



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

25 February 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Nicene Creed we confess that Jesus Christ is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,” and these words are an emphatic affirmation that the man who is the son of Mary is also the divine Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. But the Light which we confess Christ to be is not the created light which sprang forth at the dawn of creation when the Father commanded: Let there be light! No, Christ Jesus in his divine nature is the bearer of the uncreated Light which is the brightness of divine glory, and in the Christian East that is often called Tabor Light as a reference to the holy mystery of Christ’s Transfiguration on Mt Tabor.

The Transfiguration is described by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and every year the Gospel appointed for the Second Sunday of Lent is an account of that event. The Lord Jesus takes the inner circle of the Twelve with him up a high mountain - identified by tradition as Mt Tabor - to prepare them for the tribulation to come, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the significance of the event: “From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master ‘began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed and on the third day be raised.’ Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus’ Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus’ face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking ‘of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.’ A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’” (CCC 554)

“For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter’s confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order ‘to enter into his glory.’ Moses and Elijah had seen God’s glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah’s sufferings. Christ’s Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God’s servant, the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit ... The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when he “will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body. But is also recalls that ‘it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.’” (CCC 555-556)

Standing in the transfigured glory of the Lord Jesus, Peter was filled with both fear and awe. He could scarcely look at the brightness of Christ’s glory, and yet he could not imagine leaving that sacred place. The brightness of the cloud at Tabor and at Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan is the same brightness that blinded Saul on the Damascus Road, that burst forth in the bush which burned before Moses without being consumed, and that filled the Meeting Tent and the Temple as a sign of God’s presence among his people. At this Mass us let rejoice to be in the presence of the Light from Light, even as we prepare to go down from the mountain and give witness to Christ by joining him in the Way of the Cross.

Father Newman

LENTEN VESPERS

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fr. Jay Scott Newman, Pastor



SUNDAYS IN LENT at 5 PM

February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

Sung by the Schola Cantorum of St. Mary's

Arlen Clarke, Choirmaster

David Rhyne, Organist

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 25 February 2018

7.30 am ✕ John Wheadon
9.00 am ✕ Dr. Byron & Sybil Webb
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 26 February 2018

7.00 am ✕ Rose Henderson

Tuesday, 27 February 2018

7.00 am Special Intention
No noon Mass

Wednesday, 28 February 2018

7.00 am Vernon & JoAnn Konczal
No noon Mass

Thursday, 1 March 2018

7.00 am ✕ Jack & Margaret VanHutten
No noon Mass

Friday, 2 March 2018

7.00 am Cassandra Gomes

Saturday, 3 March 2018

5.00 pm ✕ W. Darryle Peterson

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 25 February 2018

No coffee & doughnuts this week
9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Scripture Study
5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)
6.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 26 February 2018

6.30 pm Cub Scouts
7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 27 February 2018

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies (M)

Wednesday, 28 February 2018

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education
6.30 Introduction to Catholicism (M)
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies

Thursday, 1 March 2018

Friday, 2 March 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, 3 March 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 17/18 February

Needed	33,800
Received	36,762
Surplus	2,962

Poor Box	447
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,149,200
Received	1,160,457
Surplus	11,257

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

Liturgical Schedule Change

The noon Masses will not be celebrated
27 February - 1 March
6 March - 8 March

We will have Holy Hour & Confessions
on 28 February and 7 March.

Lenten Devotions

WAY OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS OF LENT
AT 6 PM

SOLEMN VESPERS

SUNDAYS OF LENT
AT 5 PM

Friday Lenten Dinner

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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr David Kelley, Mrs Madeline Helgenberger, Ms Meg Antonucci and Ms Katherine Brunk.

Baptism Class

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.

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 24/25 February

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.

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.

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, Anna Deehan, Carly Burkhardt, Alma Furman, Anne Alexander, Ruth O'Rourke, Rafael Marquez and Lori Wylie.



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

4, 11 & 25 March



CHARLESTON VOCA TIONS

Catholic Diocese of Charleston, SC



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.

