

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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# Greenville, South Carolina

13 May 2018

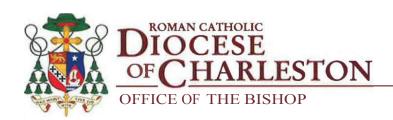
Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Scripture tells us that the Lord Jesus returned to the glory of his Father forty days after his Resurrection, and for that reason, the Church traditionally celebrates the Ascension on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter — forty days after Easter Sunday. In recent years, however, the liturgical commemoration of the Ascension has been transferred in many places from the proper Thursday to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and that is why we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ today.

This mystery of faith does not mean that the Lord was merely taken from our sight to continue in space and time as we know them while simply being in another place; rather, Christ the Lord in his Ascension transcended the created universe altogether, including the created realities of time and space. But in transcending the created universe, the Lord Jesus did not abandon his Church or leave us comfortless. Even as Christ gave us the Great Commission to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and celebrate the sacraments for the salvation of souls, he also promised to send the Holy Spirit of truth to be our teacher, guide, and consoler, and the coming of the Spirit was accomplished and manifested 50 days after Christ's Resurrection, a mystery which we will celebrate next week on the great Solemnity of Pentecost. Christ's Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are the very conditions for the possibility of this time of the Church in which we are called to share in the sublime work of bringing the whole human race to know, love and serve the living God, and in Word and Sacrament, the Savior remains with us to sustain us in that mission.

In describing the final moments of the Lord Jesus with the Apostles, St Matthew candidly admits that even forty days after the Resurrection, confusion remains: "And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted." These doubts, however, were resolved by the solemn revelation of the divine nature and glory of the Son of Man: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." And twenty centuries later we are still laboring to fulfill the Great Commission, which begins with comprehending the majesty of this sacred mystery of faith. In the Roman Missal, the first Preface of the Ascension speaks to us of the sacred mystery of Christ's Ascension in these words:

"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before."



May 2018

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Last year, Pope Francis encouraged us, "to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster a culture of encounter" (World Communications Day Message, 2017). By generously supporting this collection, you are spreading the Gospel and helping others encounter Christ every day.

Your gifts will not only support projects on a national and international scale but also here in our own diocese. Of the funds we collect, one-half will remain here in the diocese to assist our evangelization efforts through local communications projects such as video production, the diocesan website, social media, and award-winning publications.

With your support of the CCC, a radio station in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is being established to share the Gospel with those living in the North Kivu province, on the far eastern border of the country. This radio station will provide people with quality, faith-filled programming to encourage spiritual growth and evangelization. Programming will include recitation of the Rosary, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Mass, catechetical programs, and Catholic news. Parishes, schools, diocesan offices, universities, and even family homes will be involved in the preparation and broadcasting, making the radio a virtual meeting place where many people will share their faith and life experiences. It is through your generosity that this project, and others like it, can spread the Gospel around the world.

For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Support the collection and connect with Christ.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston

# **Calendar of Events**

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

#### **Meetings & Events \***

#### **Sunday, 13 May 2018**

**Monday, 14 May 2018** 

7.30 am ♣ All Souls in Purgatory 9.00 am **★** Emily Rose Gomes 11.00 am Pro populo Spanish Mass 1.00 pm

#### **Sunday, 13 May 2018**

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass High School Youth Group (M) 6.30 pm

#### **Monday, 14 May 2018**

7.00 am ♣ Aquilina Fombuena 7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

#### Tuesday, 15 May 2018 Tuesday, 15 May 2018

7.00 am ♣ Florence Mooney 12.00 noon ♣ Raymond Gore

#### Wednesday, 16 May 2018

7.00 am Ana Maria Restrepo 12 00 noon Timothy Nielsen

#### Wednesday, 16 May 2018

Confessions (church)

6.30 pm

#### Thursday, 17 May 2018

7.00 am Jimmy Touzeau 12.00 noon Francisco Oñate Vargas

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Program of Catholic Studies

#### Thursday, 17 May 2018

#### Friday, 18 May 2018 **Friday, 18 May 2018**

7.00 am ♣ James Tierney 6.15 am Morning Prayer (church) 6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ

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

Diaconal Ordination (church) 6.00 pm

#### Saturday, 19 May 2018 Saturday, 19 May 2018

♣ Paul Michael Roman 8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd 5.00 pm abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

## \* All events in Sacred Heart Hall

#### Financial Report

#### Weekend of 5/6 May

33,800 Needed Received 34,584 Surplus 784

Poor Box 357

#### Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,521,000 Received 1,537,495 16,495 Surplus

**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

unless a location is listed.

Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org

#### **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, Lenore Cole, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Carly Burkhardt, Alma Furman, Anne Alexander, Ruth O'Rourke, Rafael Marquez, Lori Wylie and Kenneth & Nancy Tessier.

#### **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.

#### 2018 Diaconal Ordinations



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

#### 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 12/13 May

Support of the Parish & Catholic Communications

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

#### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**



The KofC Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 20 May in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

#### **Vacation Bible School VBS Adult Volunteers' Meeting**

Tuesday 22 May at 7.00 pm in Gallivan Hall

#### **Memorial Day**

The church & church office will be closed on Monday 28 May for Memorial Day.

The 7.00 am Mass will not be celebrated.

#### **Summer Church Office Hours**

8 June - 17 August

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm Friday 9 am - 12 noon

#### **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

#### **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.

#### **Baptism Class**



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint 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 25 June 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.

#### **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.



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.

#### Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish through a new program called Formed. This website includes a variety of free resources, including books, movies, podcasts, etc. for people of all ages. Go to Formed.org. Register using our parish code: **8B7VRM** to get access to the resources. If you have questions, please contact Timothy Nielsen at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

#### **Welcome Newcomers**

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms Victoria Vaughan, Mr & Mrs Tim Ziegenfus and Ms Katherine Haley.



#### Sign up for AmazonSmile, and Amazon will automatically donate money to St Mary's School.

Sign into your Amazon account, and select St. Mary's Catholic School as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

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## Greenville Deanery

#### Vietnamese Marian Day Celebration Sunday 13 May from 11 am - 4 pm

Location: Our Lady of LaVang Catholic Church (2020 Gibbs Shoals Road, Greer, SC 29650)

Procession, Celebration of the Eucharist, Luncheon and Social. Celebrant & Homilist: Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston. Concelebrant: Rev. David Phan, OFM.

#### **Summer Camps** St Joseph's Catholic School

Registration is still open for Academic, Athletic, and Theatre Camps at St Joseph's Catholic School. Camps run June through August, with short sessions to fit any schedule and options from 1st - 12th grade. Please visit SJCatholicSchool.org for a full list and to register.

# ${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC ${\cal A}$ DORATION

#### 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 864.508.7123.

All hours are available. Urgent needs are:

Sunday 9 am Monday 12 pm Friday 2 pm Saturday 12 am

Wednesday 11 am & 2 pm



#### Icon Painting Workshop 16-21 July at St Rafka, Greer



Join us on this 6-day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Christ Pantocrator icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step-by-step through the ancient techniques

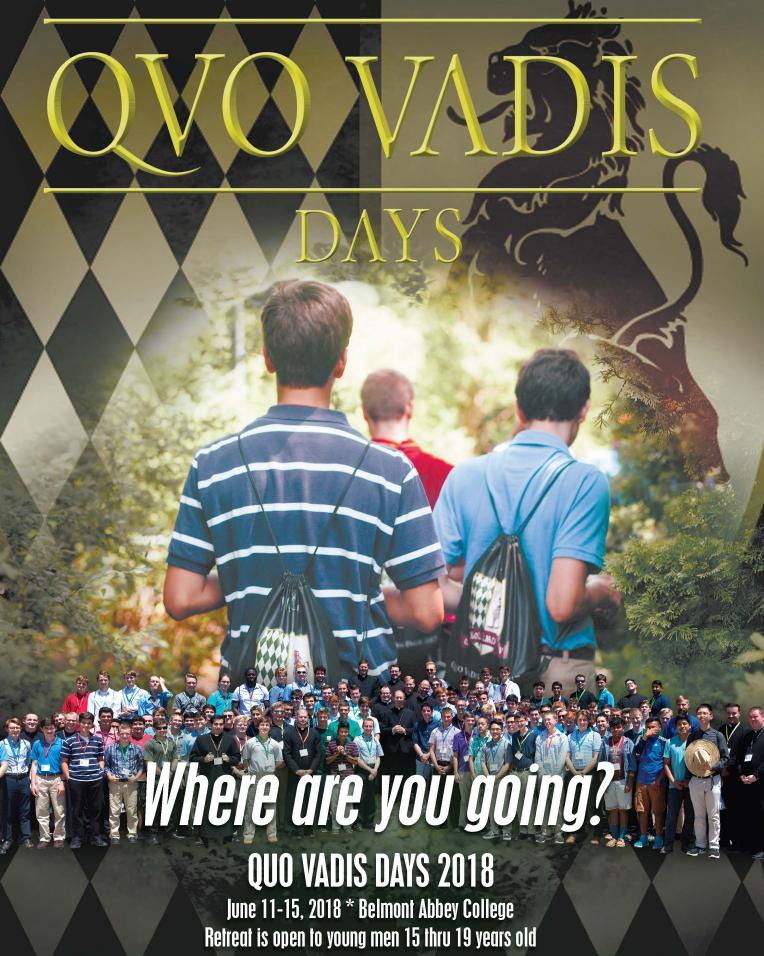
of Byzantine Iconography. Your tuition fee of \$680 includes most supplies including boards, pigments and brushes. Space is limited and early registration is suggested. For enrollment and more information, visit TheodoreIcons.com/sc or contact Aziza Stansberry at 864.506.1924 or Stansberry.azizaX@gmail.com.

