



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

2 May 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholics who were at least teenagers by the late 1960's or earlier remember when every parish church was not just the center of religious and educational life for everyone in the congregation; the parish was also the center of social life for children, teens, and adults of every age. Parish groups hosted dinners, dances, parties, athletic events, game nights, Mardi Gras Balls, pancake suppers, and assorted other gatherings often organized by age, sex, and marital status, and everyone was encouraged to invite others from outside the parish to join in these events. It was in many ways a golden age of parish life in the United States, but that age has passed and will not return in our time. There are now too many activities available to everyone and too many opportunities beyond the parish for the local church to be the hub of social life even for deeply committed Catholics, and while we may regret this fact of life, we would also do very well to accept it as the starting point for asking a crucial question: What can we do to make the parish more than the place where we come for Mass on Sunday?

All people naturally crave the company of others and the fostering of real bonds of friendship and fellowship, and when a community of people is knit together by overlapping lines of this sort, the result is a palpable sense of belonging with others, of being accountable to others, and of being responsible for others. That is what changes a crowd into a congregation, and then when you come to Mass on Sunday, you won't be sharing the pews with strangers or just with familiar faces; instead, you will be worshipping with brothers and sisters in the Lord. You will learn about their joys and sorrows, and they will learn about yours. You will feel an authentic human connection to others who may or may not move in your professional or social circles, but you will know that you share a bond with them that is deep and real and permanent because it flows from our Baptism. And that is the basis for everything that follows.

But no one can form this experience of community for us; we must do it ourselves. Introduce yourself by name to someone you see at Mass but cannot yet call by name. Join a group in the parish, even if it's a bit out of your comfort zone. Read the eBulletin rather than wave it off as a nuisance in your inbox. Look for opportunities to serve others or contact me to suggest a new group or activity in the parish. Decide to do something more than pop in for one hour on random Sundays to get what you want, or fulfill a dreary duty, or get someone else off your back by going to Mass. Instead, make a commitment to be part of something larger than yourself. Our parishes will never again look as they did in the 1950's when people could leave their doors unlocked all night, and most families had only one income, and 70% of Catholics came to Mass on Sunday. But we can build something real and life-giving for those who do come here to give rather than take, and from such an authentic Christian community, who knows what blessings will flow!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 2 May

7.30 am ✱ Mary D Farina
9.00 am Greg & Michelle Moody
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 3 May

7.00 am ✱ Rosalia Sanfilippo

Tuesday 4 May

7.00 am ✱ Eileen Tierney Terry

Wednesday 5 May

7.00 am ✱ Teresa Bays

Thursday 6 May

7.00 am ✱ Marion Wanjek

Friday 7 May

7.00 am Bob & Debbie Devereaux

Saturday 8 May

5.00 pm ✱ Teresa Bays

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 2 May

SMCCW Bake Sale after all morning Masses
9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
5.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 3 May

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery
6.00 pm Boy Scouts (P)

Tuesday 4 May

7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 5 May

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour and Confessions (church)

Thursday 6 May

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 7 May

5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
6.15-6.30 am 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 8 May

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 24/25 April

Needed	35,900
Received	34,062
Shortage	- 1,838

Poor Box	324
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,507,800
Received	1,542,091
Surplus	+ 34,291

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	3,476,550
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Pledge Balance	924,277
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Still to Go	2,599,173
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

* 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, 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.

Mass Intentions

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

Offertory Envelopes and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage

If you no longer receive weekly stewardship envelopes in the mail, you may have been marked as **Inactive** within our parishioner database. No matter how often you come to Mass at St Mary's, you are not considered an **Active** member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record.

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- ◆ Parishioner tuition in the school
- ◆ Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- ◆ Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either here at St Mary's or in another parish)

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box for EFT on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as Inactive and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 1/2 May

Support of the Parish

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

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>

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms Hope David and Mr Matthew Story.

Congratulations to

Francis Joy Phillips and Finley McCarthy Phillips who were baptized last weekend.

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 Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Come join us! Contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airamel@aol.com.

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.

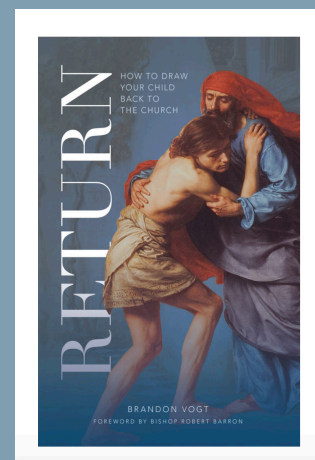
Click here for a preview: [Return trailer](#)

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://charlestdiocese.org/catechesis-and-christian-initiation/catechist-formation/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Linda Jackson

linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110



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
charlestdiocese.org/vocations

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 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>.

