



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

16 April 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last night, at the beginning of the Easter Vigil, priests all over the world prepared the Paschal Candle which will burn before every altar of the Church throughout Eastertide and at every font during each Baptism in the coming year. In preparation for the lighting of the Paschal Candle, a symbol of Christ the light of the world, a fire was kindled in the dark night and then blessed with these words, "O God, who through your Son bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, sanctify this new fire, we pray, and grant that, by these paschal celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with minds made pure we may attain festivities of unending splendor."

From this new fire, the Paschal Candle in each church was lit and then carried in solemn procession into the midst of the congregation, but before being lit, each Paschal Candle was inscribed with a cross, with the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet, and with the date of this year of grace. And as these forms were being inscribed in the candle, the priest spoke these words of faith, "Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him, and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age for ever. Amen." Once this action was completed, five grains of incense incased in wax were inserted into the candle, representing the wounds our Savior received on the Cross in his hands, feet, and side. As the nails on which the grains are mounted were driven into the candle, the priest said, "By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard us and protect us. Amen." Finally, the Paschal Candle was lit from the new fire, and as the flame flickered to life the priest said, "May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."

This rite of blessing the new fire and lighting the Paschal Candle is seen by very few Catholics, both because it takes place outside of the church in the darkness and because most Catholics celebrate Easter on Sunday morning rather than in the Vigil. But this brief and simple rite casts light on the meaning of everything we celebrate today and on the symbolism of the Paschal Candle, the placing of which in the sanctuary is accompanied by an ancient and extraordinary prayer called the Easter Proclamation or Exsultet which is sung only at the Vigil. As the children of Israel were freed from slavery in Egypt by the Passover of the Lord and were led to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea by a pillar of fire, so we Christians are freed from the slavery of sin and death by the Passover of the Lord and are led to freedom through the waters of Baptism by a pillar of fire – the Paschal Candle. Jesus Christ is our Passover, our Paschal Lamb, and the Lamb once slain who is risen and lives forever.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 16 April 2017

Easter Sunday

- 7.30 am ✕ Lillian Sasso
- 9.00 am ✕ Ellena (church)
- 9.00 am ✕ Patti Waters (Baum)
- 11.00 am Pro populo
- 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 17 April 2017

- 7.00 am ✕ Emily Rose Gomes

Tuesday, 18 April 2017

- 7.00 am ✕ Patti Waters
- 12.00 noon Michael Santy

Wednesday, 19 April 2017

- 7.00 am ✕ Eugenia Massa
- 12.00 noon ✕ Will Hannifin

Thursday, 20 April 2017

- 7.00 am ✕ Jon Polce
- 12.00 noon ✕ Michael Pacewic

Friday, 21 April 2017

- 7.00 am ✕ Michael Pacewic

Saturday, 22 April 2017

- 5.00 pm Brodie T. Babb, Jr.

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 16 April 2017

No coffee & doughnuts this week
No nursery or pre-school today

Monday, 17 April 2017

Parish office closed

- 6.30 pm Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 18 April 2017

- 1.00 pm Senior Men's Club
- 6.00 pm Women's Club Birthright Dinner (Gallivan)

Wednesday, 19 April 2017

- 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
- 6.30 pm Religious Education
- 6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies -- History (M) / Apologetics (P)

Thursday, 20 April 2017

- 2.00-4.00 pm St. Mary's Prayer Group
- 4.30 pm First Communion Practice

Friday, 21 April 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, 22 April 2017

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 8/9 April

Needed	33,150
Received	32,322
Shortage	828

Poor Box 507

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,359,150
Received	1,372,507
Surplus	13,357

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.

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

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 864.246.5777.

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

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.

St. Mary's Wedding Committee

The Wedding Committee is a team of volunteer women who help coordinate the weddings that take place at St. Mary's during the year. They are asking for new volunteers to join their team. You would be asked to help at the Friday evening rehearsal and Saturday wedding for a few hours several times a year. If interested please contact Cathy Markway at cmarkway@bellsouth.net.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta at 864.271.8422 or vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org.

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 15/16 April

- 1st: Support of the Parish
- 2nd: St. Mary's Capital Campaign

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

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, Alma Furman and Lee Heap.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The K. of C. Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 23 April in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr Reijiro Nagafuchi & Mrs Joanne Benedetto, Mrs Ann Chin, Mr Thomas O'Neill and Ms Jana DeMizio.

