

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Greenville, South Carolina

19 March 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

The first principle of Evangelical Catholicism says that "the Lord Jesus is the crucified and risen Savior of all mankind, and no human person can fully understand his life or find his dignity and destiny apart from an authentic friendship with the Lord Jesus. It is not enough to know who Jesus is; we must know Jesus." This last distinction is crucial for a life of genuine discipleship. It is possible to know who Jesus is — for decades — without ever really knowing Jesus, and those who merely know who he is cannot be participants in Christian faith and life; they are spectators only. But how do we come to know him? How can we have an authentic friendship with the Lord Jesus?

The Savior himself gives us the answer to these questions in his teaching recorded in Chapter 15 of the Gospel of John. The scene is the Upper Room at the Last Supper, a setting which gives special urgency to the words of the Lord Jesus: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told everything that I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." (John 15.9-16)

The Lord Jesus calls us his friends because he has told us everything given to him by his Father. This is the supernatural gift of divine revelation – the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe. When we receive this sacred teaching with the obedience of faith, then we are strengthened by grace to love one another in the truth and to keep the commandments, not as an effort to earn a place in God's kingdom but as a consequence of our having been made a new creation by the grace of Baptism, a grace that is renewed every time we go to Confession and worthily receive the Most Holy Eucharist.

As with any friendship, our friendship with Christ deepens over time as we come to know the Holy Scriptures more thoroughly, as we learn to pray more devoutly, as we seek to serve those in need with greater charity, as we acquire a Christian view of the world more completely, and as we surrender ourselves in love to Christ and his Church with greater conviction. During these 40 Days, as we prepare to renew the promises of our Baptism when we celebrate the Passover of the Lord, this deepening of our friendship with the Lord Jesus should be our constant goal and guide, and that, in turn, prepares us to fulfill the eighth principle of Evangelical Catholicism: "All the baptized are sent in the Great Commission to be witnesses of Christ to others and must be equipped by the Church to teach the Gospel in word and deed. An essential dimension of true discipleship is the willingness to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and the readiness to explain his Gospel."



Dear people of St. Mary's,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Although I have been gone for four (4) years at Aquinas College in Nashville, TN, St. Mary's is my home parish and I am excited to tell you that I have been accepted to the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. In seven years, God willing, I will be ordained a Dominican friar. As a son of St. Mary's, this parish was the fertile ground where my vocation grew, and now I am ready to take the active step of entering formation for the Dominican Order.

However, I need your help. I cannot enter the novitiate without first resolving my student loans. It turns out that this is a common problem in our country, and that almost half of the 10,000 candidates for priesthood and religious life are in the same situation. In order to not only enter formation myself but also support others like myself, I have joined the Labouré Society, an organization whose sole purpose is to help candidates overcome student debt and enter formation in their respective communities. I am inviting you to invest in my vocation and that of my 23 classmates as we undertake a six month fundraising campaign across the country.

I look forward to visiting the parish on March 19 and personally asking for your support!

Wil Bernhard





www.labouresociety.org wilhelm@laboureaspirant.org

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 19 March 2017

7.30 am

9.00 am

11.00 am

1.00 pm

Florian Repik

Alexis Quartararo

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Spanish Mass

Sunday, 19 March 2017

K of C Breakfast: After all morning Masses (P) 9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Scripture Study

5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church) 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M) 6.00 pm Women of Grace

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Monday, 20 March 2017

7.00 am ★ Manuel Jose Soto

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6.30 pm Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts 7.00 pm 33 Days to Divine Mercy

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

7.00 am ♣ Betty Lee Ashley
12.00 noon In Thanksgiving to
St. Anthony

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

7.00 am Luis Carlos Restrepo 12.00 noon ♣ Bill Poole

Wednesday, 22 March 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 March 2017

7.00 am Lucia Restrepo 12.00 noon ♣ Patti Waters

Thursday, 23 March 2017

2.00-4.00 pm St. Mary's Prayer Group

Friday, 24 March 2017

7.00 am ★ Ralph F. & Patricia West

Friday, 24 March 2017

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

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3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice
6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)
followed by Women's Club Lenten Dinner (P)

Saturday, 25 March 2017

5.00 pm ★ Marvin Hambleton

Saturday, 25 March 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 March

 Needed
 33,150

 Received
 32,817

 Shortage
 333

Poor Box 739

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,226,550 Received 1,240,836 Surplus 14,286

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.

Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org



Lenten Devotions

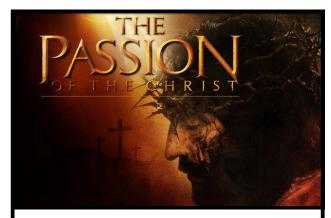
WAY OF THE CROSS

SOLEMN VESPERS

FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 6 PM SUNDAYS OF LENT AT 5 PM

Friday Lenten Dinners

Women's Club members will serve soup and grilled cheese sandwiches in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all Stations of the Cross through Friday 7 April. There is no cost.



30 March @ 6.30 pm Gallivan Hall

Please join us at 6.30 pm on Thursday 30 March to watch Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ." This extraordinary film, released in 2004, is a dramatic tour de force that places the audience in the midst of the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and many lives have been opened to God's grace by sharing the experience of this film.

We will gather in Gallivan Hall to watch this movie on our newly installed digital projector and large screen which rival a cinema experience, and at the end of the show, we will have a discussion of the film to explore its theological and spiritual dimensions.

Because of the intensity of this film, no one under 16 will be admitted.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Christopher Henderson 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.

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

Collections for 18/19 March

1st: Support of the Parish

2nd: Educating Priests in the Missions

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

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Special Collection on 18/19 March Educating Priests in the Missions

The Church needs priests to preach the Gospel and celebrate the sacraments, and the cost of educating priests can be a heavy burden on dioceses with limited resources, particularly in mission territories like Africa and Asia. The Holy Father asks that dioceses in the developed world provide financial help for the education of priests in the Missions, and we will be taking a second collection in Lent to do our part. On the weekend of 18 and 19 March, everything donated in our second collection will go the Society of St Peter the Apostle, the Church's official fundraising body for the training of clergy in the missions. Thank you for your generosity.

2016 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson at 864.679.4102 or jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org for your 2016 contribution statement. **Tax statements are issued only upon request.**

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday 19 March Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all morning Masses

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, Celsea Patry, Mary Hunter Wylie Gibbs and Alma Furman.





Saint Mary's Catholic 1 Church

Father Jay Scott Newman, Pastor

Sundays in Lent

5:00 P.M.

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26

April 2

April 9

Thirty minutes of beautiful choral music sung by the Schola Cantorum, devotional prayer and meditative silence.

Come pray with us. And bring a friend.

Easter Flowers

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Parishioners are encouraged to help decorate the church and the Baum Center for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use your Easter Flower Offering envelope or a plain white envelope for your donation. Please include your name and the names of those you wish to honor.

Memorial requests must be submitted no later than Monday 3 April for the names to appear in the Easter Flower list.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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

Catholic Fellowship - Saturday 22 April

Catholic Fellowship is a program at St. Mary's Catholic Church that provides opportunities for parishioners to gather and get to know each other while enjoying dinner or hors d'oeuvres. The program is open chiefly to members of the parish; however, anyone in the greater Greenville Catholic community can participate. Dinners are typically held in homes of parishioners or other types of facilities. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share and a beverage of choice. If you have already signed up, look for an invitation by email soon. If you wish to join, send a message to catholicfellowship@juno.com or call Veronica Yockey at 246.5777.

Bulletin Submissions

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



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

Wednesdays from 6.30-7.30 pm

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).

First Day Overview: The Rock – The Universal Church

<u>Bible Verse</u>: "You are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my church." Matthew 16.18

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

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.

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.



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.

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.

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish through a new program called Formed. This website includes a variety of free resources, including books, movies, podcasts, etc. for people of all ages. Go to: www.Formed.org. Register using our parish code: 8B7VRM to get access to the resources. If you have questions, please contact Timothy Nielsen at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

College Scholarships

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

The SCCCW Reverend William F. Pentis Memorial Scholarship 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. No late applications will be considered.

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

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. No late applications will be considered. The recipient is selected via blind review.

Compline at Prince of Peace - Taylors

Prince of Peace in Taylors will celebrate Compline on the Sundays of Lent at 7.30 pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.