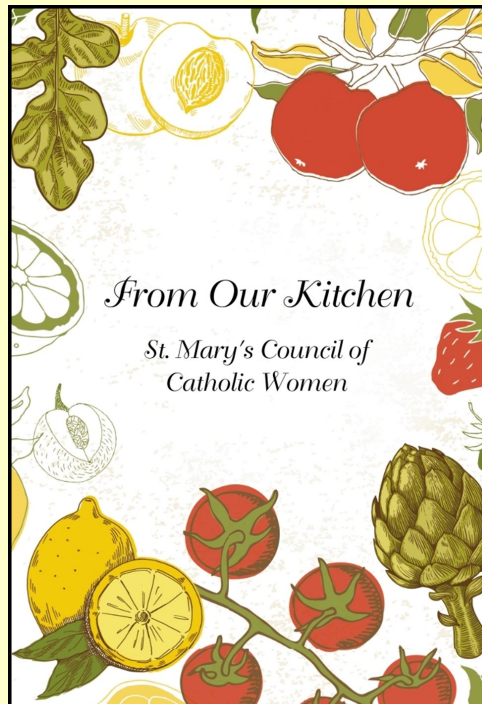
Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

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

COOKBOOK

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 smccwgv@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)

SMCCW COOKBOOK PRE-ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone _____

Number of Cookbooks _____ x \$20.00 (cash/check) or \$21.00 (credit card) each = \$ _____

Paid by: ☐ check ☐ cash ☐ credit card*

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MAIL CHECKS ONLY! (DO NOT MAIL CASH)

Make check payable to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Mail to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

(Please write COOKBOOK on your envelope!)



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

For programming information,
visit CatholicRadioinSC.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.whelen@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 highly-qualified **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.whelen@stmarysgvl.org or by phone at 864.679.4122.

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!

Nationwide Mass Times

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

WWW.HEARTRIDGEMINISTRIES.COM/WOMENS-RETREAT



HEART RIDGE
presents:

ABIDE IN ME WOMEN'S RETREAT

FRIDAY, MAY 7 – SATURDAY, MAY 8
OVERNIGHT OPTIONAL
LEAD BY LISA BUSS, SPIRITUAL
DIRECTOR AT PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC
CHURCH IN GREENVILLE
HELD AT THE NEWLY OPENED
RETREAT CENTER IN
SUNSET, SC

Natural Family Planning Classes

Register for May Introductory Sessions by email.

Virtual Sessions

Thursday 6 May at 7 pm - napronurse@aol.com

Thursday 13 May at 7 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com

Thursday 18 May at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

In Person Sessions

Tuesday 11 May at 7 pm at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church (Simpsonville) - karenmeyer.napro@gmail.com

Wednesday 19 May at 6.30 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com

DIocese of Charleston Office of Ethnic Ministries

Our Lady of La Vang



**Sunday
May 2, 2021**

10:45 am - 1 pm
via Zoom

REGISTER
<http://bit.ly/LaVang2021>
Zoom will send the link to sign in the day of the event.

VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

All are invited to join us for the virtual Marian Celebration of Our Lady of LaVang. The Rosary will be followed by the celebration of the Eucharist (in English) at 12 noon. The celebrant for the Mass is **Father David Phan, OFM**. Your virtual host for the event is **Michael Tran**, assistant director of the Office of Ethnic Ministries. The live event will take place at the Our Lady of LaVang Church in Greer.

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

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 please consider one of the following hours of need:

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, 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.

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.

Catholic Charities

Our Lady's Food Pantry



Our Lady's Food Pantry is looking for volunteers! The pantry aims to uphold the dignity and wellness of our poor and homeless neighbors and is currently operating like a drive-through. Volunteers are needed to fill food bags for pantry clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12.00 pm to 3.00 pm. If you are interested, please contact April Bittner at abittner@charlestandioocese.org or 864.331.2629.

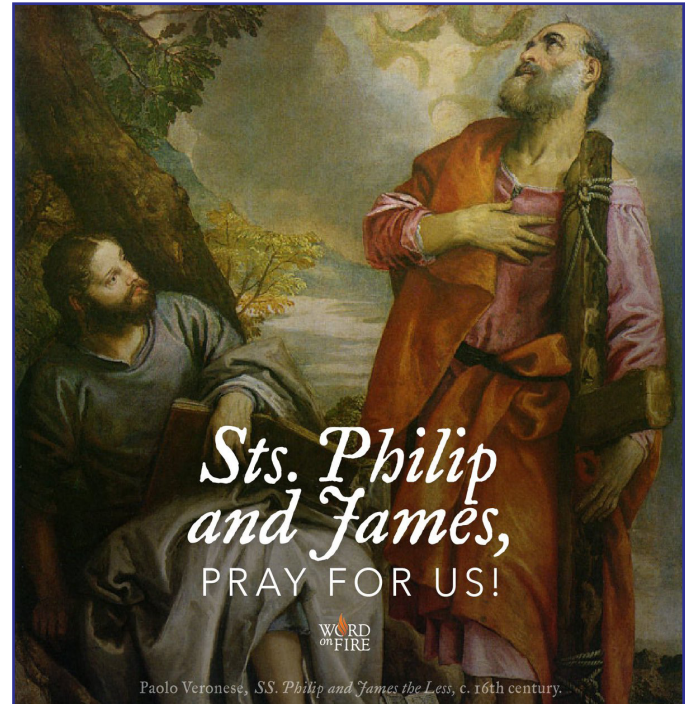
Upstate Job Opening

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, staff supervision, recruitment/management of 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@charlestandioocese.org.



St Rafka Monthly Pasta Dinner

St Rafka's monthly pasta dinner will be Thursday 6 May from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Menu is lasagna, meatballs, Italian sausage, tossed salad, and dessert. Adults are \$10 and children \$5.

Vocations Camps in North Carolina



The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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