

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

25 April 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Scripture readings and Mass prayers appointed for this day in the sacred liturgy. Today's Communion Antiphon, for example, proclaims that "The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia." The Latin word for shepherd is pastor, and this reveals why the Church asks us to pray for more priests on Good Shepherd Sunday. The call to the priesthood comes from God, and the Lord has promised always to provide shepherds for his people. Through the Prophet Jeremiah, the Lord promised Israel: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart." (Jeremiah 3.15) But he also asks us to seek the gift of pastors in prayer: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9.37-38)

In Africa, in South America, and in Oceania, the number of young men offering themselves for priestly formation is on the rise, in some cases a dramatic rise. As you know already, however, this is not the case in Europe and in North America - the "developed" world - and the disparity points to one of the chief difficulties for the young men among us who are being called today: sometimes the call is not heard because of the noise in which we live. This cultural noise takes many shapes (e.g. desire for a lucrative career, fear of loneliness, the presence of so many options that making any choice is difficult, etc), but whatever the source of the noise, if the man being called never hears the call, we may assume he'll never find his place and purpose in life.

The priesthood is not a life for extraordinary men; it is an ordinary Christian way of life for ordinary Christian men. But the key to hearing and answering the call is that the man must understand what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus. The radical thing is not forsaking marriage and giving one's life to the Church; the radical thing is being baptized and giving one's life to Jesus Christ, knowing that this means following him in the Way of the Cross. When young men grow up in a vibrant Christian community in which the truth of the Catholic faith is a cause for rejoicing and the beauty of the sacred liturgy is lived day in and day out as the source and summit of the Christian life, then those who are being called will have no difficulty hearing the summons of the Savior to serve his flock as priests, as shepherds, as pastors.

Finally, for a man to know that he is called to the priesthood it is not necessary to search the heavens for mysterious signs of some inscrutable divine plan. There are really only three basic questions to be answered: 1) Do I want to be a priest? 2) Am I willing to sacrifice what must be sacrificed to be a priest? and 3) Do I have all the gifts of nature and grace needed to be a priest? Only the man can answer the first two questions, and only the Church can answer the third.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 25 April

7.30 am
9.00 am
9.00 am
11.00 am
1.00 pm

★ Carol Jablonsky
★ Marta Bessy Birello
Pro populo
Spanish Mass

Monday 26 April

7.00 am Joe & Mary Sanfilippo

Tuesday 27 April

7.00 am ♣ Ruth O'Rourke

Wednesday 28 April

7.00 am ♣ Daniel W. Welch

Thursday 29 April

7.00 am ♣ Mary Theresa Gill

Friday 30 April

7.00 am ★ Ella Stapp

Saturday 1 May

5.00 pm Restrepo & Palacio Families

Sunday 25 April

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M)

2.30 pm Lay Dominicans

5.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 26 April

4.00 pm Boy Scouts (G)

Tuesday 27 April

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Ministry7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 28 April

7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study 9.30 am Wednesday Morning

Bible Study

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour and

Confessions (church)

Thursday 29 April

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 30 April

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) 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study 8.00 pm Spanish Rosary Gathering

Saturday 1 May

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

SCCCW Bake Sale after the 5.00 pm Mass (P)

Financial Report

Weekend of 17/18 April

 Needed
 35,900

 Received
 38,435

 Surplus
 + 2,535

Poor Box 549

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,471,900 Received 1,508,029 Surplus + 36,129

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 3,453,208 Received

Pledge

Balance 931,852

Still to Go 2,614,940

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

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joel Naylor and Theresa Barbara Arkins who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their families 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, 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.

Congratulations to

Mariana Yaretzi Huerta who was baptized last weekend.

Kathleen Dillon & Nicholas Moeller who were married last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr & Mrs Patrick & Camille Roberts, Mr & Mrs Thomas & Cynthia Dacus, Mr & Mrs John & Jeanne Stadsvold, Miss Lauren O'Donnell, Mr & Mrs Dennis & Sharon Kay Trzuskowski, Ms Elizabeth Grant and Mr Griffin Donley.

Volunteer Opportunity for Young Adults

Come join St Mary's Young Adults Ministry as we serve clients at Catholic Charities on Saturday 1 May.

Volunteer shifts (you may choose either one, or both):

1st Shift: 9.00 am - 11.30 am 2nd Shift: 11.00 am - 1.30 pm

For details, see the event listed on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Young-Adults-105934061548802

Parish News

Collection for 24/25 April

Catholic Home Missions Support of the Parish

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

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is <u>12</u> days prior to the bulletin date. To submit items for the eBulletin, contact Jenni at jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org.

Mass Intentions

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

First Communion

On Saturday 24 April the children will make their first Communion at 9.30 am. Please pray for our Communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time.

Come and See - Lay Dominicans

Almost since its beginning, the laity has been in ministry and fully incorporated into the Dominican Order. They are lay man and women from every walk of life, living out their Baptismal promise through the ministry founded by St Dominic.

If you would like to learn more about the life and charism of Lay Dominicans and how they share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order through the Four Pillars: Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolic Preaching, join us on Sunday 25 April at 2.30 pm at St Mary's Church in Sacred Heart Hall (upstairs). For additional information you may contact Linda Head, OP at 864.268.0746.

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." - St Catherine of Siena

Do you have adult children that have fallen away from the church? Do you need help in drawing them back?

Join me in a 6-week study on the newly released book Return by Brandon Vogt. Return offers practical steps of how to draw your child back to Christ and His Church.

