

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

14 August 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

The word disciple means student, and with the arrival of the new school year, there are many opportunities at Saint Mary's to be diligent students of the Lord Jesus.

"An Introduction to Catholicism" is the course which includes the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, and anyone who wants to learn more about Catholic Christianity is invited to take this course which meets on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 pm beginning 7 September. This course is for three different groups of people:

1) those who are not yet Catholic but who are curious about or feel drawn to the Catholic Church, 2) those Catholics who have been away from the Church for some time and are returning to a regular practice of the faith, and 3) those adult Catholics who were baptized as children but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. There is no cost for this class, but registration on the parish website is required.

All children in the parish from grades one through eight must receive Christian formation from one of three sources: 1) a Catholic school, 2) a Catholic homeschool, or 3) religious education on Wednesday evenings. If your children are not in our parish school or another Catholic school or homeschool, they need to attend our Wednesday evening classes which begin on 7 September, and registration is available on our parish website. Also, if you have children in a Catholic homeschool or at St Joseph's School, please notify Linda Jackson, our Director of Catechesis, so that we are aware that they are receiving religious education elsewhere. And please note that all children who are preparing for First Confession, First Communion, or Confirmation must be registered with our parish office and receiving formation for these sacraments.

One of the most important cultural conflicts of our time is over the relationship of gender and biological sex, and on Saturday 24 September, the Center for Evangelical Catholicism will offer a conference entitled "Sex, Gender, and Personal Identity." Mary Rice Hasson, Director of the Person and Identity Project at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, and our own Father Jonathan Duncan will speak about an authentically Christian way of approaching these vexing questions. The cost is \$25, and registration is required.

The Second Vatican Council was the most important event in the life of the Catholic Church since the Protestant Reformation, and the Council opened in October 1962. But six decades after the Council started its work, there are still sharp disagreements in the Church about the meaning and consequences of the Council's teaching. To mark the 60th anniversary of the Council's opening and address those continuing controversies, George Weigel has written a new book called "To Sanctify the World: The Vital Legacy of Vatican II" which will be published in early October, and he will be at Saint Mary's on Saturday 15 October to speak about his new book. Registration information will be available soon, so please save the date now.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 14 August

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Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday 15 August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00 am Andrew Burnos & Family
12.00 pm ★ Colleen Daves
7.00 pm Pro populo

Monday 15 August

6.30 pm Cub Scouts (P)

Tuesday 16 August

7.00 am Sherry Perkins

Tuesday 16 August

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group 7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class (G)

Wednesday 17 August

7.00 am
♣ John Robert Kuebler

Wednesday 17 August

7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour

& Confessions (church)

Thursday 18 August

7.00 am ★ Stan & Irene Bikulege

Thursday 18 August

Friday 19 August

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 19 August

7.00 am Ben & Annabelle Miller

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 20 August

5.00 pm ♣ Jeffeaux Family

Saturday 20 August

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

6.00 pm Catholic Fellowship Dinner (P)

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall P - Pazdan Hall

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 6/7 August

 Needed
 37,725

 Received
 36,990

 Shortage
 - 735

Poor Box 561

Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 226,350

 Received
 225,889

 Shortage
 - 461

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 4,572,964

Pledge

Balance 627,790

Still to Go 1,799,246

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bette Biediger Auslander (sister of Bill Biediger), who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou, Mary Stillmock, Shelby Gaschler, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, 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, Helen Carter, Mark Greenaway, Anthony Harris, and James Noak.

Congratulations to

Caroline Daly and Noah Zimmermann who were married last weekend.

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. The dinner is open to all members of the parish...and yes, of course your friend from another parish is also welcome. Our next 2022 dinner is Saturday 20 August 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. 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!

Parish News

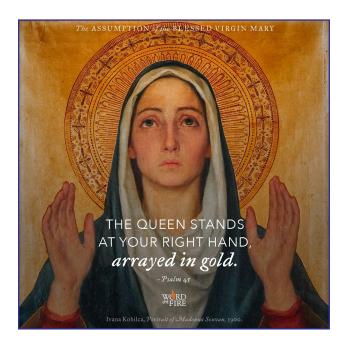
Collection for 13/14 August

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign Support of the Parish

Collection for 15 August

Support of the Parish

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



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15 August Holy Day

We will celebrate three Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday 15 August at 7.00 am, 12.00 noon & 7.00 pm.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Abraham Torres & Alondra Jimenez, Joseph & Rachel Hutson, Estefany Vega, San Juana Mendez, Irma Bautista, Thomas & Mary Heffernan.



Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Then this is the right course for you.

Were you baptized Catholic but never confirmed?

