12 July 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

1. On Friday 10 July 2020 Bishop Guglielmone ordained two priests for the Diocese of Charleston: Father Michael Cellars and Father William Frei. God be praised for these gifts to the Church in South Carolina!

2. Our parish school is a finalist for a National Blue Ribbon award from the United States Department of Education, a distinction given each year to select schools that meet the most demanding standards of excellence. St Mary’s School was honored with a National Blue Ribbon in 2009, and we will find out this fall if we will move from finalist to award winner. To be recognized in this way is a tribute to the excellence of our teachers and the dedication of everyone involved in St Mary’s Catholic School, which since 1900 has been the primary apostolate of St Mary’s Church.

3. As though the burdens of SARS-CoV-2 were not enough, our nation has been convulsed in the last few weeks by protests which began as legitimate expressions of horror at the unjust death of George Floyd and appeals for the end of racial hatred and discrimination in our country but which quickly morphed into violent and brutal anarchy aimed at destroying the very foundations of constitutional government, freedom of speech, and the rule of law in the United States.

The grotesque violence unleashed in these protests is not random or spontaneous. We are seeing the fruition of decades of radical thought in our universities and other cultural centers being transformed into action after long and careful planning, and the ultimate goal of this crusade is the replacement of our Republic with something else - a revolutionary society structured according to the theories of the Radical Left on nearly every facet of human life including economics, politics, religion, sex, law, and education.

Apprehending all that is at stake in these current agitations is not simple or easy because of the complexity of the questions and the antiquity of most of the arguments joined in this fight. But I can recommend a very good place to start your search for understanding in a book newly published by Robert Reilly and entitled “America on Trial: A Defense of the Founding.” Reilly is a classic example of what was once referred to as a “man of letters,” meaning a scholar of great erudition and wide interests, and in Reilly’s case those interests include foreign policy, the challenge to the West of radical Islam, classical music, and political theory. His new book on the American Founding explores its deep roots in religion, philosophy, and law and offers a passionate rebuttal to those who argue against the original or continuing legitimacy of the American experiment in self-government. If you read one book this year, make it “America on Trial: A Defense of the Founding.”

Father Newman
Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 12 July 2020
7.30 am  James T & Florence Mooney
9.00 am  The Norungolo Family
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, 13 July 2020
7.00 am  Frank & Frances Watkins

Tuesday, 14 July 2020
7.00 am  Barbara Virginia Kellemes

Wednesday, 15 July 2020
7.00 am  Helga Von Sehrwald

The Wednesday Holy Hour is suspended in July and will return on Wednesday 5 August.

Thursday, 16 July 2020
7.00 am  Porter Joseph Miros & Family

Friday, 17 July 2020
7.00 am  Fr Michael Cellars

Parish office closes at noon
10.00 am  Scripture Study Class

Saturday, 18 July 2020
5.00 pm  Living & Deceased Members / Hallas & Reitman Families
3.30-4.30 pm  Confessions (church)

Meetings & Events **

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Financial Report

Weekend of 4/5 July
Needed 35,900
Received 34,583
Shortage 1,317

Poor Box 346

Offertory Year to Date
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Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the “Make a Gift” 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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** Meetings and other assemblies are now permitted to resume on our campus.
All Ministries Fair Postponed
Due to the virus, the All Ministries Fair, originally scheduled for August, has been postponed. Updates will be in the eBulletin when a new date is decided.

Holy Hour & Confessions
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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, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrrell, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Ruth O’Rourke, Rafael Marquez, Lori Wylie, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Patricia O’Leary, Robert Brown, John Hever, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademetriou, Jeannine Harvey, Jim & Adair Andreasson, Ellen Plowden, Mary Lou Ferguson, Mary Stillmock, Chuck & Shelby Gaschler, Rose Mary Koski, Mary Berman, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Beth Hambleton, Cole Henderson, Julie Birello and Fr Louis Marie Leonelli.

Director of Catechesis and Congregational Care
St Mary’s has an opening for a new Director of Catechesis and Congregational Care. The full time staff member will work under the supervision of our Pastoral Associate, T.J. Nielsen, to coordinate the catechesis and sacramental preparation of the children in our parish who do not attend St Mary’s School. This person will also be responsible for several forms of service to the wider parish and provide staff support to both Fr Newman and T.J.

The preferred candidate for the position of Director of Catechesis and Congregational Care will be a practicing Catholic in full communion with the Church who has at least an undergraduate degree or equivalent professional training and relevant experience in a parish or other appropriate setting. This position is full time and benefits eligible, and all interested parties should send a letter and resume to Fr Newman at pastor@stmarysgvl.org.

Parish News

Collection for 11/12 July
Support of the Parish & Infirm Priests

St Mary’s is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.

Parish Office Summer Hours
The parish office is now operating on summer schedule:
9 am - 4 pm on Monday - Thursday
9 am - noon on Friday

Mass Intentions
To schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta 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 271.8422, ext. 127 to submit your requests. Information received will be kept confidential.

