



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

1 January 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Eight days ago we celebrated the Birth of Jesus Christ, and we read in the Gospel of St Luke that "When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." (Luke 2.21) Today is, therefore, the Eighth Day or Octave of the Birth of the Lord Jesus, and so we commemorate the naming and circumcision of Christ on this day. In fact, for many centuries this liturgical celebration was called "The Circumcision of the Lord and the Octave of the Nativity," and it is still called that in the Christian East among both Catholics and Orthodox.

In 1969, however, the name and focus of this feast was changed to its present title of "Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God." This change restored the name of the celebration as it had been observed in Rome since at least the seventh century, and in 1974, Blessed Pope Paul VI explained the reason for the change in an encyclical letter called *Marialis Cultus*. Pope Paul wrote that "this celebration, assigned to January 1 in conformity with the ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the holy Mother ... through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life. It is likewise a fitting occasion of renewed adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. For this reason ... we have instituted the World Day of Peace."

So, now we have four titles for one day in the liturgical calendar: the Octave of the Nativity; the Circumcision of the Lord; the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; and the World Day of Peace. Each of these titles reveals a different facet of one mystery of faith, and each is worthy of our meditation. The Word became flesh in the womb of a Virgin who was free to choose another path for herself but who surrendered her life in the obedience of faith to the Father's eternal plan of salvation, and Mary's act of faith made her both Mother and Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for this feast, the Church directs our attention to the heart of this mystery:

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, and to praise, bless, and glorify your name on the Solemnity of the Motherhood of the Blessed ever-Virgin Mary. For by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit she conceived your Only Begotten Son, and without losing the glory of virginity, brought forth into the world the eternal Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him the Angels praise your majesty, Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you. Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim worship together with exultation. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 1 January 2017

7.30 am ✕ William Packett
9.00 am ✕ Nancy Ferro
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 2 January 2017

7.00 am ✕ Donna Hartford

Tuesday, 3 January 2017

7.00 am ✕ Barbara Lattimore
12.00 noon ✕ Emily Rose Gomes

Wednesday, 4 January 2017

7.00 am Jim Xhema
12.00 noon Deacon Nestor Acosta

Thursday, 5 January 2017

7.00 am ✕ Dr Gerardo Vergara
12.00 noon Frank Vargas

Friday, 6 January 2017

7.00 am ✕ Nelly Restrepo

Saturday, 7 January 2017

5.00 pm ✕ Twin grandchildren of
Frances & Bruce Prevatt

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 1 January 2017

No Nursery or Preschool this week
No coffee & doughnuts this week

Monday, 2 January 2017

Parish office closed

6.30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 3 January 2017

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 4 January 2017

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
Confessions (church)
6.30 pm Religious Education
6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism

Thursday, 5 January 2017

2.00-4.00 pm St. Mary's Prayer Group

Friday, 6 January 2017

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, 7 January 2017

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 24/25 December

Needed	33,150
Received	45,175
Surplus	12,025

Poor Box	482
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	861,900
Received	870,329
Surplus	8,429

Capital Contributions YTD

Received	507,454
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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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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville SC.

G - Gallivan Hall M- McGrady 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

Mass Canceled the Second Week of January

From Monday 9 January to Friday 13 January no Masses will be celebrated at St Mary's and the Wednesday Holy Hour with Confessions is canceled on 11 January. During that week all priests in the Diocese of Charleston will be gathered for the annual Convocation of Priests with Bishop Guglielmone, and that is why no sacraments will be celebrated here from 9 to 13 January.

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, Leonard Kuczewski, Fred Henning and Karen Waldrop.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms Angela Dwiel and Mr Robert Johnson.

Women of Grace Bible Study

The Women of Grace Bible Study will resume on Sunday 15 January after the Christmas season.

Nursery Schedule

The nursery will be closed on 1 January.
It will reopen on Sunday 8 January.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class. Class resumes 8 January 2017.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 31 December / 1 January

Support of the Parish & Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

2016 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available upon request. Please contact 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 2016. Please allow us several days to process and mail your statement. Thank you.

Office Closure

The church office will close for the New Year's holiday at noon on Friday 30 December and reopen on Tuesday 3 January.

The parish office will be closed Monday 16 January for the Martin Luther King holiday.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

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

2017 Calendars

We still have some 2017 calendars available in the parish office. You may pick one up during business hours (M-F, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm).

