



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

What is a family? The answer may seem obvious, but given the present confusions and dislocations of our culture, nothing can be taken for granted, especially when many intellectuals and activists argue that there isn't even a fixed difference between men and women. So, what is a family?

A quick look at any dictionary will suggest several definitions of family: parents and children living together, a group of people related to each other by blood or marriage, and all the descendants of a common ancestor. We also customarily extend the meaning of family to include a group of friends or colleagues who are bound together by a shared commitment to a noble purpose. Our English word family comes from the Latin words famulus (which means servant) and familia (which means a group of servants of one household), and in these linguistic roots we begin to get at the heart of the question. A family is a group of people who serve one another in the bond of love.

The family is the most basic and essential form of human community, and the health and stability of every society rests in large measure upon the strength of families. When marriages are strong and parents share responsibility for their children, societies flourish. When marriages falter and families fracture, societies struggle. In the absence of strong and stable families, social maladies multiply and entire civilizations can be weakened to the point of collapse just as the largest and strongest man can be brought down by the smallest virus. These are among the many reasons why every nation should seek constantly to encourage its citizens to form and maintain healthy families rather than to live in isolated self-absorption, but public policy preferences pale in comparison to the supernatural purpose of family life revealed in today's beautiful feast.

The life of the Holy Family at Nazareth teaches us that every family is a school of the Lord's service in which we are lifted out of ourselves and learn to love and live for others as true servants. Even God the Son in his human nature required the care of his virgin mother and foster father, and his obedience and devotion to them was as essential part of his human growth to mature manhood. The unconditional love of God for each of his children is something we first begin to glimpse in our own families, especially when they are strong and healthy, and in that environment we gradually come to understand that the universe does not exist to amuse me and that we are not the cause of our own existence.

One of the most important Christian witnesses we can offer our chaotic culture and our confused Church is the beauty of family life, built on the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and offered to God as a sacrifice of praise after the example of the Holy Family.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 27 December 2020

7.30 am ✦ Donald Bruce Scovel
 9.00 am ✦ John D. Paulk
 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, 28 December 2020

7.00 am ✦ Ian Greene

Tuesday, 29 December 2020

7.00 am ✦ Jean Dickensheets

Wednesday, 30 December 2020

7.00 am ✦ C. Timothy (Tim)

Thursday, 31 December 2020

7.00 am ✦ Ellen

Friday, 1 January 2021

7.00 am ✦ Emily Rose Gomes

Saturday, 2 January 2021

5.00 pm ✦ Martha Ruth Williams

Meetings & Events **

Sunday, 27 December 2020

Monday, 28 December 2020

Tuesday, 29 December 2020

Wednesday, 30 December 2020

No Holy Hour and Confessions

Thursday, 31 December 2020

Parish office closes at noon

Friday, 1 January 2021

Parish office closed

Saturday, 2 January 2021

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 19/20 December

Needed	35,900
Received	36,686
Surplus	786

Poor Box	453
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	897,500
Received	887,303
Shortage	-10,197

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

Donations Received	2,766,378
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Pledge Balance	1,131,185
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Still to Go	3,102,437
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G - Gullivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

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

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 Tancrell, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Rafael Marquez, Lori Wylie, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Patricia O'Leary, Robert Brown, John Hever, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou, Jeannine Harvey, Ellen Plowden, Mary Stillmock, Chuck & Shelby Gaschler, Rose Mary Koski, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Cole Henderson, Julie Birello, Fr Louis Marie Leonelli, Amal Long, Marilyn Postell, and John Paul Serpa.

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.

Poor Clare's Food Drive

The Franciscan Monastery of St. Clare thanks the students of St. Mary's Catholic Church for their generation donation from the food drive that student council sponsored this fall.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women Cookbook

Calling all cooks! Your St Mary's Council of Catholic Women is creating a cookbook featuring YOUR favorite family recipes. The cookbook will be custom made and professionally published by Morris Press Cookbooks and will be sure to be a treasured keepsake for us all.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes very soon so you and your family can be represented in our cookbook. Please submit your recipes to Nancy McGrath at NaProNurse@aol.com or mail a hard copy of your recipe to Nancy at 603 Rosebud Lane, Greer, SC, 29650. These must be received before 31 December. More information to come regarding recipe writing tips, how to order a cookbook(s), and the price of the cookbook.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. William A. Hathaway, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Ruane, Ms. Jodie L. Sims, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph S. Ryan, Mr. & Mrs. Shane M. Ely.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 27/28 December

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign
Support of the Parish

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

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The parish office will close at 12.00 noon on Thursday 31 December for the New Year's holiday and will reopen at 9.00 am Monday 4 January.

