

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

25 September 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Starting in January 2002, the Boston Globe began to publish a series of stories about the abuse of children by Catholic bishops and priests, and that reporting ignited a massive movement of reform in the Church. Two decades later we are still striving to create the safest possible environment for everyone, in the service of which I offer these reminders:

- 1. The Diocese of Charleston and all of its parishes and schools are committed to preventing mistreatment or abuse of any kind, and so all employees and volunteers who have regular contact with minors or vulnerable adults must have a background investigation and safe environment training. This applies without exception to all activities on church property and to any activity sponsored by us off campus, and so until both the background check and safe environment training have been completed, no one is authorized to work with minors or vulnerable adults as a representative of the church.
- 2. Because we do not have rest rooms in our church, those who need to use a rest room during Mass must cross Miller Square and enter Sacred Heart Hall. It is understandable that parents with several children might be inclined to allow older children to make this trip unaccompanied during Mass, but no child should ever be left unaccompanied on our campus, even for a quick bathroom trip. Older siblings or friends making that rest room run together might work, but the best solution of all is for a parent to accompany the child to Sacred Heart Hall.
- 3. The website of the Diocese of Charleston (charlestondiocese.org) contains a section called "Youth Protection," in which there are links to five additional pages: Child and Youth Protection Policy, Code of Conduct, How to Report an Allegation, Safe Haven Training, and Victim Assistance. I encourage you to visit this site and learn more about each of these dimensions of how we can all work together to protect others from harm. All adults in the parish are invited to be mindful of our common responsibility to protect our children, and if you observe anything that causes you concern, you are always welcome to speak to me, to the school principal, or to anyone on our staff about your concerns. Likewise feel free to speak up if you have suggestions for how we can help create a safe and nurturing environment for our children.
- 4. When school is in session, no one is permitted on our campus without permission until 6 pm. You are always welcome, of course, to visit the church by parking in the Washington Street parking lot on the west side of the church, but anyone approaching a school building or crossing the athletic field without a visitor's pass will be challenged by a staff member. For the same reason, even parishioners may not use our athletic facilities until the last school children leave our campus at 6 pm. Please understand that these measures are designed to help us create the safest possible environment for the children entrusted to our care.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 25 September

Carl Ferris & Family

9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm

7.30 am

♣ Joseph & Christine Sufczynski Pro populo

Spanish Mass

Sunday 25 September

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study Spanish Bible Class (G) 11.00 am

3.00 pm Lay Dominicans

High School Youth Group (M) 6.00 pm

Monday 26 September

7.00 am ♣ Marilyn Gleaton

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Tuesday 27 September

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7.00 am Megan Gaudette **SMCCW** Sewing Group 10.00 am

Wednesday 28 September

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♣ Stephania Seniuk 7.00 am 7.30 am SMS Moms' Bible Study

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

No Holy Hour & Confessions

Introduction to Catholicism (M) 6.30 pm

Religious Education 6.30 pm

Thursday 29 September

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7 00 am ♣ Jennifer Perkins Kenway 7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 30 September

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7.00 am ♣ Amanda Russano 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 1 October

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5.00 pm Armaly Children 8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd & Godchildren abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall

P - Pazdan Hall

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 17/18 September

Needed	37,725
Received	42,555
Surplus	+ 4,830

Poor Box 682

Offertory Year to Date

452,700 Needed 463,425 Received Surplus +10,725

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of vour 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 4,632,846

Pledge

Balance 610,322

1,756,832 Still to Go

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on the following Wednesdays

28 September, 23 November & 28 December

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jesus Acosta (father of Nestor Acosta), 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, 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, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Rodney 'Butch' Artrip, Michael Tierney, Andrew Buckley, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Mark Greenaway, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig and Lucero Rubiano.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

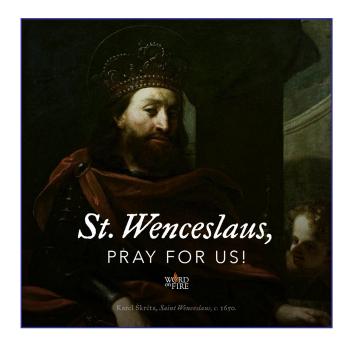
Monsignor Charles J Baum Council#13112 will hold its annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for St Mary's Parish 8th Graders. In an essay of 500-750 words, explain how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the sacraments. Contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475 for the Essay Contest Form. Essay deadline is 14 October.

