

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Greenville, South Carolina

18 December 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

The popular Advent Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" took shape in France in the 17th century and was translated into English and set to the hauntingly beautiful plainchant melody we know in the 19th century. But the text of the hymn dates from the 9th century and earlier and is taken from the Liturgy of the Hours, or Divine Office, the Church's daily prayer of adoration and praise.

Each evening in the Divine Office, the Church sings Mary's great hymn of thanksgiving recorded by St. Luke (1.46-55) and called, from the first word of the text in Latin, the Magnificat. Every day of the year, the Magnificat is preceded and followed by a sung verse called an antiphon, and from December 17th to 23rd, this Magnificat antiphon invokes the Lord Jesus by a different Old Testament title. These Great O Antiphons, so called because each begins with the vocative "O", are a summary of the prophecies about the Messiah and are chanted to a sublime Gregorian melody.

+O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together with your strong yet gentle care. O come to teach us the way of truth. +O Lord of Might and Leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power. +O Stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay. +O Key of David and Sceptre of Israel, what you open no one can close; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. +O Rising Sun, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. +O King of the Nations, whom all peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay. +O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the nations desire and the Savior of all people. O come and save us, Lord our God.

Thus is the New Testament concealed in the Old, and the Old Testament revealed in the New. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman

Mass Collects for the Fourth Week of Advent

(May be used at home when lighting your Advent Wreath)

Sunday 18 December

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Monday 19 December

O God, who through the child-bearing of the holy Virgin graciously revealed the radiance of your glory to the world, grant, we pray,

that we may venerate with integrity of faith the mystery of so wondrous an Incarnation and always celebrate it with due reverence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 20 December

O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word the immaculate Virgin received through the message of an Angel and so became the dwelling-place of divinity, filled with the light of the Holy Spirit, grant, we pray, that by her example we may in humility hold fast to your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday 21 December

Hear in kindness, O Lord, the prayers of your people, that those who rejoice at the coming of your Only Begotten Son in our flesh may, when at last he comes in glory, gain the reward of eternal life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday 22 December

O God, who, seeing the human race fallen into death, willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only Begotten Son, grant, we pray,

that those who confess his Incarnation with humble fervor may merit his company as their Redeemer.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Friday 23 December

Almighty ever-living God, as we see how the Nativity of your Son according to the flesh draws near, we pray that to us, your unworthy servants, mercy may flow from your Word, who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary and establish among us his dwelling, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 18 December 2016

7.30 am → Argemira Palacio 9.00 am → Luis Carlos Restrepo 11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Sunday, 18 December 2016

No Nursery or Preschool this week

K of C Breakfast: After all morning Masses (P) 9.00 am Scripture Study

9.00 am Scripture Study 5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)

6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 19 December 2016

7.00 am Fr. Jay Scott Newman

Monday, 19 December 2016

Tuesday, 20 December 2016

7.00 am ♣ Henrietta Ebener 12.00 noon ♣ Beatrice Bourque

Tuesday, 20 December 2016

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 21 December 2016

7.00 am ♣ Erciso Massa 12.00 noon ♣ Annette Santy

Wednesday, 21 December 2016

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)

No faith formation for children or adults

Thursday, 22 December 2016

7.00 am ♣ Alvina Aubuchon 12.00 noon Soraya Chackal

Thursday, 22 December 2016

Friday, 23 December 2016

7.00 am Beth Hambleton

Friday, 23 December 2016

Parish office closes at noon

Saturday, 24 December 2016

Baum

5.00 pm Leonard Kuczewski

Church

5.00 pm

★ John Narduzzi

7.00 pm

★ Marvin Hambleton

10.00 pm

Pro populo

Saturday, 24 December 2016

No Confessions today

4.30 pm Youth Choir Program (Baum) 9.00 pm Office of Readings (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 10/11 December

 Needed
 33,150

 Received
 33,658

 Surplus
 508

Poor Box 338

Retirement Fund for Religious 4,590

Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 795,600

 Received
 787,378

 Shortage
 8,222

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.

2016 Holiday Liturgical Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday 24 December

4.30 pm	Choir Program in the Baum Center
5.00 pm	Mass in the Baum Center for families with children (Youth Choir)
5.00 pm 7.00 pm	Sung Mass in the church (Schola) Sung Mass in the church (Schola and Brass Ensemble)
9.00 pm 10.00 pm	Choir Program in the church (Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble) Solemn Mass During the Night (Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble)

No Confessions will be heard on 24 December. The 10.00 pm Mass During the Night takes the place of the Mass at Midnight.

Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December

9.00 am	Sung Mass in the church
11.00 am	Sung Mass in the church
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass in the church

On Monday 26 December there is no Mass at 7 am. The weekday Mass schedule from 27 to 30 December is as usual, but there is no Holy Hour on Wednesday 28 December.

The Solemnity of the Mother of God

The Mass schedule for 31 December and 1 January is as usual. Confessions are scheduled for Saturday 31 December.

The church office will close at noon on Friday 23 December and reopen on Tuesday 27 December. The church office will close at noon on Friday 30 December and reopen on Tuesday 3 January.



Advent Confessions

On Wednesday 21 December, Father Bart will hear Confessions at St Rafka, Greer from 9 am to 6 pm.

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, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Thomas Thomason, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Jordan A. Upham, John Hever, Bob Stewart, Alfred Smith, Mauren Lukovic, Sr. Louiselle Gagnon, Sr. Simone Baril, Christine Tancrell, Dcn. John & Irene Karandisevsky, Ted Karalekas, Lenore Cole and Leonard Kuczewski.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The K. of C. Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 18 December in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

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

Religious Education News

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class. Class resumes 8 January 2017.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

No classes. Classes resume 4 January 2017.

Parish News

Collections for 17/18 December

Support of the Parish & Bishop's Appeal

St. Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Nursery Schedule

The nursery will be closed on the following dates:

18 December

25 December

1 January

Women of Grace Bible Study

The Women of Grace Bible Study will not meet on Sunday 18 December. Study will resume on Sunday 15 January after the Christmas season.

Bulletin Submissions

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





st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION



VIRTUE

EXCELLENCE













Priority Testing Dates at 9 am: 28 January 2017
25 February 2017

Call to schedule your school tour: 864.679.4117

Grades K3-8



★SACS Accredited **★**National Blue Ribbon School



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

EFT Donation

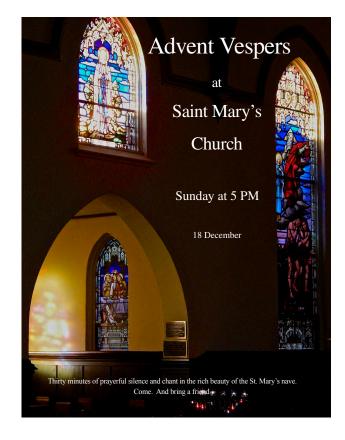
We would like to remind everyone that St. Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation options include:

Direct Debit Donation that allows you to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation that allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

EFT donation lets you establish an automatic donation plan, change your plan, make a one-time donation and view your online donation history. To get started, visit the 'Manage Your EFT' link on the homepage of our parish website.





We are excited to announce that our parish has subscribed to an exciting new online platform: Formed.org.

- 24/7 access to the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic Faith anytime, anywhere... with FORMED
- Use it on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Informative and inspiring teaching from renowned speakers Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Edward Sri, Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Tim Gray, Father Michael Gaitley, Teresa Tomeo... and many more
- Multiple programs to address multiple parish needs:
 - Adult Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, Scripture Study, RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more!

Here's how easy it is:

- Go to Formed.org
- Enter our PARISH CODE **8B7VRM** on the homepage.
- Create a personal account with your user name/email and password.
- Start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!

IMPORTANT: Do not sign up as an individual.

Our parish access code provides more content than an individual subscription.

If you have any questions please contact Timothy Nielsen: timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org





Women of Upstate Greenville Catholic Parishes

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US!



"Catholic Women United in Spirituality, Service and Leadership"

A Leadership Workshop Sponsored by The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women

WHERE: Gallivan Hall, St. Mary's Church Campus,

111 Hampton Avenue, Greenville 29601

WHEN: Saturday, January 7, 2017

TIME: 9:30 A.M.—Registration and Coffee

10:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.—Workshop

Lunch provided by the women of the Greenville Deanery
No Cost

Workshop Topics:

- Embracing Our Past As We Ensure Our Future (The Council of Catholic Women)
- Developing Good Leadership Practices and Skills
- Building a Better Foundation for Membership Growth
 - Organizing and Developing New Affiliates
- Finding a "New" Way What Can We Do Better?

The workshop will be facilitated by Joan Mack and Barbara Birds, Past Presidents of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women, and is sponsored by the Greenville Deanery.



Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel

God of heavenly wisdom, you gave us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come. O Mother of Good Counsel, patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous and loving leaders of the Church. Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your son. May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation and compassion for all God's children. May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God and may God's gift of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come. Amen.

