



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

11 February 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have two items for your consideration:

1. Effective immediately we are changing the way we take up second collections, and I want you to know why. The first collection, taken at the beginning of the offertory rite, is for the support of the parish, and several times each year we also take up a second collection after Holy Communion for purposes designated by our bishop in concert with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The funds which are given in the second collections are simply passed on to the designated recipient, and the parish does not keep any money from those second collections.

It has been the custom for many decades to take up these two different collections at two different times during Mass because most contributions were made in cash, but that is no longer the case. The vast majority of our gifts are received by checks given in printed envelopes or by electronic transfer, which means that taking up two collections at the same Mass is no longer required to insure that you are able to donate the amount you want to the collection you choose. For this reason, all envelopes for both collections will now be accepted during the one and only passing of the plate at Mass which will be at the beginning of the offertory rite, and we will no longer pass the plate again after Holy Communion. Thank you for your generosity, both to the parish and to the various causes supported through the second collections.

2. The 40 Days of Lent begin this week with Ash Wednesday, and all of us once again have an opportunity to grow in our friendship with the Lord Jesus through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. But to grow in that divine friendship we must first correctly identify the obstacles to it. In the first of his three letters in the New Testament, St John the Apostle and Evangelist identifies those obstacles: "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, the love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." (1 John 2.15-17)

The disciplines of Lent are not undertaken to earn the favor of God because the favor of God is free and unmerited. God's grace cannot be earned, but when it is freely given it must be accepted with the obedience of faith which changes the way we live because while grace is free it is not cheap. The disciplines of Lent are the means best suited to our cooperating with God's grace so that we can be liberated by Christ Jesus from the disordered self-love that manifests itself in the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. So let us resolve now to keep a holy Lent to prepare to share in the joy that comes at the Passover of the Lord celebrated in the Paschal Triduum and on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection.

Father Newman



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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January 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE). This collection provides vital funding for our brothers and sisters living in countries that were once under communist rule. Restoring the Church, in both its structures and its spiritual life has been difficult, but with your support we can help build a brighter future for this region.

In Estonia, religious observance is rare and very little funding is available to assist youth in learning about Christianity or the Catholic faith. Last year, the collection for CCEE provided support to a summer camp program for youth. About 30 middle-school aged boys attended the camp where they not only learned about the Catholic faith but also had opportunities to attend Mass and even received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once they are in high school, boys who have previously attended are excited to return as staff members to lead and help the new group of campers grow in their faith. With your support the faith is able to flourish in this younger generation.

Your donations make a difference for those still struggling in the aftermath of communist rule. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year, or if you can increase your contribution. For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone  
Bishop of Charleston

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday, 11 February 2018

7.30 am ✕ Jean Lamarre  
9.00 am ✕ Sr. Frances Marie, CSSF  
11.00 am Pro populo  
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday, 12 February 2018

7.00 am ✕ Graciela Heredia

### Tuesday, 13 February 2018

7.00 am ✕ Dale Kompik  
12.00 noon ✕ Carol Pelicano

### Wednesday, 14 February 2018

#### Ash Wednesday

7.00 am ✕ Patti Waters  
12.00 noon ✕ Emily Rose Gomes  
7.00 pm ✕ Patti Waters  
7.00 pm Spanish Mass in Baum

### Thursday, 15 February 2018

7.00 am Elizabeth Almeida  
12.00 noon ✕ Barbara Scoggins

### Friday, 16 February 2018

7.00 am ✕ John Travan

### Saturday, 17 February 2018

5.00 pm ✕ Marvin Hambleton

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday, 11 February 2018

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

### Monday, 12 February 2018

7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

### Tuesday, 13 February 2018

7.00 pm Knights of Columbus (M)

### Wednesday, 14 February 2018

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)  
**No Faith Formation for children or adults**

### Thursday, 15 February 2018

### Friday, 16 February 2018

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)  
6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ  
10.00 am Scripture Study Class  
3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice  
6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church) followed by Lenten Dinner (P)

### Saturday, 17 February 2018

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 3/4 February

Needed	33,800
Received	33,711
Shortage	89

Poor Box	508
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,081,600
Received	1,087,104
Surplus	5,504

**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](mailto:jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org).