Parish News

Collection for 24/25 September

Bishop's Annual Appeal Support of the Parish

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



Church League Basketball

The Basketball program at St Mary's has teams for athletes from the ages of K5 through high school. This is a parishwide program and all St Mary's children (St Mary's School, Religious Education or Homeschoolers) are welcome to participate. **Registration deadline is Friday 30 September.** Visit the parish website at https://smcgvl.org/church-league-basketball-program/ for the link to registration and more information.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Emma Paluszak, Thomas McAfee V, Clay & Lauren Koch, Peter & Ryan Gordon, Reed Nikolich, Nikole Schuler, Ruth Romero.





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

Deacon John's Corner





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.

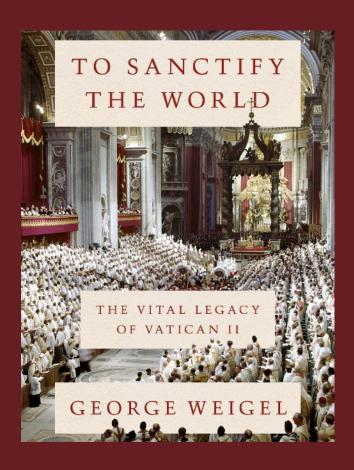
Like all things, there are good topics and bad ones, good hosts, and not so good hosts. In this column I'll be sending out information on podcasts surrounding our Catholic faith that I have found both enlightening and entertaining. If you have any questions about podcasts or have a suggestion, please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

This month's Catholic Podcast comes to us from Word on Fire Ministries. **The Word on Fire Show** is a weekly discussion in which Bishop Barron, Brandon Vogt, and a variety of guests take a deep dive into many topics of interest surrounding our faith and culture. Some of the more recent shows discussed Karl Marx and the present moment, strange new religions, and how we become like God. Each week Bishop Barron also answers a question submitted by one of the listeners. If you've ever wondered where you can find good Catholic answers to issues surrounding our current times, The Word on Fire Show would be a great place to start. The Word on Fire Show can be found at https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/wordonfire-show/ or your favorite podcast app.

st mary's catholic church presents

George Weigel

lecturing on his new book



Saturday 15 October

8.30 am Mass in the Church9.00 am Coffee and Pastries in Gallivan Hall9.30 am Lecture in Gallivan Hall

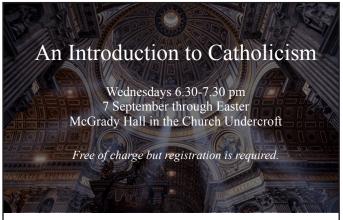


Free registration is required on the parish website www.smcgvl.org/christian-formation/weigel Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASKING QUESTIONS

In order to ask a question after the lecture download the free app Sli.do and enter the event code **Weigel**. You will then be able to type your questions at any time, as well as vote on the questions of others.





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 y

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



A conference designed to share successes and resources to better serve the men and women throughout the SCDC Correctional Institutions and County Detention Centers.

Our presenters will include state and federal chaplains, experienced volunteers, and clergy active in prison ministry.

There will be six morning and afternoon sessions along with stretch breaks and lunch included.

Who Should Attend:

While this conference is designed to provide support to the experienced volunteer, it will also help those just getting started as well as any man or woman discerning if prison ministry is the right fit for them. If you are wondering if you should come, then yes, you

How to Register:

We are limited to 100 participants. To register, go to the Diocesan webpage at https://bit.ly/prison-conf. There is a registration fee of \$25 to cover lunch and breaks. Deadline is October 14th.

