

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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## Greenville, South Carolina

6 February 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Be still and know that I am God." Thus does the LORD instruct us in Psalm 46, verse 10. The stillness to which we are called in Holy Scripture is a letting go of actions and words that yields silence, both interior and exterior, and such silence is essential for every disciple of the Lord Jesus. We need times of exterior silence in order to cultivate interior silence, and without interior silence we make it very difficult to hear the Word of God. For this reason, silence is indispensable to authentic and mature Christian faith and life.

Our Evangelical Protestant brethren often emphasize the need for a daily "Quiet Time," which is accompanied by reading the Bible and keeping silent. This is nothing other than the ancient Catholic practice of lectio divina, or divine reading, which is a meditative reading of the Scriptures in a quiet place. Divine reading is understood to have four parts: lectio, meditatio, oratio, and contemplatio. Reading leads to meditating on what is read, and our meditation leads to prayer that culminates in the contemplation of the beauty of God. Understanding the parts, though, is not essential to the practice of lectio divina: simply set aside time each day, go to a quiet place, open the Sacred Page and read. "Be still and know that I am God."

Exterior and interior silence is also essential in the sacred liturgy. We come to the church from a life filled with action and noise, and when we enter the sacred space of the House of God, we need to be quiet. Conversations should end in the vestibule, so that by the time we reach the pew, we are on the path to being still. Prayerful readings of the Scripture lessons appointed for that Mass might be helpful, or perhaps it would be well simply to kneel in silent adoration of the Lord Jesus present in the tabernacle. "Be still and know that I am God."

Once the celebration of Mass begins, the liturgy will be punctuated by several periods of sacred silence: at the penitential rites, as we remember our sins and ask for mercy; during the Liturgy of the Word, to ponder the Scriptures; after the homily, to consider the instruction given; before the end of the Communion Rite, to give thanks for the gift of grace we receive in the Most Holy Eucharist. During these times of silence, we are not waiting for the next thing to happen; instead, we are waiting together upon the LORD. "Be still and know that I am God."

When Mass is ended, our need for silence does not end. The church is always a place of prayer, even after the procession leaves the sanctuary. For the sake of those who want to linger in adoration and of those who are arriving for the next Mass and need to prepare in stillness, we should save our conversations until we reach the vestibule or, even better, have walked outside the church, preferably into Miller Square which is designed for fellowship after Mass. With such reverential silence, we can begin to fulfill the precept: "Be still and know that I am God."

Father Newman

## **Calendar of Events**

Mass Schedule & Intentions		Meetings	& Events *
Sunday 6 February		Sunday 6 February	
7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	<ul> <li>✤ Bob Scoggins John Lesley Pro populo Spanish Mass</li> </ul>	Nursery: Duri	ighnuts: After 9.00 am Mass ng 9.00 am Mass ds: 9.00 am Mass Sunday Morning Bible Study Spanish Bible Class (G) Youth Group (M) Women of Grace Bible Study
Monday 7 February		Monday 7 February	
7.00 am	✤ John Quackenbush	1.00 pm 6.30 pm 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery Cub Scouts Baptism Class Boy Scouts (M)
Tuesday 8 February		Tuesday 8 February	
7.00 am	✤ Nelly Restrepo	10.00 am 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	SMCCW Meeting Knights of Columbus Meeting Spanish Bible Class
Wednesday 9 February		Wednesday 9 February	
7.00 am	✤ Porter Joseph Miros	9.30 am 5.00-6.00 pm 6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Holy Hour & Confessions (church) Religious Education Introduction to Catholicism (RCIA)
Thursday 10 February		Thursday 10 February	
7.00 am	Christopher Miros	7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
Friday 11 February		Friday 11 February	
7.00 am	∗ Edwin Tully	6.30-6.45 am	Pillars of Christ (early group) Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Friday Morning Bible Study Spanish Rosary
Saturday 12 February		Saturday 12 February	
5.00 pm	▪ Joel Naylor	8.00-9.00 am	per: After 5.00 pm Mass (P) Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic
		3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall		* All events in Sacred Heart Hall	

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All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed

### **Financial Report**

Weekend of	<u> 29/30 January</u>			
Needed	36,625			
Received	36,959			
Surplus	+ 334			
Poor Box	350			
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Needed	1,135,375			
Received	1,190,204			
Surplus	+ 54,829			
Electronic Giv	<u>ving:</u> If you want			
to have direct	management of			
your Electronic	c Fund Transfer			
online, you can now do so				
through the "Make a Gift" link				

Forward in Faith **Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise** 2019 to 2023

on the homepage of our website.

For more information or if you have any questions please

contact Jennifer Anderson at

jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org.

Donations Received	4,269,788
Pledge Balance	708,052
Still to Go	2,022,160

### **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, Mary Stillmock, Shelby Gaschler, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Julie Birello, Fr Louis Marie Leonelli, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Rose Cain, Joseph M Pazdan, Konta & Laman Patel, Timothy Potocki, Sloane Perkins, Annette Marino, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Samuel Cole, Rodney 'Butch' Artrip, Michael Tierney, and Andrew Buckley.

