

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

11 April 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christos Anesti! (Christ is Risen) Alithos Anesti! (Truly He is Risen) In the Christian East these Greek acclamations replace the usual greetings of hello and goodbye during the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, the liturgical season of Eastertide, the first eight days of which have a special identity. Today is the eighth day since the Solemnity of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and this day in the sacred liturgy has three names: 1) the Octave Day of Easter, 2) the Second Sunday of Easter, and 3) Divine Mercy Sunday.

The number eight has a special liturgical meaning because it is a symbol of the new creation. The drama of creation unfolded over seven symbolic days, and the eighth day is the sign of God's pluperfect love revealed in the new creation. This is foreshadowed in the Old Covenant through circumcision taking place eight days after birth and is confirmed by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ taking place on Sunday, both the first day of the week and the eighth day. In the liturgical calendar, therefore, the eight days from Easter Sunday until today are kept as one festive celebration of the Resurrection, and today completes the eighth day or Octave of Easter.

Last Sunday in the sacred liturgy we were asked to renew the promises of our Baptism because in the sacrament of Holy Baptism we are washed clean of sin and made a new creation equipped for the life of grace by being born again of water and the Holy Spirit. Today the Gospel speaks of another sacrament given to the Church for the forgiveness of sins - the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation that we commonly call Confession. St John tells us that when the Lord Jesus had risen from dead and appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room, "he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." In other words, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is the Easter gift of the Risen Lord to his Church, and when we fall into sin after Baptism, going to Confession is Christ's chosen means of reconciling us to God, restoring us to full communion with his Church, and giving us the peace which surpasses understanding, the peace which the world cannot give.

The Sacrament of Penance is not an option that Catholics are free to choose nor not according to their preference. The Sacrament of Penance is the only ordinary way after Baptism for mortal sins to be forgiven and for those who are dead in sin to be restored to the new life of grace. So on this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us resolve to go to Confession whenever we commit grave sin and strive to be instruments of God's mercy for others so that we may bear witness to the truth of the Resurrection. Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 11 April

♣ Joseph Vorlick 7.30 am Daniel & Cecilia Craig 9.00 am 11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Sunday 11 April

11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M) 5.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 12 April

7.00 am ♣ Polce & Murphy Families

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6.00 pm Boy Scouts (P)

Tuesday 13 April

7.00 am ♣ Ruth O'Rourke

Tuesday 13 April

9.30 am Council of Catholic Women Knights of Columbus (M) 7.00 pm 7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 14 April

7.00 am **♣** Salvatore Sanfilippo

Wednesday 14 April

7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study Holy Hour and 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Confessions (church) 6.30 pm Religious Education (G) First Confessions for RE 6.30 pm and Homeschool

Thursday 15 April

7.00 am ♣ Miguelina Jimenez

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Friday 16 April

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

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7.00 am ♣ Eugenia Massa 5.30 - 6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group) 6.15 - 6.30 am Pillars of Christ Morning Prayer - Lauds (church) 6.30 - 8.00 am Pillars of Christ (late group) Spanish Rosary Gathering 8.00 pm

Saturday 17 April

5.00 pm ♣ Carl & Paul Roman

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8.00 - 9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30 - 4.30 pm Confessions (church)

CCW Potluck Fundraiser (P) 5.30 - 7.30 pm

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall

P - Pazdan Hall

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 3/4 April

35,900 Needed 48,505 Received Surplus +12,605

Poor Box 618

Offertory Year to Date

1,400,100 Needed Received 1,430,996 +30,896Surplus

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 3,441,722 Received

Pledge

Balance 935,157

2,623,121 Still to Go

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, Lori Wylie, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Patricia O'Leary, Robert Brown, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou, Jeannine Harvey, Ellen Plowden, Mary Stillmock, Shelby Gaschler, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Julie Birello, Fr Louis Marie Leonelli, Amal Long, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Marilyn Gleaton and Ann Howard.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 10 April at 12.00 noon



Come join us in Sacred Heart Hall for the first of only three luncheons this year. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. For more

information, please call Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 or Dee Goughneour at 864.297.8428.

