

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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21 January 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Thursday, 25 January, is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Church's annual celebration of the day when Saul of Tarsus met the Lord Jesus on the Damascus Road — an event that changed Saul's life and the history of the world. 25 January is also each year the final day in a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an observance that begins on 18 January, the date in the old liturgical calendar which was the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. So, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was devised to run between the twin feasts of the symbol of Peter's authority to teach and Paul's conversion to Christ, and this placement in the liturgical calendar shows us how Christian unity is to be found: through continuing conversion to the truth of the Gospel proclaimed authentically and authoritatively by the apostolic office of the Church.

In praying for Christian unity, we are asking God to restore full ecclesial communion to our separated brethren (both Orthodox and Protestant) in the one, true Church. But the restoration of that unity will be a world-historical event brought about only by the action of the Holy Spirit, and there is little that any of us can do to contribute directly to that lofty goal. There is, however, another dimension of Christian unity to which we can contribute personally, and it is both utterly simple and extremely difficult: we can each live in full communion with the Lord Jesus and his holy Church and do our best to show others how to do the same. This we do by radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism.

♣ Do I believe and profess everything the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God? Do I believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are inspired by God and contain no errors in matters of faith and morals? Do I believe that the Catechism of the Catholic Church is an authentic compendium of the saving doctrine of the Lord Jesus and a faithful statement of Catholic teaching in full keeping with Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition? Do I surrender my intellect and will in the obedience of faith to the Gospel transmitted in and by the Catholic Church?

*Do I live according to the saving truth of the Gospel? Do I attend Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation? Do I confess my sins regularly in the Sacrament of Penance? Do I bear witness to Christ by my manner of life and my behavior, both personal and professional? If married, am I married in the Catholic Church, or if not, do I refrain from receiving the sacraments? Do I make decisions, especially difficult decisions, according to the mind of Christ or simply according to my own wisdom? Do I live according to the Ten Commandments and Christ's Law of Love?

Believing and behaving lead to belonging. If I want to belong to Christ and his Church fully and faithfully, then I must believe the truth of God's Word and behave according to the truth of the Gospel by grace through faith. As the Church concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this Thursday, let us be guided by Peter's faith and Paul's conversion to be committed Catholics and true witnesses to Christ.



Attention Catholic School Families: New tax reform allows \$10,000 from 529 Plans to be used for elementary or secondary school tuition.

The recent Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2018 made some positive changes to qualified tuition programs (commonly known as 529 plans) that may benefit you and your family. Starting in 2018, you can now take tax-free distributions from a qualifying 529 Plan to pay for tuition to elementary, middle, or high school (including all public, private, or religious schools). You will be limited to a total cash distribution from all 529 plans of \$10,000 per beneficiary per tax year.

For example, if you have two children enrolled in Catholic school and pay \$24,000 in annual tuition, you can take a tax-free distribution from their 529 Plans of \$20,000 (\$10,000 for each child) per year to help cover the cost of the tuition.

Keep in mind that contributions into the South Carolina Future Scholar plan will provide a South Carolina tax deduction in the amount of the contribution. Therefore, in the above example, you can put \$20,000 into the South Carolina Future Scholar plan and get a \$20,000 deduction on your South Carolina tax return. And then use this fund to pay for their tuition starting in 2018.

Contact your local tax professional or South Carolina Catholic Conference Director, Michael F. Acquilano at (843) 261-0535, macquilano@charlestondiocese.org for further information.



Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 21 January 2018

7.30 am ♣ Roy Walton ⋆ Edwin Michalec 9.00 am 11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 21 January 2018

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 6.00 pm Women of Grace

6.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 22 January 2018

7.00 am ♣ Louise Dowling Francis

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6.30 pm **Cub Scouts** 7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 23 January 2018

7.00 am ♣ Sr. Mary Vivian Maczonis, **CSSF**

12.00 noon ★ Michael M. McGrady

Tuesday, 23 January 2018

Wednesday, 24 January 2018

7.00 am ♣ Ethel Robbins 12.00 noon ♣ Rene Mikaelian

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education

6.30 pm

Wednesday, 24 January 2018

Confessions (church)

Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday, 25 January 2018

7.00 am ♣ Bradley Ryan Clark Special Intention 12.00 noon

Thursday, 25 January 2018

Friday, 26 January 2018

♣ Walter Joseph Chimiak 7.00 am

Friday, 26 January 2018

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church) 6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ

Scripture Study Class 10.00 am 3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Saturday, 27 January 2018

★ Marvin Hambleton 5.00 pm

Saturday, 27 January 2018

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.

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Financial Report

Weekend of 13/14 January

Offertory Year to Date

Electronic Giving: If you want

to have direct management of

vour 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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> Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org



st. mary's catholic school

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Priority Testing Dates at 9 am: 27 January 2018
24 February 2018

Call to schedule your school tour: 864.679.4117

Grades K3-8



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Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Carl Roman and Richard Walsh (father of Karen Joseph) 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.

Precaution During Flu Season

Because of the risk of spreading infections during cold and flu season, the diocese recommends that parishioners not shake hands (except perhaps with their own family members) during the Sign of Peace. A simple smile or nod of the head can serve to acknowledge our brothers and sisters in the Lord, and if someone near your seat doesn't offer or return a friendly hand, please do not be offended. Let common sense and generous hearts prevail!

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.

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, Alma Furman, Anne Alexander and Ruth O'Rourke.

Parish News

Collections for 20/21 January

1st: Support of the Parish 2nd: Catholic Miscellany

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.

Friday Morning Bible Study

The Friday Morning Bible Study will begin a new 8-week Catholic Scripture Study course called *Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life.* This will start on 16 February. All are welcome. If you are interested please call Sue Prevost 288.6649 or e-mail sbkprevost@gmail.com.

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.



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

28 January

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

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!

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.

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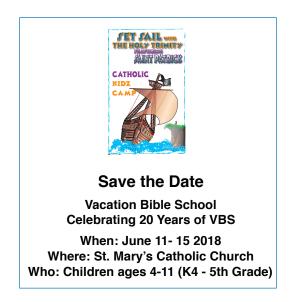
Online resources are available to every member of our parish through a new program called Formed. This website includes a variety of free resources, including books, movies, podcasts, etc. for people of all ages. Go to Formed.org. Register using our parish code: **8B7VRM** to get access to the resources. 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 6.15–8.00 am for prayer in the church and then in Sacred Heart Hall for study.

2018 Calendars

2018 calendars are available in the parish office. You may pick one up during office hours.







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Diocese of Charleston

Come, where you Belong! Be refreshed and renewed in your faith.

Enjoy the company of other women on this same journey.

Sat. March 3, 2018

St. Joseph's Catholic School, Greenville, SC 9:00-5:00

Catholic Vomen's Conference

I have called you by name and you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

- Mass and Adoration
- Keynote and Workshops
- Vendors
- Confession
- Catered Lunch

Plus Fun, Fellowship, and Friendship

With Keynote Speaker: Author of Past Perfect and Weightless, Kate Wicker



Registration info: www.sccatholicwomens conference.com

And on Eventbrite

Religious Education

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

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

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.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women 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.

Catholic Speaker



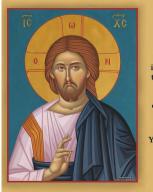
Melinda Selmys, Canadian Catholic author and speaker, will speak on "Catholic Social Teaching" on Monday, 22 January at 7.00 pm in the Parish Center conference room at

St. Paul in Spartanburg (290 E Main St, Spartanburg 29302). Mrs. Selmys has published several books and writes regularly for *First Things* and *National Catholic Register*. A nursery will be provided for young children, and refreshments will follow. Mrs. Selmys will also be available to sign her latest book, which will be available for purchase.