### Winter Weather

Please be aware that this time of year has unpredictable weather. All closings due to inclement weather will be announced through Flocknote emails/texts. If you do not recieve the weekly emails/texts on Friday morning with the links to the eBulletin and Mass programs please email jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!



Please join us for coffee, doughnuts & fellowship in Pazdan Hall dining room after the 9.00 am Mass.

### **Souper Bowl Sunday**



We will be collecting <u>monetary donations</u> to help Catholic Charities. Soup kettles will be placed in the vestibules of the church on Super Bowl weekend, 12 & 13 February.

### Welcome Newcomers

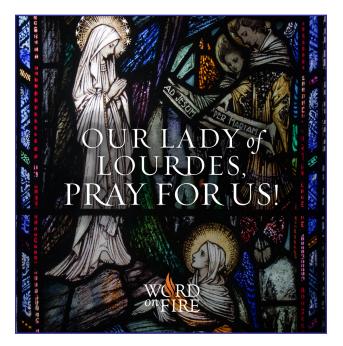
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: David & Sarah Contreras, John & Payton Pereira, Corey Fisher, Lily Yaneth Lainez Lopez & Agustin Monrraga, Riley Brown.



### **Collection for 5/6 February**

Support of the Parish

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



### **Mass Intentions**

Mass intentions for 2022 are almost gone! There are only 5 left. The Mass intention schedule for 2023 will not open until July 2022. To schedule a Mass intention (for English Masses), email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

### **2021 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 2021. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.



## The Center for Evangelical Catholicism

Faith and Culture Lecture Series *presents* 

# **Faith and Reason** Are Science and Religion at Odds? By Dr John Carrano

9 March 2022 – 6.30 pm St Mary's Catholic Church McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft



Dr John C. Carrano is an Executive Consultant and the former President and CEO of Paratus Diagnostics, a firm he founded that specializes in medical devices for point-of-care diagnostics. Dr Carrano was previously Vice President, Research & Development at Luminex Corporation (NASDAQ: LMNX). Prior to Luminex, John was as a programmanager at DARPA where he led several major Defense Department programs related to bio-sensing. Dr Carrano was also on the faculty of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the United States Military Academy, and served as the Department Executive Officer. He retired from

the Army in 2005 with over 24 years of decorated service including a variety of command and staff positions worldwide. Dr Carrano received his B.S. from West Point and his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He has several patents and over 60 publications and is a Fellow of SPIE. In 2012 he was appointed by Secretary Napolitano to the Department of Homeland Security Science Advisory Board.



to dance the night away!

### 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.

### **Spiritual Direction**

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

### **Please Help Support Our School!**

### Save the date for Saint Mary's School 2022 Gala on Saturday 5 March

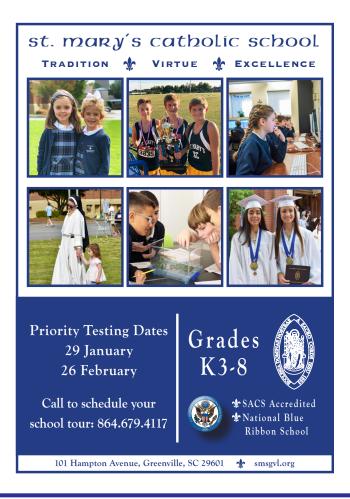


Our annual St Mary's Gala is soon approaching! This event, along with the St Mary's Classic, is one of the most important fundraisers for our school.

We invite you to participate by **becoming a gala sponsor** or **donating auction items.** This is an exceptional way for you to play an important role in our event.

> Please contact Pat Perkins at pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4109.

Thank you for supporting our school!



# MAMA MIA! SPAGHETTI SUPPER

## ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN Fundraiser to benefit St. Clare's Home

Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 6:00PM Immediately after 5:00PM Saturday Vigil Mass Pazdan Hall

Adult ticket: \$12.50 per person; Child ticket: \$5.00 per child

Sign up for tickets before February 10, 2022, via this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A4A723A6F8C61-mama Once you sign up you will receive an invoice for payment.

Need help or have questions? Email courtney.plyler@gmail.com

#### **Donations Needed OUR LADY'S PANTRY**

- Client Choice Nutritional Wellness Pantry -

Our program is working to create partnerships that will enable us to meet the needs facing clients in the communities we serve. We envision a community where everyone has access to enough nutritious food to feed themselves and their families, as well as access to household goods that uphold the dignity of our clients. While we have some existing partnerships in place, the pantry tends to run low on some items more than others, and we are hoping to be able to bridge that gap through the generosity of parishioners.

If you are moved to donate, we are gratefully accepting donations of the following:

Canned fruit & fruit-based snacks

- Fruit cocktail
- Pineapple
- Mandarin
- Peaches Pears
- Fruit cups

Applesauce • Freeze-dried fruit

An occasional donation goes a long way!

These items can be found in bulk at warehouse stores or via Amazon. Donations can be dropped off at (or mailed directly to) 2300 Old Buncombe Rd. Greenville SC 29609.

For more information, please connect with Delia Gutierrez, Client Advocate at Catholic Charities Upstate at dgutierrez@charlestondiocese.org or 864.331.2629.

