



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

17 July 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism states that “Receiving the Sacraments without receiving the Gospel leads to superstition rather than living faith, and the Church must therefore take great care to ensure that those who receive the Sacraments also receive the Gospel in its integrity and entirety. Consequently, before Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, and Marriage are administered, there must be in those who request these Sacraments clear evidence of knowledge of the Gospel and a serious intention to live the Christian life.”

During the first three hundred years of Christianity, asking to receive a Sacrament of the New Covenant was never done lightly because during most of that time to be a Christian was to be a criminal. When practicing the Christian faith was a crime punishable by horrible penalties, no one asked to receive a Sacrament who was not prepared to live and die as a Christian. But in the middle of the fourth century, those circumstances changed dramatically, and Christianity went from being an outlaw sect to a tolerated minority to the official religion of the Empire in a few short decades. After that, being a European was almost the same thing as being a Christian, and for a thousand years and more the Church could assume that anyone who asked for a Sacrament believed in the Gospel and intended to live the Christian life. But that time has long since passed.

Today we live in an age of the “baptized pagan,” meaning someone who was brought to the font as an infant but then never evangelized, never catechized, never taught the truths of the Gospel, never formed for Christian living. These poor souls now number in the tens of millions in our nation alone, and they constitute perhaps the larger part of the baptized Catholics in most nations of Old Europe. And in this strange environment of cultural Catholicism, the Church must once again look to the sacramental disciplines of the first Christian centuries to shape our answer to those who ask for a Sacrament (like the Baptism of a child or Marriage) without giving any evidence of a serious intention to practice the Catholic faith by (at a bare minimum) going to Mass each Sunday.

The Sacraments are not a reward for being good Catholics; they are, rather, the means of grace that change us and give us strength to become holy. But to administer the Sacraments to those who give no evidence of faith and who do not seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus is a sacrilegious fraud, and this must stop. Following the Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism has immediate and profound consequences for the pastoral practice of a parish, and it is here perhaps more than anywhere else that cultural, cafeteria, and casual Catholicism collide with Evangelical Catholicism. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe, and the Sacraments are for those who believe the Gospel.

Father Newman

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July 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

God be praised for our parish's good financial health, and thank you for your generosity. Our fiscal year ended on 30 June 2016, and we completed the year with a tiny surplus of just under 1% of our annual budget. In other words, we were right on target.

In both the church and school we anticipate an increase of expenses of 2% in this new fiscal year, and so I am asking each household in the parish to increase your offertory contributions by 2% effective now. This means that if you were giving \$40 per week up to now, your new gift should be \$40.80. This may seem like a trifle unworthy of your attention, but if everyone makes a similar increase to their regular offertory gifts, then we will easily meet our new offertory goal of an average of \$33,150 per week or 2% more than last fiscal year.

Please remember that stewardship is an essential dimension of discipleship, and the biblical precept is that 10% of everything you own should be given to others. In the Catholic tradition, the Church never expects the entire tithe for itself, and at St Mary's our suggestion is to divide your tithing in the following way: give 5% to the parish in the offertory, give 1% to the diocese in the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal, and give the remaining 4% to charities of your choice, including our parish capital campaigns. And as ever, we strongly recommend that you make your gifts to the parish by means of Electronic Fund Transfer, a simple process that eliminates checks but over which you always have complete control. To find out how to set up and use EFT, please visit our website at www.stmarysgvl.org or contact Jennifer Anderson, our Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org.

In the Fall I will be unveiling a new capital project that will, among other things, provide restrooms for the church that can be reached without going outside or down steps! In anticipation of that campaign, I ask you to begin pondering now what your capital gifts (in addition to your offertory gifts) will be over the next four years, and at a public parish meeting after Labor Day, I will explain the details of our plan.

