

St Mary's Catholic Church

Greenville, South Carolina

1 July 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

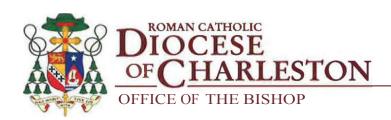
A few items for your consideration:

Next Sunday I will celebrate the 25th anniversary of my priestly ordination, and all are invited to share in that celebration by joining us for the Solemn Mass at 11 am, Sung Vespers at 5 pm, and a reception following Vespers in Gallivan Hall. I am most grateful to the Lord for this quarter century of service, especially for these 17 years here at St Mary's.

Today is the beginning of our new fiscal year, and I am delighted to report that we finished the old fiscal year exactly on budget. To meet our higher costs in the coming year we have increased our budget by 2%, and so I need to ask every household in the parish to increase your offertory giving by 2%. This means, for example, that if your average gift until now has been \$80 then your new gift should be \$81.60. If everyone makes even this little change in regular offertory giving, then we will easily meet our new goal of \$34,500 per week in offertory income. Thank you for your generosity.

During July we do not have any weekday Masses at noon, and the Wednesday afternoon Holy Hour with Confessions is canceled until 8 August. Also, to allow for maintenance and painting in the church, the church building will be closed all day from Monday 16 July to Friday 20 July and again from Monday 23 July to Friday 27 July. Because of construction going on throughout our campus, we are not able to move the early morning Mass to another place, so please forgive the inconvenience of not having Mass here during those ten days, and to insure the safety of all, it will not be possible even to visit the church during those ten days.

This Tuesday is the feast of the Apostle Thomas, known popularly as Doubting Thomas because of his initial refusal to believe in the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus until he could see Christ, touch his body, and probe the wounds in his hands and side. But the doubts of Saint Thomas lasted only a week, and when the Risen Lord stood before Thomas he commanded "Be not unbelieving, but believe." Confronted with the truth of the Resurrection, Thomas cried out to Jesus, "My Lord, and my God!" and so he is not Doubting Thomas but Faithful Thomas who traveled to the East and preached the Gospel in India where he gave his life in witness to the truth of the Resurrection. Upon receiving Thomas's profession of faith, the Lord Jesus declared to him "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." We live in an age of unbelief - a time of cynicism, skepticism, and relativism - which poses a challenge to our witness to the saving truth that Jesus Christ is Lord, but if we live in fidelity to the truth of the Gospel and are willing to tell others that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of the Living God and the only Savior of the entire human race, then the God of mercies will do the rest. Saint Thomas, patron of those who doubt, pray for us!



July 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take the Peter's Pence Collection (PPC). This global collection supports the Holy Father as he reaches out in mercy and charity to people who are suffering. Your generosity will help Pope Francis ease the suffering of some of the most marginalized throughout the world and show them the tender love of God.

Pope Francis challenges us to look at those around us with the eyes of mercy. He says, "We encounter so many weary and oppressed people today...And how is our heart? Is it merciful? And our way of thinking and acting, is it *inclusive*?" (Jubilee Audience, Nov. 12, 2016). I invite you to reflect on how you feel moved to answer the call to mercy.

In Iraq, many people still live a nightmare of war and violence. This has left many displaced, including young people in the midst of their studies. Without an educated population, it will be difficult for the country to gain stability. But with the support of your diocese to the PPC, the Archdiocese of Erbil, in Iraqi Kurdistan, has received funding for 10 scholarships for young displaced persons. With this help, the students can complete their university education and move forward with the hope of rebuilding their country.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the most marginalized in our world. For more information about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone

Bishop of Charleston

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 1 July 2018

7.30 am Jacob Sebastian Grabosky 9.00 am ★ Mera Barbara Bouharoun

11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 2 July 2018

7.00 am ▼ William Bouharoun

Tuesday, 3 July 2018

7.00 am

♣ Jere Stubblefield

No 12.00 noon Mass

Wednesday, 4 July 2018

Independence Day
No Mass

Thursday, 5 July 2018

7.00 am
♣ Jim Florence Mooney

No 12.00 noon Mass

Friday, 6 July 2018

7.00 am Canfield Family

Saturday, 7 July 2018

5.00 pm ♣ Carl Roman

Monday, 2 July 2018

Sunday, 1 July 2018

Tuesday, 3 July 2018

Parish office closes at 12.00 noon

Wednesday, 4 July 2018

Parish office closed No Holy Hour and Confessions until 8 August

Thursday, 5 July 2018

Friday, 6 July 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

Saturday, 7 July 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 23/24 June

Needed	33,800
Received	29,710
Shortage	4,090

Poor Box 425

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,757,600 Received 1,770,146 Surplus 12,546

We concluded the fiscal year 2017-2018 with a surplus of .007%, which means that we were exactly on target for our budget.

For our new fiscal year which begins 1 July 2018, our average weekly goal for offertory giving goes up to \$34,500, and to meet our obligations, we ask every household in the parish to increase giving by 2% beginning now. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org



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Funeral for Eileen Lee

The funeral Mass for parishioner Eileen Lee is scheduled for Monday, 2 July at 12 noon.