Click here for a preview: <u>Return trailer</u>

This will be a 6 week study meeting once a week (Wednesday evenings) starting on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 and running through Wednesday, 16 June from 6:30 -7:30 pm in SHH.

There will be a \$20 registration fee which includes study materials and book. I have a limited number of books available on a first come first serve basis. Purchase your own book and pay a \$5 registration fee.

To register or find out more contact:

Linda Jackson
Director of Catechesis and Congregational Care
linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org 864.679.4110





St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education 2021-22 - Grades 1-8

Volunteer Opportunities Available We are looking for Catechists and helpers for our Religious Education Program for grades 1-8 for the upcoming year of 2021-2022. We plan on going back to weekly in person instruction for the new year with monthly parent instruction.

To register click the link here:

https://form.jotform.com/210974563283158

To learn more about being a Catechist click here:

https://charlestondiocese.org/catechesis-and-christian-initiation/catechist-formation/

FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact Linda Jackson linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110



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.

Helping New Mothers This May



In observance of the merry Marian, motherly month of May, St Mary's Respect Life ministry will be collecting new baby items for Birthright to give to mothers with crisis pregnancies who have chosen Life for their babies.

Collection baskets will be located on the first floor of Sacred Heart Hall during the entire month of May. This is one small way to offer gratitude to the Lord Jesus for giving us His Mother, and to our own birth mother for giving us life.

Contact stmarys4lifegvl@gmail.com or visit https://www.facebook.com/stmarys4lifegvl/

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 prayer fully 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.

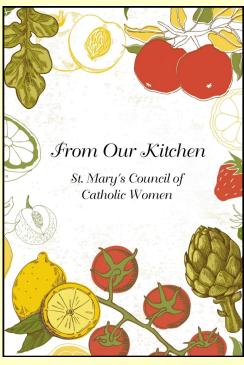
Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. We take as our foundation the Proverb: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Deacon John Heuser at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

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)								

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(Please write COOKBOOK on your envelope!)



For programming information, visit Catholic Radioin SC.com.

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.

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more at Formed.org. Register using our parish code: **8B7VRM**.

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!

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling this Spring, find mass times at a parish near you at https://masstimes.org or https://www.catholicdirectory.com





Engaged Encounter Weekend Retreats

St Mary Magdalene (Simpsonville): 24-25 April, 21-22 August, 13-14 November St Michael (Myrtle Beach): 9-10 October

Register at https://southcarolina.engagedencounter.com

${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC ${\cal A}$ DORATION

Prince of Peace

"It is the Lord!" John 21:7

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

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, lawabiding 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends



Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend

from 16-18 July in Beaufort, SC and 28-30 January 2022 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at https://SCMarriageMatters.org or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is Sunday 25 April



PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

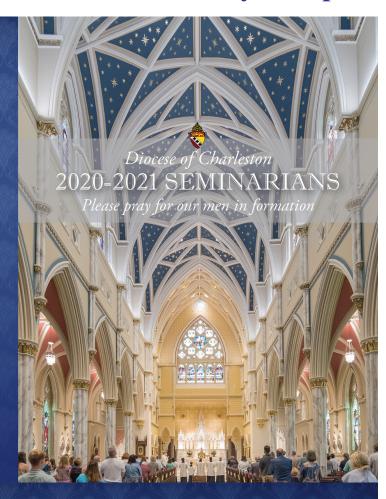
Father, thank You for the generosity of our seminarians. Safeguard them as they prepare for the priesthood.

Keep all evil far from them, so they may become strong Christian men who are faithful to prayer, diligent in their studies, open to spiritual direction, and docile to all aspects of seminary formation.

Above all, enflame their hearts with love so they will be ardent and gentle shepherds for Your Church.

We make this prayer through the great High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocese of Charleston Office of Vocations charlestondiocese.org/vocations



PLEASE PRAY DAILY FOR OUR 2020-2021 SEMINARIANS



"Jesus gave us
two great gifts:
the gift of himself
in the Eucharist
and the gift of
the priesthood to
continue his living
presence in the
Eucharist.

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

1.	Deacon Rafael Ghattas	Chris Loester	Pedro Silva	4. Sebastian Barbosa-Garcia	Faul LaCombe	6. First Fridays The Sacred Heart of Jesus	7. First Saturdays The Immaculate Heart of Mary
8.	Alex Foley	9. Peter O'Steen	10. Erik Roman	Nicholas Shiver	Daniel Perry	Trenton Redmond	Paul Sizemore
1:	Michael Tracy	Justin Damask	Mario Aguilar	Reyes Palomares	Enerson Hernandez	Jared Jackson	Colin Doering
2:		23. Mauricio Moreno	24. Blake Schuman	25. Fr. Gray	26. Bishop Guglielmone	27. For all Charleston seminarians	28. For all Charleston priests
25	For all men considering the priesthood and seminarians and sem		National Vocation Awareness Week • November 1-7, 2020 World Day of Prayer for Vocations • April 25, 2021 Priesthood Sunday • September 26, 2022				

THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON

SEE THE FILM PARISH SCREENING EVENT

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Family Theater Productions

Family Theater Productions creates family and faith-based media that inspires, entertains and educates.

"The family that prays together stays together."

- Venerable Patrick Peyton

Saturday, April 24, 2021, 7:00pm Can stream until April 26, 2021 at 7:00am.. To register https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/charleston-pray-2021-04-24
Sponsored by the Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life

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