



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

13 February 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Righteous is not a word we often hear these days except as a form of condemnation when we say that someone is self-righteous, but the concept of righteousness must be a central part of any attempt to describe and lead a life that is truly good rather than evil or wicked. The word righteous entered the English language in the early 16th century as a way to translate the Greek word dikaios, which appears 74 times in the New Testament, 25 of those being found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Righteous and dikaios mean to act in accord with the eternal law of God, to be free from sin, and to be innocent of wrongdoing. And what the Word of God reveals to us is that righteousness is found only in Jesus Christ and that we become righteous only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Do a word search online or consult a Bible concordance for the words righteous and righteousness to see the many verses of Holy Scripture which describe what righteousness is and how we find it. A life without righteousness is a life without clear meaning, direction, or hope for anything beyond the grave, and a quick glance at the nihilism and chaos in the world provides clear confirmation of what the absence of righteousness does both to individual lives and to entire societies.

We live in a time of unimaginable prosperity and technical mastery over the material world, but we also live in such spiritual and cultural darkness that we can no longer name the differences between boys and girls without breaking laws erected by the dictatorship of relativism. Our machines probe the mysteries of the cosmos, but our souls are so shriveled that death by despair (suicide and overdose) is now so common that our average lifespan has contracted for the first time in a century. Our leaders in every sphere of human activity, including religion, are largely aimless, graceless, and feckless, and their schemes for restoring good order in human affairs are usually pointless. We live in the midst of lawlessness and hopelessness because we live in a time of unrighteousness. So what should we do? What can we do? We can hear and heed the Word of God.

“The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” These words of the Lord Jesus (Mark 1.15) are as urgent for us today as they were when first proclaimed in Galilee two millennia ago. Societies, cultures, and entire civilizations are shaped one life at a time, and that is how disciples of the Lord Jesus are also formed - one at a time. Lent begins this year on 2 March, and we have a new opportunity to decide again to follow the Lord Jesus by repenting of our sins and believing in the Gospel. “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1.8-9)

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 13 February

7.30 am ✧ William 'Bucky' League
 9.00 am ✧ Melba V Rader
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 14 February

7.00 am ✧ Patti Waters

Tuesday 15 February

7.00 am ✧ Argemira Palacio

Wednesday 16 February

7.00 am Joann Miller

Thursday 17 February

7.00 am ✧ Sister Mary Edwardine
 Machnica, CSSF

Friday 18 February

7.00 am ✧ Barbara Scoggins

Saturday 19 February

5.00 pm Jason & Candace Perkins

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 13 February

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 3 & 4 Year Olds: 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)
 5.30 pm Youth Group (M)

Monday 14 February

6.30 pm Cub Scouts
 7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday 15 February

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group
 7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 16 February

7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study
 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
 & Confessions (church)
 6.30 pm Religious Education
 6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism
 (RCIA)

Thursday 17 February

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 18 February

5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
 6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church)
 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M)
 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary
 7.30 pm Young Adults Dance (G)

Saturday 19 February

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 5/6 February

Needed	36,625
Received	39,209
Surplus	+ 2,584
Poor Box	531

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,172,000
Received	1,229,413
Surplus	+ 57,413

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	4,272,619
Pledge Balance	707,487
Still to Go	2,019,894

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, 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, Andrew Buckley, Craig Arnold, Jaxson Rivera, and Terry Gurn.

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 receive 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!

Mass Intentions

There are no Mass intentions left for 2022. The Mass intention schedule for 2023 will not open until August 2022. Email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org with questions.

Souper Bowl Sunday



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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Anne Long, Sarah Long, Travis & Megan Monroe.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 12/13 February

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign
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 21 February for the Presidents' Day holiday.

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 program manager 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.

SWEETHEART

SWING

GALLIVAN HALL AT ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FRIDAY, FEB. 18
7:30-10:30PM

FOOD PROVIDED
B.Y.O.B.

SWING LESSON
7:45-8:15



The St Mary's Young Adults Ministry invites all Catholic young adults (21-35) to its first annual dance. Doors will open at 7.30 and a Swing lesson will be given from 7.45-8.15. Attire is semi-formal. Don't miss this chance to dance the night away!