**Facebook**

'Like' us on Facebook at St. Mary's Catholic Church 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](http://www.stmarysgvl.org)

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2018

Ashes will be distributed at all liturgies.

7.00 am	Low Mass (church)
12.00 noon	Sung Mass (church)
7.00 pm	Sung Mass (church)
7.00 pm	Spanish Mass (Baum Center)

Ashes may be received by everyone without exception.

### WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent, beginning 16 February

6.00 pm in the church

### SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent, beginning 18 February

5.00 pm in the church

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## LENTEN REGULATIONS 2018

Each year the holy season of Lent provides us a special time of grace and spiritual renewal so that we may become better instruments in sharing the Gospel.

This year, **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, falls on 14 February. The present laws of the Church regarding fast and abstinence during the Season of Lent are as follows:

1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast**. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.
2. **Ash Wednesday** and **all Fridays of Lent** are also days of **abstinence**. On days of abstinence, meat should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

The Obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious obligation. The Code of Canon Law states:

"On these days (of Penance), the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence..."

May this Holy Lenten Season provide us an opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through a life of deeper prayer, penitential practices, and works of charity.

## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of James Tierney (brother of Deacon George Tierney) and Joanne McMullen 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.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially 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, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Florence Mooney, Louis Brouillard, Claude Trépanier, Sr Colombe Gobeil, Anna Deehan, Carly Burkhardt, Alma Furman, Anne Alexander, Ruth O'Rourke, Rafael Marquez and Lori Wylie.

## Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers.  
The Wylie Family

## St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Please join us Saturday 10 February at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. For more information, contact Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 or alicer ofs@gmail.com.

## Mass Intentions

Contact Vickie Acosta at vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org or 864.271.8422 to schedule a Mass intention.

## 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 10/11 February

Support of the Parish

## Collection for 14 February Ash Wednesday

Support of the Parish  
Church in Central & Eastern Europe

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

## Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Evelyn Francis and Alice Howard.

## 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.**

## Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday 19 February for the Presidents Day holiday.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr & Mrs Matthew Blakeley.

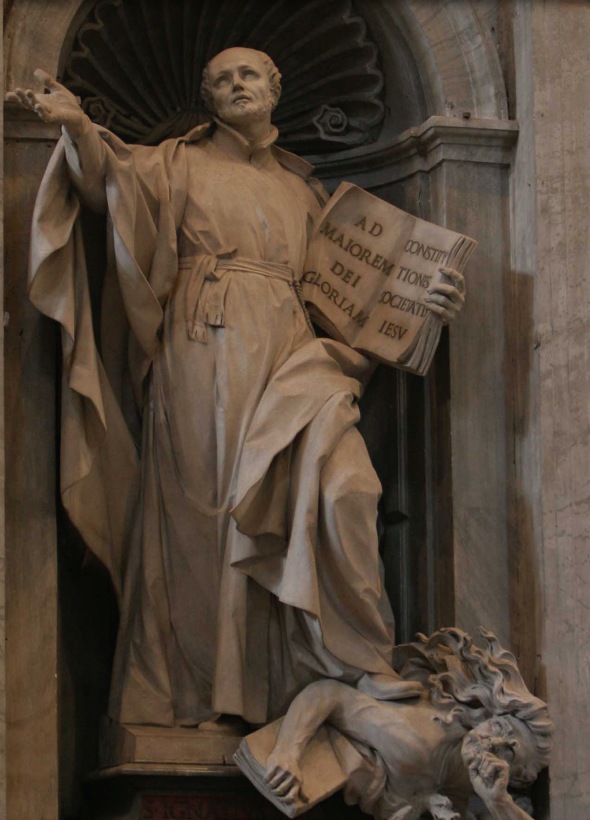


Join us in Pazdan Hall  
after the 9.00 am Mass  
for doughnuts

11 February

# St. Mary's Program of Catholic Studies

## Spring 2018 Course Offerings



## The Catholic Reformation

Tuesdays 8.30 am in McGrady Hall

Join TJ Nielsen and Tony Owens as they go through the history of the true reformation of the 16th century, the Catholic Reformation. Learn about the Council of Trent, the great saints of the Catholic Reformation such as St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. John of the Cross, and St. Teresa of Avila, as well as about the Baroque movement in sacred music, art, and architecture.

