



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

15 May 2022

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 15 May

7.30 am ✕ Drake Carter Whatley
 9.00 am ✕ Carol Pelicano
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 16 May

7.00 am Timothy Nielsen

Tuesday 17 May

7.00 am Veronica Sue

Wednesday 18 May

7.00 am Claire Elise Roberts & Family

Thursday 19 May

7.00 am ✕ Jennette Pelicano

Friday 20 May

7.00 am Theresa Gevaert

Saturday 21 May

5.00 pm ✕ Margaret Saiko

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 15 May

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 Masses (P)
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M/G)
 5.30 pm Youth Group (M)
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 16 May

6.30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday 17 May

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group
 7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 18 May

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
 & Confessions (church)
 6.30 pm Baptism Class

Thursday 19 May

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 20 May

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

Saturday 21 May

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd
 abortion clinic
 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
 6.00 pm Catholic Fellowship Dinner (P)

Financial Report

Weekend of 7/8 May

Needed	36,625
Received	37,610
Surplus	+ 985

Poor Box	540
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,648,125
Received	1,745,003
Surplus	+ 96,878

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	4,455,554

Pledge	
Balance	652,214

Still to Go	1,892,232
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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, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou, Jeannine Harvey, Mary Stillmock, Shelby Gaschler, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, 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, Rodney 'Butch' Artrip, Michael Tierney, Andrew Buckley, Craig Arnold, Jaxson Rivera, Terry Gurn, Helen Carter, Mark Greenaway, Anthony Harris and James Noak.

Monthly Parish Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast!

This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on Sunday 15 May.

For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes.

Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

Daily Mass Readings

Visit <https://bible.usccb.org>

Congratulations to

William Radford Moeller & Ruth Eleanor Zgonc who were baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

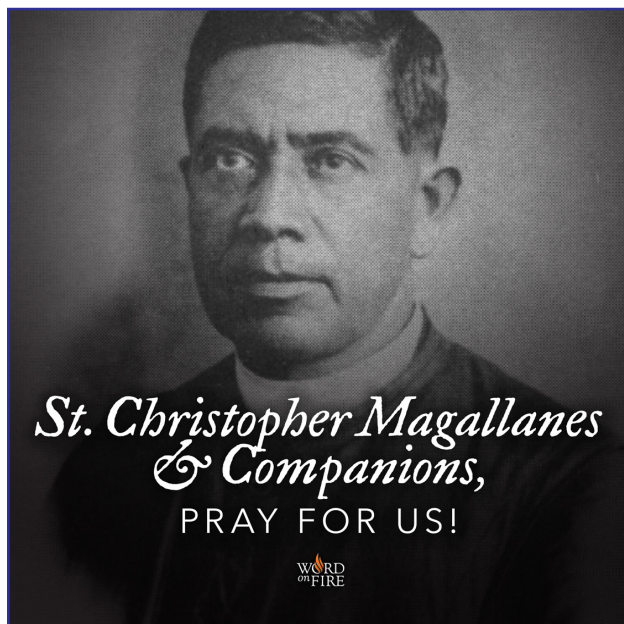
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Leah Elsaesser & Cory Michael, Elizabeth Leeder.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 14/15 May

Support of the Parish

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



New Ministry for the Widowed

St Mary's has a new outreach ministry for our parish widowed to provide spiritual, emotional and social support. We need volunteers. Please contact Eileen Scoggins at bescoggins@bellsouth.net or 864.415.8289 for more information.

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, including Resource Information, Home Safety Assessment, Setting up an *In Case of Death or Incapacity* file, Documenting your desired Catholic Funeral Rites, and Homebound Assistance. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deacon John at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

NET MINISTRIES®

ELISE DEVINE

2022-2023 Missionary
eliserdevine@gmail.com



Support Our Missionary

Elise Devine, a high school senior and life-long parishioner of Saint Mary's, has been invited to serve with the National Evangelization Team or NET which sends out teams of young adults to share their faith with students. NET reaches over 80,000 teens and young adults each year, and Elise needs to raise at least \$8,000 to cover the costs of training, healthcare, transportation, equipment, and a small monthly stipend. Elise would be the first member of Saint Mary's to work with the NET, and your support of her missionary service is encouraged. To make a donation, please click the link below, and to learn more about this opportunity, you are welcome to reach out to Elise at eliserdevine@gmail.com.

<https://netusa.org/supportamissionary/>

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 17, 24 & 31 May from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for more information.

Catholic Fellowship



Want to develop parish community and cultivate friendships? You are invited! The Catholic Fellowship Program at St Mary's provides an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know each other while enjoying a tasty pot-luck dinner. Participants agree that it is a GREAT way to develop community and cultivate

friendships. Started in the early 1990s, we are re-igniting this wonderful event (after brief hiatus) on a quarterly basis which is open to all members of the parish...and yes, of course your friend from another parish is also welcome. Our first 2022 dinner is Saturday 21 May at 6.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. If you wish to enjoy a casual evening and share a meal with fellow parishioners, please RSVP to StMCatholicFellowship@outlook.com or text 847.313.5710. There is no cost. Just bring a dish to share for 12 and your special beverage. Please join us and let us know you are coming!



Knights of Columbus
CHARITIES
United in Charity.

Client testimonial:

"I work in construction and work is scarce often for a variety of reasons. Most of the income made is automatically applied to rent. We're grateful to you all - if we visit the pantry, it's because we're struggling this month. Bless you all for this help."



Our Lady's
Pantry
serves

approximately
75-100 families
a month!