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.





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

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.

Pray for Our Seminarians

4th Year Theology Deacon Andrew Fryml	1st Year Pre-Theology Kyle Lesmes
3rd Year Theology Rhett Williams Francisco Onate-Vargas	3rd Year College Patrick Judd Nicholas Shiver
2nd Year Theology Jimmy Touzeau	2nd Year College Matthew Curley Matthew Bauer
1st Year Theology Michael Cellars Will Frei Bruce Barnett Pedro Silva	1st Year College Alexander Foley Erik Roman Stanislav Watson Justin Damask
2nd Year Pre-Theology Rafael Ghattas	

Prayer for Seminarians

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood.

Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them.

Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for our seminarians.

Priesthood

"If some of you hear the call to follow Christ more closely, to dedicate your entire heart to Him, like the apostles John and Paul, be generous, do not be afraid, because you have nothing to fear when the prize that you await is God himself, for Whom, sometimes without ever knowing it, all young people are searching."

- Pope St. John Paul II

PREACH THE GOSPEL
The first duty of every priest is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Son of God was born as a man, suffered, died, and rose again for our sake! Priests spend their lives proclaiming this life-changing message!



CELEBRATE HOLY MASS
Every day, priests hold in their hands God's greatest gift to humanity: the Eucharist. This "sacrament of sacraments" is life-giving nourishment for God's people and a sacrifice for the salvation of the world.



PRIESTHOOD
A LIFE OF JOY & SACRIFICE



BE A SIGN OF HEAVEN
Priests give themselves completely to the Bride of Christ, the Church. They embrace celibacy to show that the real marriage—the one on which earthly matrimony is based—is the wedding feast of the Lamb! Celibacy is a supernatural sign that heaven is real.



LOVE ALL, SERVE ALL
Priests pour themselves out for the people of God every day. There are tough, stressful days and incredibly beautiful days. With hearts full of love, priests serve the poor, visit the imprisoned, and counsel their parishioners. They bring Jesus to whomever they meet.





WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Women's Club is Tuesday, January 10th, in the Msgr. Gwinn Room, 1st floor, of Sacred Heart Hall. Our speaker will be Sr. Mary Frances Cannon, OSF, Pastoral Associate at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in Anderson. Sister's topic will be a follow up to the Jubilee Year of Mercy focused on His Divine Mercy. "Jesus, I Trust in You!"

Itinerary:

Pray the Rosary	11:00 AM
Lunch/Fellowship	11:30 AM
Speaker	12:00 PM
Club News	12:30 PM
Adjourn	1:00 PM

All women of the parish are invited to join us. Lunch is provided by the members.

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.

Vespers at Prince of Peace

Beginning Sunday 15 January, Prince of Peace in Taylors will celebrate Solemn Vespers in the church at 5.00 pm. This 30-35 minute service is a great way to join in the public prayer of the Church at the end of the day.

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 30 January 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.



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 PillarsOfChrist.org.



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

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Organ Dedication Recital

On Sunday 15 January at 3.00 pm, Dr. Kevin Clarke, former organist and choirmaster at St. Mary's, and currently Music Director at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Sugar Land, Texas, will play a dedicatory recital for the new Maddonna Pipe Organ, a Wick's Opus 6304 instrument, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 3710 Augusta Rd., Greenville, SC. Dr. Clarke will play a variety of organ pieces, including works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Vierne, Widor, and others. Preceding the recital, at 2.00 pm, a tour of the new OLR church building will be given by Fr. Dwight Longenecker. Following the concert, light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact the OLR parish office at 864.422.1648.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112 will hold its Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/17) at St. Mary's Gym on Saturday 14 January at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be obtained from Miss Megan Soulsby and John McGrath. Secondary school athletes should check with their school athletic director about eligibility. For more information, please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475.