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

"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:

Tuesday 1 am*, 8 am* & 6 pm Wednesday 2 am* & 10 pm Thursday 1 pm Friday 4 pm & 6 pm* Saturday 10 pm

Family Honor

One of the most misunderstood topics in our country today is God's gift of sex. This lack of understanding has hurt individuals and families and had a devastating effect on our culture. But there is something you can do to help families navigate these dangerous waters: register for Family Honor's 8-week online mini-course: The Truth and Meaning of Sexuality, Love and Family. The flexible online format works with your busy schedule. Online course starts 24 April. Registration deadline is 13 April. Early Bird price break in effect till 31 March. For more info, go to: www.FamilyHonor.org and click the Training tab. Questions? Call or email the Family Honor office: 803.929.0858 or famhonor@aol.com.

Catholic Engaged Encounter

There will be a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend on the following dates:

29-30 April at St. Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville 3-4 June at Our Lady of the Hills, Columbia 29-30 July at St. Andrews, Clemson

Visit www.cee-sc.org for more information and to register.



st. mary's catholic school

2016-2017 The Year of Hope



St. Mary's Catholic School

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St. Mary's 101 - Meeting in the Middle

In Fall of 2004, St. Mary's School introduced Meeting in the Middle. This program encourages collaboration among students in different grades to promote respect, peer/teacher relationships, and cooperation/teamwork. Meeting in the Middle provides our middle school students with the opportunity to build relationships across class boundaries. Our students enjoy community building activities such as service projects, leadership development, and games that develop an appreciation of diversity and cohesiveness.

At the beginning of each school year, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are mixed and divided up into four teams. These Meeting in the Middle teams kick off the school year with a party. The teams compete in the annual pumpkin decorating contest, enjoy a Christmas

breakfast, and create Valentines for Veterans. They also work with elementary students on different activities through the buddy program.

Team Day was on Tuesday. Coach Willis Holliday came down from North Greenville College to speak to the students about making good decisions through middle school and



into high school. His talk also touched on the topic of bullying. Teams competed in several athletic activities throughout the day: free throw, layups, dodge ball, and kick ball.

Class Feature - Invention Convention



The 5th Grade class was challenged to identify a problem and to create a working solution that no one has already invented. They took the challenge by storm! From December through March, the students researched ideas for their invention, created either working prototypes or models, surveyed other people, and made improvements to their inventions.

Do you have a very long driveway that you have to haul your garbage? Want to be able to play music no matter where you are? Tired of your dog leashes getting tangled during

your walks? Gotten paper cuts or found it difficult to flip the page of a book? The 5th Graders designed and created an invention for these and many more problems that we face in our every day lives. On Monday 6 March they presented their inventions to judges and answered on-the-spot questions about their inventions.







ONE BODY Young Adult Spring



April 7-9, 2017 Camp St. Christopher - Seabrook Island,



Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Who should come?



Any young adult (18-35) who wants to grow in holiness and attain a greater knowledge of the Catholic faith.

How much does it cost?

Private Room: \$130

Shared Room: \$75

Cost includes dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday, and snacks.

*For scholarships, please contact the Office of Young Adult Ministry

Who will you hear from?



Fr. Jeffery Kirby Author and National Speaker, EWTN Pastor, Our Lady of Grace Lancaster, SC



Kathy Schmugge Director of Family Life Office, MS of Theological Studies, Former Nuclear Power Lattrace

Questions?



Contact Lexie Segrest, Associate Director of Young Adult Ministry

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ONE BODY

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, the members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body and each member belongs to all the others."

Romans 12:4-5

As one body in Christ, we are called to come together from time to time to renew our spirits. On the weekend of April 7-9, listen to engaging speakers, participate in small groups, celebrate the Mass, and relax on the beach. Join old friends and make new ones during a weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship at beautiful Camp St. Christopher, on the One Body Retreat.



Camp St. Christopher is a complete conference center on the Atlantic Coast just south of Charleston in South Carolina. The staff, facilities and 314 acres of beach, marsh, and maritime forest make it an outstanding retreat destination.

Registration

Name:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Parish:	
Date of Birth:/mm/dd/yyyy	
Food allergies/dietary needs:	
Room options: (check one)	
Private Room: (\$130)	
Shared Room: (\$75)	
Roommate requested :	
Send completed registration form & ch Office of Young Adult Ministry Diocese of Charleston	eck to:

Diocese of Charleston 901 Orange Grove Road Charleston, SC 29407

*Make checks payable to: Diocese of Charleston

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