

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Greenville, South Carolina

19 February 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Be still and know that I am God." This exhortation of Psalm 46 reveals the connection between sacred silence and being in the presence of the living God. Throughout Holy Scripture the prophets reveal the necessity of reverential silence as a condition for approaching the majesty and mercy of God, and the New Testament frequently speaks of the Lord Jesus seeking a quiet place to be in communion with His Father. For this reason, the Church exhorts us in a variety of ways to seek sacred silence in the liturgy, and that task becomes difficult or even impossible when parents bring to the liturgy children who are too young to remain quiet. So, given the importance of silence in the sacred liturgy, I ask everyone to be generous as I reach out to grab the third rail of ecclesial life: loud children in church.

There is no way to address this matter without offending someone's sensibilities, but as the shepherd of the flock it is my duty to ensure good order for all in the celebration of the sacred mysteries. And so I must firmly remind parents that children who are too young to remain quiet during the sacred liturgy are not yet ready to be in the church while Mass or (most especially) Vespers is being celebrated. Of course, we want our children to learn from earliest years to be at home in the House of God, but a child who regularly shatters the sacred silence of the liturgy is best kept at home with other family members who would attend another Mass, in the nursery provided in Sacred Heart Hall, in one of the cry rooms, or at least in one of the vestibules of the church with the double doors closed. Audio speakers are provided in the cry rooms and vestibules precisely so that parents tending small children can hear what is taking place in the church. Of course, from time to time even parents who are doing their best to observe these suggestions may find themselves in a pew with a recalcitrant child. When that happens, please head for the door sooner rather than later; such situations are almost never resolved quietly in the church, and the by the time the screaming rises to the rafters, nearly no one else in the building is still praying.

Now, to those without small children who are usually the first to notice the distraction caused by crying babies or troublesome toddlers: Please understand that the parents are doing their best to raise their children in the fear of the Lord, and bringing them into the precincts of the sacred liturgy is a part of that task. We should always be grateful for the gift of new life, even when that gift is squirming and shrieking in the next pew. Be patient, and offer your distraction to the Throne of Grace for the sake of all the babies who will never learn to love the Lord.

And to all: Let common sense, loving-kindness, and good humor prevail. We are all in this together, striving to follow the Lord as His pilgrim people, in the service of which we need to heed His command: "Be still and know that I am God."

PRINCIPAL

Saint Mary's Catholic School in Greenville, South Carolina is searching for a principal to begin in Summer 2017. Saint Mary's School, founded in 1900 as an apostolate of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, today serves about 270 students from K-3 through the 8th Grade.

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The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic in full communion with the Church who holds at least a Master's Degree in an appropriate discipline and has had experience both as a classroom teacher and as the principal of a Catholic school.

Please submit resume and cover letter before 3 March 2017 to Fr Jay Scott Newman at pastor@stmarysgvl.org. For more information about Saint Mary's, visit our website at www.stmarysgvl.org.

TRADITION



VIRTUE



EXCELLENCE

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 19 February 2017

7.30 am John & Marie Flyte (60th Wedding Anniversary)

9.00 am → Donna Gadwa 11.00 am → Pro populo 1.00 pm → Spanish Mass Sunday, 19 February 2017

K of C Breakfast: After all morning Masses (P) No 3 & 4 year olds this week

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Scripture Study

6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

6.00 pm Women of Grace

Monday, 20 February 2017

7.00 am Ana Maria Restrepo

Monday, 20 February 2017

Parish office closed

6.30 pm Cub Scouts 6.30 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

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1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 22 February 2017

7.00 am ♣ Tanya Czajka 12.00 noon ♣ Rose & Anne Eassy

Wednesday, 22 February 2017

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church)

6.30 pm Religious Education

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism 6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies

-- History (M) / Apologetics (P)

Thursday, 23 February 2017

7.00 am ★ Francis Michael Quinn 12.00 noon ★ Patti Waters

Thursday, 23 February 2017

Friday, 24 February 2017

7.00 am ♣ Rose Henderson

Friday, 24 February 2017

6.00 am Morning Prayer (church)

2.00-4.00 pm St. Mary's Prayer Group

6.15-8.00 am Pillars of Christ 10.00 am Scripture Study Class 3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Saturday, 25 February 2017

5.00 pm ★ Sean Simigran

Saturday, 25 February 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 * All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed.

