are, we meet early in the morning before the workday begins.

We meet every Friday at St. Mary's Church - Downtown

6.00-6.15 am Prayer in the Church (Liturgy of the Hours)

6.15-6.30 am Coffee & Breakfast in Sacred Heart Hall

6.30-6.45 am Scripture Reading and reflection in Sacred Heart Hall

7.00 am - Optional Mass or Small Group Gathering (Small groups end at 8.00)

About Our Ministry

Our purpose is to reclaim authentic Christian manhood in the face of a culture where true masculinity is under constant attack. As men, we are called by the Church to reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously and invest in eternity. We are called to be pillars of strength in our homes, the Church, workplace and community.

**What does it mean to be a true man of Christ?
Come and find out.**

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17

Friday Morning Scripture Study

The Friday morning Scripture study began 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.

ST. MARY'S PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC STUDIES
COMING THIS FALL

Tuesday 8.30 am
CATHOLICS IN AMERICA
A CULTURAL OVERVIEW
(Instructors: T.J. Nielsen and Tony Owens)

Wednesday 6.30 pm
ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS
(Instructor: Joe Beauchemin)

REGISTRATION BEGINS IN AUGUST
CLASSES BEGIN ON 6 SEPTEMBER

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gondi, Mr. & Mrs. William Burgess and Mr. Berganza.

Evensong in the Anglican Tradition

Corpus Christi Sunday 29 May at 5 pm

After the Holy Eucharist, the most important form of Christian prayer is the Liturgy of the Hours, also called the Divine Office. In the Roman form of the Divine Office there are two liturgical Hours for the evening: Vespers and Compline. In the 16th century Book of Common Prayer, these two Hours were combined into one celebration called Evensong, and this beautiful way of praying is part of the Anglican patrimony preserved in the Catholic Church by the Personal Ordinariates for Catholics from the Anglican tradition. The Community of St. Anselm's is offering this splendid opportunity of liturgical prayer to everyone at St. Mary's and in the wider community. Please join us at 5 pm and bring a friend for Evensong.

PARISH NEWS

Collections for 7/8 May

1st: Support of the Parish
2nd: Catholic Charities

*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 864.271.8422 or vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org.

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, Jordan A. Upham, Karen Waldrop and Dave Gibbons.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

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

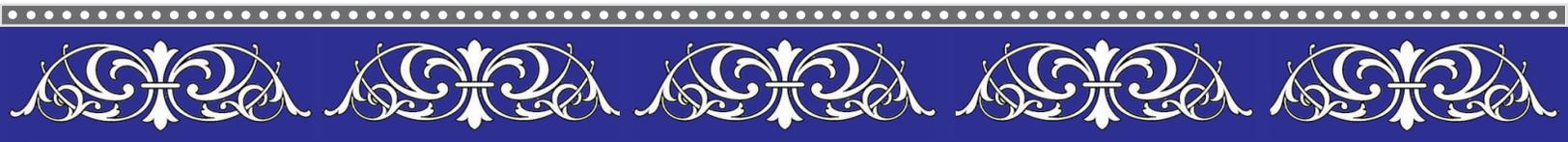
Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The K. of C. Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 15 May in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

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.



Assistant Positions Available

St. Mary's School is seeking a K3 assistant and a K4 assistant for the 2016-2017 school year. If interested, please email your resume to school.office@stmarysgvl.org.

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.



St. Mary's Classic & Gala

Friday 3 June
7.00 pm at Embassy Suites

Purchase Tickets &
View Online Auction
Bidding Information:

<http://SMSGala16.gesture.com>

For More Information:

<http://stmarysgvl.org/golfgala/>

Come enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres,
an open bar, dancing and bidding!

If you have any questions, please contact
Lisa Lyvers at lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org.

An Introduction to Catholicism



What is Catholicism?

Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible?

Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church?

Our course called *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church.

The classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 8.00 pm from Labor Day through Easter, and all are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact T.J. Nielsen, Director of Christian Formation, at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.

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). **Deadline for registration is 13 May.**

Registration forms for families, teen volunteers and adult volunteers are now available online at stmarysgvl.org under the Catechesis tab or at the Church Office. For additional information, please contact Elizabeth McLeer at gemcleer@gmail.com or 864.245.0753.

Adult Volunteers' Meeting

Monday 16 May at 6.30 pm in Gallivan Hall.

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	Deconstruction	Recycling
Arranging	Container donations	Delivery

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



st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION VIRTUE EXCELLENCE




Spring Testing
Date at 1 pm

18 May 2016



**GRADES
K3 - 8TH**

Call to schedule your school tour:
864.679.4117

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

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

"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 4 am* & 8pm*
Friday 4am*, 5 am, 7 pm & 10 pm*
Substitutes are needed for Midnight - 6 am.

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.

Family Honor Online Course

Summer Session: 1 June - 31 August

Are you looking for a way to grow in your relationship with Christ? Would you like to better understand Catholic teaching on moral issues? Do you want to get more involved in service to families? Or maybe you are a ministry leader who needs continuing education or a parent looking for ways to strengthen your family?

One of the best things you can do for yourself is to sign up for Family Honor's online course, **The Truth and Meaning of Sexuality, Love and Family**. This online course provides useful information on topics relating to chastity education, child development, the family, theology of the body and current moral issues. Plus, the flexible online format works with your busy schedule.

Go to: FamilyHonor.org and click the Training tab. Questions? Call or email the Family Honor office: 803.929.0858 or famhonor@aol.com.