## The Letter to the Hebrews

Wednesdays 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall

Join St. Mary's resident scripture scholar, Dr. Joe Beauchemin, as he unpacks the Letter to the Hebrews.

### More Information or to Register

Please visit us at <http://stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/program-of-catholic-studies/>

Call or email T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or [timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org)

**Classes Begin week of 19 February**

## Bible Study Classes

### 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 contact Sue Prevost at 288.6649 or sbkprevost@gmail.com.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin 1st and 2nd Thessalonians starting 4 March. Come join us Sundays at 9.00 am in the upstairs conference room of Sacred Heart Hall. For more information, please contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com.

## St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

### February Meeting

All women of the parish are invited to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, 13 February at 10.00 am, in the Msgr. Gwynn room, 1st floor, of Sacred Heart Hall. This is the Annual Business Meeting and plans for the upcoming South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) Convention in Charleston at the N. Charleston Marriott from 9-11 March will be discussed.

Agenda: Rosary – 10.00 am, Refreshments – 10.30 am, Meeting 11.00 am.

### Stations and Soup

The members of the Women's Council will serve a light dinner after each of the Stations of the Cross, beginning Friday, 16 February. Grilled cheese sandwiches, salad, soup and beverages will be served in the Pazdan Hall dining room.

### Sewing Ministry

The group will meet next on 20 & 27 February from 10 am - 12:00 pm at the Sew Creative Sewing Studio, 1901-B Laurens Rd., Greenville. They will be working on making pillowcase dresses to send to a Catholic orphanage in Haiti in the spring, along with the original pillowcases for the Greenville Children's Hospital. 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. Contact: Kim Adams at craigandkim@aol.com or 407.756.2255.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

9.00 am in the K4 classroom  
of Sacred Heart Hall

No class 18 February

### Religious Education Grades 1-8

No class 14 February (Ash Wednesday)  
Families should attend Mass.

### Confirmation Information Meeting for Parents

On Wednesday 21 February at 2.15 pm (Pazdan Hall) or at 6.45 pm (Gallivan Hall) for parents with students in the 7th grade preparing for Confirmation for Fall 2018. One parent must attend.

### First Communion Retreat

Sunday 25 February from 10.15 am - 12.45 pm in Pazdan Hall. Students must be pre-registered.

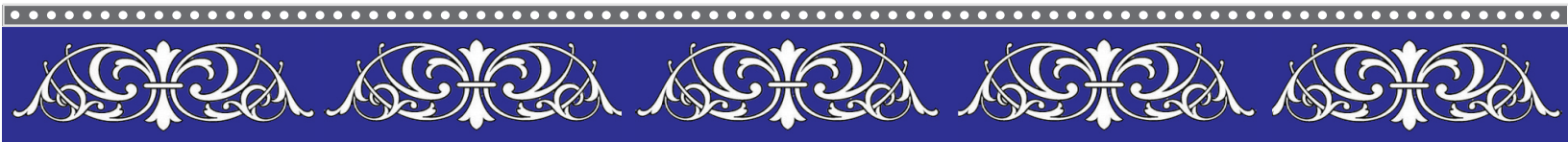
### Vacation Bible School Celebrating 20 years of VBS!

Set Sail with the Holy Trinity featuring St. Patrick on 11-15 June from 9am to noon (Friday 11.30am).

