



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

11 March 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholics use the word “Church” in a variety of ways. In the first sense, we speak of the universal Catholic Church, and we usually indicate this meaning by the use of the capital “C.” This is the worldwide assembly of disciples established by the Lord Jesus on the foundation of the apostles and which was first found only in Jerusalem but which from the beginning had a universal mission and scope. This is the Church we confess in the Creed to be one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

As the disciples were dispersed from Jerusalem, they organized Christian communities in the various cities where they took refuge, and then in the great missionary journeys of Saint Paul and the other apostles, Christian communities were planted where none had been before. Within the lifetime of the apostles, these local communities were also spoken of as “churches,” and we now call these diocesan churches. These are the gatherings of Catholics presided over by a bishop who is assisted by a group or college of priests and deacons, and it is the diocesan Church that our tradition calls the “particular” or local Church to distinguish it from the universal Church found all over the world. The universal Church comes before all particular Churches in time and being, but in each diocese, the particular Church is the full expression of the universal Church. So, for example, the Catholic Church in South Carolina is the Diocese of Charleston. And to this we must add the Churches of the Christian East which have their own bishops and liturgical Rites, like our Maronite brethren. So the Diocese of Saint Maron, to which the Church of Saint Rafka belongs, is also a “particular Church.”

All of this is by way of saying that Catholics do not believe that the local congregation is the fundamental unit of the universal Church's life. Or, to put it otherwise, we are not congregationalists. Nevertheless, from Christian antiquity every diocese has been organized into parishes, and now I come to my main point. No Catholic is in full communion with the universal Church or with his or her proper diocesan Church until and unless he or she is living fully the Catholic faith and life in one specific parish church. It is by full participation in the life of one parish church that a Catholic participates fully in the life of the whole Church. To do this requires one to worship each Sunday at one's proper parish, to share fully in the life of that parish, to contribute to the support of that parish, and - according to present custom - to be registered in that parish. Those Catholics are true parishioners of this parish church who come to Mass here each week, who are involved in some way in the life of the parish, who support the parish with their time, talent, and treasure according to the biblical principles of stewardship, and who are registered here. We invite everyone who visits St Mary's to become a true parishioner by observing these simple precepts, because only by being truly a member of one parish church are we fully involved in the life of both the diocesan Church and the universal Church.

Father Newman



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OF **CHARLESTON**
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Your support of this collection serves **Jesus in disguise** in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. Proceeds from this national collection provide services for immigrants and refugees, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Please join in this collection to support those suffering on the margins around the world.

For example, in Central America there are more than 1 million young people, aged 15 to 25, who are out of school and unemployed. Throughout the region, crime and violence run rampant. Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador have some of the highest murder rates in the world. The escalating violence stifles investment and economic growth, further limiting opportunities for jobs. These factors push young people, already discouraged by a lack of opportunity, to emigrate in record numbers. Economic opportunities are limited, and most education and employment programs do not reach the most at-risk youth, nor are the programs linked to real jobs in the market.

With your support of the CRSC, thousands of young people can participate in YouthBuild, a program that provides them necessary life skills and opportunities. YouthBuild, a part of the YouthBuild International network, provides job skills and entrepreneurship training, school re-entry, job placement, and social services. More than 5,000 young people have participated in YouthBuild, and 80 percent of its participants have found work, gone back to school, or both.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Support the collection, and answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 11 March 2018

7.30 am ✕ Deacon Frank Farina
9.00 am Christine & Doug Almskog
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 12 March 2018

7.00 am ✕ Manuel Jose Soto

Tuesday, 13 March 2018

7.00 am Special Intention
12.00 noon ✕ Angeline Sesto

Wednesday, 14 March 2018

7.00 am ✕ Manuel Flores
12.00 noon Special Intention

Thursday, 15 March 2018

7.00 am ✕ Dan Sullivan
12.00 noon Fr. Cassian Folsom, OSB

Friday, 16 March 2018

7.00 am ✕ Sister Joan Kimball, OSC

Saturday, 17 March 2018

5.00 pm ✕ Argemira Palacio

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 11 March 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
5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)
6.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 12 March 2018

7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 13 March 2018

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies (M)

Wednesday, 14 March 2018

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

Thursday, 15 March 2018

Friday, 16 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, 17 March 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 3/4 March

Needed	33,800
Received	34,703
Surplus	903

Poor Box	608
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Black & Indian Home Missions	2,825
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,216,800
Received	1,229,293
Surplus	12,493

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

St Mary's Night with the Greenville Drive!

Friday, April 27, 2018

7:05 P.M.



Flour Field at the West End Baseball Stadium
945 S. Main Street, Greenville

Tickets: \$9
(children under 2 years are free)



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**Purchase Tickets
in Pazdan Hall:**



after Stations of the Cross: March 9th, 16th, and 23rd



at the Knights of Columbus Breakfast: March 18th and April 15th

Make checks payable to: SMCCW

Sponsored by the St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Contact Rita Brown at 864-233-3715 or ritamb@aol.com

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.

