



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

31 December 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas is not just one day on the calendar; Christmas is an entire season of the Church's liturgical year. The season of Christmas Time or Christmastide begins with Vespers on Christmas Eve and ends with Vespers on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this year on Monday 8 January. And along the way, Christmastide includes the Solemnities of the Maternity of Mary and the Epiphany and, among others, the memorials of the first martyrs: the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem and St. Stephen, murdered at the feet of St. Paul.

Moreover, as with Easter, Christmas Day is not simply one 24 hour period; rather, Christmas Day is celebrated for eight consecutive days, an Octave, from 25 December to 1 January, on which we rejoice that blessed Mary, Ever Virgin, is the Mother of God. And when the Octave of Christmas includes a Sunday, as it does this year, then that Sunday is kept as the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and one of the places he visited was the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. There he gave an address which spoke about the theme of today's celebration:

"Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound and full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

"Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

"The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God."

In the midst of this Christmastide, let us all learn from the Holy Family how to live together in forgiveness, mutual understanding and loving-kindness, and how to place the living God at the center of our lives — as individual disciples, as families, and as a parish, a spiritual family in the Lord Jesus.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 31 December 2017

7.30 am Special Intention
9.00 am ✘ Ellena
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 1 January 2018

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9.00 am ✘ Emily Rose Gomes
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Tuesday, 2 January 2018

7.00 am ✘ Mrs. Patricia Murphy
12.00 noon ✘ Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, 3 January 2018

7.00 am ✘ Elizabeth Tribby
12.00 noon ✘ Paul Michael Roman

Thursday, 4 January 2018

7.00 am ✘ Sebastian Mandolfo
12.00 noon Deacon Nestor Acosta

Friday, 5 January 2018

7.00 am ✘ Nelli Restrepo

Saturday, 6 January 2018

5.00 pm ✘ Anne Teresa Neri

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 31 December 2017

Monday, 1 January 2018

Parish office closed

Tuesday, 2 January 2018

Wednesday, 3 January 2018

No Holy Hour and Confessions

6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education
6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday, 4 January 2018

Friday, 5 January 2018

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, 6 January 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 23/24 December

Needed	33,800
Received	35,134
Surplus	1,334

Poor Box	554
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	878,800
Received	880,731
Surplus	1,931

Christmas Capital Campaign

Received	58,819
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Capital Contributions YTD

Received	542,167
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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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Greenville SC.

G - Gallivan Hall M- McGrady Hall * All events in Sacred Heart Hall
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room unless a location is listed.

Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org

st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION



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27 January 2018

24 February 2018

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The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Monday 1 January

Masses will be celebrated on Monday 1 January at
9 am, 11 am and 1 pm (Spanish)

Mass Canceled the 2nd Week of January

From Tuesday 9 January to Thursday 11 January no Masses will be celebrated at St Mary's and the Wednesday Holy Hour with Confessions is canceled on 10 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 11 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 Ronald Labbe, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Jordan A. Upham, John Hever, Alfred Smith, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrell, Dcn. John & Irene Karandisevsky, Ted Karalekas, Lenore Cole, Celsea Patry, Mary Hunter Wylie Gibbs, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Florence Mooney, Jimmy Tierney, Louis Brouillard, Claude Trépanier, Sr Colombe Gobeil, Anna Deehan, Carly Burkhardt, Roland Gomes, Alma Furman and Anne Alexander.

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.

Mass Intentions

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

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 30/31 December

Support of the Parish

Collection for 1 January

Support of the Parish

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

2017 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2017. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

Liturgical Schedule Change

There will be no Wednesday Holy Hour or Confessions on 3 January or 10 January.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The office will reopen after the New Year's holiday on Tuesday 2 January at 9.00 am.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr & Mrs Levis Cormier, Mr Richard Martin, Dr & Mrs Keith May, Drs James Robins & Mary Padua, Mr Robert Woolston and Ms Sarah Frazier.



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

7, 14 & 28 January

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Thank you!

We graciously thank the parishioners for supporting our Christmas Bake Sale and Ornament Sale. Thanks to you, it was very successful and all monies will be given to various Catholic charities. We greatly appreciate your patronage.

January Meeting

All women of the parish are invited to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, 9 January at 10.00 am in the Msgr. Gwynn room, 1st floor of Sacred Heart Hall. Mrs. Kathy Schmugge, Director of Family Life for the Diocese of Charleston, will be our speaker. Her topic will be "End of Life Issues".

Agenda: Rosary – 10.00 am, Refreshments – 10.30 am, Program – 11.00 am, followed by Council Business – 11.30 am.

Greenville Deanery Council of Catholic Women

The winter meeting of the Greenville Deanery will be held on Sunday, 21 January at 2.00 pm in the cafeteria of the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 307 Gower Street, Greenville, 29611. The members of the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Women's Council will be our host and provide a lunch. The Deanery Board of Directors will meet at 1.00 pm in the same location.

Plans for community projects and a spiritual retreat in February are among the items on the agenda. All Affiliate members are encouraged to attend. We also invite women from all Upstate parishes to join us and become involved in the work of the Deanery.

Contact Greenville Deanery President, Susanne Wolfe at susanne.wolfe12@gmail.com or 864.313.5866 for more information. God's Work, Our Hands!

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

The Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112 will hold its Free Throw Championship for Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/17) at St. Mary's Gym on Saturday, 13 January 2018 at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be obtained from 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class resumes 7 January 2018.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes resume 3 January 2018.

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.