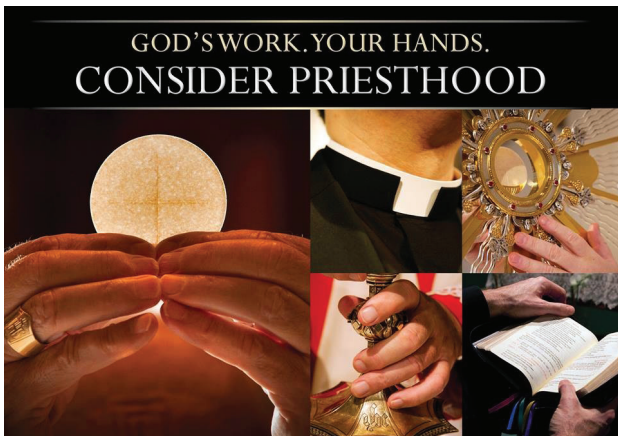
Prayer for Seminarians

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood.

Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them.

Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for our seminarians.



2018 Ordinations

It is with great pleasure that I announce the following ordinations for the Diocese of Charleston:



**Mr. Jimmy Touzeau
and
Mr Francisco Oñate-Vargas
to the
Transitional Diaconate**



Friday 18 May
6.00 pm
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville, SC



**Deacon Rhett Williams
to the
Sacred Priesthood**

Friday 8 June
6.00 pm
Cathedral of St John the Baptist
Charleston, SC

+ The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone

If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocations Office.

www.CharlestonVocations.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

9.00 am in the K-4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm

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).

THIRD DAY THEME: God, the Holy Spirit /
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Bible Verse: "But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the spirit of the Lord..." Micah 3.8

Registration forms for families and for teen/adult
volunteers are now available online at stmarysgvl.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.

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.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Sewing Ministry

The group will meet next on 27 February from 10 am
- 12:00 pm at the Sew Creative Sewing Studio, 1901-
B Laurens Rd., Greenville. They will be working on
pillowcase dresses to send to a Catholic orphanage in Haiti,
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.

Are You Registered in the Parish?

To avoid problems or misunderstandings, especially when
planning baptisms and marriages or when you have special
requests for the parish, be sure that you are registered and
an active member. (You must be registered for at least 6
months prior to planning a baptism, marriage or requesting
a sponsorship form.) Registration is a tangible sign of your
affiliation with St. Mary's and your fellow parishioners.

Active Membership: You are an active member by
being registered, attending Mass on Sundays and Holy
Days, supporting the parish by your use of the offertory
envelopes, as well as volunteering your time in one of our
many ministries or organizations.

We appreciate and thank all of our parishioners who are
active members of St. Mary's.



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

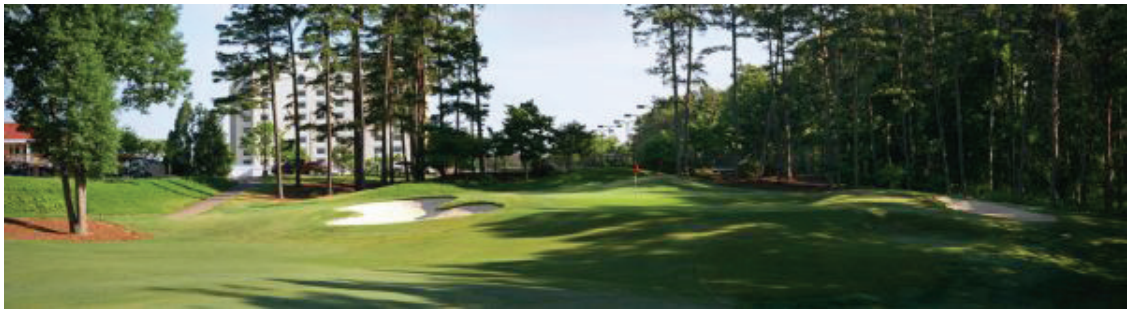
- make a one-time or recurring donation
- change your plan
- update your account information
- contribute to parish, diocesan, and second collections
- view your online donation history

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.



