



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

6 January 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is one of the richest feasts in the Christian liturgy, and for this reason, it is also among the most misunderstood. The Greek word which we translate epiphany simply means “appearance” or “manifestation”, and in the Western liturgical tradition the Epiphany is linked most strongly to the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. But in the Eastern liturgies, the Epiphany is focused not only on the visit of the Magi but on every early event by which Christ is revealed to the world as the Messiah: His birth, the visit of the Magi, His presentation in the Temple, His instruction of the elders in the Temple, His Baptism in the Jordan, and His first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. For this reason, ancient liturgies refer to the Epiphany as a festival of illumination, declaration, and theophany, and in many Eastern Christian Churches (like the Armenian), 6 January is the primary or only celebration of the Birth of Jesus, not 25 December.

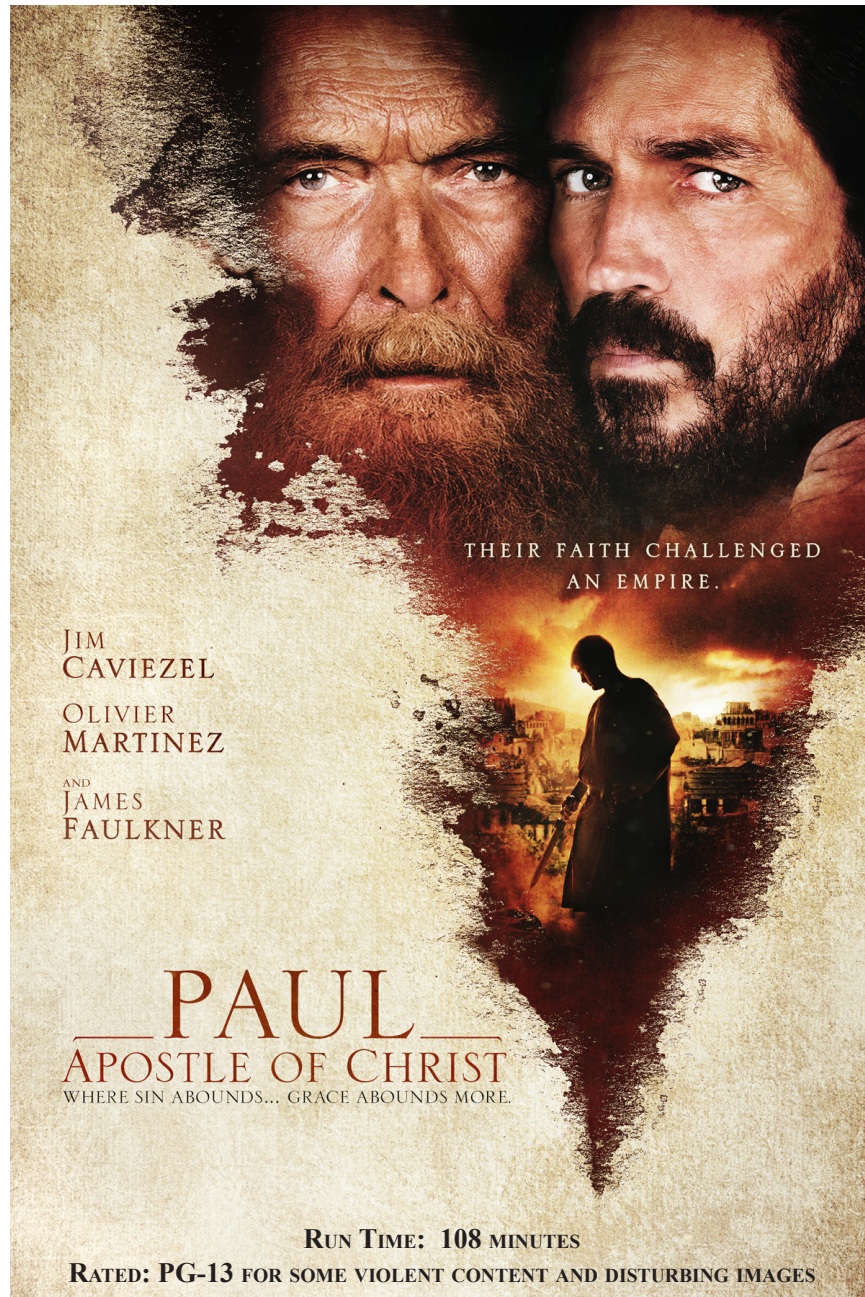
This helps us understand the profound link between the Western feasts of Christmas and Epiphany and why (because the Epiphany should be celebrated on 6 January) this celebration is the traditional Twelfth Day of Christmas. The revelation of the Son of God to the world begins with His birth, continues with the visit of the Magi and with His presentation in the Temple, is intensified at His Baptism, and finds its first miraculous expression at Cana. Though separated by thirty years, the events at Bethlehem and Cana are truly but one continuous unfolding of the eternal plan of salvation, and of all these mysteries we can speak with equal force the words of the Preface of the Epiphany from the Roman Missal: “Father . . . today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.”