Financial Report

Weekend of 11/12 February

 Needed
 33,150

 Received
 34,630

 Surplus
 1,480

Poor Box 535

Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 1,093,950

 Received
 1,106,744

 Surplus
 12,794

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



Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Pacewic (brother of Andy Pacewic), Barbara Scoggins (mother of Brian Scoggins) and parishioner Patricia Waters who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their 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 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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms Katherine Haley, Mr Justin Mohr, Mr & Mrs Jack Wojcik, Ms Kathryn Williams, Mr & Mrs Thomas Haulik, Mr Phillip Pauley, Mr Harold Waters, Mr & Mrs Mike Viggiani, Mr & Mrs Robert Pace and Dr & Mrs Samuel Sterrett.

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, 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, Celsea Patry, Joan Sagedy and Mary Hunter Wylie Gibbs.

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 18/19 February

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.

2016 Tax Statements

<u>Tax statements are available upon request.</u> 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 parish office will be closed on Monday 20 February for the Presidents Day holiday.

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.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The K. of C. Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 19 February in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

Congratulations to

Noah Michael Bendickson and Nathaniel John Sufczynski who were baptized last weekend.

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.





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

5, 12 & 26 March

33 Days to Merciful Love Group Retreat

Based on the book, 33 Days to Merciful Love by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC

This group retreat goes even deeper than the book alone and explores new material on the heart of St. Therese of Lisieux's Little Way, uncovering the power of trust in the face of personal darkness, inspiring participants to become great saints in ordinary circumstances, and laying the foundation for a personal consecration to Divine Mercy. This six week retreat starts Monday 13 March and we will meet each Monday through 17 April at 7 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Books required. Please contact Barb Bathon at 574.261.2294 or Eileen Scoggins at 864.415.8289 to register.

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



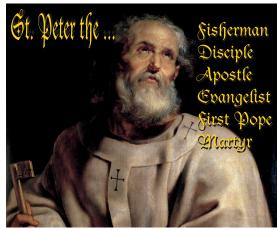
Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child.

The next class is scheduled

for Monday 27 March at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Preregistration in the church office is required. Contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

Knights of Columbus Council 13112 Essay Contest Winners

The 8th Graders from St. Mary's participated in the KoC Essay Contest: *The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society* and the theme as "The Importance of Religious Freedom." Congratulations to our Council's winners - 1st Place: Julia Bucci and 2nd Place: Brooke Bittner.



Sunday Bible Study class

9 am to 10 am with Dr. Joe Beauchemin
Sacred Heart Hall • Second floor

We will go through 1 Peter, line by line to discover
what this great man wanted to tell the Church.

College Scholarships

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) \$1,500 Scholarship Award

The SCCCW Reverend William F. Pentis Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 to honor Father Pentis, an Oratorian Father, who served as Moderator for the SCCCW, providing spiritual support for more than 30 years. His work with Council was a labor of love. This award is available for Catholic females graduating from high schools within SC and planning to attend an institution of higher education.

Please visit scccw.org to download the 2017 Application which contains the complete eligibility requirements and rules. Applications must be received by 15 April 2017. No late applications will be considered.

St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club \$1,000 Scholarship Award

The Women's Club established this award in 1998 to support Catholic women of the parish in their academic endeavors. We are proud to continue this award, now in its 19th year!

Please go to the parish website to download the 2017 Application which contains the eligibility requirements and rules. Go to stmarysgyl.org, click on 'Parish Organizations' and follow the thread to 'Women's Club'. Applications must be received by 15 April 2017. No late applications will be considered. The recipient is selected via blind review.