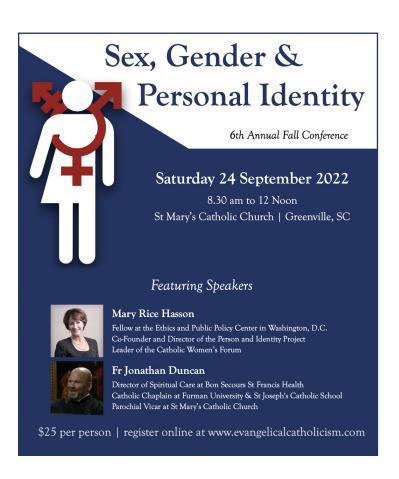
Then this also is the right course for you

Are you a Catholic in need of a refresher course in Church teachings?

Then this definitely is the right course for you.

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? 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. It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings. 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 or to Register please visit www.smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism





Youth Group

St Mary's High School Youth Group will hold its first meeting of the year on Sunday 21 August at 6.00 pm. All parishioners of high school age who are interested in attending should meet the group at Francis Field. As always, dinner will be provided.

Bible Study

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will start up again on Sunday 11 September at 9.00 am in Sacred Heart Hall (Msgr Gwynn Room). We will cover 1 & 2 Kings. Contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com with questions.

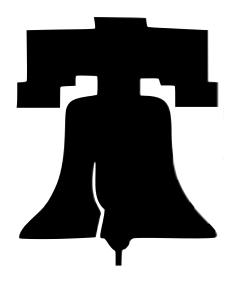
Ministry to the Widowed

- ◆ You are invited! We are hosting another Coffee & Cake gathering for our widowed parishioners on Saturday 27 August at 10.00 am in Sacred Heart Hall. Come for fellowship, comfort, compassion, and spiritual peace. Contact Eileen Scoggins at 864.415.8289 or bescoggins@bellsouth.net with questions.
- ◆ Consider attending this free seminar! 2022 Grief Seminar is Thursday 8 September from 6.45-8.30 pm at Brookwood Church (580 Brookwood Point Pl, Simpsonville). Register at https://thomasmcafee.com/2022-grief-seminar/. Contact Eileen Scoggins at 864.415.8289 or bescoggins@bellsouth.net.

St Mary's Catholic Church & The Center for Evangelical Catholicism present

The Roots of American Order

A four week course with Dr Daniel Sundahl



October 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 6.30 pm St Mary's Catholic Church — McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft

Join us on the Thursday evenings of October for a joyful romp through the ideas that led to the American Founding. This course is organized around the works of the great American intellectual historian Russel Kirk, and especially his book, *The Roots of American Order*. You will not want to miss this. **And if you have a child in high school, do them a favor and make them come too!** You will thank us later.



Daniel James Sundahl is Emeritus Professor in American Studies and English at Hillsdale College where he taught for over 35 years. His graduate degrees, MA and Ph.D in United States Intellectual History, are both from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He and his wife have lived in the Upstate since April 2015 and attend Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

To Register Contact TJ Nielsen at tinielsen@evangelicalcatholicism.com

Limited Space is Available - Registration Closes 14 September

Music at St Mary's

ST MARY'S YOUTH CHOIR



Affectionately referred to as ENYA (Ensemble of Not-Yet Adults), the Youth Choir has resumed its weekly Friday afternoon rehearsals. The choir prepares and presents music by composers of high

quality sacred music - Mozart, Faure, Wesley, Vaughan-Williams and other biggies. In addition to these, their weekly responsibilities at the 9.00 am Mass include singing the propers, responsorial psalm and gospel acclamation, two, sometimes three anthems, descants on the hymns and some Anglican Chant, just for good measure. Their repertoire ranges from music of ancient chant to the modern age. The choir is open to all young people from 3rd grade through high school. Rehearsals are 3.30 - 5.00 pm on Friday afternoons. The key to a successful young peoples' choral program is to challenge them with music of high caliber. Parents who are interested in having their children learn how to sing well, read music and to artistically participate in the sacred liturgy should contact Choirmaster Arlen Clarke at arlen.clarke@stmarysgvl.org.





JOIN ST MARY'S ADULT CHOIR



A Feast Day will be appointed in your honor.

Contact the Choirmaster at arlen.clarke@stmarysgvl.org for details.

THE LITURGICAL ARTS

There is more to church music than preparing, rehearsing, and presenting music for the weekly liturgy. Growing tomorrow's artists is an important part of the music ministry. It involves encouraging young adults in their first glimmers of interest in the liturgical arts. These four St Mary's young men are examples. Max Feltes is a fine pianist and has added composition to his musical interests. Florian Covington has expanded his piano skills to the pipe organ. Edmund Covington and Matthew Buckley are both budding composers of sacred music. All except Buckley, whose recent music is suitable for Lent, have contributed to the sacred liturgy by having the fruits of their labor presented at Mass. Their music is of a high caliber and worthy to be used at St Mary's.











