

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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22 January 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Wednesday of this week the Church will keep the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle, and on Thursday we will celebrate the Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops. These twin liturgical observances bring into bright relief two essential truths of the Gospel: friendship with the Lord Jesus is essential to knowing one's own personal dignity and destiny, and knowing that Jesus Christ is Lord is not a gift that we can ever keep to ourselves.

Saul of Tarsus was, by his own account, "Circumcised on the eighth day, of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrew parentage, in observance of the law a Pharisee" (Phil 3.5). As a boy and young man, Saul was educated in Jerusalem by Rabbi Gamaliel, a member of the Sanhedrin and the most famous teacher of his day, and after the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus, Saul became a leader among those who persecuted the first Christians. He was present at the death of the first martyr, Saint Stephen, and he organized the arrest, torture, and imprisonment of Christian men, women, and children. On his way to Damascus to find and arrest Christians in that city, Saul was interrupted by an event he described or mentioned several times in his later writings. "On that journey as I drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from the sky suddenly shone around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' I replied, 'Who are you, sir?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazorean whom you are persecuting." (Acts 22.6-8) From that encounter with the Savior until his death outside of Rome about 30 years later, Saul - now Paul the Apostle - was the teacher of the nations and one of the most powerful preachers of the Gospel ever privileged to be a witness to Jesus Christ. Each year on 25 January the Church recalls the conversion of Saint Paul and rejoices in the gift of faith given to all who are baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ.

The following day, 26 January, the Church celebrates the ministry of two of Saint Paul's disciples, collaborators, and successors: Timothy, Bishop of Ephesus, and Titus, Bishop of Crete. These men travelled with Paul on his missionary journeys and received from him the grace of apostolic succession by the laying on of hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Paul appointed both men to the office of bishop or overseer of the Church and in this transition from an apostle to his successors, we see the form of the Church's life taking shape in what we now call the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Paul sent three letters to these men (two to Timothy and one to Titus) about how to fulfill their responsibilities as pastors of the Church, and these "Pastoral Epistles" are included in the New Testament.

A fitting way to celebrate these feasts in the liturgy would be to read the Acts of the Apostles and Paul's Letters to Timothy and Titus. Let us praise God for the grace of conversion and saving faith and resolve to live the grace of our Baptism ever more deeply by sharing our faith with others.

# Calendar of Events

### **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

### **Meetings & Events \***

### Sunday, 22 January 2017

7.30 am 

9.00 am 

11.00 am 

1.00 pm 

Paul Bruno 

Roman Family 

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Spanish Mass

### Sunday, 22 January 2017

9.00 am

Sacred Heart Hall)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass (P)

3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of

Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass (P 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

### Monday, 23 January 2017

7.00 am Paul Vargas

### Monday, 23 January 2017

6.30 pm Cub Scouts 6.30 pm Boy Scouts (M)

### Tuesday, 24 January 2017

7.00 am ★ Mark James Barhyte 12.00 noon ★ Katherine Jean Kraemer

### Tuesday, 24 January 2017

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

### Wednesday, 25 January 2017

7.00 am Paul Vargas

12.00 noon ★ Robert & Judy Franzen

### Wednesday, 25 January 2017

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church) Religious Education

6.30 pm Religious Education
6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism

### Thursday, 26 January 2017

7.00 am ♣ Payton Barshaw 12.00 noon ♣ Christine Smith

### Thursday, 26 January 2017

2.00-4.00 pm St. Mary's Prayer Group

### Friday, 27 January 2017

7.00 am Mary Hahn

### Friday, 27 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, 28 January 2017

5.00 pm ♣ Nancy Ferro

### Saturday, 28 January 2017

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

### G - Gallivan Hall M- McGrady Hall P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

### **Financial Report**

### Weekend of 14/15 January

 Needed
 33,150

 Received
 35,450

 Surplus
 2,300

Poor Box 586

### Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 961,350

 Received
 972,526

 Surplus
 11,176

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



<sup>\*</sup> All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed.



St. Mary's Gala "Mardi Gras"

Friday 17 February 6.30 pm- Midnight Embassy Suites

Purchase Tickets & View Online Auction Bidding Information: http://SMSGala17.gesture.com

Tickets \$75/person, includes heavy hor d'oeuvres & open bar

Reserved seating is limited.

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

### Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ralph Hibbard (brother-in-law of Bonnie & Dale Clinbeard) who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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.

### **Bulletin Submissions**

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

# Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

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

# Parish News

### Collection for 21/22 January

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.

### 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.

### **Mass Intentions**

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, 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, 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, Karen Waldrop, Patricia Waters and Chelsea Patry.

## **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 your 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 in the parish office at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.



