



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

7 January 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is one of the richest feasts in the Christian liturgy, and for this reason, it is also among the most misunderstood. The Greek word which we translate epiphany simply means “appearance” or “manifestation”, and in the Western liturgical tradition the Epiphany is linked most strongly to the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. But in the Eastern liturgies, the Epiphany is focused not only on the visit of the Magi but on every early event by which Christ is revealed to the world as the Messiah: His birth, the visit of the Magi, His presentation in the Temple, His instruction of the elders in the Temple, His Baptism in the Jordan, and His first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. For this reason, ancient liturgies refer to the Epiphany as a festival of illumination, declaration, and theophany, and in many Eastern Christian Churches (like the Armenian), 6 January is the primary or only celebration of the Birth of Jesus, not 25 December.

This helps us understand the profound link between the Western feasts of Christmas and Epiphany and why (because the Epiphany should be celebrated on 6 January) this celebration is the traditional Twelfth Day of Christmas. The revelation of the Son of God to the world begins with His birth, continues with the visit of the Magi and with His presentation in the Temple, is intensified at His Baptism, and finds its first miraculous expression at Cana. Though separated by thirty years, the events at Bethlehem and Cana are truly but one continuous unfolding of the eternal plan of salvation, and of all these mysteries we can speak with equal force the words of the Preface of the Epiphany from the Roman Missal: “Father ... today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.”

The Epiphany is an older Christian feast than Christmas, and from antiquity it has been kept on 6 January. The first recorded mention of this feast was in 361, and by 385 the Epiphany was celebrated in Jerusalem for eight days, like the present Octaves of Easter and Christmas and the old Octave of Pentecost. All of this points to the supreme importance of the sacred mysteries we celebrate today: by His incarnation and birth, by His revelation to the Magi and His presentation in the Temple, by His Baptism and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, the Son of Mary is gradually shown to be “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.”

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman



The Center for Evangelical Catholicism

presents

Education and Freedom in the works of C.S. Lewis

~ a special lecture by ~

Philip G. Nielsen

Director of Research

The Center for Evangelical Catholicism

Event Location:

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Downtown Greenville

McGrady Hall

(the church undercroft)

Thursday

11 January

@ 6.30 pm

For More Information Contact T.J. Nielsen | Timothy.Nielsen@stmarysgvl.org | 864.679.4114

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 7 January 2018

7.30 am ✕ Robert Karandisevsky
9.00 am ✕ The Norungolo Family
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 8 January 2018

7.00 am ✕ Alberto & Juanita Reyes

Tuesday, 9 January 2018

Convocation of Priests

No Mass today

Wednesday, 10 January 2018

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No Mass today

Thursday, 11 January 2018

Convocation of Priests

No Mass today

Friday, 12 January 2018

7.00 am ✕ Richard Joseph Powers

Saturday, 13 January 2018

5.00 pm Tucker A. Babb

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 7 January 2018

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)
Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass (P)
9.00 am Scripture Study
6.00 pm Women of Grace
6.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 8 January 2018

6.00 pm Cub Scouts
7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 9 January 2018

10.00 am Council of Catholic Women

Wednesday, 10 January 2018

No Holy Hour and Confessions today

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

Thursday, 11 January 2018

6.30 pm Center for Evangelical Catholicism lecture (M)

Friday, 12 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, 13 January 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 30/31 December

Needed	33,800
Received	36,367
Surplus	2,567

Poor Box	1,481
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	912,600
Received	917,097
Surplus	4,497

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 - Gullivan Hall M- McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
unless a location is listed.

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st. mary's catholic school

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24 February 2018

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PARISH NEWS

Collection for 6/7 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.

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.

Masses will be celebrated at
7 am on Monday and Friday.

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.

Congratulations to

Roy Franklin Harmon, V who was baptized last week.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The KofC Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 21 January in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

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.

Liturgical Schedule Change

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

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed Monday 15 January for the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday.

St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Senior Fellowship for 13 January is canceled because all are invited to the Catholic Fellowship the same day in the Dining Room of Pazdan Hall at 6.00 pm. Contact Alice at 864.430.7276 or Dee at 864.421.3726 if you have questions.



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

7, 14 & 28 January

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family:
Mr Henry Ruckdeschel and Mr Derek Sanchez.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

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 Schmutz, 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.

Sewing Ministry

The group meets on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays, 10.00 am-12.00 pm, monthly from September through May. We invite any interested women to join us at the Sew Creative Sewing Studio, 1901-B Laurens Rd., Greenville. Bring a pair of sharp scissors or a rotary cutter. If you don't like to sew there are many other ways to help including cutting and ironing. We are currently sewing pillowcase dresses to send to the children's hospital/orphanage in Haiti in the spring. Contact Kim Adams at craigandkim@aol.com or 407.756.2255 for questions.