Monthly Parish Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast! This month the Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast for the Parish Family on Sunday 18 April after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses in Pazdan Hall dining room.

For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 and 10.15 - 11.00. Besides serving in the Pazdan Hall dining room, we also have to-go boxes. If you would like a to-go box, you can either go through the serving line or text your order to 864.497.4804 (menu on board outside Church) and we will have it ready for you. If you want information including the menu sent to you, text "breakfast" to the number to receive the information.

Also, for all you men out there, please consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr Eduardo Gardín & Mrs Anais Moreno-Gardín.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 10/11 April

Support of the Parish

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



Seven Sisters Apostolate



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop - a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

Women of the parish are invited to prayerfully consider devoting one hour of prayer per week on behalf of our priests. If interested, please contact Chiara Braud at scgbraud@gmail.com or 864.263.9508. For more information about the nationwide apostolate, go to https://sevensistersapostolate.org.

Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass intention, contact Sarah Perkins at 864.679.4100 or sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

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. Thank you for your cooperation. **

All pews in the church are now open for seating; however, we continue to encourage social distancing and the wearing of a face mask. 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.



St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

April Meeting

All women of the parish are invited to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday 13 April at 10.00 am in the Msgr Gwynn room (1st floor of Sacred Heart Hall). We pray the rosary at 10.00 am followed by refreshments and the meeting.

South Carolina CCW 2021 Scholarship Award

The SCCCW Reverend William F Pentis Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 to honor Father Pentis, an Oratorian Father, who served as Moderator for the SCCCW, providing spiritual support for more than 30 years. His work with the Council was a labor of love. This award is available for Catholic females graduating from high schools within South Carolina and planning to attend an institution of higher education.

Please visit https://www.scccw.org/scholarship to download the 2021 Application which contains complete eligibility and submission guidelines. Applications MUST be postmarked on or before 9 April 2021 to be considered.

St Mary's CCW 2021 Scholarship Award

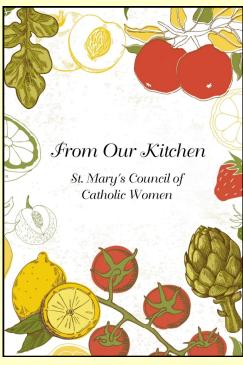
Established in 1998 to support Catholic women of the parish in their academic endeavors, the members of the SMCCW are proud to continue this award, now in its 23rd year! This award is available for both high school graduating female parishioners planning to attend an institution of higher education and female parishioners who are currently enrolled in a continuing education program.

Visit our parish website, click on 'Who We Are', 'Parish Organizations' and scroll to 'Council of Catholic Women' to download the 2021 application which contains the eligibility requirements and rules. Applications <u>MUST</u> be postmarked on or before 12 April 2021 to be considered. The recipient is selected via blind review.

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

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300 delicious recipes from our members—many nationalities!



Available for pick-up at the May 1st & 2nd Spring Bake Sale in the dining room of Pazdan Hall.

Keep For Your Record
Date:
Number of Cookbooks x \$20.00 (cash/check) or \$21.00 (credit card) each = \$
Paid by: ☐ check # ☐ cash ☐ credit card*
*Email smccwgvl@gmail.com for electronic invoice or call Karoline O'Rourke at 864.630.3462
For Cookbook questions, contact Elaine Stephens (esteph217@bellsouth.net or 864.906.0828) or Cathy Spitzmiller (thespitzmillers@gmail.com or 864.380.8091)

(Please write COOKBOOK on your envelope!)

Daily Mass Readings

For the daily Mass readings, visit https://bible.usccb.org

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has two certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.

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. Thank you.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

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 School Job Opening for the 2021 - 2022 School Year

St Mary's School is accepting applications for a highlyqualified **middle school Science teacher**. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced with teaching Science to middle school students, and possess a valid teaching certification. Compensation is dependent upon years of experience.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to principal@stmarysgvl.org.

St Mary's Catholic School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

Counseling services are available at St Mary's. Contact Dorothy Whalen by email at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org or by phone at 864.679.4122.