The Knights of Columbus presents

Special Needs Planning Seminar



Join us for an important presentation on Special Needs Planning.

For families with a special needs child, financially preparing for the future can be overwhelming and daunting. Many parents quietly worry about their child's future when they are no longer able to provide financial support.

The Knights of Columbus recognizes the unique challenges that these families face. We understand it's not just about dollars and medical care but also the quality of life for their child.

In this seminar, we'll talk through the some of the challenges and solutions that you and your family should consider. We'll go through the planning process and share how the Knights of Columbus can help your family.

Wednesday 23 February at 7.00 pm
[Click here to register for the Webinar!](#)

Contact Robert Boni at robert.boni@kofc.org
or 843.824.5632 with questions.

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!

st. mary's catholic school

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Grades
K3-8



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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.

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>



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



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S.C. BACH, SOUTH CAROLINA'S BACH SOCIETY
presents

Gabriel Smallwood, harpsichord

The Keyboard Music of Johann Sebastian Bach

Friday, March 4, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
1601 N. Pleasantburg Dr.
Greenville, 29609

Tickets: \$20 general admission | \$5 student (with valid student ID)
Tickets are available at the door and online at www.scbach.org



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.
Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

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.

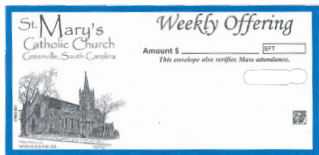
The classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30 pm from Labor Day through Easter, and all are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church

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 **Inactive** 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.



ELECTION OF A BISHOP *prayer*

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://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/146/young-adult-spring-retreat-2022>. Contact Cara Lawley at clawley@charlestdiocese.org or 843.670.2586 with questions.

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Treasures of the Church



The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.

presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

HELD IN THE CHURCH ON
SUNDAY MARCH 20 AT 1:30 PM
 See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
 120 Broad St
 Charleston, SC 29401
 (843) 724-8395

Belonging 2022

Diocese of Charleston
Catholic Conference 4 Women
 Greenville, SC St. Joseph's Catholic School
www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging

February 26
 "... you were created for
 such a time as this?"
 Esther 4:14



Keynote by author, and popular speaker, Mary Lenaburg

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://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/175/pink-and-blue-banquet>. Visit <https://www.stclareshomesc.org/pink-and-blue-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://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/169/diocesan-youth-conference-dyc-2022>.

The S.C. Catholic Men's Conference is sponsored by
 S.C. Knights of Columbus State Council in support
 of the Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life

2022
 SC Catholic Men's Conference

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sccatholicmensconf.org

DO YOU WANT TO

- Grow in your Catholic faith?
- Deepen your relationship with Christ?
- Be a better father, son, husband and man?
- Be a spiritual leader in your family, church, work place and community?

THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU!

Come and fill your spiritual toolbox with the information you need to build your faith and lead your family.

MARCH 5, 2022
8:30 AM - 4 PM

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 2945 ALPINE ROAD
 COLUMBIA, SC

\$50 Preregistration
\$60 at the door
 Includes light breakfast & lunch

REGISTRATION
 Online at sccatholicmensconf.org
 or mail check to:

Keith Kingren
 2704 E. Georgia Road
 Simpsonville, SC 29681

OUR INCREDIBLE SPEAKERS



DAMIEN J. O'CONNOR
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 National Speaker, Author, Catholic Apologist, Convert, Founder of St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers



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Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual Sessions

Thursday 17 February at 6.30 pm -
janelleaprop@gmail.com

In Person Sessions

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

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Monday 3 pm*

Saturday 7 am*, 9 am, & 4 pm*

A promotional graphic for a talk by Dr. Scott Hahn. It features a portrait of Dr. Hahn on the right side. The text on the left provides details about the event: "DR. SCOTT HAHN at OUR LADY OF GRACE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18 6:30 PM - 9:40 PM OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH 7095 Waxhaw Hwy Lancaster, SC 29720 www.GraceWePray.org COST OF ADMISSION: FREE REGISTRATION & DETAILS AT stpaulcenter.com/lancaster22/ *Registration is required. Spaces are limited.*"

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.

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