2020 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 2020. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

Project Host Donation

Project Host thanks the parish of St. Mary's Catholic Church for their generation donation towards continuing Project Host's mission to use food as a tool to nourish the hungry and train the unemployed.

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.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Barb Sanfilippo who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to hear 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.

Daily Mass Readings

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

St Mary's School - AmazonSmile

amazonsmile Sign into your Amazon account, and select St Mary's Catholic School as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0426237>

Encourage your friends and family to help SMS by signing up for AmazonSmile!

Mass Intentions

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

Church 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.

EFT donation options:

Direct Debit Donation - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation - make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Make a Gift' link on the homepage of our parish website.

Mail-In Donation

Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

St Mary's Catholic Church
111 Hampton Avenue
Greenville, SC 29601

Thank you for your generosity and support.

St Mary's is online:

Website <https://smcgv1.org>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysgvl/>

YouTube [Saint Mary's Catholic Church Greenville, SC](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1wZ8Q8Q8Q8Q8Q8Q8Q8Q8Q8)

Weekend Masses & Streaming Mass in Gallivan Hall

Gallivan Hall is open during every weekend Mass to provide plenty of room for everyone. Mass is 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.

**** Help us keep Gallivan Hall ready for the next Mass:**

While you are welcome to move chairs to allow your family to sit closer together, please return them to their original location after Mass. Also, please take home or throw away your Mass booklet. Thank you for your cooperation. ******

Please note that every other pew remains 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 has returned from 5.00 - 6.00 pm.

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.

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. For questions, contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

St Anne's Ministry

St Anne's Stitchery Ministry are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month 1.00 - 3.00 pm in SHH.



We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Come join us. Contact: Judy Lema 864.884.9853 or airmel@aol.com.

Catholic Charities

Our Lady's Food Pantry

The pantry (2300 Old Buncombe Rd, Greenville 29609 behind San Sebastian mission church) is currently looking for a couple of volunteer drivers to drive the pantry truck to the food bank, help load the items into the truck, and help unload the items at the pantry. The time commitment will



be from 9.30-11.30 am on Mondays, and you can volunteer once a week or once a month. If interested, schedule a tour and training (2 hours) with Gracie Ortiz, Catholic Charities Regional Coordinator for the Upstate, at gortiz@charlestandioocese.org or 864.331.2626.

Catholic Charities Clothing Closet

Catholic Charities of SC Upstate has opened a new clothing closet to complement our other services! Open the 1st and 4th Saturdays of the month during Mobile Clean of Heart (10 am-1 pm), our clothing closet provides clothes to those in need. The closet is entirely donation based. Therefore, to continue to provide clothes, your generosity is much appreciated. The most pressing needs are:

- Pants, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, and jeans (M/L/XL+ preferred)
- Coats and jackets
- Comfortable shoes (like tennis shoes; no heels please)
- New or gently used socks
- NEW underwear (M-L+ sizes preferred)
- Hats and gloves

Donations can be dropped off at Catholic Charities at 2300 Old Buncombe Rd during pantry hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-3 pm), or sent to us using the below Amazon wish list link. 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/l/1M8C467DC7G38?ref_=wl_share



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WCKI 1300 AM

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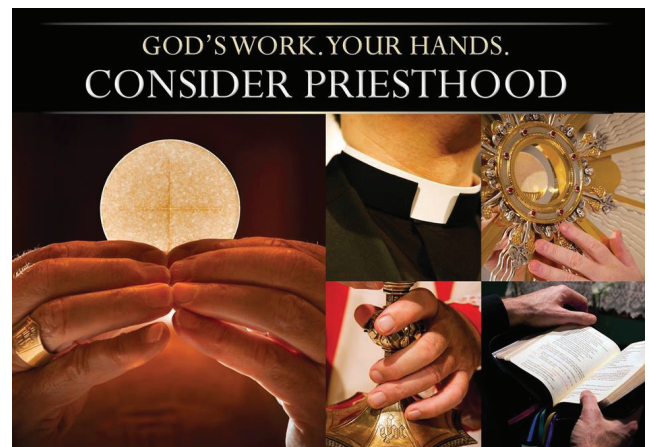
PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

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

To share an hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours:

Sunday 1 pm
Monday 12 pm
Wednesday 11 pm
Saturday 2 pm



GOD'S WORK. YOUR HANDS.
CONSIDER PRIESTHOOD

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.

Christmas Flower Memorials

December 2020

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