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women 87th Annual Convention 24-26 March in Columbia, SC

The SCCCW invites all women of the parish to join them for their 87th Annual Convention at the Columbia Marriott Hotel. This year's theme is "Voice of Hope, Blessings, Mercy and Love". The speakers are Sheila Hopkins, National Council of Catholic Women President; Judy Hehr, host of weekly radio show, dynamic spiritual motivator and speaker; Michael Acquilano, Director of the SC Catholic Conference; Beverly Kennedy and Vicki Bourus, Co-Executive Directors of the Family Justice Center; and the Diocesan Missionary Team, whose mission is to reach young people "on the ground" in their parishes and Catholic school. The Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, will be the Celebrant at Friday evening's Mass.

Hotel reservations: Reference "SCW" when contacting the Columbia Marriott Hotel, 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC, 29201 at 800.593.6465 or 803.771.7000. Room rate is \$129.00 per night plus taxes and service charges. Parking is free for registered guests of the hotel. Reservation deadline at this hotel is 3 March.

Convention Registration cost (includes banquet, Sunday breakfast, and the Convention Program): \$100.00 for SCCCW members / \$125.00 for Non-Members. Registration must be postmarked no later than 10 March. Visit www.scccw.org to download Registration Form and additional information.

Contact Pat Webb at patwebb1010@charter.net or 864.419.0467 for questions.

40 Days for Life: 1 March - 9 April

40 Days for Life You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort. There are two campaigns a year, one beginning on Ash Wednesday for 40 days of Lent. These prayer campaigns are initiated and organized at the grassroots level in communities throughout the nation and abroad. Prayer, fasting and public vigil at the abortion facility are key components. Many believe the Holy Spirit is using this movement to end abortion and at the same time bring people of many faiths together.

To find out more and sign up to help, please contact Ingrid Ireland at 864.329.004.

Facebook: 40daysgreenville www.40daysforlife.com/greenville

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally

Saturday 4 March from 9.30 am Greenville Women's Clinic - 1142 Grove Road

Pastor Judy Brooks, Just Jesus International Fellowship, will speak about her personal journey from death to life; adoptive family will share their adoption story; Darren and Cristy Swartzendruber will give an update on Sidewalk Advocates for Life. Mark Wills and his wife, Robin will provide the music. Parking is at the empty shops across the street from Piedmont Women's Center and at Grove Road Baptist Church.

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.

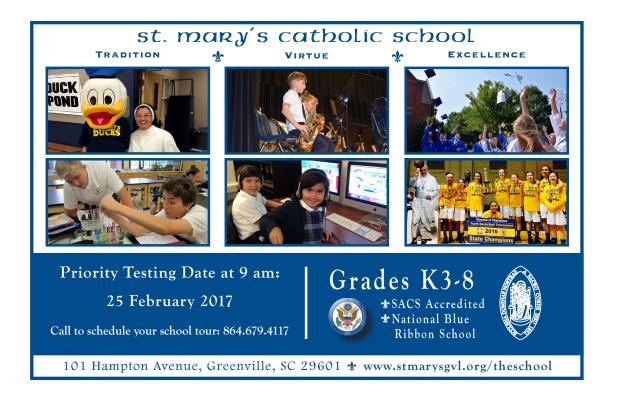
Vocation Retreat: 24-28 May

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 vocation@op-tn.org or 615.256.0147.





Religious Education News

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class Sunday 19 February.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm

No classes 1 March (Ash Wednesday) Families attend Mass at 7.00 pm

Confirmation Information Meeting for Parents

On Wednesday 22 February at 2.15 pm in <u>Pazdan Hall</u> or at 6.45 pm in <u>Gallivan Hall</u> for parents with students in the 7th grade preparing for Confirmation for Fall 2017. One parent must attend.

