



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

28 August 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Because Saint Mary's Church is so close to the Greenville Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, the Triune Mercy Center, and Main Street, our campus is often visited by the homeless. The vast majority of these persons are men, they are usually on foot and traveling alone, and most of them are burdened by mental illness or substance addiction or both. They may stop you in the parking lot or on the sidewalk to ask for money, and in turn, many of you have asked me for advice on the best way to respond when you are approached for help. So, here are my suggestions based on many years of experience:

Do not ever give money directly to anyone for any reason. When the moment comes that we are faced with someone in obvious distress and who is asking for our assistance, our understandable instinct is to help with a few dollars. But please understand that while such a reaction may ease our minds, it is almost never in the best interest of the one who is asking for help. This is not only my advice; it is the same counsel offered by those who work with the homeless and poor every day, including the staff of our local charities. No matter what story we are told by the one asking for help, we should always assume that the money will be put to self-destructive purposes. In short, money does not help.

Do stop and speak to the person who has asked for help. Perhaps start by saying "Friend, I regret that I have nothing to give you right now," and then move on immediately to a conversation. Tell him your first name, ask him his name, and look him in the eye. If you can, listen to him for a few moments and make it clear that you are present to him as a human person, rather than fleeing from him as a simple nuisance. The folk who live on the street are often frightful to look at, but almost never do they constitute a threat to anyone. A kind word and a direct look in the eye can be a great gift to someone who lives utterly alone. And do not hesitate to speak by name of the Lord Jesus and his love for us all.

Do ask the one who requests your help to speak to a priest if they prove difficult to manage, especially if your conversation is before or after Mass. Saint Mary's contributes to the care of the poor and homeless in many concrete ways through various local agencies and programs, and we are always available to direct the needy to the places where they can truly be assisted. Your contributions to the offertory and the poor boxes are already providing the assistance which is available to those in genuine need.

Do understand that in most cases there is little or nothing that can be done on the spot to help people who are homeless because of mental illness or substance addiction. Very often these men have lived on the street for years or even decades, and until and unless they find a way to peace and sobriety, the fundamental problems cannot be addressed. As you continue to your destination, lift up this person to the Throne of Grace and commend him to the mercy of God.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 28 August

7.30 am John Parker Wilmeth
 9.00 am Jackie Beauchemin
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 29 August

7.00 am * Lillian Pease

Tuesday 30 August

7.00 am * Corinne Henderson

Wednesday 31 August

7.00 am * Joseph Tamara & Papati Family

Thursday 1 September

7.00 am * Joe Tomaino

Friday 2 September

7.00 am Ambiel Perkins

Saturday 3 September

5.00 pm * Kasun Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 28 August

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 29 August

Tuesday 30 August

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

Wednesday 31 August

7.30 am SMS Moms' Bible Study
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
 & Confessions (church)

Thursday 1 September

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 2 September

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 13 August 2 September

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 20/21 August

Needed 37,725
 Received 36,858
 Shortage - 867

Poor Box 407

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 301,800
 Received 308,787
 Surplus + 6,987

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 4,589,793

Pledge
 Balance 623,558

Still to Go 1,786,649

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

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gilbert Whitney Bourgeois (father of Bret Bourgeois and grandfather of Jacques Bourgeois), who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Mark Greenaway, and Anthony Harris.

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.

Congratulations to

Justin Janicke and Marley Grimshaw who were married last weekend.

Ministry to the Widowed

The free 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 with questions.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 27/28 August

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Support of the Parish

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



Church and Parish Office Closure

In observance of Labor Day on Monday 5 September the church and office will be **closed all day** and Mass will not be celebrated.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: David Mancia-Orellana, Manuel Espinoza & Yamili Munoza, Jim & Terri Rolleri, Milton J Zauala Galvez & Melida Ayala Lopez, Jose Manuel Santos Jacinto & Leticia Martinez Salinas, Kevin Diaz Campos, Luis Diaz Ortega, Adam Wachs, Tony & Jennifer Cordova, Brad & Elizabeth Hamlett, Henry & Nancy Guigou.

St Mary's School - AmazonSmile



Sign into your Amazon account, and select St Mary's Catholic School as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0426237>

Encourage your friends and family to help SMS by signing up for AmazonSmile!