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

Job Openings at St Mary's School for the 2018-2019 School Year

- St Mary's School is accepting applications for
- 1) a qualified **part-time Pre-K-8th grade Spanish teacher**. Preferred applicants will have a current South Carolina license or its equivalent and prior teaching experience.
 - 2) a qualified **pre-kindergarten aide**. This is an hourly position. Preferred applicants will have prior experience working with three to five year old students in an educational environment.

Email resume and cover letter to
Principal@stmarysgvl.org

Deadline for applications is 1 August 2018.

St Mary's Catholic School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 10/11 March

Support of the Parish and Catholic Relief Services

*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.

St Mary's Senior Fellowship

Please join us Saturday 10 March 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.

Easter Flowers



Parishioners are encouraged to help decorate the church and the Baum Center for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use your Easter Flower Offering envelope or a plain white envelope for your donation. Please **print** your name and the names of those you wish to honor.

Memorial requests must be submitted no later than Monday 19 March for the names to appear in the Easter Flower list.



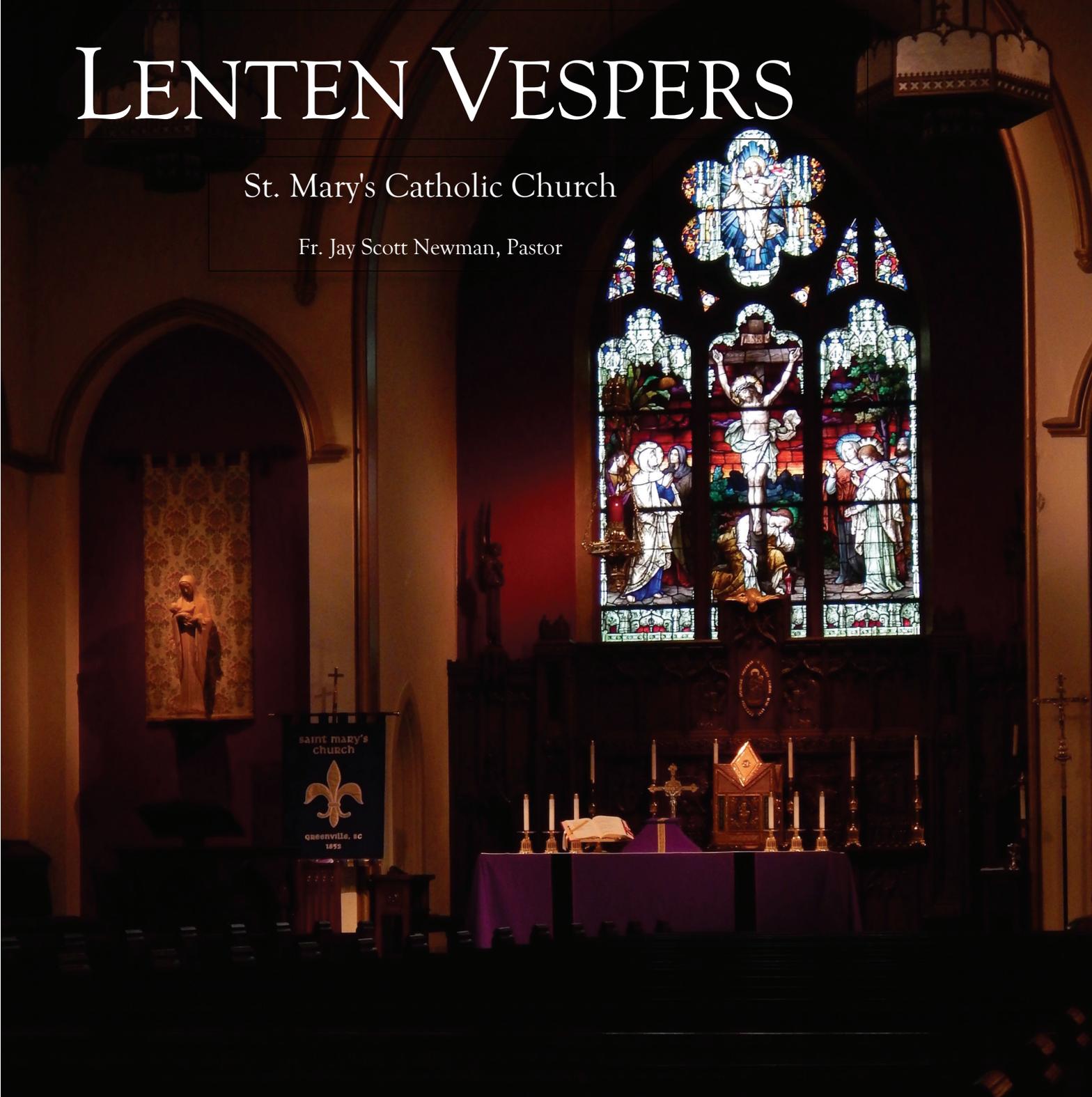
Join us in Pazdan Hall
after the 9.00 am Mass
for doughnuts

11 & 25 March

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



CHARLESTON VOCATIONS

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.