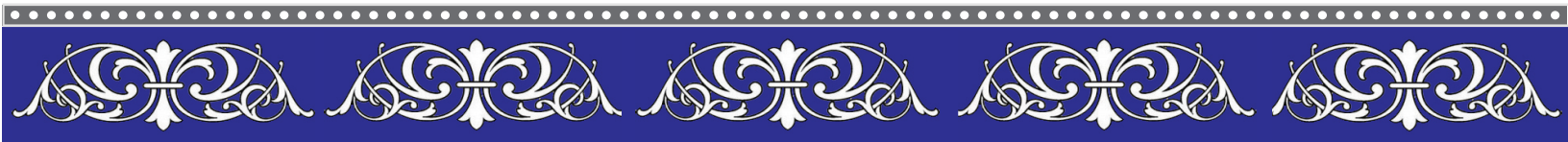
Credit & Debit Card Donation that allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

EFT donation lets you establish an automatic donation plan, change your plan, make a one-time donation and view your online donation history.

Visit the 'Manage Your EFT' link on the homepage of our parish website.



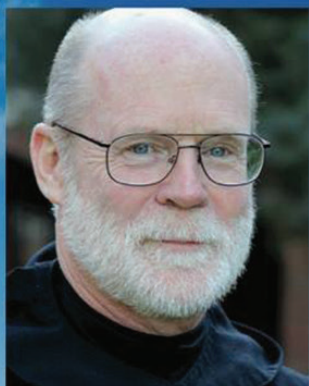
St. Mary's Gala "Mardi Gras"
Friday, February 9, 2018
6:30pm - Midnight at Embassy Suites
[Click To Buy Ticket Now](#)
<https://e.gesture.com/events/6C9/>



8th Annual Men's Conference

Transformed *by* Christ

Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Therese Catholic Church, Mooresville, NC



Abbot Placid Solari
Abbot of Belmont Abbey
and Homilist



Fr. Dwight Longenecker
Former Anglican Minister
and Catholic Priest



Fr. Tom McCarthy
Augustinian Friar & Priest



Keynote Speaker:
Patrick Madrid
Radio Host & Author



Join us for these great Catholic speakers, Mass, Adoration, confession and lunch.

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Culture of Life

March for Life - Washington, DC

If you plan on attending the March for Life in Washington, DC on 19 January and would like to take the bus, one will be provided through St. Mary Magdalene. Please contact Valerie Baronkin at 864.275.5505 or valeriebaronkin@hotmail.com.

Benefit for St. Vincent de Paul

Prince of Peace Catholic Church will host the University of Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, 11 January at 7.30 pm for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Society at the following parishes: Prince of Peace, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Elizabeth Seton and Jesus our Risen Savior. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket and will feature music of Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Gershwin, Copland and Notre Dame songs. For tickets and information contact Gary Hediger at ghediger@hedigerconsulting.com or 864.787.5961.

Save the Date - Family Honor

St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Rosary will be hosting a truly unique chastity program for parents and teens in 7th and 8th grade. The program is designed to bring parents and their teens together to discuss life's most important issues, with a special emphasis on chastity and God's gift of sexuality. Here, one parent shares what they liked most about the program, *"This program did such a wonderful job tying in all the things we want our children to know about sex and relationships. Learning about all this with God and the Cardinal Virtues at the center of it all - just as it should be!"*

The program is presented by Family Honor, Inc., and is called Real Love & Real Life. It will be held on Wednesdays 21 & 28 February and 7 March 2018 6.30 pm - 8.45 pm on St. Joseph's Campus in the St. John Paul II Center at 100 St. Joseph's Drive Greenville, SC 29607. Deadline for registering is 12 February 2018. Space is limited so register online soon at FamilyHonor.org. There is a registration fee of \$45.00 for the program, which can be paid upon checking in at the first session. Scholarships may also be available.

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

Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to his Sacred Heart! "My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Proverbs 8.31) Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123.

Urgent Need:

Sunday 8 am

Monday 11 am & 11 pm

Tuesday 5 am & 7 pm

Saturday 12 am, 3 am & 9 pm

PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND

January 5-6, 2018

"THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE"

Brought To You By

SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS FOR LIFE



Proudly Pro-Life Dinner

Friday, 5 January 2018

Featured Speaker

Ryan Bomberger

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With Special Guests

Dr. Robert Jackson, author of *The Family Doctor Speaks: The Truth about Life*
Emily Barnhill, President, North Greenville Students for Life, NRL Academy Graduate
Austin Cherry, NGO Representative to the United Nations for National Right to Life

To Reserve Your Tickets go to <https://proudlyprolife.eventbrite.com> or call SCCL at 803.252.5433

Venue Location

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

Doors Open at 5.30 pm, beginning with a silent auction
Dinner Served at 6.45 pm

Overnight Accommodations Available At:

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

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Stand Up for Life March and Rally

Saturday, 6 January 2018

11.00 am Line Up for the March
USC Russell House, Greene Street
11.30 am March steps off led by Knights of Columbus
12.00 pm Rally begins State House, Gervais Street side

SCHOLA

High School Summer Program

Introducing Three Sessions for 2018

July 9 – July 14

July 15 – July 21

July 22 – July 28



Belmont Abbey
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The Program

Schola is a pre-college program that gives high school students an opportunity to grow in friendship, devotion, wonder, and wisdom. Spend a week discussing classic works of philosophy and literature with friends, enjoying daily recreational activities, and praying with the monastic community at beautiful Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina. The program features several day trips including exploring the City of Charlotte, rafting at the U.S. Whitewater Center, and hiking in the North Carolina mountains.

Application

Students who have completed two years of high school by summer 2018 are invited to apply to this exciting program. The program fee of \$575 includes meals, books, tuition, room and board, and activity fees. Visit www.belmontabbeycollege.edu/schola to apply.

If you have questions about the *Schola* summer program, please contact Dr. Joseph Wysocki at JosephWysocki@bac.edu or 704.461.6831.

www.belmontabbeycollege.edu/schola

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