The Epiphany is an older Christian feast than Christmas, and from antiquity it has been kept on 6 January. The first recorded mention of this feast was in 361, and by 385 the Epiphany was celebrated in Jerusalem for eight days, like the present Octaves of Easter and Christmas and the old Octave of Pentecost. All of this points to the supreme importance of the sacred mysteries we celebrate today: by His incarnation and birth, by His revelation to the Magi and His presentation in the Temple, by His Baptism and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, the Son of Mary is gradually shown to be “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.”

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT



FRIDAY, 18 JANUARY 2019

GALLIVAN HALL AT 6.30 PM

FREE

DISCUSSION AFTER THE MOVIE LED BY
FATHER NEWMAN

SPONSORED BY THE ST MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 6 January 2019

7.30 am ✱ Victoria Kibura
9.00 am Cassandra Gomes
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Our Solemn Mass at 11 am each Sunday is streamed live on our parish Facebook page and is available later as a recording on both our Facebook page and the parish YouTube channel.

Monday, 7 January 2019

7.00 am Mr Terry Arndt

Tuesday, 8 January 2019

7.00 am ✱ Ron McDunn

Wednesday, 9 January 2019

7.00 am Lanina & Mike Russell

Thursday, 10 January 2019

7.00 am ✱ Paul Almeida

Friday, 11 January 2019

7.00 am ✱ Emily Rose Gomes

Saturday, 12 January 2019

5.00 pm ✱ Frances Kuebler

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 6 January 2019

9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
Coffee & doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)
9.00 am Scripture Study
6.00 pm Women of Grace
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 7 January 2019

6.30 pm Baptism Class
6.30 pm Cub Scouts
7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 8 January 2019

Wednesday, 9 January 2019

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education
6.30-7.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism

Thursday, 10 January 2019

Friday, 11 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, 12 January 2019

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic
12.00 noon Senior Fellowship Luncheon
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 29/30 December

Needed	34,500
Received	38,996
Surplus	4,496

Poor Box	312
----------	-----

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	931,500
Received	963,178
Surplus	31,678

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

Donations Received	347,125.03
--------------------	------------

Pledges Made	767,200.00
--------------	------------

Still to Go	5,885,674.97
-------------	--------------

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

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

st mary's catholic school

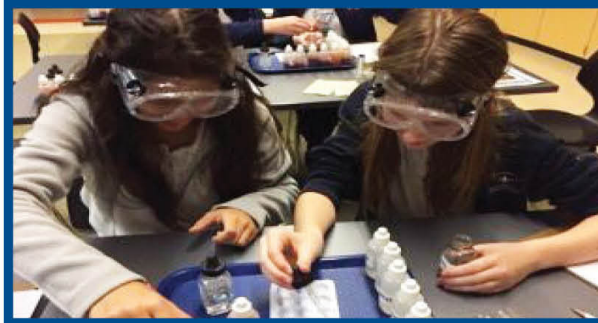
TRADITION



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

**Town Hall Meeting
with Bishop Guglielmone
Tuesday 29 January 2019
7.00 pm in Gallivan Hall**

During the meeting, the Bishop will talk about and answer questions related to the current crisis in the Church and the US Bishops' meeting in Baltimore. Please join Bishop Guglielmone for this important conversation about authentic reform in the Church.

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.

**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.

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 5/6 January

Support of the Parish

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

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.

Liturgical Schedule Changes

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

Mass Intentions

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

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.