Session Topics:

- · Understanding the differences in the Federal, State, and County Correctional Facilities
- Options for presenting RCIA inside the prison system
- How to work with the chaplains (program coordinators at County Detention Centers)—they are not all the same
- Re-entry support and options across the state
- Knowing what you can bring in/send in, and the best sources for each
- Introducing the Catholic Prison Ministry Coalition
- · SCDC Policy Manual-what you need to know
- Best Practices for managing volunteers and planning activities in the Correctional Institutions.
- · Getting priests and deacons involved in prison ministry
- · Creating a Pen-pal program in your church · How to recruit volunteers
- Ecumenical groups—how to engage in order to better serve the men and women

For questions, to help out, or for more information, contact:

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

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 attend Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

To Register Contact TJ Nielsen at tjnielsen@evangelicalcatholicism.com Limited Space is Available - Registration Closes 14 September

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

GLIMPSES OF GREATNESS: BACH BEFORE LEIPZIG

FEATURING THE SOUTH CAROLINA BACH CHOIR AND THE NORTH CAROLINA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA DAVID RHYNE, CONDUCTOR

> FRIDAY, OCT 7, 7:00 PM HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 150 MELROSE AVE **TRYON, NC 28782**

SATURDAY, OCT 8, 7:00 PM WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1387 HWY 56 S CLINTON, SC 29325

SUNDAY, OCT. 9, 4:00 PM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD 1601 N PLEASANTBURG DR. GREENVILLE. SC 29609

TICKETS: \$20 GENERAL ADMISSION/\$5 STUDENTS
PURCHASE AT WWW.SCBACH.ORG OR AT THE DOOR







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

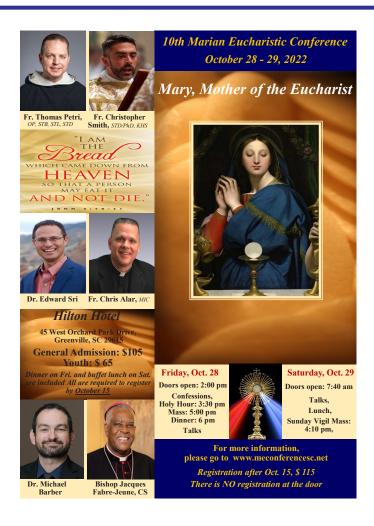
Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

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**.



Middle Eastern Food Festival

Get your tastebuds ready! Please join us for the 4th annual Middle Eastern Food Festival on Saturday 1 October at St Rafka (1215 SC-14, Greer) from 11.00 am to 8.00 pm. This year will be a drive-thru food festival with very limited seating outside. Menu and more information can be found on our Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/strafka/

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.

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

Prince of Peace

"The Holy Hour becomes like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the foul and fetid atmosphere of the world." ~Venerable Fulton Sheen

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

Thursday 12 am,* 1 am* & 12 pm Saturday 6 pm*

40 Days for Life

You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort from 28 September-6 November. **Kickoff Rally** is Tuesday 27 September at 6.30 pm in the parking lot of Piedmont Women's Center (1143 Grove Rd). Guest speakers are Alivia Grace Talley and Karleigh Faulk. Music will be provided by Tommy Curtin, Headmaster of Our Lady of the Rosary School and an accomplished musician. Parking is at Grove Road Baptist Church, a short walk south of PWC. Contact Carolyn at 864.477.0359 with questions. For all fall events visit https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville or https://www.facebook.com/40daysgreenville/

Irish Saints and Scholars Lecture Series



Greenville Ancient Order of Hibernians presents Irish Saints and Scholars Lecture Series - Irish Catholics in the American South: Migration, Culture and Identity on Wednesday 12 October at St Mary Magdalene Fellowship Hall from

6.30-8.30 pm. Speaker is D Meaghan Dwyer-Ryan, Associate Professor of Irish Studies and Associate Director of the Center for Irish Research and Teaching at Georgia Southern University. The event is free to attend. Proceeds will support Project St Patrick and Diocesen Seminarians. Please contact aohgreenvillesc@gmail.com to RSVP or with questions.

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