FIRST DAY THEME: God, the Father

Bible Verse: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5

Registration forms for families, teen volunteers and adult volunteers are now available online at smarysgvl.org (Catechesis tab) or the church office. We are now looking for adult volunteers; if you are interested contact Kim Adams at 407.756.2255 or craigandkim@aol.com.



# st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION



VIRTUE



EXCELLENCE



Priority Testing Dates at 9 am:

27 January 2018

24 February 2018

Call to schedule your school tour: 864.679.4117

## Grades K3-8



✿ SACS Accredited  
✿ National Blue  
Ribbon School



101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 ✿ [www.stmarysgvl.org/theschool](http://www.stmarysgvl.org/theschool)





## EFT Donation

St. Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation lets you

- make a one-time or recurring donation
- change your plan
- update account information
- contribute to parish, diocesan, and second collections
- view your online donation history

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.

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

## Greenville Deanery of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women

The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) Convention will be held in Charleston from 9-11 March at the N. Charleston Marriott. The Convention is open to all Catholic women. Visit [www.scccw.org](http://www.scccw.org) for information on the Convention agenda, hotel reservations and forms. Hotel reservation deadline is 20 February and Convention Registration deadline is 23 February. Contact Susanne Wolfe at 864.313.5866 or [susanne.wolfe12@gmail.com](mailto:susanne.wolfe12@gmail.com) for questions.



## 14 February - 25 March

From February 14 to March 25, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond.

St. Mary's day to pray at the Greenville Women's Clinic, located at 1142 Grove Road, Greenville, is every Tuesday. Time slots have been discontinued so you may go at any time from 8 am to 8 pm. We cannot stand in the driveway of the Clinic but can stand slightly to the left on the public right-of-way.

### Kickoff Rally

**Saturday, 17 February** 9.30–10.30 am: Public right-of-way in front of Greenville Women's Clinic. Speakers: Shiela Miller, author, presents "Evelyn's Story, A Testimony of God's Love." Emily Barnhill, President of Students for Life, North Greenville University shares her pro-life witness. Carrie Gifford will provide an update on Sidewalk Advocates for Life. Music by Mason Costa and St. Mary's Youth.

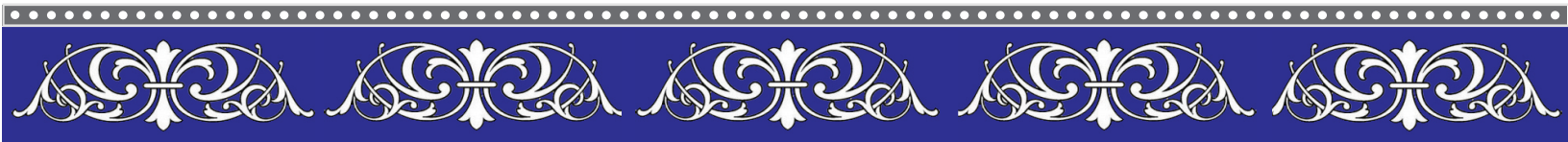
### Candlelight Vigil

**Thursday, 8 March** 7.00 pm: Public right-of-way at Greenville Women's Clinic, praying the Rosary in different languages. Cam Nguyen will provide accordion accompaniment and Gary Dentremont will lead singing.

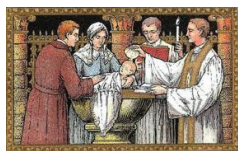
### Closing Celebration

**Saturday, 24 March** 9.30–10.30 am: Public right-of way at Greenville Women's Clinic. Guest speakers: Deacon Roger Schonewald, SMM will share a pertinent pro-life message; prayer warriors who participated in the campaign will present their testimonies. Music lead by Mike Hagar, SMM.

**Parking for these events is at the empty shops across the street from Piedmont Women's Center and at Grove Road Baptist Church.**



## 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 16 April 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](mailto:timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## St. Mary's Safe Environment

St. Mary's is committed to ensuring that all programs are conducted in a safe environment. Prior to serving as a volunteer with children at the parish, all individuals must:

- Watch Safe Haven training video and submit a Completion Certificate (*required for both new & returning volunteers*)
- Complete Background Screening Forms
- Read & Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct
- Read & Sign the Diocesan Abuse Policy
- Complete the credit and/or driver screens (if applicable)

If you have any questions, contact our Safe Environment Coordinator Lisa Watkins at [lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org).