Congratulations to

Emmeline Anne Nowacki who was baptized last week.

The 25th Anniversary of Father Newman's Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood

Celebrate with us on Sunday 8 July 2018

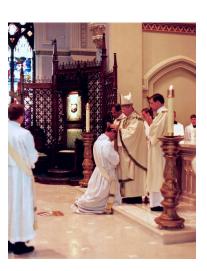
Solemn Mass at 11 am



Sung Vespers at 5 pm



Reception in Gallivan Hall immediately after Vespers



Parish News

Collection for 30 June/ 1 July

Support of the Parish & Peter's Pence

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

Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No noon Mass on weekdays in July.

No Masses and the church will be closed from 16-20 July and 23-27 July for painting and maintenance work.

No Holy Hour and Confessions on any Wednesday in July or on 1 August. Regular schedule will resume on 8 August.

Summer Church Office Hours

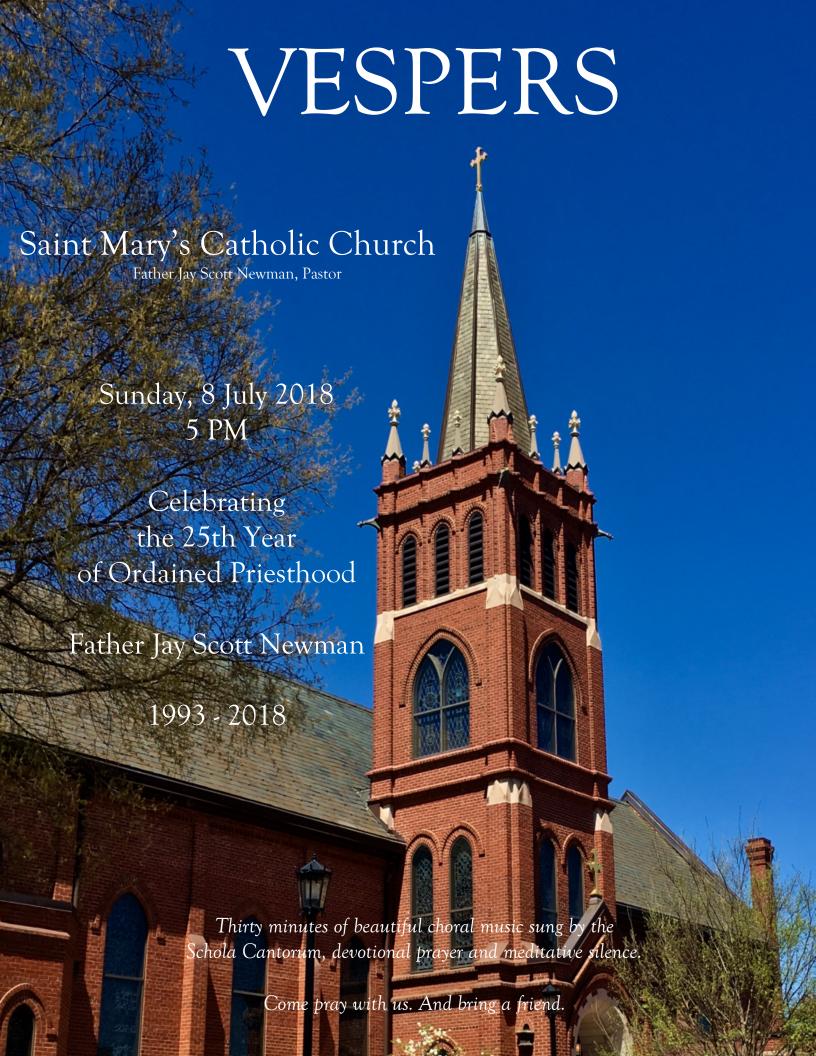
Until 17 August

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

The church office will close at noon on Tuesday 3 July for Independence Day and will reopen on Thursday 5 July.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Dr & Mrs Joseph Roberts and Mr & Mrs Patrick Howey.



St Mary's Office of Social Ministries

The foundation of Catholic teaching on Social Justice is our respect of all human life and the dignity to be afforded to every human person.

But what does Justice mean in this context?

We most commonly think of justice as the punishment due to a person who has done wrong, or perhaps the compensation due to a person who has been wronged. As a virtue, however, Justice can be basically understood as giving that which is rightly due to God (worship owing to His divinity) and to each individual (respect, food, shelter, clothing, medical, etc. owing to their human dignity).

While our Lord Jesus made it clear that we who are able have an obligation to care for those in need, and while the Catechism reminds us of "The duty of making oneself a neighbor to others and actively serving them..." (CCC 1932), the truth is that we who give a little of our time and talents to serve those in need receive abundantly more in return than we give. The need is great – but too often we simply don't know where the needs are or who can point us in the right direction.