St Mary's Religious Education



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

864,679,4110

Religious Education Registration Grades 1-8

(Deadline is 26 August)

It's time to register for Religious Education classes. Classes will meet on Wednesday's 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Classes begin 7 September 2022. Only one form per family is needed. Electronic registration is available **HERE**

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

(Deadline is August 26)

It's time to register for Sunday morning Preschool. This is for 3 & 4 year olds whose birthdates fall between 1 June 2018 - 1 June 2019. Class will meet on Sundays during the 9.00am Mass and is only for families attending the 9.00am Mass. Space is limited. Electronic Registration is available **HERE**

Home School and St Joseph's Students of St. Mary's

(Deadline is August 26)

Registration forms for Homeschoolers (Grades 1-8) and St Joe's families are now available. It is important that you register your children with the Religious Education Office. This is especially important for Sacramental preparations. Electronic Registration is available **HERE**

Deacon John's Corner

Catholic Podcasts



This is a new column that I'll be periodically posting in the bulletin about Catholic Podcasts. I listen to a lot of podcasts and learn a lot from them. When I talk to friends about things I learned, I'm often asked "What is a podcast?" Simply put: a podcast is an audio program, like shows or programs you listen to on the radio, but instead of having to tune in at a particular time on a particular station, you subscribe with an app on your smart phone, download an episode, and listen to it whenever you like. There are a multitude of podcast apps available wherever you get your apps.

Like all things, there are good topics and bad ones, good hosts, and not so good hosts. In this column I'll be sending out information on podcasts surrounding our Catholic faith that I have found both enlightening and entertaining. If you have any questions about podcasts or have a suggestion, please contact me at john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

Today's podcast is called American Catholic History. It is hosted by a couple who search out hidden gems and compelling Catholic American stories and personalities who have contributed to our nation over the past three centuries. Some of the recent episodes include Fr Francis Sampson, the Paratrooper Padre of the 101st Airborne who jumped into France on D-Day. The very interesting story of the "Pope Stone" sent by Pope Pius IX to assist with building the Washington monument. Other episodes include Yogi Berra, Alfred Hitchcock, Vince Lombardi, and the Unsinkable Molly Brown. There are currently over 150 episodes which are best listened to on the app of your choice or by going directly to their website at https://americancatholichistory.org/episodes/.

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.

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.

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

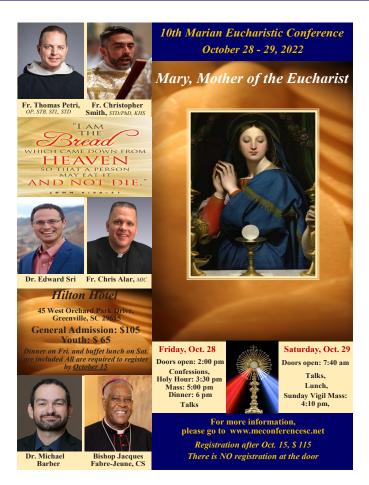
Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

Amen

https://charlestondiocese.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**.



Lay Carmelites

What does it mean to be a Lay Carmelite? If you have ever wondered about this, The Servants of Mary and Joseph Lay Carmelite Community would like to invite you to a brief 30 minute introduction to the Lay Carmelite life at St Mary Magdalene on Tuesday 13 September at 10.00 am in the Parish Life Center (room 107) or Thursday 15 September at 8.00 pm in the Conner Ministry building (room 206). Many people want a deeper prayer life that truly connects them to our Lord. Did you know there are three stages of prayer that people typically pass through? Did you know St Teresa of Avila recommends determination as a trait for progress? The Carmelite charism is PRAYER! It has been studied! There is a path! Come hear more -- no commitment, just information!

Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual Session

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

In Person Sessions

Wednesday 17 August at 6.30 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com Monday 22 August at 7.00 pm at St Mary Magdalene (Simpsonville) - milesbmaggie@gmail.com

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

Prince of Peace

"Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his presence continually!" ~Psalms 105.4

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!):

Tuesday 12 am & 11 pm*
Wednesday 6 pm*
Thursday 2 am*
Saturday 7 am & 10 am

Catholic Charities Donations Needed

Catholic Charities Upstate (2300 Old Buncombe Rd) is currently operating its Clothing Closet on Tuesdays from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and Mobile Clean of Heart (shower ministry for the unhoused) two Saturdays a month from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. If you are moved to donate, we are gratefully accepting donations of the following: underwear for men and women (all sizes) and new or gently used walking shoes for men and women (all sizes). For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Delia Gutierrez at dgutierrez@charlestondiocese.org or 864.331.2629.

Miracle Hill Kids Ninja Challenge



Miracle Hill's Annual Kids Ninja Challenge is a family friendly fundraising event for children ages 4 to 12 on Saturday 27 August. Kids are given the opportunity to become a Ninja for the day and challenge themselves to 10+ obstacles on a .75 mile course.

Leading up to the event, participants are encouraged to raise money for hurting children and adults who are experiencing homelessness in Miracle Hill's shelters and programs. Kids will receive a fundraising map in the mail and create an online fundraising page during registration. There will be fundraising prizes at various levels and top fundraisers will receive grand prizes! Learn more about the Ninja Challenge and sign up at https://runsignup.com/kidsninjachallenge.

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