

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

27 June 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

My appointment as the sixteenth pastor of Saint Mary's Church began on 28 June 2001, which means that this Monday is the 20th anniversary of my service here, and I give thanks and praise to God for the gift of these two decades!

From 1900 to 1973 Saint Mary's was served by only two pastors, and they lie buried next to each other by the side of the church. Then between 1973 and 2001 we had five pastors, yielding an average time in office of less than six years each, so twenty years ago when I explained that I hoped to be here for the rest of my life, parishioners were naturally dubious! But by God's grace, I am still here and as delighted now to serve this corner of the vineyard as I was the day I arrived.

A proverb says that if you want to make God laugh, then tell him your plans, and so this will surely provoke chortling at the Throne of Grace: I still hope to be here for the rest of my life, and if I am granted a full span of years, then I plan to retire on 10 July 2038 which will be the 45th anniversary of my priestly ordination. By then I will have been pastor for 37 years and will be just shy of my 76th birthday. If all that comes to pass, then I now have 17 years remaining in my service to Saint Mary's, and in any case, I am making plans for our programs and our properties based on that assumption.

Not three months after my arrival here, our country was plunged into war by the attacks of 9/11, and only four months after that our Church was plunged into chaos by the eruption of the clergy sex abuse scandals revealed by the Boston Globe. In the two decades since, we have weathered the Great Recession, two minor recessions, five presidential elections, two papal elections, a second sex abuse scandal ignited by the fall of the odious Ted McCarrick, the rise of a toxic "cancel culture" which threatens freedom of thought and speech, mob violence in our cities, the return of totalitarian Communism, and a global pandemic. And through all of that we are still here, still trying to follow Christ in the Way of the Cross, still proclaiming the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation for all who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

In my first homily to the parish twenty years ago, I explained the outline of Evangelical Catholicism - a way of understanding and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ as his faithful disciples and members of his holy Church which is based not on ethnic or cultural identity but on personal conversion to life in Christ by grace through faith, and from that day to this, Evangelical Catholicism has been at the center of my efforts to teach, sanctify, and govern this parish church. My intention is that these convictions shape everything about our common life in worship, catechesis, and service, and I invite everyone at Saint Mary's to share in that commitment. God be praised for his tender mercies and for the blessings of these twenty years.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 27 June

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7.30 am 9.00 am Leo Ambrose Grabosky

❖ Jeanne Pfeiffer

11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 28 June

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7.00 am Fr Christopher Smith

Tuesday 29 June

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7.00 am ₱ James T & Florence Mooney

10.00 am SCCCW Sewing Group 7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 30 June

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7.00 am ♣ The Norungolo Family

No Holy Hour & Confessions (Resumes 4 August)

Thursday 1 July

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7.00 am

★ Mera Barbara Bouharoun

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 2 July

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7.00 am ₩ William Bouharoun

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
7.00 pm Spanish Rosary Gathering

Saturday 3 July

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5.00 pm Jacob Sebastian Grabosky

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall

P - Pazdan Hall

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 19/20 June

 Needed
 35,900

 Received
 37,237

 Surplus
 + 1,337

Poor Box 717

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,795,000 Received 1,837,927 Surplus + 42,927

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 3,624,772 Received

Pledge

Balance 904,407

Still to Go 2,470,821

Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on 30 June or any Wednesday in July.

The church will be closed Monday 5 July - Friday 9 July and Monday 12 July - Friday 16 July. No 7.00 am Masses will be celebrated and the church will remain locked all day.

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, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, and Bill & Rose Cain.

Congratulations to

Camille Faustyna Grabosky who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

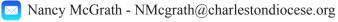
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Christopher & Joanne Young, Ma Isabel Velazcos Justo, Juan Moyaho, Jeremy & Ansley Grab and Bryan & Emily Dunleavy.