FOOD DRIVE

IN SERVICE OF

OUR LADY'S PANTRY

drop off before Masses on
Saturday & Sunday 21-22 May

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME

(Many of these items can be found in bulk at warehouse clubs and can be purchased at low cost at Aldi and Lidl)

We are gratefully accepting
donations of the following:

CEREAL
RICE
CANNED VEGETABLE
CANNED FRUITS
CANNED MEATS
TOOTHPASTE
DEODERANT
TOILET PAPER

If you are moved to make a monetary donation, checks can be made out to CATHOLIC CHARITIES; please note "OLP GREENVILLE" in the memo line.

Saint Mary's Classic

*The Preserve at
Verdae Golf Club*

GOLF



You Are Invited!

*Please join us to support St Mary's School at
our annual fundraiser Golf Tournament,
which is open to all parishioners.*

Enjoy an outing of golf with friends on 3 June!

Several sponsorship levels are available for teams.
Please contact Pat Perkins at 864.679.4109
or pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org to sign up.

Thank you for helping support our school!

Saint Mary's School Job Opening for the 2022 - 2023 School Year

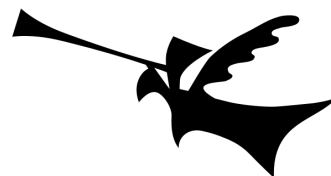


St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a **full-time K5 teaching assistant** for the 2022-2023 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 121 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 322 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

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 Steven Zimmerman at principal@stmarysgvl.org.



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

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA BACH
CHOIR IN CONCERT WITH THE
NORTH CAROLINA BAROQUE
ORCHESTRA

MAY 20, 2022 • 7 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENVILLE

MAY 21, 2022 • 7 PM
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
SPARTANBURG

Tickets are available online at www.scbach.org and at the door of each event.

Sex, Gender & Personal Identity

6th Annual Fall Conference

Saturday 24 September 2022

8.30 am to 12 Noon

St Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC



Featuring Speakers



Mary Rice Hasson

Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.
Co-Founder and Director of the Person and Identity Project
Leader of the Catholic Women's Forum



Fr Jonathan Duncan

Director of Spiritual Care at Bon Secours St Francis Health
Catholic Chaplain at Furman University & St Joseph's Catholic School
Parochial Vicar at St Mary's Catholic Church

\$25 per person | register online at www.evangelicalcatholicism.com

Veritas Catholic Information Center Monthly Series

"SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER"

The Challenge of Ephesians 5 in the Age of Wokeism

Thursday, May 19, 2022
7:00-8:30 pm

Prince of Peace Catholic Church – Parish Hall
1209 Brushy Creek Road Taylors, SC 29687

Laryn Weaver will talk honestly about her journey in receiving St. Paul's beautiful yet controversial teaching in Ephesians 5:21-33, and the even greater call for all of us to live out this passage in light of the current Wokeism culture. Should wives be submissive to their husbands? How should husbands best love their wives? In a "woke" society in which everyone wants to be right, and no one wants to offend, the answer to these questions brings us directly into the call to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God."



Laryn Weaver is both a cradle Catholic and a product of RCIA. Laryn has a Master's in Organizational Leadership, is a leadership development trainer with the John Maxwell Group, and is the CEO of Plumbgate, LLC which offers business coaching and tools to grow small business.

Admission is free. Please register with Evite
<http://evite.me/r4nmQU2Fce>
or by phone: 864-630-3036



CATHOLIC
INFORMATION CENTER

www.catholic.center

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.

Spiritual Direction

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

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.



Diocese of Charleston PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

Amen

<https://charlestdiocese.org/vocations>

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**.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"Behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age."
~Matthew 28:20

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 1 pm

Tuesday 12 am*

Thursday 2 am*

Friday 3 am*

Saturday 9 am & 10 am



Human Trafficking Seminar



No Human Life Should Be for Sale...and yet, they are, not in some far away foreign land, but right here in Greenville, South Carolina. Pope Francis referred to human trafficking as an "open wound on the body

of contemporary society." It is a serious affront to human dignity, preying upon the most vulnerable and further dehumanizing them through exploitation. All are invited to join Bon Secours St Francis Health System for a day of presentations by internationally recognized experts and survivors of human trafficking. This seminar is intended to educate and increase awareness of human trafficking and highlight what role we, as a community and as individuals, can play in responding to this humanitarian crisis. This event will be held on Friday 20 May from 8.00 am to 2.30 pm at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena. It is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information and to register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bon-secours-st-francis-4th-annual-human-trafficking-seminar-registration-269176122027>.

Icon Painting Workshop

St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina
Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting

June 6-11, 2022
St. Rafka Catholic Church
Greenville, South Carolina



Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Virgin Mary icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. It is a great opportunity for everyone to experience first hand the painting of an icon.

Your tuition fee of \$690 includes all materials including boards, pigments and brushes.
Space is limited and early registration is suggested.
For enrollment and more information, visit the website www.theodoreicons.com/sc or contact Ms Aziza Stansberry at: Stansberry.aziza@gmail.com phone number: 8645061924

Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual Sessions

Thursday 19 May at 6.30 pm - janelleapro@gmail.com
Saturday 28 May at 10.00 am - bernapowell97@gmail.com

In Person Sessions

Tuesday 17 May at 6.30 pm at
St Andrew (Myrtle Beach) - janetgcrms@gmail.com
Wednesday 18 May at 6.30 pm at
St Joseph (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com
Thursday 19 May at 7.00 pm at St Francis
Eastside (Greenville) - napronurse@aol.com

Email to register for the May Creighton Model NFP Introductory Sessions.

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