Family Honor

St Mary's will be hosting a truly unique chastity program for parents and their children in 6th grade. The purpose of this program is to bring parents and children together to discuss life's most important issues, with a special emphasis on chastity and God's gift of sexuality. The program is presented by Family Honor, Inc., and is called *Changes & Challenge*. It will be presented on Wednesday 15 March from 6.30-8.45 pm (the first session is for parents only) and Wednesday 22 March 6.30-8.45 pm (for parents and their sixth grader). Space is limited so register online now at FamilyHonor.org. There is a registration charge of \$25.00 to be paid when checking in at the first session. Deadline for registration is 1 March.

st. mary's catholic school

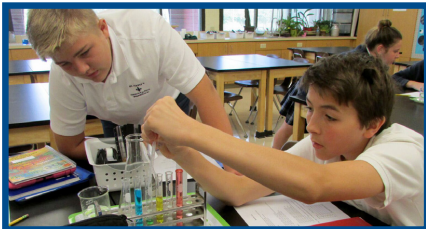
TRADITION



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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



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St. Mary's 101 Religious Orders

Within the Catholic Church there are a lot of different religious orders. Each one was founded by a different saint and is "color-coded" with different habits. Around Greenville, you may see Father Patrick Tuttle of St. Anthony's with the brown habit of the Franciscans, Father Bart Leon of St. Rafka's with the black habit of the Benedictines, and, of course, you see our own Sisters in the white habit of the Dominicans. Individual congregations within the larger orders have their own variations in how they dress and live out the call to holiness made by the original founders.



Saint Dominic founded the Order of the Preachers (the Dominican Order) in 1216 in order to combat heresy by preaching the truth, and the Sisters today do this through teaching. The Dominican Family includes priests, brothers, nuns, sisters, and laity. Our Sisters are Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia, and their Motherhouse is located in Nashville, TN. Like other Dominican Sisters, they follow Saint Dominic, but they are independent of other groups. After Mother in Nashville, their next higher superior is the Pope.

The above picture is the 2016 Board of Directors for the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious. It is a wonderful illustration of various habits worn by religious sisters in the United States.

Virtue & Saints for January

Fidelity: being faithful
to promises and commitments

K3-2nd St. Cecilia
Grades 3 - 5 Bl. Luigi & Maria Beltrame
Quattrocchi
Grades 6 - 8 St. Gianna Molla

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

Teacher Feature - Janet Campbell



Where did you grow up? I was born and raised in Freeport, Long Island, New York. My family moved to Taylors when my father's business relocated their corporate offices to Greenville.

What was your favorite subject in school? My favorite subject was social studies.

What are your favorite hobbies? My favorite hobbies are feeding and watching birds, reading mystery novels, and adding to my "bucket list."

What do you like most about St. Mary's? I like the caring, Catholic, family-centered learning environment.



Tradition - Virtue - Excellence



PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND

January 6-7, 2017

South Carolina Citizens for Life

Will host the

Proudly Pro-Life Weekend

January 6-7, 2017, Columbia SC



Proudly Pro-Life Dinner Friday, January 6, 2017

Featured Speaker Evangelist Dr. Alveda King

Pastoral Associate, Priests for Life
Director, Civil Rights for the Unborn

To Reserve Your Tickets contact South Carolina Citizens for Life at sccf@scclife.org or (803) 252-5433

Venue Location

Seawell's
1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC 29201
\$40 per ticket

Doors Open at 5:30pm, beginning with a silent auction
Dinner Served at 6:45pm

Overnight Accommodations Available At:

Inn at USC Wyndham Garden
Call: (803) 779-7779 to make reservations

Request Special Rate
for South Carolina Citizens for Life
Available through December 3, 2016

Stand Up for Life March and Rally

Saturday, January 7, 2017

11:00 a.m. Line Up for the March
USC Russell House, Greene Street

11:30 a.m. March steps off led by Knights of Columbus

12:00 p.m. Rally begins State House, Gervais Street side

FOLLOWING STAND UP FOR LIFE MARCH AND RALLY

GRAND OPENING - DAYBREAK PREGNANCY CENTER
1601 ST. JULIAN PLACE, COLUMBIA, SC



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

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

12 January - Toolbox Study: 7-9 pm at St. Francis Eastside (125 Commonwealth Dr, Greenville 29615). Join Sarah P for this 4-week study.

22 January - Monthly Meal: 6-8 pm at Topsy Taco (215 Pelham Rd Ste B206, Greenville 29605).

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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

"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:

Sunday 1 pm

Monday 1 am* & 12 pm*

Tuesday 1 am*

Wednesday 2 am*

Friday 4 pm*



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. Guglielmo

Bishop of Charleston



Dr. Bill Thierfelder

President of Belmont Abbey,
Former US Olympic
Committee, Two time All
American, Charlotte, NC



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Speaker, EWTN
Diocese of Charleston



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