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!



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Prayer Chain Ministry

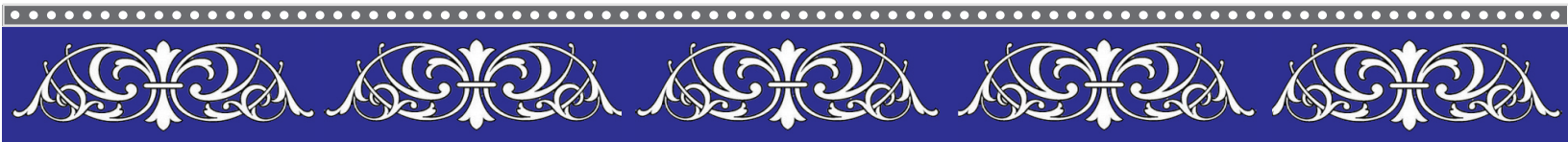
St. Mary's Prayer Chain is a network of parishioners who receive prayer requests by telephone and then pray for those requests. Please call the office at 864.271.8422, ext. 127 to submit your requests. Information received will be kept confidential.

Funeral Notices

If you would like to receive notification when funerals are scheduled at St Mary's, please contact the parish office at churchoffice@stmarysgvl.org.

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.





Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce a very special **Real Love & Real Life** family program sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic School, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church. Please join us:

When: **Wednesday, 21 February 2018**
Wednesday, 28 February 2018
Wednesday, 7 March 2018
Time: **6:30 pm – 8:45 pm**
Where: **St. John Paul II Center, St. Joseph's Catholic School, 100 St. Joseph's Drive**
Greenville, SC 29607
Who: **Seventh & Eighth Grade Students with their Parents**
Cost: **\$45.00 per family**

Real Love & Real Life is presented by Family Honor, Inc. Since 1988, Family Honor has provided and promoted a family-centered, Catholic approach to chastity education.

In this **Real Love & Real Life program**, Family Honor will be presenting talks about communication, an understanding of our purpose in life, fostering virtues, including the virtue of chastity, recognizing what real love looks like, and fertility appreciation, ideas about dating and marriage, and much more.

We chose Family Honor to present a program here because they believe in parental empowerment. They believe you, as parents, are the first and best teachers of your children, and Family Honor wants to serve parents by helping to build and enhance bridges of communication between you and your child. Here, one parent shares what they liked most about the program, *"It opened a door for me that wasn't open before between my daughter and me. I definitely feel more comfortable and confident discussing chastity with her."*

There are lots of activities pulling families in many directions, but this is an experience that families look back on years later and say, "Wow – that really made a difference!" This is a chance to invest in one of your most precious assets – your child.

We are confident that you will find value in this program that far exceeds the registration fee of \$45.00 which is due upon checking in at the first session. Scholarships may be available, as well. Deadline for registering is 12 February 2018. Space is limited so please sign up early at www.familyhonor.org.

Thank you for your interest, and we hope to see you at this program. We consider this a wonderful opportunity to learn more about building healthy, happy, and holy families.

Sincerely,

Gabe Lewis
Campus Minister: St. Joseph's Catholic School

Joann F. Miller
Director of Religious Education: St. Mary's Catholic Church

Katie Orbon
Director of Faith Formation: Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

2018 Calendars

We still have some 2018 calendars available in the parish office. You may pick one up during business hours (M-F, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm).

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 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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets at 9.00 am in the K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall

No class on 14 January

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30-7.30 pm

First Communion Adoration

On Wednesday 24 January, First Communion students and their parents will attend Adoration from 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm. Please meet in the church. Students in RE will have class immediately following Adoration.

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 5 February at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the church office is required. For questions, contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

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.

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.

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, 10 pm & 11 pm
Tuesday 5 am & 7 pm
Saturday 12 am, 3 am & 9 pm

8th Annual Men's Conference
Transformed by Christ
Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Therese Catholic Church, Mooresville, NC




Abbot Placid Solari
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Fr. Dwight Longenecker
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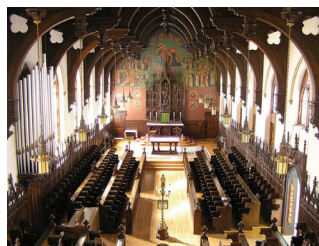


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To reserve your space contact
Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P.
Vocations Director
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SCHOLA

High School Summer Program

Introducing Three Sessions for 2018

July 9 – July 14

July 15 – July 21

July 22 – July 28



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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.

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