



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

15 July 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am grateful beyond all telling to everyone who shared in the celebration of my ordination anniversary last weekend, and for your many cards, gifts, and expressions of support, I thank each of you most sincerely. The whole experience was an occasion of grace and joy, and I cannot imagine a better way to begin the next 25 years of my service to the Church. My family and friends who came to St Mary's for the weekend were delighted in every way with our green and pleasant corner of the vineyard, and they were deeply touched by the reverent dignity of our common prayer, by the beauty of our campus, and by the gracious reception of everyone here.

My old friend George Weigel writes a syndicated column called "The Catholic Difference" which appears in many diocesan newspapers and on several websites, including the indispensable "First Things," and I was mortified to discover that his column last week was dedicated to me on the occasion of my Silver Jubilee. I am not accustomed to feeling abashed and embarrassed, but seeing George's column was a bit like reading my own obituary! While I am grateful for the kindness of my friends, I am chiefly aware that I am an unworthy servant and have done no more than my duty, and I am grateful for your patience with my faults and frailty as we strive together to live in the truth of the Gospel.

And with that, we look now to the future. Labor Day is seven weeks away, which means we have not quite two more months of a leisurely summer pace, but once we get going again, there are many things to do. The Program of Catholic Studies will return with new classes, and our annual presentation of an "Introduction to Catholicism" will be offered to those who want to learn more about our Faith and consider joining the Church. Please consider inviting someone you know to participate in that exploration of Catholic Christianity, including the lapsed Catholics who are probably among your family and friends.

There will also be a conference in September sponsored by the Center for Evangelical Catholicism (CEC) on the social doctrine of the Church, and three distinguished Catholic thinkers will be here to help us understand why "social justice" as the Church understands it is not the same thing intended by secular thinkers when they use that term. This conference is about theology, not politics, but since every political question is at root a theological question, a deeper knowledge of the Church's social doctrine cannot but have consequences for one's understanding of political responsibility. Please see the eBulletin for more information, or go to the CEC website at evangelicalcatholicism.com and plan now to join us for this important conference.

Be safe, and enjoy the remaining weeks of Summer!

Father Newman

July 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese has a strong history of dedicated men that have offered a lifetime of service to the Catholic faithful here in South Carolina. Even before the inception of our diocese in 1886, groups of dedicated priests have served our local region. Today, that tradition of service continues. A primary goal of our diocese is to properly care for and support the priests of our diocese should they become sick or be stricken with a life-altering health condition.

I write to ask for your support for our priests who are ill. Sometimes, health insurance does not cover all medical costs and in severe cases, the expenses are monumental.

Please be generous to our collection for infirm priests. These priests have spent their lives caring for others and helping those most in need. I am confident that we will continue to do our best to care for them.

In the Lord's Peace,



Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 15 July 2018

7.30 am ✕ Pierre Wersinger
 9.00 am ✕ Florence J. Mooney
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 16 July 2018

Church closed
No Mass

Tuesday, 17 July 2018

Church closed
No Mass

Wednesday, 18 July 2018

Church closed
No Mass

Thursday, 19 July 2018

Church closed
No Mass

Friday, 20 July 2018

Church closed
No Mass

Saturday, 21 July 2018

5.00 pm ✕ John Gill

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 15 July 2018

Monday, 16 July 2018

Tuesday, 17 July 2018

Wednesday, 18 July 2018

No Holy Hour and Confessions until 8 August
 6.30 pm Presentation by seminarian
 Bruce Barnett (M)

Thursday, 19 July 2018

Friday, 20 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, 21 July 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 7/8 July

Needed	34,500
Received	35,679
Surplus	1,179

Poor Box	271
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	69,000
Received	70,497
Surplus	1,497

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.