#### **2018 Presbyteral Ordination**



Deacon Rhett Williams to the Sacred Priesthood

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



A camp for Catholic men to learn more about the priesthood, deepen their faith, and help discern God's call in their lives.

**REGISTER BY JUNE 4** www.charlottevocations.org





#### KEEPING OUR YOUTH CONNECTED TO THE CHURCH

The Diocese of Charleston has partnered with The Newman Connection in an effort to connect graduating high school seniors in our diocese with the campus ministry programs at colleges and universities throughout South Carolina. It is critically important that we pursue every possible opportunity to connect our HS graduates with the Catholic resources available at their college or university. Studies have shown that young adults respond to personal invitations from college campus ministry. Students/families may enter contact information through the private link at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHY3Z6D.

Information will be directly provided to The Newman Connection and will not be shared.

#### **2018 Family Honor Pilgrimage**

If you have a special devotion to the Blessed Mother or need spiritual renewal, join Family Honor's Pilgrimage to France, 5-13 November. Our pilgrimage will take you to the Blessed Mother's Shrine at Lourdes, plus visits to Lyons, Ars, Lisieux, and Paris to see holy sites significant in the life of Saints Bernadette, Therese of Lisieux, John Vianney, Catherine Laboure, and Vincent de Paul. Spiritual Director is Family Honor's Chaplain, Father Philip Gillespie, pastor of St Joseph Catholic Church - Anderson. Pilgrimage details are available at FamilyHonor.org (30th Anniversary tab / 2018 Pilgrimage) or contact the Family Honor office at 803.929.0858. Deposit due by 30 June.

# Would You Like to Be a Monk for a Month or For a Year?

Mepkin Abbey, in Moncks Corner, has announced the opening



of their new Mepkin Affiliate Program. There are three options available: the new Monastic Institute Program - a monthlong seminar for men and women during July 2018; the Monastic Guest Program - a month-long residency for men; and the Monastic Residency Program - a yearlong residency for men. Applications are now being accepted for all of these

programs. Applications and more detailed information at MepkinAbbey.org. All programs are free of cost.

# DIOCESE & OTHER NEWS

#### 2018 Eucharistic Congress - Atlanta 1-2 June

Archbishop Gregory, Bishop Shlesinger, and Bishop-Elect Konzen invite you to join them at this year's Eucharistic Congress at the Georgia International Convention



Center. **Features:** Middle School track, speakers & opportunities for spiritual enrichment, including Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. For more information, visit congress.archatl.com.

#### **Diocese of Charlotte Vocations Camp**

Contact Sr Mary Raphael at MRaphael@charlottediocese.org for questions about Duc in Altum.

#### Duc in Altum: 25-29 June 2018

Open to young women ages 15-19.

One day, after speaking to the crowds from Simon's boat, our Lord invited the Apostle to "put out into the deep" for a catch: "Duc In altum" (Luke 5.4). The Diocese of Charlotte hosts Duc in Altum, an opportunity for young women to deepen their faith, develop new friendships and explore the meaning and purpose of their lives.

Cost is \$150, which includes lodging at Belmont Abbey College, all meals and supplies.

More information is available online at CharlotteDiocese.org/vocations/duc-in-altum/

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#### **Assisting Priests**

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