Your commitment to St Mary's is what allows us to provide a beautiful and graceful place for so many people to come for prayer, study, recreation, and service, and I am deeply grateful for your generosity. With a pledge of my prayers for you and your family, I remain sincerely

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Father Jay Scott Newman
Pastor of St Mary's Church

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 17 July 2016

7.30 am ✘ Jean Dickensheets
9.00 am ✘ Argemira Palacio
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 18 July 2016

7.00 am Genevieve Smith

Tuesday, 19 July 2016

7.00 am ✘ Steve Brown
No 12.00 noon Mass

Wednesday, 20 July 2016

7.00 am ✘ Si Tay Le
No 12.00 noon Mass

Thursday, 21 July 2016

7.00 am Juan Carlos Gomes
No 12.00 noon Mass

Friday, 22 July 2016

7.00 am ✘ Frank & Frances Watkins

Saturday, 23 July 2016

5.00 pm ✘ Lillian Sasso

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 17 July 2016

No Nursery during July
K of C Breakfast: After all morning Masses (P)
9.00 am Scripture Study

Monday, 18 July 2016

Tuesday, 19 July 2016

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 20 July 2016

No Holy Hour & Confessions
until 3 August

Thursday, 21 July 2016

2.00-4.00 pm St. Mary's Prayer Group

Friday, 22 July 2016

6.00 am Morning Prayer (church)
6.15-8.00 am Pillars of Christ
10.00 am Scripture Study Class

Saturday, 23 July 2016

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 9/10 July

Needed	33,150
Received	29,753
Shortage	3,397

Poor Box	469
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	66,300
Received	63,242
Shortage	3,058

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.



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'Like' us on Facebook at
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville SC.

G - Gallivan Hall
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

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

Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese has a strong history of dedicated men who have offered a lifetime of service to the Catholic faithful here in South Carolina. Even before the establishment of our diocese in 1820, groups of dedicated priests have served our local region. That tradition of service continues to this day. A primary goal of our diocese is to properly care for our priests by providing them much needed medical attention.

I write to ask for your assistance to provide our ill or retired priests with our best care and support in this time of escalating medical costs. Please be generous to our collection for **INFIRM PRIESTS**. These priests have spent their lives caring for others and helping those most in need. I am confident that we will continue to do our best to care for them as well.

In the Lord's peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston



The Center for Evangelical Catholicism

The Prophet & The Messiah

Catholicism and the Challenge of Islam

August 26 & 27, 2016

St. Mary's Catholic Church – Greenville, South Carolina



Featuring Speakers



Daniel Ali

Convert from Islam, Kurdish-American Evangelist and Author



Rev. Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.

Professor of Sacred Scripture at Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C.



Robert R. Reilly

Author and Director of the Westminster Institute



Timothy Nielsen

Director of the Center for Evangelical Catholicism

Learn About...

What do Muslims believe?

How similar are Christianity and Islam?

Where did radical Islam come from?

What are the prospects for true dialogue and ecumenism?

Cost: \$50

Includes registration, Friday evening program, breakfast, and light lunch

Register Online at WWW.EVANGELICALCATHOLICISM.COM

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Judy Franzen who died this week. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her 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, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Thomas Thomason, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Jordan A. Upham, Dave Gibbons, Irene Karandisevsky, John Hever* and Bob Stewart.

* John Hever recently had a heart attack and is also having dialysis treatment for kidney failure and has asked for our prayers. He is presently at the Patewood Rehabilitation Center on Congaree Road in Room 102. He can be reached at 864.313.7012 or jfh19461@att.net.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



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

Congratulations to

Sung-Yull William Lee who was baptized last weekend.

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.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

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

PARISH NEWS

Collections for 16/17 July

1st: Support of the Parish
2nd: Infirm Priests

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

Summer Church Office Hours

Until 5 August

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
Friday 9 am - 12 noon

Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

There will be no noon Mass on weekdays in July.

There will be no Holy Hour and Confessions on any Wednesday in July.

Nursery Closure

The nursery will be closed all of July.
It will reopen on Sunday 7 August.

Choir Schedule Update

Youth Choir

No Friday Youth Choir rehearsals after 15 July. Fall rehearsals resume on 19 August. The Youth Choir has their annual pool party on Saturday 20 August from 11.00 am - 2 pm.

Adult Choir

No Wednesday evening Adult Choir rehearsals until we resume on 17 August.

Sunday Mass singing duties continue throughout the summer for both groups.

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.

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
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School Office Hours for Summer

13 June - 7 August

Monday through Thursday

9.00 am - 2.00 pm

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe; most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open: 864.271.3870. Thank you for your patience.