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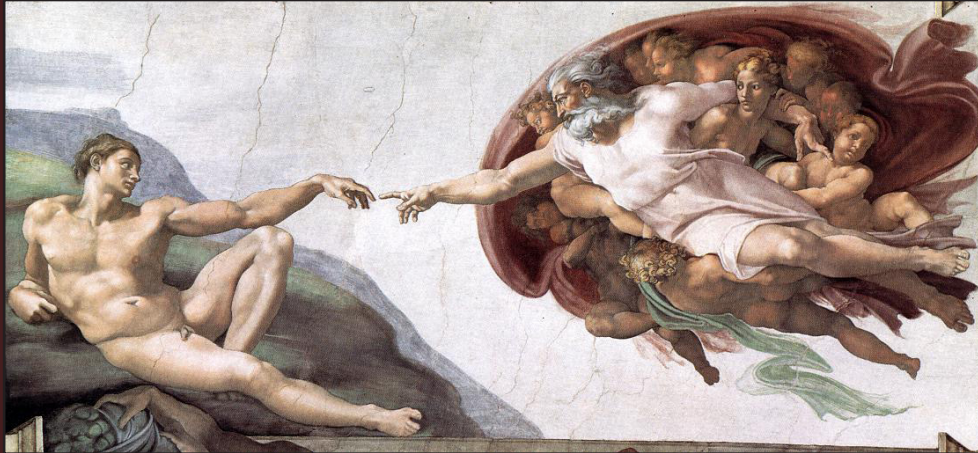
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 St Mary's Catholic Church
 Greenville SC.

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

Join us for two presentations by seminarian Bruce Barnett:



Made in the image and likeness of God

What does that mean?

We often talk about how we should see God,
but how does God see us?

An exercise to help you understand
how God sees you.

**Wednesday 18 July at
6.30 pm in McGrady Hall**



Scientific proof for the Christian myth of creation

How is Christianity different
from other religions?

**Wednesday 25 July at
6.30 pm in McGrady Hall**

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Good (father of Fr Mark Good, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Charleston) who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr & Mrs Scott Geiger and Mr & Mrs Patrick O'Connor.

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.

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 679.4122 or by email at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 14/15 July

Support of the Parish & Infirm Priests

*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

St Mary's Office of Social Ministries

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 at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

An Introduction to Catholicism



What is Catholicism?

Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible?

Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church?

Our course called *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church.

The classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 8.00 pm from Labor Day through Easter, and all are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact T.J. Nielsen, Director of Christian Formation, at
timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.

Music at Saint Mary's Church

Arlen Clarke, Choirmaster

Youth Choir Auditions

Friday, 27 July at 2.45 pm

In the Choir Room in Sacred Heart Hall

For further information contact the Choirmaster: arlen.clarke@stmarysgvl.org



The St. Mary's Youth Choir sings each Sunday at 9 am and on special occasions throughout the year. The choir is open to boys and girls ages 8-16. Participation in the choir builds musical skills, self-discipline, confidence, motivation and liturgical expertise. The choir's repertoire includes plainchant, polyphony, classical hymnody and sacred music from ancient to modern.

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/>

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.



The Center for Evangelical Catholicism
presents

Social Justice Isn't What You Think It Is



21-22 September 2018 - Greenville, South Carolina

Featuring Speakers

Fr. Raymond de Souza
Priest, Chaplain and Commentator

Philip G. Nielsen
Director of Research for the CEC

Dr. Jay W. Richards
Author and Assistant Research Professor of Business & Economics at Catholic University of America

Dr. Nathan Schlueter
Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Hillsdale College

Join us to hear top scholars explain the social doctrine of the Catholic Church and help us understand both what social justice is and is not.

\$75 per person

continental breakfast & light lunch
included Saturday

register online at www.evangelicalcatholicism.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.

A New Education Savings Opportunity for Current and Prospective Catholic Schools Families



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@charlestdiocese.org for further information.

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



GREENVILLE DEANERY & OTHER NEWS

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

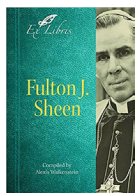
Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to his Sacred Heart! "My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Proverbs 8.31) Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123.

All hours are available. Urgent needs are:

Sunday 6 pm	Wednesday 11 am
Monday 8 am	Friday 4 pm
Tuesday 8 am & 12 pm	Saturday 12 am, 3 am & 9 pm

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.

Register by email or phone: contact Angela Calabro at angela.calabro@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.331.3903.

Register online

<https://goo.gl/forms/4yGQpYQrChO4hKUM2>



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@charlestdiocese.org.

www.CharlestonVocations.com

Saints & Swimming

Saturday, August 25

Folly Beach County Park, Pelican Watch Pavilion

4:00pm- 11:00pm

\$10

Register online at
catholicyoungadultsofsc.com

Dinner and Dancing at the beach with
your YA friends from around the state

Diocese of Charleston Young Adult Ministry Young Adult Leadership Training



September 21-23

White Oak Conference Center

With sessions on:

Discipleship
Sharing Your Witness
Spiritual Multiplication

Cost:

\$30/Shared Room
\$45/Private Room

Register:

www.catholicyoungadultsofsc.com

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