St Mary's School - AmazonSmile

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

Formed.org

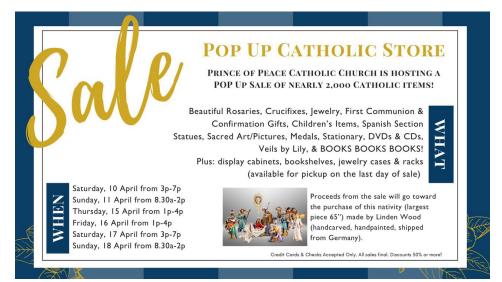
Online resources are available to every member of our parish at Formed.org using our parish code: **8B7VRM**.

Sidewalk Advocates for Life

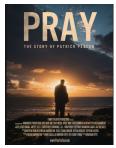


Would you like to learn how to help women in unplanned, crisis pregnancies choose life at the abortion center? Sidewalk Advocates for Life offers a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding sidewalk advocacy method that seeks to reach that woman's heart and fill her needs so she can confidently choose life! Our next training

will take place 1 May. For more details and to register, please visit Sidewalk Advocates for Life, Charleston - May 2021 Training (aplos.com) or contact the local Program Director at 843.580.6516 or SAFLCharleston@gmail.com. Find more information at www.sidewalkadvocates.org.



Free Virtual Family Movie Night



The Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life is offering a Free Virtual Family Movie Night on 24 April at 7.00 pm that can be streamed until 26 April at 7.00

am (36 hours). Please join us for an inspirational and entertaining movie about Father Peyton. The family that prays together stays together. Please share this information with all your friends and family! For more information please contact Christy at 803.554.6088 or Kathy at 803.547.5063 or cbrown@charlestondiocese.org.

Register to watch the movie here: https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/ charleston-pray-2021-04-24



St Mary's Religious Education 2020-21



Religious Education Family Program Grades 1-8

The next class is scheduled for this Wednesday, 14 April 2021 6.30 – 7.30 pm. This will be the last scheduled in person class for the 2020-21 school year

Religious Education and Homeschool Students in the First

Communion Class - First Confessions for Religious Education and Homeschool students will held on Wednesday 14 April. Meet in the church at 6:15 pm. St. Mary's School students will make their First confessions during the school day on Friday 16 April.

First Communion Practice

First Communion Practice will be held on Thursday 22 April 2021 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Children should meet in Gallivan Hall.

First Communion

First Communion this year will be held on Saturday 24 April 2021. Please pray for our first Communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time.





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Prince of Peace

"And behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age." Matthew 28:20

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider one of the following hours of need:</u>

Sunday 12 am & 11 pm Monday 1 pm Tuesday 4 pm & 11 pm Wednesday 12 pm Thursday 6 am Saturday 2 pm

Catholic Charities

Upstate Job Opening

We are seeking a dynamic and engaging Site Administrator to serve as the local, public representative of Catholic Charities in the Upstate. The Site Administrator will be responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operation of the office including Our Lady's Pantry (food pantry), the Save a Smile program (denture program), the Clothing Closet and the Mobile Clean of Heart (showers for homeless), and other potential programs. That includes operational implementation of programming, facilities management, supervision, recruitment/management staff volunteers, volunteer engagement, budget support, fundraising, and community relations. Additionally, the Site Administrator will be responsible for collaborating and communicating with donors and local parishes to create new stewardship events, implementing the strategic vision of the agency and operational priorities to find new ways to serve the poor and marginalized.

This role requires:

- Bachelor's degree in business, liberal arts, social work, or another related social service field
- Applicant to have significant experience in social services, human service delivery, program oversight, and community relation
- The ability to supervise staff and volunteers but also help them to be a part of the mission of the center
- Basic knowledge of budgeting and accounting
- Excellent technical computer skills in Microsoft Office with advanced competency in Microsoft Excel
- Valid driver's license
- Bilingual English-Spanish a plus

The Site Administrator must accept and promote Catholic Social Teaching and understand the spirituality of serving the poor to facilitate an encounter with Christ for all who come: the poor, staff, volunteers, donors, or community members. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to apply@charlestondiocese.org.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Register by email. <u>Virtual Session</u> is Thursday 15 April at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com. <u>In Person Session</u> is Wednesday 21 April at 6.30 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com or register at https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning

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