30th Annual St. Mary's Classic

31 May & 1 June 2018

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
30th Anniversary Reception/Equipment Pick Up
Breakfast & 30th Anniversary Lunch at Golf Course
Featuring Titleist Equipment

Saint Sponsor - \$12,000

Blue Ribbon Sponsor - \$10,000

Gold Sponsor - \$8,000

Silver Sponsor - \$5,000

30th Anniversary Sponsor - \$3,000

For complete details please use the following link for more information:

[**Classic Information and Registration**](#)

Event Details

Thursday, May 31

5:00-7:00pm

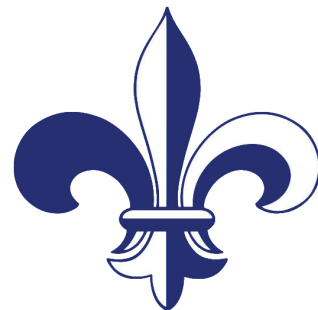
30th Anniversary Reception & Equipment Pick Up,
Embassy Suites

Friday, June 1

8:00am

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

- *Range balls available*
- *Breakfast*
- *30th Anniversary Lunch*



Any Questions? Contact Lisa Lyvers,
Director of St. Mary's Classic and Gala
lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org or 662-466-1333

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.

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) \$1,500 Scholarship Award

The SCCCW Reverend William F. Pentis Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 to honor Father Pentis, an Oratorian Father, who served as Moderator for the SCCCW, providing spiritual support for more than 30 years. His work with Council was a labor of love. This award is available for Catholic females graduating from high schools within SC and planning to attend an institution of higher education.

Please visit scccw.org to download the 2018 Application which contains the complete eligibility requirements and rules. Applications must be received on or before 13 April to be considered.

St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club \$1,000 Scholarship Award

The Women's Club established this award in 1998 to support Catholic women of the parish in their academic endeavors. We are proud to continue this award, now in its 20th year!

Please go to the parish website to download the 2018 Application which contains the eligibility requirements and rules. Go to stmarysgvl.org, click on 'Parish Organizations' and follow the thread to 'Council of Catholic Women'. Applications must be received by 13 April. No late applications will be considered. The recipient is selected via blind review.

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 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 - 864.313.5866 or susanne.wolfe12@gmail.com.



14 February - 25 March

"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left for us to kill each other."
- from "The Joy in Living" - Mother Teresa

It is not too late to sign up for 40 Days for Life which started on 14 February and ends 25 March. Tuesdays, from 8 am - 8 pm have been designated to St. Mary's Parish and we only have 5 more Tuesdays left to pray at the abortion mill which is located at 1142 Grove Road in Greenville.

All you have to do is go to the following website www.40DaysForLife.com/greenville, sign the Statement of Peace and choose an hour or more which will be convenient for you. However, if you cannot go on a Tuesday, any other day will be perfectly fine. For anyone unable to go, please pray for those seeking an abortion that their hearts and minds will be changed.

If you have any questions about signing up, or need more information about 40 Days for Life, please call Ingrid Ireland at 864.329.0044.

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.



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

Please begin to discern if the Lord is pressing upon your heart a particular hour with Him. A weekly Holy Hour will strengthen the ministry, which in turn continues the 24/7 availability. But mostly your YES opens the door of your heart so God can fill you with His love, His peace, His joy. Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123 for more information or to schedule your weekly hour. "My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Proverbs 8.31)

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.

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 or Kathy at 803.546.6010. Limited space is available.

PONTIFICAL DIVINE LITURGY

BYZANTINE RITE

ESTABLISHING A NEW EASTERN CATHOLIC MISSION FOR COLUMBIA



**SUNDAY, MARCH 18
5:00 PM**

**TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH
306 N Pines Road, Blythewood, SC 29016**

Contact For More Information:
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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

An icon of Christ Pantocrator, depicting Christ with a beard and long hair, wearing a blue robe over a pinkish-red garment. He is shown from the chest up, with his right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. The background is a golden halo with the Greek letters IC XC and the letters O and NI.

Family Honor Banquet

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 USCCB 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 (30th Anniversary tab) or call Brenda Cerkez at 803.929.0858.

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