First Communion Retreat

Sunday 26 February from 10.15 am - 12.45 pm in Pazdan Hall. Students must be pre-registered.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! VBS 2017, The Vatican Express with Saint Jerome will be the week of 12-16 June from 9 am to noon (Friday 11.30 am).

Second Day Overview: The Crossed Keys - Papal Succession

<u>Bible Verse</u>: "I will give you the keys to
the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 16.19-20

Registration forms for families, teen volunteers and adult volunteers are now available online at stmarysgvl.org under Catechesis tab or the church office. We are now looking for adult volunteers; if you are interested please contact Elizabeth McLeer at 864.245.0753 or gemcleer@gmail.com.

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.





st. mary's catholic school

2016-2017 The Year of Hope



St. Mary's Catholic School

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St. Mary's 101 - Morning Assembly, Part 4: Glory Be

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

A couple of weeks ago, we learned about the term doxology as we discussed the Our Father. Doxology is a short hymn of praise to God.



The Glory Be (Gloria Patri in Latin) is known as the minor (or shorter) doxology in the Catholic Church.

Though it is short, this hymn of praise is an astonishing profession of faith. As we pray it, we declare that God is magnificent and one who we ought to take pleasure in. It proclaims belief in the Triune nature of God. God is three distinct persons in one divine nature.

"[T]he whole Christian life is a communion with each of the divine persons, without in any way separating them. Everyone who glorifies the Father does so through the Son in the Holy Spirit; everyone who follows Christ does so because the Father draws him and the Spirit moves him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 259).

Finally, the Glory Be expresses our belief that God has always existed and will always exist.

Class Feature - Cheerful Club

Mrs. Carpin's first grade students have formed a purely voluntary Cheerful Club in honor of the virtue and saint of the month. St. John Bosco started a Cheerful Club when he was in school. Every student decided to participate!

This week, students have been delivering welcome cards and ducks to our new Connolly family students in grades K5, 2nd, and 6th. They also delivered candy hearts to teachers, staff members, and Father Newman. Club members filled Valentine bags of cheer for children at the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Later this month, the cheerful club will be writing cheerful letters to our Marine Corp members in the Wounded Warriors Battalion at Camp Lejeune, NC. Mrs. Carpin's father, Captain Vincent A. Sordello, USMC Retired, is very involved in this organization.







Vespers at Prince of Peace - Taylors

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.



For programming information, visit CatholicRadioinSC.com

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

The Abbey Experience is a wonderful opportunity to check out our 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.

${\cal P}$ 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:

Monday 1 am* Thursday 1 pm

Tuesday 1 am* Friday 11 am*, 4 pm*, 6 pm*

Wednesday 2 am* Saturday 10 pm

Knights of Columbus Council 1668 762 Mauldin Road Greenville, SC 29607

A Tad Bit of Irish Flare St Patrick's Day Dinner & Entertainment Saturday 4 March at 6.00 pm

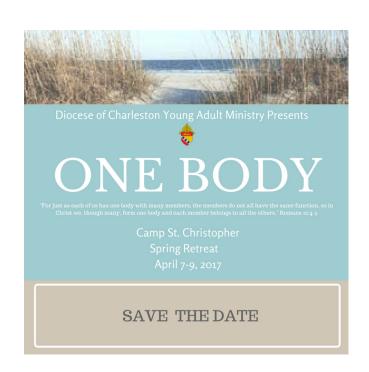
MENU Corn Beef, Colcannon, Carrots, Irish Soda Bread, Assorted Desserts

PRICE
Adults \$17, Children (special child's menu) \$8,
Family \$55

Reservation via text or phone Nick Hine: 864.363.5681 or nickhine1115@msn.com

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for Women and Men who have had an abortion experience and would like to let go of some part of the abortion that they are hanging on to and that is weighing them down. The retreat is confidential and presented by caring and non judgmental people. The next retreat is 17-19 March in Rock Hill, SC. For more information, please contact Christy 803.554.6088 or Kathy at 803.546.6010.





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