The St Mary's Office of Social Ministries

is here to help guide individuals
who would like to answer our Lord's call
to serve the poor and help those in need to get back on their feet.





No matter how much time you have to offer – if you are interested in living out our Lord's call to "love one another", please contact

Deacon John Heuser 864.679.4113 john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org

He will spend a little time with you to match your skills to where they can best be put to service in our church and our community.

Private tours are available by appointment.

For more information, please contact Nelle Palms, Director of Admissions, at 864.679.4117 or nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org.

School Summer Office Hours

Until 10 August

Monday - Thursday 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe; most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open: 864.271.3870. Thank you for your patience.

St. Mary's Catholic School

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Daily Mass Readings

For the daily Mass readings, visit http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/

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, 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, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Kevin N. Brown and Arthur & Patricia O'Leary.

Donations needed for The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale!

Do you have books at home in new or gently-used condition that you would like to donate for a great cause? The Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale, Greenville Literacy Association's largest annual fund-raiser, will be held at McAlister Square on 10-12 August. A successful book sale needs tons of books — both adult and children's, fiction and non-fiction, modern and classic, hardbound and soft cover. Please place your books in the collection boxes located in Sacred Heart Hall. The boxes will be in place until 27 July.

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.

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.

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is <u>12</u> days prior to the bulletin date. Contact Lisa at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org to submit items for the e-bulletin.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

Counseling services are available at St Mary's. Contact Dorothy Whalen by phone at 679.4122 or by email at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.



The 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act now allows families to use expanded 529 savings plans to invest funds for K12 tuition in addition to higher education expenses.

Here's what you need to know.

What is a 529 plan?

Named after section 529 of the tax code, the 529 plan is a tax-advantaged plan operated by a state or an education institution designed to encourage saving for college. The federal tax advantage is that earnings on funds contributed to 529 accounts are not federally taxed when withdrawals are used for educational purposes. As of January 1, 2018, 529 plans may be used for K-12 education tuition. For more information, visit www.futurescholar.com.

What are the tax advantages of saving money with a 529 plan?

The primary benefit of a plan is that any earnings from growth over time are tax-free if they are used to pay for qualified education expenses. Secondly, contributions to a plan may be eligible for a State income deduction depending on where you live.

Who may open a 529 plan?

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, godparents, and just about anyone else can give the gift of a Catholic education by opening a 529 plan for a child in their preferred state. At the age of 18, students may open plans for themselves.

Is more than one account per child permissible?

Yes! Multiple friends or family members may open separate accounts for a child or contribute to one single plan. If there is more than one child, accounts may be opened for each child.

Is there a maximum amount that can be used to pay K12 tuition?

Yes, the maximum amount that can be distributed tax-free per calendar year is \$10,000 per student, regardless of the number of 529 accounts.

I already started a 529 plan to save for my child's college expenses. Should I use that money to pay for K12 tuition?

This is an important question to discuss with your financial advisor.

How do I enroll in a 529 plan?

You may enroll directly with a State 529 plan manager or with your financial advisor. Please visit www.futurescholar.com to sign up.

Anything else I should consider?

Please consult with your financial advisor or accountant to determine the specific state requirements and select the best option for your family.

What does the Catholic Church believe regarding parental choice in education?

The Declaration on Christian Education, *Gravissimum Educationis*, proclaimed during the Second Vatican Council, neatly summarizes parental choice in education as the following: *Parents who have the primary and inalienable right and duty to educate their children must enjoy true liberty in their choice of schools.* While the expansion of 529 plans does not address all the concerns regarding inequities in our education system, it is a step in the right direction.

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

SOURCES: WWW.IRS.GOV + WWW.SAVINGFORCOLLEGE.COM + WWW.HOUSE.GOV



GREENVILLE DEANERY & OTHER NEWS





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 8 am & 6 pm
Monday 8 am
Tuesday 6 am & 12 pm
Friday 2 pm
Saturday 12 am, 3 am & 9 pm



Men's Discernment Retreat

Have you ever wondered if you have a vocation to the priesthood? The Diocese of Charleston's Office of Vocations will sponsor a Men's Discernment Retreat on 28 July from 9 am - 12 noon at Transfiguration in Blythewood. For details or to register, email Dan Lord at dlord@charlestondiocese.org.

Prayer for Seminarians

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

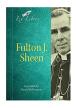
Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them.

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.

www.CharlestonVocations.com

Mini-Retreat: In the School of Fulton J. Sheen



On Saturday, 18 August from 9 am-4 pm, join a special mini-retreat titled "In the School of Fulton J. Sheen" at Prince of Peace Catholic Church led by Alexis Walkenstein, nationally-recognized author of selected wisdom of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch. There will be several breaks for fellowship, reflection, and prayer across the day. Copies of Walkenstein's book, *Fulton J. Sheen*, published by Pauline Books & Media will be available on site.

To register online: https://goo.gl/forms/4yGQpYQrChO4hKUM2

To register by email or phone, contact AngelaCalabro at angela.calabro@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.331.3903.

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