



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

30 December 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas is not just one day on the calendar. Christmas is an entire season, although a brief one, of the Church's liturgical year. The season of Christmas Time or Christmastide begins with Vespers on Christmas Eve and ends with Vespers on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this year on Sunday 13 January. And along the way, Christmastide includes the Solemnities of the Maternity of Mary and the Epiphany and, among others, the memorials of the first martyrs: the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem and Saint Stephen, murdered at the feet of Saint Paul.

Moreover, as with Easter, Christmas Day is not simply one 24 hour period; rather, Christmas Day is celebrated as an Octave for eight consecutive days from 25 December to 1 January, on which we rejoice that blessed Mary, Ever Virgin, is the Mother of God. And when the Octave of Christmas includes a Sunday, as it does this year, then that Sunday is kept as the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

In 1964 Pope Paul VI made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and one of the places he visited was the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. There he gave an address which spoke about the theme of today's celebration:

"Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound and full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

"Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

"The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God."

In the midst of this Christmastide, let us all learn from the Holy Family how to live together in forgiveness, mutual understanding and loving-kindness, and how to place the living God at the center of our lives - as individual disciples, as families, and as a parish, a spiritual family in the Lord Jesus.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 30 December 2018

7.30 am ✕ Jean Dickensheets
9.00 am ✕ Ellena
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 31 December 2018

7.00 am ✕ Geraldine Wheadon

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5.00 pm ✕ The Sullivan Family

Tuesday, 1 January 2019

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9.00 am ✕ John Peter Esper
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Wednesday, 2 January 2019

7.00 am Deacon Nestor Acosta

Thursday, 3 January 2019

7.00 am ✕ William Joseph Rippon

Friday, 4 January 2019

7.00 am ✕ Mrs Willie Martin

Saturday, 5 January 2019

5.00 pm ✕ Charles Bryson Dowling

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 30 December 2018

Monday, 31 December 2018

Parish office closes at 12.00 noon

Tuesday, 1 January 2019

Parish office closed

Wednesday, 2 January 2019

**No Holy Hour & Confessions
No Faith Formation for children or adults**

Thursday, 3 January 2019

Friday, 4 January 2019

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)
6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ
3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Saturday, 5 January 2019

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 22/23 December

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| Needed | 34,500 |
| Received | 81,276 |
| Surplus | 46,776 |

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| Poor Box | 542 |
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Offertory Year to Date

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| Needed | 897,000 |
| Received | 924,182 |
| Surplus | 27,182 |

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.

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

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| Donations Received | \$292,325 |
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| Pledges Made | \$681,600 |
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| Still to Go | \$6,026,075 |
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
unless a location is listed.

Save the Date

**Town Hall Meeting with Bishop Guglielmone
to discuss the crisis in the Church**

Tuesday 29 January 2019

7.00 pm in Gallivan Hall

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses will be celebrated on

Monday 31 December at 5 pm

and

Tuesday 1 January at 9 am, 11 am and 1 pm (Spanish)

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Pinto (sister of Manuel Gomes), who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her 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.

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, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Alfred Smith, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrell, Dcn. John & Irene Karandisevsky, Lenore Cole, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Carly Burkhardt, Anne Alexander, Ruth O'Rourke, Rafael Marquez, Lori Wylie, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Patricia O'Leary, Robert Brown, John Hever, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou and Jeannine Harvey.

St Mary's Senior Fellowship

Please join us for a "Souper" Senior Luncheon on Saturday 12 January at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall. For more information, contact Alice at 864.430.7276 or Dee at 864.297.8428.



PARISH NEWS

Collection for 29/30 December

Support of the Parish

Collection for 31 December/1 January

Support of the Parish

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

Liturgical Schedule Changes

The 12 noon Mass on weekdays
will not be celebrated during January.

There will be no Holy Hour & Confessions
on Wednesday 2 January.

Parish Office Closure

The office will close at 12 noon on Monday 31 December for the New Year's holiday and will reopen at 9.00 am on Wednesday 2 January.

Nursery

The nursery will be closed on 30 December.

2018 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 2018. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

st mary's catholic school

TRADITION



VIRTUE



EXCELLENCE



Priority Testing Dates at 9 am:

26 January 2019

23 February 2019

Call to schedule your school tour: 864.679.4117

Grades K3-8



✦ SACS Accredited
✦ National Blue
Ribbon School



101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601



smsgvl.org

Daily Mass Readings

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class resumes 6 January 2019.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes resumes 9 January 2019.

Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta at 864.271.8422 or vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr & Mrs Willie Thompson, Mr Eduardo Garcia and Ms Ann O'Dea.

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is 12 days prior to the bulletin date. To submit items for the e-bulletin, contact Lisa at lisa.watkins@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 271.8422, ext. 127 to submit your requests. Information received will be kept confidential.

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.

Homeless Needs Drive: Until 29/30 December

This year, St Mary's is partnering with United Housing Connections, which works to help make homelessness brief and rare. As part of this partnering, we will be conducting a drive for In-Kind needs for the homeless. Donations collected from this drive will be organized by United Housing Connections into care packages for those in need. Drop boxes for your donations will be located in the main floor hallway of Sacred Heart Hall through 30 December. Any questions you have may be directed to Deacon John at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Items requested from our community are:

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| Backpacks (drawstring/school size) | Hand Warmers |
| Blankets (New or gently used) | Notebooks & Pens |
| Warm hats (Ski caps/Beanies) | |
| Gallon size Zip Lock Bags | |

**** Please no jackets** – there has been an overwhelming supply of jackets donated this year. ******

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.

Pillars of Christ

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. For more information, contact Deacon John Heuser at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

The Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112 will hold its Free Throw Championship for Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/19) at St. Mary's Gym on Saturday, 19 January at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be obtained from Megan Soulsby and John McGrath. Secondary school athletes should check with their school athletic director about eligibility. For more information, please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475.

GREENVILLE DEANERY & OTHER NEWS

PERPETUAL Eucharistic 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

Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46.10) Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123.

Urgent needs:
Monday 4 am
Tuesday 2 am or 4 am
Wednesday 11 am

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on 1-3 February in Columbia, SC and 8-10 November in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: SCMarriageMatters.org or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org.



Catholic Radio in South Carolina

WCKI 1300 AM

For programming information, visit
CatholicRadioinSC.com

PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY



legatus.org

Legatus

Ambassadors for Christ in the Marketplace

The Greenville chapter of Legatus, which is a national organization of Catholic executives and their spouses who are committed to studying, living, and spreading our faith, is seeking a part time administrator to support the board of directors, plan events and facilitate membership growth and retention. Candidates must be practicing Catholics, exhibit excellent communication and organizational skills, and work well in a detail-oriented, professional environment.

Work is 10 hours per week and is primarily from home. The stipend begins at \$600 per month.

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Ed Trifone, the Southeast Regional Director for Legatus: etrifone@legatus.org

Natural Family Planning

Natural Family Planning (NFP) encompasses moral, natural, healthy, modern and scientifically reliable methods of family planning that teach married couples how to identify and understand their signs of fertility which they can then use to plan to achieve or postpone a pregnancy in accordance with God's design and will. You are also invited to attend the free NFP session on Thursday 10 January 2019 at 7.00 pm at St Francis Hospital – Eastside in Greenville in Classroom 301. For further information, please contact Nancy McGrath at (H) 292.0475, (C) 864.270.3655, or NaProNurse@aol.com.

www.BelongingCatholicConference4women.com

A Catholic Conference for Women of the Diocese of Charleston

Belonging

February 23, 2019
St. Joseph's Catholic School
Greenville, SC

Keynote Speaker
Sonja Corbitt is a dynamic Catholic speaker, author of *Ignite and Unleashed*, and producer of several high-impact, uplifting multimedia Bible studies. A former Southern Baptist, Corbitt converted to Catholicism and is in formation as a Third Order Carmelite.

- ~Mass with Bishop Guglielmo
- ~Living Rosary
- ~Fun Workshops
- ~Catered Lunch
- ~Entertainment
- ~Confession and Adoration
- ~Vendors

9th Annual Men's Conference

FIGHT LIKE A MAN

Saturday March 16, 2019 ✝ St. Patrick Catholic Church, Charlotte, NC



Doug Barry

*Founder of Battle Ready
Catholic apostolate*



Richard Sutter

*Former Army Ranger,
Ironman Triathlete, Priest*



David Miller

*Homilist,
Pastor of St. Dorothy's*

Join us for these great Catholic speakers, Mass,
Adoration, confession and lunch.

Get more information and registration at:

www.CatholicMenoftheCarolinas.org



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