Icon Painting Workshop

St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting



July 16-21, 2018 St. Rafka Catholic Church Greenville, South Carolina

Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Christ Pantocrator icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are absolutely beginner or an advanced artist, this workshop offers an opportunity to learn and refine your techniques in this sacred art.

Your tuition fee of \$680 includes most supplies including boards, pigments and brushes.

Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For enrollment and more information, visit the website www.theodoreicons.com/sc
or contact Ms Aziza Stansberry at:

Stansberry.azizaX@gmail.com phone number: 8645061924

South Carolina Catholic

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Building The Domestic Church

March 3, 2018

Our Lady of the Lake Church / 195 Amicks Ferry Road / Chapin, SC

Do you want to:

- Grow in your Catholic Faith?
- Deepen your relationship with Christ?
- Be a better father, son, husband and man?
- Be a spiritual leader in your family, church, work place, and community?

This conference is for you!

Come and fill your spiritual toolbox with the information you need to build your faith and lead your family.

COST: \$40 Pre-Registration / \$50 at the door Includes light breakfast and lunch

Discounts for: Knights of Columbus • Knights of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem • Knights of Peter Claver • Ancient Order of Hibernians • College/HS Students • Early Registration

REGISTRATION:

On-line at www.sccatholicmensconf.org or mail check to: Daniel E. Barton 1510 Alric Court Charleston, SC 29412-8436

Registration at 7.30 am, Mass 8.30 am, Presentations 9.45 am, Conclude 4.00 pm

Hotel Accommodations:

Room Rate:
\$105.00 plus tax

Hilton Garden Inn 434 Columbiana Drive Columbia SC 29212 803.407.6640

Reservation: Prior to 16 February 2018

Room Rate: Columbia SC 29212

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Friday, March 2, 2018 6:30 — 8 p.m. (Registration at 6:00 p.m.) Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church 195 Amicks Ferry Road, Chapin, SC Speakers: Gus Lloyd, Mscr. Jim Vlaun



Gus Lloyd Radio Host, Evangelist and National Speaker



Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone Bishop of Charleston



Tom Leopold
TV Comedy writer
(Seinfeld, Cheers),
Convert and
National Speaker

The South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference is sponsored by the South Carolina Knights of Columbus State Council in support of the Discesse of Charleston Office of Family Life & Youth Minis

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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.

All hours are available. Urgent needs are: Sunday 6 pm Saturday 8 pm

The Knights of Columbus Council 1668



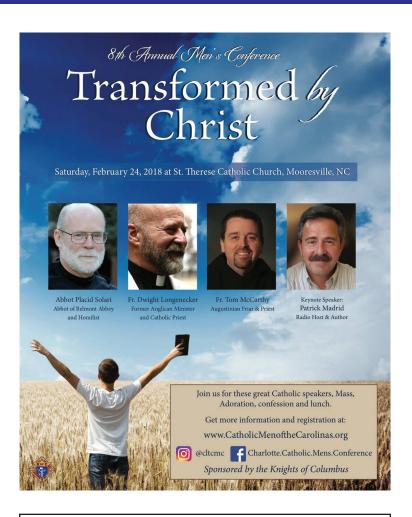
Saturday, March 3, 2018
6 pm
McGivney Hall
762 Mauldin Road, Greenville

Corned beef
Colcannon
Children 6-12 \$8
Veggies
Under 6 free
Soda Bread
Desserts
C2 adults, 3 kids minimum) \$55

Special kids
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Live Irish Music!

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16-18 February 2018 6-8 April 2018

No matter where you ultimately go to serve the Lord, our vocation weekends are an excellent opportunity to learn more about religious life in general. These weekends are the fastest way to concretely learn a lot about the Order of Preachers (and our province) in a very short period of time.

To reserve your space contact

Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P.

Vocations Director

vocations@opeast.org



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