### **Bulletin Submissions**

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



Save the Date St. Mary's Vacation Bible School June 13-16 (Monday – Thursday) 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Volunteer Opportunity Looking for Adult and Teen Volunteers

Please direct inquiries to Linda Jackson Linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org 864.679.4110

### **New Senior Life Ministry**

St Mary's has a new ministry dedicated primarily to assisting Seniors, but is open to anyone who could benefit from our services. As a new ministry, we are also looking for volunteers that are interested in assisting in any of the services offered by this ministry. The services we provide include:

Resource Information: Are you looking for a handyman to do some minor repairs? Have questions about Senior resources in our community? Looking to move to a smaller place and need help with downsizing all your stuff? We can provide you with resources available in the Upstate and some within our Greenville Catholic Community.

Home Safety Assessment: A 53-point assessment of your living spaces, inside and out, that looks for possible hazards and things you may want to do to increase the safety of living at home in your senior years.

Setting up an "In Case of Death or Incapacity" file: A private file listing a wide variety of information your loved ones will need in the event of your incapacity or death. We will also check to see if you have the legal documents you may need. This is a great resource in helping your loved ones avoid probate court and reducing what will already be a stressful time to them.

Documenting your desired Catholic Funeral Rites: All too often we have Catholics whose family opt out of these important funeral and prayer rituals because they simply do not know or understand the importance of Catholic prayer rituals. This file will specify your desires and can even detail options to your Vigil (Scriptures, songs, etc) if desired.

Homebound Assistance: Are you homebound and periodically need help getting around? Someone to do a quick run to the store? Or someone to just periodically come by and talk? Perhaps you need help with how to watch St Mary's Mass at home or would like someone to bring Holy Communion by once a week.

For more information about St Mary's Senior Life Ministry or to talk about volunteer opportunities in this ministry, please contact Deacon John at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

### **Daily Mass Readings**

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





## St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8 Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Parents meet this Week 9 February at 6:00 pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

For More Information Contact Linda Jackson linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110

# **Adult Christian Formation**

## **An Introduction to Catholicism**



### What is Catholicism?

Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible?

#### Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church?

Our course called *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church.

The classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30 pm from Labor Day through Easter, and all are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church

FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact T.J. Nielsen timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.

### 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 TJ Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

### **Formed.org**

Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Register at https://formed.org 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.



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.

### **Young Adult Spring Retreat**

Register now for the Young Adult Spring Retreat at Camp St Christopher (Johns Island) from 6-8 May. Open to all young adults ages 18-35, this will be a weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship. You will be able to encounter God through the Sacraments, in prayer, in nature, and through other young adults as we share our journey of faith. We would love to see you there, and don't forget to invite a friend! Register for \$80 at https://charlestondiocese. configio.com/pd/146/young-adult-spring-retreat-2022. Contact Cara Lawley at clawley@charlestondiocese.org or 843.670.2586 with questions.



### St Clare's Banquet



Please join us for the First Annual Banquet in support of St Clare's Home on 26 March from 5.30-8.30 pm at Fluor Field Baseball Stadium. We will have

dinner, great presentations - including author and speaker Fr Jeffrey Kirby, pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church plus exciting updates on the women and babies we've helped in the few months the home has been open. Tickets are \$50 a person and dinner includes steak or salmon, and we expect to sell out quickly. Help us create a homerun for generations to come! Purchase tickets at https:// charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/175/pink-and-bluebanquet. Visit https://www.stclareshomesc.org/pink-andblue-banquet-2022 for more information.

### **Diocesan High School Youth Conference**

Join Catholic youth and adults from around the Diocese on 26-27 February at the Columbia Convention Center for the 31st Annual DYC. The theme for this year is "Restored!" Register online at https://charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/169/diocesan-youth-conference-dyc-2022.



## CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE ITALY JUNE 17-28



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Fr. Fabio Refosco, Chaplain

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### **Natural Family Planning Classes**

<u>Virtual Sessions</u> Thursday 17 February at 6.30 pm janellenapro@gmail.com

In Person Sessions Thursday 10 February at 6.30 pm at St Francis Eastside - napronurse@aol.com Wednesday 16 February at 6.30 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com Saturday 19 February at St Andrew (Myrtle Beach) - contact Susanna at 843.813.3122

# ${\cal P}$ erpetual ${\cal E}$ ucharistic ${\cal A}$ doration

#### **Prince of Peace**

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!" ~Is 6:3

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</u> one of the following hours of need (\*urgent open hour!):

Saturday 10 am\* & 4 pm\*



### **REBOOT!** with Chris Stefanick



REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! The event will feature Catholic author and speaker

Chris Stefanick on Wednesday 23 February from 7.00-9.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene Church in Simpsonville.

Rediscover the message of the Gospel as powerful for us all, beautiful in its application to life, engaging for those searching, and fun and captivating for all ages, including our youth. Do not miss the opportunity to hear one of the most sought-after voices of our time. Register for \$39 at https://reallifecatholic.com/events/rebootsimpsonville. Group rates are available.

#### The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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