Parish Activities
All parish activities can resume meeting on campus. If your group will return to its regular schedule please email both Vickie Acosta and Lisa Watkins in the parish office.

To reserve a meeting space:
Vickie: vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org

To have your group added back to the bulletin calendar:
Lisa at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org
Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family:
Mr & Mrs John Anthony Tollefson.

Donation Information

EFT Donation
St Mary’s offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

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Direct Debit Donation - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.
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Visit the ‘Make a Gift’ link on the homepage of our parish website.

Mail-In Donation
Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:
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Greenville, SC 29601

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish through a program called Formed. Register at Formed.org using our parish code: 8B7VRM.

Streaming Mass in Gallivan Hall

Anyone who wants to attend Mass at St Mary’s is welcome to do so, and Gallivan Hall will be open during every weekend Mass in July to provide plenty of room for everyone. Mass will be clearly visible and audible in Gallivan Hall thanks to our cinema screen and sound system, and the rest rooms to the left of the stage will be open. If you arrive for Mass and find that the church is already full to our limited capacity, then please go to Gallivan Hall. Or, if you just prefer a little more distance from your neighbors, you can go directly to Gallivan Hall.

Those who attend Mass in Gallivan Hall will be welcome to receive Holy Communion either by walking over to the church during the Communion Rite or by coming immediately after Mass and waiting in the center aisle for the priest or deacon to begin a second distribution of Communion. These two options will allow for the reception of Holy Communion without a crowd forming in the church.

Please note that every other pew will remain closed to allow for social distancing, and we continue to encourage strongly the wearing of a face mask and careful attention to hand washing and purifying to help reduce the spread of the virus. Our cry rooms remain closed because proper distancing is not possible in those spaces, and for now Confessions are being heard in the cry rooms on Saturday from 3.30 - 4.30 pm. The Wednesday afternoon Holy Hour is suspended for July and will return on 5 August.

Finally, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in force, which means that no one is required to attend Mass, even though all must find a way to keep the Lord’s Day holy, and the best way to do that is by joining in the sacred liturgy live-streamed on Sunday morning at 11 am. If you are at risk of the severe symptoms possible from exposure to SARS-CoV-2, then please stay home and join us in prayer remotely.

St Mary’s is online:
Website  https://smcgvl.org
Facebook  https://www.facebook.com/stmarysgvl/
YouTube  Saint Mary’s Catholic Church Greenville, SC

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

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.

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America on Trial:
A Defense of the Founding
Robert R Reilly

The Founding of the American Republic is on trial. Critics say it was a poison pill with a time-release formula; we are its victims. Its principles are responsible for the country’s moral and social disintegration because they were based on the Enlightenment falsehood of radical individual autonomy.

In this well-researched book, Robert Reilly declares: not guilty. To prove his case, he traces the lineage of the ideas that made the United States, and its ordered liberty, possible. These concepts were extraordinary when they first burst upon the ancient world: the Judaic oneness of God, who creates ex nihilo and imprints his image on man; the Greek rational order of the world based upon the Reason behind it; and the Christian arrival of that Reason (Logos) incarnate in Christ. These may seem a long way from the American Founding, but Reilly argues that they are, in fact, its bedrock. Combined, they mandated the exercise of both freedom and reason.

These concepts were further developed by thinkers in the Middle Ages, who formulated the basic principles of constitutional rule. Why were they later rejected by those claiming the right to absolute rule, then reclaimed by the American Founders, only to be rejected again today? Reilly reveals the underlying drama: the conflict of might makes right versus right makes might. America’s decline, he claims, is not to be discovered in the Founding principles, but in their disavowal.

Available at Amazon and Ignatius Press.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11.28

Prince of Peace will be re-establishing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in their Chapel of Christ the King on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 19 June, Friday, after the 7.00 am Mass. We need your help to cover the remaining hours so Our Lord will not be left alone. Please consider adopting one of these hours of need. To do so, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123.

Sunday 10 am
Monday 8 pm
Tuesday 11 pm
Wednesday 2 pm
Thursday 12 am, 1 pm & 3 pm
Saturday 4 pm

Mobile Clean of Heart Shower Ministry

Mobile Clean of Heart shower ministry is up and running here in Greenville. In order to provide the best experience for the homeless people we serve, we are looking for donations of various toiletries and other shower-related items. You may either drop them off at our Catholic Charities office at 2300 Old Buncombe Rd when our pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-3 or use the Amazon wish list link below. Please designate that you are a St Mary’s parishioner and choose the Catholic Charities – Piedmont address at checkout. In addition, please include your name or ‘Anonymous’. Thank you.

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1M8C467DC7G38?ref_=wl_share

If you have any questions, please contact Gracie Ortiz, Catholic Charities Regional Coordinator for the Upstate, at 864.331.2626 and gortiz@charleston diocese.org.

For programming information, visit CatholicRadioinSC.com.

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