## Bulletin Submissions

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

## 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](mailto:churchoffice@stmarysgvl.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.



## 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](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org) or call 864.508.7123.

All hours are available. Urgent needs are:

Sunday 3 am & 6 pm

Wednesday 10 am

Saturday 8 pm



**A Secular Franciscan Lenten Retreat**  
**St. Mary of the Angels Parish Hall**  
**1821 White Street, Anderson, SC 29624**

Mother Cabrini Emerging Secular Franciscan Fraternity, with support from Our Lady of Good Counsel Fraternity in Greenville, will host a Lenten Retreat, "Conversion of the Heart." The event will be held Saturday, 3 March. Guest speaker will be Fr. Bob Menard, OFM, from St. Andrew's Parish in Clemson.

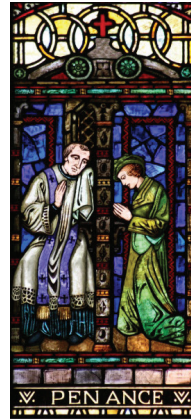
Registration will begin at 9.00 am. The retreat will open with Morning Prayer at 9.30, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, noon Mass, Stations of the Cross, and will conclude with Evening Prayer at 3.00 pm. There is no charge, and a light lunch will be provided. Open to all! Please RSVP to Nanette Perron, OFS at [nperron@sma43.org](mailto:nperron@sma43.org).

**Rachel's Vineyard**  
**16-18 March in Greenville**

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats bring spiritual healing and strengthening of faith to individuals who have had or participated in an abortion. The retreat is a journey to healing, peace and reconciliation. We begin on Friday evening with Scripture and activities and conclude with Mass on Sunday. The retreat is confidential and non-judgmental. For more information, please contact Christy 803.554.6088, [grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:grace4healing@gmail.com) or Kathy at 803.546.6010. Limited space is available.

**Celebrate 30 Years of Real Love**  
**with Family Honor!**

You are invited to help Family Honor celebrate our 30 years of service to families with a banquet on Saturday 24 March at 6.30 pm at Cardinal Newman School in Columbia, SC. Keynote speaker will be Dr. John Grabowski, member of the Pontifical Council for the Family, professor at Catholic University of America and advisor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth. Bishop Guglielmone will also attend. There is no registration fee, although pre-registration is required and voluntary donations will be requested during the banquet. For more information or to register for the banquet, go to [FamilyHonor.org](http://FamilyHonor.org) (30th Anniversary tab) or call Brenda Cerkez at 803.929.0858.



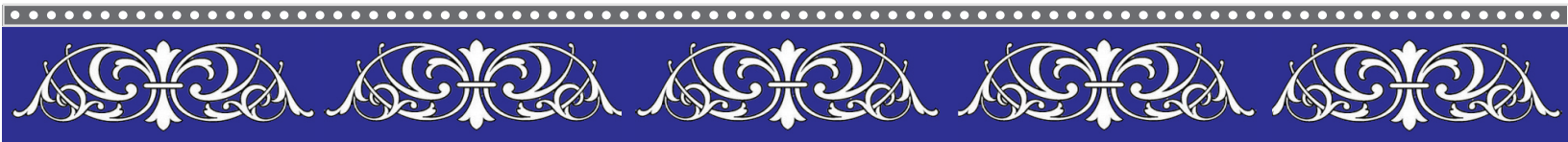
Lenten Confessions

Monday 19 March  
7.00 pm  
St. Mary Magdalene - Simpsonville

*Prayer for Vocations*

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

The 2018 Young Adult Spring Retreat, Accompany, will be May 4-6, 2018 at Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island. Registration will open in early 2018.



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