South Carolina Catholic Nurses



The Diocese of Charleston has established the South Carolina National Association of Catholic Nurses. We have been meeting over Zoom for the last several months and are now looking to expand our membership across the Diocese. Our next meeting is Monday 26 July at 7:30 pm. We

are inviting all Catholic Nurses of our Diocese to join us as we move forward in our planning for group prayer opportunities, educational talks, community outreach and volunteer activities. We look forward to you joining us!



Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/scnacn

Parish News

Collection for 26/27 June

Peter's Pence Support of the Parish

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

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday, 5 July for the Independence Day holiday.

Church Office Summer Hours 11 June through 13 August

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm Friday 9 am - 12 noon

Mass Intentions

All Masses have been filled for the remainder of 2021. The earliest available Mass intention is in February 2022. To schedule a Mass intention, email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

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.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 10 July at 12.00 noon



Come join us in Sacred Heart Hall for the second of only three luncheons this year. This will be a sandwich and salad lunch. Dessert and drinks

will be provided. For more information, please call Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 or Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726.



he Peter's Pence Collection occurs yearly on the Sunday closest to June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined together in support of the Holy Father.

A Concrete Sign of Mercy

The concrete participation in the needs of the universal ecclesial community has taken different forms throughout history. Collections and donations by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise awareness that all the baptized are called to materially sustain the work of evangelization and, at the same time, to help the poor in whatever way possible. By doing so, they build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

During his apostolic visit to Bangui in the Central African Republic in 2015, Pope Francis visited the city's pediatric hospital with a donation of medicines and a promise that he would not forget the country's children. With contributions raised to support Peter's Pence, the Holy Father kept that promise to the children of Bangui

How You Can Help

Pray for the Holy Father, those he reaches out in compassion to serve, and the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from this collection.

SHARE

Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested. More information is at www.vatican.va/roman_curia/ secretariat_state/obolo_spietro/documents/actual_en.html and www.peterspence.va/en.html.

GIVE

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

by founding a new facility in 2017. The existing hospital was renovated, and a new facility specifically for malnourished children was constructed. In a March 2019 message, Pope Francis described the hospital as "a concrete sign of mercy" originating with his 2015 visit.

A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts has its roots in the scriptural message to take care of the poor and is an expression of unity with the Holy Father. Peter's Pence expresses this unity in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.





Providing a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family

Do You Need Help in Talking to Your Child About Chastity?

Would you like to jump-start communication with your son or daughter? Do you need help in talking to your child about chastity, sexuality, marriage, dating and other important topics? Would you like to spend time with other families who share your values and want the best for their children? Would you like to do all this in an environment that is relaxed, fun and respects the dignity of everyone present?

If you answered YES to any of these questions and you're the parent of a 7th, 8th or 9th grader, we encourage you to register for the *Real Love & Real Life* parent-teen chastity education retreat, to be held at Our Lady of The Rosary Catholic Church on 30 & 31 July. Friday 30 July will be from 7.00 - 9.15 pm, and Saturday 31 July will be from 9.00 am - 2.00 pm. Lunch will be provided to participants on Saturday.

This fun and truly unique three-session retreat is for you to attend with your child. You'll see and hear skits, videos, participate in group breakout sessions and interactive games. It will bring you together with other parish families to learn about love, life, chastity and God's gift of sexuality. You and your teen will have the chance to enhance your communication skills, discuss true worth, guidelines for future dating and lots more. Here, one parent shares what they liked most about the retreat. "It opened a door for me that wasn't open before between my daughter and me. I definitely feel more comfortable and confident discussing chastity with her."

The *Real Love & Real Life* retreat is presented by Family Honor Inc., an organization that has provided and promoted a family-centered Catholic approach to chastity education since 1988. The deadline for registering is 16 July. Space is limited so register soon online at https://familyhonor.org. There is a registration fee of \$45 per family (\$15 extra if someone is bringing two teens) for the retreat, which can be paid upon checking in at the first session. Scholarships may also be available. For more information, contact Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110.