Book Signing

St. Benedict's Catholic Store
900 W. Poinsett Street in Greer

St. Benedict's Catholic Store is pleased and honored to announce that everyone's favorite priest and military hero, Fr. Robert Falabella (of St. Mary Magdalene) will be signing copies of his incredible book, "Vietnam Memoir" at their bookstore on Saturday 21 May from 1.00-3.00 pm. For more information call 864.801.1830 or visit us on Facebook at St Benedicts Catholic Store.



All young adults (18-39)
are welcomed & encouraged to join
our ministry whose mission is to help
young adults answer the universal call to holiness.

STUDY

11 May - Unpacking the Pope's Visit
to the US

7 pm at St. Mary Magdalene (2252
Woodruff Rd, Simpsonville, SC 29681).
Deacon Ivan Hawk of SMMCC will
be attending and available to support
discussion. LVG leaders include Heather
B, Kylee H and Sarah P.

FELLOWSHIP

6 May - Monthly Happy Hour

6 pm at Brazwell's Premium Pub (631 S
Main St, Greenville, SC 29601).

15 May - Monthly Lunch

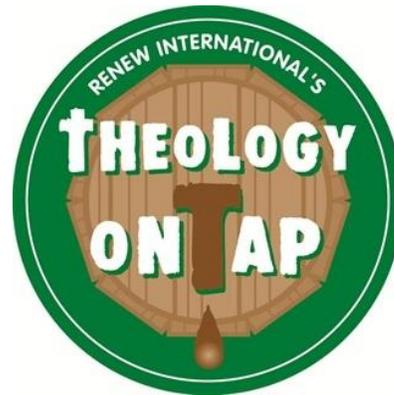
1 pm at Mekong Restaurant (2013 Wade
Hampton Blvd, Greenville, SC 29615).
Sarah P is hosting at Mekong Restaurant.
Questions? Contact Sarah at 864.561.4460.

21 May - 2nd Annual YAClympics

Sequicentinel Park in Columbia, SC at
8 am. Return with LVG to defend our title!

5 June - Annual Kickball Game
vs. St. Mary's Youth Group

6-8 pm at St. Mary's. Cheerleaders and
players are invited to our annual kickball
game against the St. Mary's Youth Group!
This is a fun evening of fierce competition
followed by dinner (hotdogs, etc) and
praise & worship! Join us!



All young adults (18-39yo) are invited to join us
for a 4-week speaker series

Saintly Sinners

The eagerly-anticipated return of Theology on Tap includes
speakers: Father Christopher Smith, Karl Orbon, Angela Calabro
and Rachel Neubauer. Join us in learning about **Saintly
Sinners** on the following dates at Connolly's Irish Pub (24 E Court
Street - downtown). Arrive at 6:45p to socialize and order
food/drink. The speaker begins at 7:30pm.

5/16 - Sainthood. The process.

5/23 - Miracles and incorruptible Saints

6/6 - Get familiar with soon-to-be canonized Saints

6/13 - Our personal call to sainthood

Questions? Call Matt at 678-938-4114 or lvgreenville@gmail.com



CHARLESTON VOCATIONS

Catholic Diocese of Charleston, SC



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.

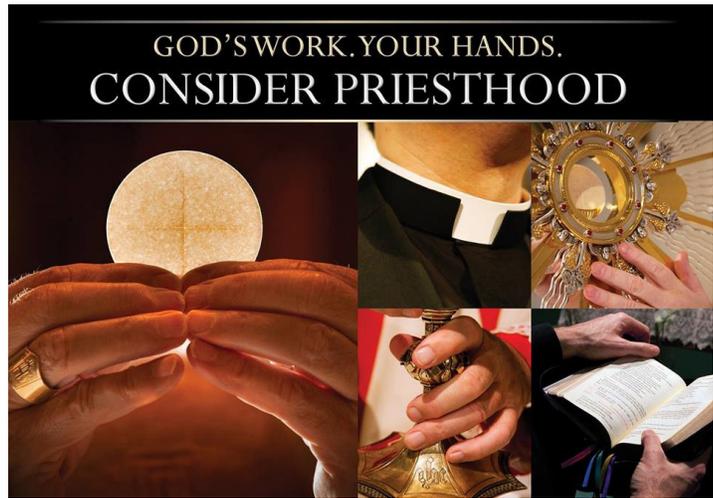
- 1st & 16th All newly ordained priests
- 2nd & 17th Andrew Fryml
- 3rd & 18th Rhett Williams
- 4th & 19th Francisco Oñate-Vargas
- 5th & 20th Jimmy Touzeau
- 6th & 21st Michael Cellars
- 7th & 22nd William Frei
- 8th & 23rd Patrick Judd
- 9th & 24th Matthew Curley
- 10th & 25th Matthew Bauer
- 11th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



Catholic Diocese of Charleston, SC

I Have Called You By Name.

2015-2016 Seminarians *Isaiah 43:1*

 Andrew Fryml <small>Third Theology Jesus, Our Bread, Savior Spartanburg, SC</small>	 Rhett Williams <small>Second Theology St. John the Baptist Charleston, SC</small>	 Francisco Oñate-Vargas <small>Second Theology Our Lady of the Hills Columbia, SC</small>	 Jimmy Touzeau <small>First Theology Holy Cross Pickens, SC</small>	 Michael Cellars <small>Second Pro-Theology St. Mary of the Annunciation Charleston, SC</small>
 William Frei <small>Graduate Year St. Mary, Help of Christians Aiken, SC</small>	 Patrick Judd <small>Second College St. Mary, Help of Christians Aiken, SC</small>	 Matthew Curley <small>First College St. Catherine of Siena Lancaster, SC</small>	 Matthew Bauer <small>First College Prince of Peace Taylors, SC</small>	 Are You Called?

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