### THIS IS A RESCHEDULED DATE DUE TO THE INCLEMENT WEATHER IN JANUARY.



# 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, February 11, 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, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

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



### Save the Date

Vacation Bible School

When: 12-16 June Where: St. Mary's Church

Who: Children ages 4-11 (K4 - 5th Grade) Cost: \$30.00 per child or maximum fee \$100.00



Join us in Pazdan Hall after the 9.00 am Mass for doughnuts

22 January

29 January

5 February

### **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.



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.





# 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

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

9.00 am in the K-4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall

## **Religious Education Grades 1-8**

Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm.

## Family Honor - Changes & Challenges

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. 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.

### **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.





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**

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

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

Facebook.com/LVGreenville

www.LVGreenville.com

LVGreenville@gmail.com

# ${\cal P}$ 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 URGENT NEEDS (\*) or one needing a prayer partner:

Sunday 4 pm

Monday 1 am\*

Tuesday 1 am\*

Tuesday 1 am\*

Saturday 10 pm

Wednesday 2 am\* & 6 am

## Vespers at Prince of Peace

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

## Catholic Engaged Encounter

There will be a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend Retreat at Camp Hope in Clemson, SC on 10-12 February. Please see the website at cee-sc.squarespace.com for more information and to register.

### Lav Carmelites

The Lay Carmelite community of Greenville invites you to attend one of our upcoming meetings to consider whether God is calling you to a deeper prayer life and relationship with Him through Carmelite spirituality. We meet on the 1st Saturday of the month at St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Simpsonville, beginning with 9 am Mass. For more information, please contact Jan 864.287.5495 or visit our website at CarmelitesGreenville.com.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him." Encourage the Holy Spirit to enrich your marriage by taking part in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is 3-5 February in Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information: visit SCMarriageMatters.org, phone 803.810.9602 or email applications@scmarriagematters.org.

# St. Joseph's Catholic School

### Spirit Week

St. Joseph's invites you join us for our Spirit Week finale basketball games vs. Christ Church on 27 January! In anticipation of Catholic Schools Week and to celebrate your community, all parish school families get in FREE by wearing their school's logo or uniform! The Lady Knights play at 6.30 pm, Knights at 8.00 pm in the gym. Questions to Sarah Pelicano spelicano@sjcatholicschool.org.

### **School Play**

St. Joseph's Fine Arts Department will present their eighth grade play on Thursday 2 February at 7.00 pm at the school. The performance is open to the public and free of charge.





For programming information, visit CatholicRadioinSC.com

# The Abbey Experience Belmont Abbey College Saturday 25 March from 8.00 am - 1.00 pm

The Abbey Experience is a wonderful opportunity to check out the Belmont Abbey campus and find out what we have to offer. You will have the opportunity to meet with Faculty, staff, and current students. Some of the day's events include mock classes, Mass, and a tour of the campus. For more information, call the Admissions Staff at 1.888.222.0110 or register on the event website.



### 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 <a href="www.sccatholicmensconf.org">www.sccatholicmensconf.org</a> 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:

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,
Former US Olympic
Committee, Two time All
American. Charlotte. NC



Fr. Jeffery Kirby Author and National Speaker, EWTN Diocese of Charleston



# Fr. Renaurd West Parochial Vicar, St Mary Help of Christian Catholic Church, Aiken

Columbus State Council in support of the Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life & Youth Min

# \*\* LIGHTHOUSE

# Swimming Upstream: Going Against the Current Culture



Steve Ray shares what it means to be a Christian in today's world. By examining the lives and martyrdoms of the early Christians and understanding how they

transformed the pagan Greco-Roman culture, he gives us a blueprint for the New Evangelization. Learn from early Christians how to swim upstream against the current culture and become a witness for Christ.

www.LighthouseCatholicMedia.org

### Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia

### Jesu Caritas Retreat: 10-12 March

These weekend retreats explore different topics that are a focus within the Church, offering spiritual insight for those who love the Church. These are opportunities to speak with the Sisters and to meet others who have an earnest desire for God. Retreats are open to single, Catholic women, ages 17-30.

#### Vocation Retreat: 24-28 May

These five-day retreats are designed for young women who are discerning their vocation and provide an opportunity for them to explore the life and charism of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. Those on retreat attend talks on St. Dominic, the spirituality of the Order, Marian devotion, the Divine Office, discernment and the formation process. Panels on vocations and the apostolate allow retreatants to hear testimonies and to ask questions. Retreatants join the Novitiate for recreation, visit with the retired sisters, and go on a tour of several schools of the Congregation. \*\* An interview with the vocation director is necessary before registering for the Vocation Retreat. Space is limited, so please register early. \*\*

For more information, visit NashvilleDominican.org or contact Sr. Peter Marie, O.P. at 615.256.0147 or vocation@op-tn.org.



Father Jay Scott Newman, VF Pastor of St. Mary's Church pastor@stmarysgvl.org 864.679.4101 Father Francisco Cruz Parochial Vicar fathercruz@stmarysgvl.org 864.679.4116

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