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education 2021-22 Sunday Morning Preschool

Volunteer Opportunities Available We are looking for Catechists and helpers for our Sunday morning Preschool Program for K3 and K4 for the upcoming year of 2021-2022. Confirmation students looking for Church Service hours, here is a great opportunity.

To register click the link here: https://form.jotform.com/211574554001143

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

St Mary's School Job Opening for the 2021 - 2022 School Year

St Mary's School is accepting applications for a fulltime K4 teaching assistant. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is necessary.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to principal@stmarysgvl.org by Friday 16 July.

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

School Office Summer Hours until 6 August

Monday - Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe and most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open 864.271.3870.

St Mary's School - AmazonSmile



Sign into your Amazon account, and amazonsmile 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!

Young Adults Group

St Mary's has a new young adults group for parishioners. Our aim is to bring together young professionals and build community through social gatherings, events and community service. Please contact Emily Krauter at emilyckrauter@gmail.com for more information and to be added to our GroupMe. Visit St Mary's Young Adults' Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Young-Adults-105934061548802 for more details.

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. Matthew

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.

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.



O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and show us watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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POP-UP GLINIC

THURSDAY JULY 8 6:00-7:30 PM AGES 6-14 LOCATION: ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 111 HAMPTON AVE, GREENVILLE SC 29601

The kids will be ages 6-14 years old and will be split up based on their age and skill levels

Register here: https://www.cognitoforms.com/GreenvilleTriumph1/PopUpClinicRegistrationForm



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 <u>Inactive</u> and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org

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.

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.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.

https://masstimes.org

https://www.catholicdirectory.com

Daily Mass Readings

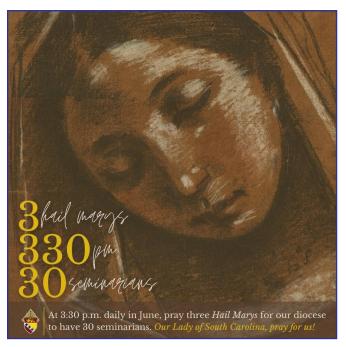
For the daily Mass readings, visit https://bible.usccb.org



For programming information, visit Catholic Radioin SC.com.

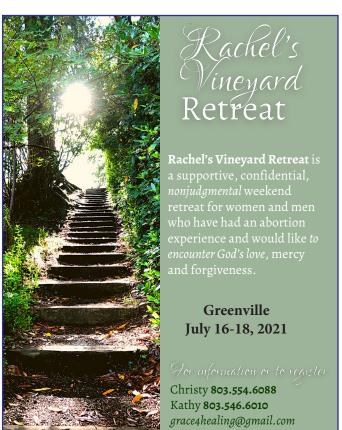
Formed.org

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**.



30 for 30 Prayer Campaign

Join us this month for our 30 for 30 prayer campaign as we pray for more vocations within our diocese. Every day at 3.30 pm for the 30 days of June, we will pray three Hail Marys and ask that God sends us 30 seminarians. Twice a week, seminarians will lead the prayers on our Facebook and Instagram Live platforms. On the days that won't be streamed, we ask that you continue to pray. Our Lady of South Carolina, pray for us!



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

Prince of Peace

"Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him." ~ St Clare of Assisi

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 & 7 pm Monday 12 am & 12 pm Wednesday 12 pm Thursday 5 pm Friday 5 pm Saturday 2 pm

Heal Our Lands Holy Hours

A Holy Hour for healing of our nation is at Our Lady of the Rosary (3710 Augusta Rd, Greenville) every Thursday at 7 pm through 7 October, the 450th anniversary of Lepanto. This Holy Hour initiative was started in Wisconsin by Fr Heilman and his Grace Force to pray for God's mercy and intervention in our current times. For more information on the Holy Hours, visit https://usgraceforce.com/want-to-change-history-join-heavens-army-every-thursday-may-13-to-october-7/.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

Don't take a vacation from your marriage! Come learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Fill your marriage with joy! Sign up today to attend one of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 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.

Engaged Encounter Weekend Retreats

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

Register at https://southcarolina.engagedencounter.com

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