Bulletin Submissions

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



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

30 April



29th Annual St. Mary's Classic

Friday 2 June 2017

Golf Tournament, The Preserve at Verdae Golf Club

[Sign Up For the Classic](#)

Sponsorship Packages

Four Playing Spots in Classic  Player Gifts  Mulligan or Red Tee Package
Breakfast/Lunch at Golf Course  Celebration BBQ Dinner Cookout
Saint, Blue Ribbon, Gold, and Silver sponsors feature Callaway Equipment

Saint Sponsor - \$12,000

Blue Ribbon Sponsor - \$10,000

Gold Sponsor - \$8,000

Silver Sponsor - \$5,000

New for 2017!

Duck Sponsor - \$1,200

For complete details please use the following link for more information about individual sponsorship packages:

[Classic Information and Registration](#)

Event Details

Thursday, June 1

5:00-7:00pm

Reception & Equipment Pick Up (Saint, Blue Ribbon, Gold, and Silver Sponsors), *Embassy Suites*

Friday, June 2

7:30am / 1:00pm Tee Times

St. Mary's Classic, *The Preserve at Verdae*

6:00pm

St. Mary's BBQ Celebration, *The Preserve at Verdae Pavilion*



Any Questions? Contact Lisa Lyvers, Director of St. Mary's Classic and Gala lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org

Women's Club & Birthright

The Women's Club would like to invite parishioners to join us for our Birthright Covered Dish Dinner on Tuesday 18 April at 6.00 pm in Gallivan Hall. Mrs. Meg Kocher, Director of Birthright of Greenville, will be our guest speaker. Her topic will be, "The Power of One - Helping One Save Two". All are asked to bring a dish to share and an unwrapped baby gift for donation to Birthright of Greenville. The items they are in most need of are:

- Baby wash/shampoo & baby wipes
- Diapers - sizes newborn, 1 and 2
- Sleepers - sizes 0-3 months and 3-6 months

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Sunday Mornings Religious Education
for 3 & 4 Year Olds Grades 1-8**

No class on 16 April Wednesday 6.30 - 7.30 pm

First Communion Practice

First Communion practice will be held on Thursday 20 April from 4.30-5.30 pm. Children should meet in Gallivan Hall.

First Communion

On Saturday 22 April the students will make their First Communion at 9.30 am. Please pray for our First Communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time.

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).

FIFTH DAY OVERVIEW: The Monstrance - Be a Missionary

Bible Verse: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" John 20.21

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.

Alumni Lecture at Furman University

Furman University's Office of the Chaplains, in partnership with the Notre Dame Club of the Western Carolinas and the university's Catholic Campus Ministry, is pleased to host the 2017 Hesburgh Alumni Lecture on Tuesday 18 April at 7.00 pm in the Daniel Memorial Chapel at Furman University. The guest lecturer is David Campbell whose presentation is entitled "Does Religion Do More to Divide or Unite Americans?" Dr. Campbell has written extensively on religious and civic engagement in American, including the award-winning book *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us*. The lecture is open to the public. A reception hosted by the Catholic Campus Ministry follows the lecture in the Bryan Garden Room.

Divine Mercy Sunday - 23 April

Our Lady of the Rosary will have a Divine Mercy celebration in the upper church.



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| 2.00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration |
| 3.00 pm | Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet |
| 3.15 pm | Talk by Fr Philip Gillespie |
| 3.45 pm | Procession and Dedication of the Divine Mercy Shrine |
| 5.00 pm | Sunday Mass |

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, 9.00 am - 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:

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| Sunday 9 am | Thursday 1 pm* & 8 pm |
| Tuesday 8 am & 6 pm | Friday 4 pm & 6 pm* |
| Wednesday 2 am* | Saturday 8 pm* & 10 pm |





The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Pray the Chaplet on Your Rosary Beads



1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. Pray the Opening Prayers

After making the Sign of the Cross, pray the following opening prayers:

"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!" *(three times)*

3. Pray the Our Father

4. Pray the Hail Mary

5. Say the Apostles' Creed

6. Pray the Prayer "Eternal Father"

On the Our Father bead before each decade, pray the following prayer:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen."

7. Pray the Prayer "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" Ten Times

On each of the Hail Mary beads in each decade, pray the following prayer:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

8. Repeat Steps 6 and 7

On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat steps 6 and 7 (pray the Eternal Father, followed by ten "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion").

9. Pray the Concluding Doxology Three Times

After you have prayed all five decades of the Chaplet, pray the following prayer:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." *(three times)*

10. Pray the Closing Prayer

After the doxology, pray the following final prayer:

"Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen."

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