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

6, 13 & 27 January

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 meets Sunday at 9.00 am in the
K-4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall

No class on 20 January

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday 6.30–7.30 pm

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.

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.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

As our new year begins, it is truly heartwarming to look back on the letters of thanksgiving and notes of appreciation we have received for the good our parish family has done to help those in need this past holiday season.

Donations to our Poor Boxes for the months of November and December, amounting to over \$2,500, went directly toward feeding those in need through Project Host.

Our food collection for the newly opened Our Ladies Pantry run by Catholic Charities exceeded all expectations - despite the horrible weather of our first winter storm this season. Maria, the director of the food pantry, was overwhelmed at the donations you provided, and said that they came at a time when their shelves were running low. It was an enormous blessing "from heaven".

Even after the Christmas season was over, your generosity for the Homeless needs collection was tremendous! We collected over 100 knit hats and dozens of blankets, backpacks, and other items for the homeless in our community.

In addition to these, your regular donations to the parish helped house several families who found themselves in crisis situations, provided food the Salvation Army when they opened their doors to the homeless during the weekend of icy cold and heavy snow, and many other acts of charity. All this, coupled with the hundreds of hours many of you volunteer as Communion Ministers to the homebound, tutors to disadvantaged youth, Guardian Ad Litem, and many other ministries to those in need, have helped to make our church, our community and our world a better place.

To all of you who volunteered your time, your talents, your financial and in-kind gifts I can think of no better way to show our appreciation than the words of our Lord: "Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord." Matt 25:23

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.

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

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	Thursday 1 pm
Wednesday 11 am	Friday 2 am

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.



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

Love, Mercy, and You

One of the most merciful acts you can do as a Catholic in today's culture is speak the truth in love about chastity, marriage and family. A good place to start is to register for one of Family Honor's online courses, **Understanding the Human Person** or **Examining Core Issues**. Whether you are a parent, ministry leader, or single adult, these courses are excellent continuing education. Material is college-level and accessible 24/7 for flexibility. Some tuition assistance is available. Created in 1988, Family Honor provides a family-centered, Catholic approach to chastity education. Please call 803.929.0858 or email info@familyhonor.org. Registration deadline is 4 February. Courses start 11 February.

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 Catholic 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*



Fr. Richard Sutter

*Priest, Former Army Ranger,
Ironman Triathlete*



Fr. David Miller

*Pastor of St. Dorothy's,
Homilist*

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

Get more information and registration at:

www.CatholicMenoftheCarolinas.org



Charlotte.Catholic.Mens.Conference



@cltcmc

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Father Jay Scott Newman, VF
Pastor of St Mary's Church
pastor@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4100

Father Francisco Cruz
Parochial Vicar
fathercruz@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4116

Assisting Priests

Father Jonathan Duncan
Chaplain to St Joseph's Catholic School
fatherduncan@stmarysgvl.org
817.475.6909

Father Bartholomew Leon
Administrator of St Rafka Church
fatherbart@stmarysgvl.org
864.469.9119

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Nestor Acosta
nestor.acosta@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4118

Deacon John Heuser
john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4113

Deacon Clark Brittain
clark.brittain@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4120

Deacon Joe Sanfilippo
joe.sanfilippo@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4119

Deacon Diego Ferro
diego.ferro@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4112

Deacon George Tierney
george.tierney@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4115

Deacon Alex Garvey
alex.garvey@stmarysgvl.org
864.255.1096

Deacon Tom Whalen
thomas.whelen@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4108

Staff

Vickie Acosta
Executive Assistant to the Pastor
vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4100

Timothy Nielsen
Director of Christian Formation
timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4114

Jennifer Anderson
Director of Finance and Human Resources
jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4102

Chris Ortiz
Director of Youth Ministry
chris.ortiz@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4111

Arlen Clarke
Choirmaster
arlen.clarke@stmarysgvl.org
864.901.1250

Pat Perkins
Director of Administration
pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4109

Jaime Escobar
Director of Facilities
jaime.escobar@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4107

David Rhyne
Organist
david.rhyne@stmarysgvl.org
864.270.4689

Joann Miller
Director of Religious Education
joann.miller@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4110

Lisa Watkins
Director of Communications
lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org
864.679.4105