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017

Contact Greenville Deanery President, Susanne Wolfe at 864-313-5866 or susanne.wolfe12@gmail.com



st. mary's catholic school

2016-2017 The Year of Hope



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Class Feature 7th Grade Advent Project



The 7th Grade Advent project has been to encourage students to pray for the homeless. Seventh grade students made a unique advent calendar for each classroom containing a specific prayer for the homeless each day. Please join our students in praying for the homeless.

Virtue & Saints for December

Patience: waiting or enduring without complaint

K3-2nd St. Monica Grades 3 - 5 St. Isaac Jogues Grades 6 - 8 St. Rita of Cascia

St. Mary's Basketball

(Home games in bold)

6 January Prince of Peace
Girls 4.00 pm / Boys 5.15 pm
9 January Legacy Charter
Girls 5.00 pm / Boys 6.00 pm

10 January Bridgeway Christian Girls 4.00 pm / Boys 5.15 pm

St. Mary's 101 Saints and Feast Days

Congratulations to the 8th Grade students who were Confirmed on 6 December. During Confirmation, Catholics will choose a new name from the communion of Saints. This new name harks back to the changing of names in the Bible – Jacob to Israel and Simon to Peter – it indicates that something new and big is taking place in the life of the individual. The Saint whose name we choose or whose name is chosen for us becomes our Patron Saint.

There are saints (anyone in heaven with God), and there are Saints. A capital "S" Saint is someone who the Catholic Church holds up as an example to the rest of the faithful. These are people who have lived lives of heroic virtue in close union with God, and they inspire others to follow Christ more faithfully. They also pray with us before the Father encouraging and helping us when we most need prayers.

"The Catholic Church canonizes some saints. "Canon" means list; canonized means someone is added to the list of saints. . . . Steps of Canonization: 1) Servant of God: Rome and the local bishop have approved the opening of an investigation of a person's life, writings, and miracles. 2) Venerable: the findings of this investigation have been present at the Vatican and approved by the pope. 3) Blessed: a miracles attributed to the intercession of this person have been scientifically investigated and approved. (For a martyr, a first miracle is not required.) 4) Saint: a second miracles has been approved and the person is canonized." Excerpted from the Virtues in Practice Program.





${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC ${\cal A}$ DORATION

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

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." ~ St. Augustine. Come REST with the 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 am* & 12 pm* Wednesday 2 am*



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

Upcoming Events

18 December - Carols & Gift Giving: 1-2 pm at Pendleton Manor (414 Summit Dr, Greenville 29609). Contact Maureen with questions at 864.345.5526.

6 January - Happy Hour: 6 - 7 pm at Upstate Craft Beer Co. (400 Augusta St, Greenville 29601).

Facebook.com/LVGreenville www.LVGreenville.com LVGreenville@gmail.com

Compline at POP

Compline (also known as Night Prayer) is the final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. Prince of Peace will have Compline on all Sundays during Advent at 7.30 pm in the church.

Natural Family Planning

A free, introductory session of the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, a modern, effective method of NFP, will be held on Thursday 15 December at 7.00 pm at St. Francis Hospital – Eastside in Greenville in Classroom 301. To register, please contact Nancy McGrath, RN, CFCP at NaProNurse@aol.com or 864.292.0475.



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 you 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.





South Carolina Catholic

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Building The Domestic Church

March 4, 2017

Prince of Peace Catholic Church | 1209 Brushy Creek Road | Taylors, SC

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 Includes light breakfast and lunch

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

REGISTRATION:

On-line at www.sccatholicmensconf.org or mail check to: Daniel E. Barton | 1510 Alric Court | Charleston, SC 29412-8436

Registration at 7.30 am, Mass 8.30 am, Presentations 9.45 am, Conclude 4.00 pm

Hotel Accommodations:

Room Rate:

\$89.00 plus tax

Wingate by Wyndham 33 Beacon Drive Greenville, SC 29615 864.281.1281

Reservation: Prior to 17 February 2017

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Friday, March 3, 2017

6:30 — **8 p.m.** (Registration at 6:00 p.m.)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church 1209 Brushy Creek Road, Taylors, SC

Speakers: Steve Ray, Dr. Bill Thierfelder



Steve Ray
Author, Evangelist,
International Speaker,
Pilgrim Guide



Most Reverend Robert
E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston



Dr. Bill Thierfelder
President of Belmont Abbey,
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Committee, Two time All
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