Private tours are available by appointment.

For more information, please contact Nelle Palms, Director of Admissions, at 864.679.4117 or nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org.

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 meets on Friday mornings from 6.00–8.00 am for prayer in the church and then in Sacred Heart Hall for study.

Find out more at www.PillarsofChrist.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 25 July 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 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

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is currently in need of volunteers to help coordinate our growing programs. These duties include reception, data entry, assisting with case management, and the Senior companion and Save-a-Smile programs. Volunteers are needed for a few hours a week. If interested, please contact Michelle Oberle at 864.242.2233 ext. 2629 or moberle@catholic-doc.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

"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:

Sunday 11 am*
 Tuesday 1 am*
 Wednesday 3 am, 9 am, 1 pm
 Thursday 1 am*
 Friday 1 am & 7 pm
 Saturday 1 pm

**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.**

4th Marian Eucharistic Conference/Hilton Hotel, Greenville Friday, Nov. 4 - Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016



Bishop Robert Guglielmo Fr. Bill Casey Fr. Larry Richards The first class relics Tom Peterson Tim Staples



For more information, please call (864) 354-7160 or go to www.meconferencesc.net

Family Honor Pilgrimage to Poland 28 March - 6 April 2017

You are invited to join Family Honor's Pilgrimage to Poland. This pilgrimage will take us to some of the sites that were significant in John Paul II's life in Poland, along with other sites of historical and spiritual significance in the life of St. Faustina and St. Maximillian Kolbe. Spiritual Director for the Family Honor Pilgrimage will be Rev. James L. LeBlanc, pastor of St. Andrew in Myrtle Beach and Vicar for Family Life for the Diocese of Charleston, SC. For pilgrimage details and the Registration Form, go to FamilyHonor.org and click the Pilgrimage tab. Or, contact Canterbury Pilgrimages at 1.800.653.0017 or the Family Honor office at 803.929.0858. We encourage you to register soon. Space is limited.

Upcoming Events

17 July - Monthly Meal (Dinner): 7 pm at Yard House (1025 Woodruff Rd, Greenville, SC 29607).

21 July - Book Study: *ScrewTape Letters*: 7 pm at Croghan Hall on Prince of Peace campus (1209 Brushy Creek Rd, Taylors, SC 29687).

23 July - Game Night, 2nd Edition. 6.30 pm at private home near Five Forks. Contact LVGreenville@gmail.com or 864.266.8843 for directions.

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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.

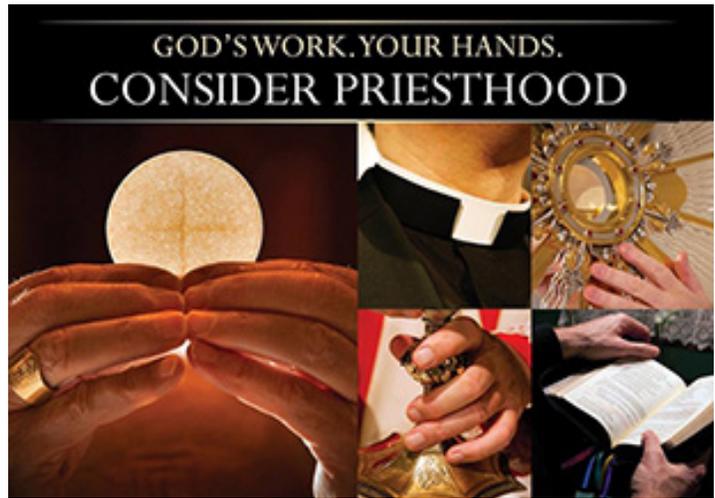
- 1st & 16th All newly ordained priests
- 2nd & 17th Andrew Fryml
- 3rd & 18th Rhett Williams
- 4th & 19th Francisco Oñate-Vargas
- 5th & 20th Jimmy Touzeau
- 6th & 21st Michael Cellars
- 7th & 22nd William Frei
- 8th & 23rd Patrick Judd
- 9th & 24th Matthew Curley
- 10th & 25th Matthew Bauer
- 11th & 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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