Nationwide Mass Times

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

<https://masstimes.org>

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

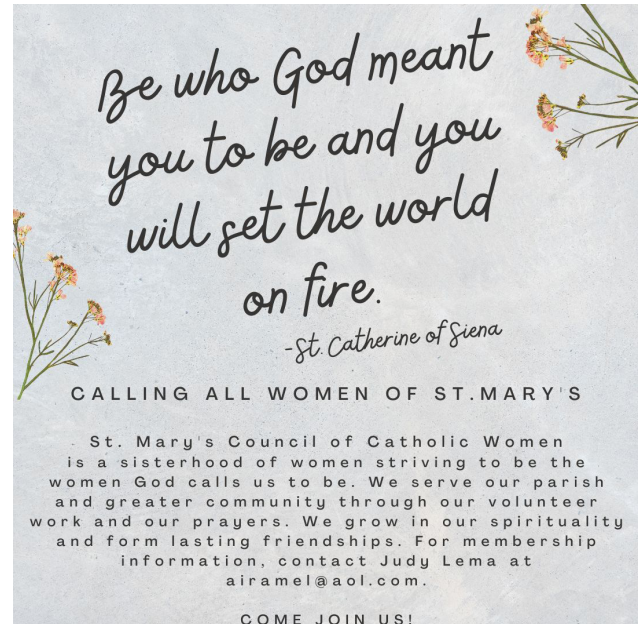
For programming
information, visit

<https://catholicradioinsec.com>

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 30 August from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for details.



Women of Grace Bible Study

The Women of Grace Bible Study will resume on Sunday 18 September at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. New and returning members are welcome. For more information, please contact Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. We take as our foundation the Proverb: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." If you are interested in joining, contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

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

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

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Religious Education Registration Grades 1-8

REGISTRATION DUE NOW

It's time to register for Religious Education classes. Classes will meet on Wednesday's 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Classes begin 8 September 2021. Only one form per family is needed. Electronic registration is available [HERE](#)

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

REGISTRATION DUE NOW

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

REGISTRATION DUE NOW

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](#)

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 pm
7 September through Easter
Sacred Heart Hall

Free of charge but registration is required.

For more Information or to Register please visit
www.smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism

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 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://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

"You have approached Mount Zion, and the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering." ~Heb 12.22

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!):

Tuesday 12 am

Thursday 12 am,* 1 am* & 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.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual Sessions

Thursday 1 September at 7.00 pm -
lexiesawonik@gmail.com

Thursday 22 September at 6.30 pm -
janellenapro@gmail.com

In Person Sessions

Thursday 8 September at 7.00 pm at
St Francis Eastside (Greenville) - napronurse@aol.com
Tuesday 13 September at 6.30 pm at St Andrew
(Myrtle Beach) - janetgcrms@gmail.com

Wednesday 21 September at 6.30 pm at
St Joseph (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com

Email to register for the September Introductory Sessions.




10th Marian Eucharistic Conference
October 28 - 29, 2022

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

Fr. Thomas Petri,
OP, STB, STL, STD

Fr. Christopher
Smith, *STD/PhD, KHS*






Dr. Edward Sri

Fr. Chris Alar, *MIC*



Hilton Hotel

45 West Orchard Park Drive,
Greenville, SC 29615

General Admission: \$105
Youth: \$ 65

Dinner on Fri. and buffet lunch on Sat. are included. All are required to register by October 15.



Friday, Oct. 28

Doors open: 2:00 pm

Confessions,
Holy Hour: 3:30 pm

Mass: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 6 pm

Talks

Saturday, Oct. 29

Doors open: 7:40 am

Talks,
Lunch,
Sunday Vigil Mass:
4:10 pm,

For more information,
please go to www.meconferencecs.net

Registration after Oct. 15, \$ 115

There is NO registration at the door



Dr. Michael
Barber



Bishop Jacques
Fabre-Jeune, CS

Retrouvaille Marriage Program

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning the weekend of 9-11 September, visit <https://helpourmarriage.org>. Contact 434.793.0242 or retrouvaillenc@msn.com.

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!

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