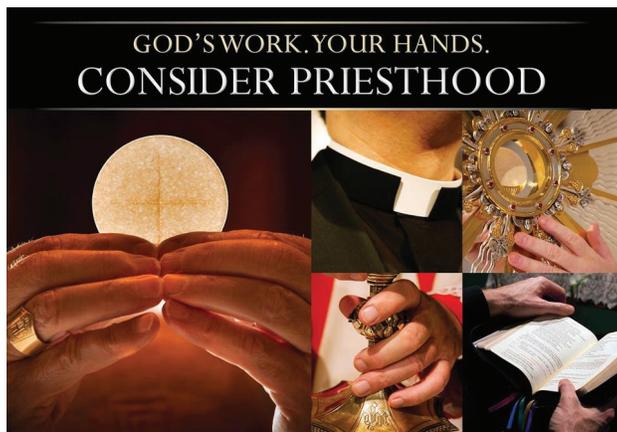
Prayer for Seminarians

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



Lenten Confessions

Wednesday 14 March
10 am - 5.00 pm
Our Lady of the Rosary - Greenville

Monday 19 March
7.00 pm
St Mary Magdalene - Simpsonville

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.

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).

FIFTH DAY THEME: Vocations/Missionary / Eucharistic
Adoration

Bible Verse: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
John 20.21

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.

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.



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

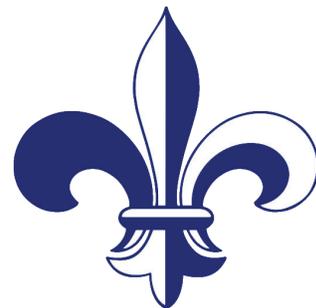
30th Anniversary Reception & Equipment Pick Up,
Embassy Suites

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

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.

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. 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 Council of Catholic Women \$1,000 Scholarship Award

The St Mary's CCW 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.

Ireland on Parade - New Date

The "Ireland On Parade" Festival scheduled for 11 March was canceled due to inclement weather. The Festival has been rescheduled for St Patrick's Day, 17 March, at NOMA Plaza and The Hyatt from 1.00-6.00 pm. The family-oriented festival will feature Irish Music and Dancing and a grand Irish Menu prepared by the chefs at the Hyatt Hotel at NOMA Square, Main Street. More information is available at AOHGreenvillesc.org.

40 Days for Life: 14 February - 25 March

"For me, life is the most beautiful gift of God to mankind, therefore people and nations who destroy life by abortion and euthanasia are the poorest. I do not say legal or illegal, but I think that no human hand should be raised to kill life, since life is God's life in us, even in an unborn child."

- from "The Joy in Living - Mother Teresa

It is not too late to sign up for 40 Days for Life which ends 25 March. Tuesdays, from 8 am - 8 pm have been designated to St Mary's Parish and we only have 3 more Tuesdays left to pray at the abortion mill which is located at 1142 Grove Road in Greenville.

Go to 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.

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

Luck of the Irish to benefit Birthright of Greenville

Luck of the Irish benefit for Birthright of Greenville is scheduled for Saturday, 17 March starting at 6.00 pm at Greer Cannon Centre in downtown Greer. Anyone wishing to contribute either items or services for auction or donations to assist the efforts for Birthright of Greenville can contact Meg Kocher at 864.281.7677 or brgreenville@gmail.com.

For tickets or more information go to the Knights' website kofc9184.org.



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.

All hours are available. Urgent needs are:
Monday 9 am Tuesday 11 am



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.



GREENVILLE
SATURDAY, MARCH 17 • 6 P.M.

St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church
1215 SC-14, Greer, SC 29650

COLUMBIA
SUNDAY, MARCH 18 • 5 P.M.

Transfiguration Catholic Church
306 N. Pines Road, Blythewood, SC 29016

FOR MORE INFORMATION
frjosephmatlak@gmail.com • 980-785-2764

End-of-Life Seminar 7 April 2018

St. Joseph's Church in Anderson, SC is hosting an end-of-life seminar presented by the Diocese of Charleston on Saturday 7 April in the Parish Hall from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. The Seminar will address concerns regarding end-of-life care, how you can prepare for your own future with proper legal documentation and more. Come listen to and learn from this important presentation. All are welcome. Please contact the parish office at 864.225.5341 to let us know that you will be attending, so we may be sure to have enough materials for all participants.

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



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