

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

19 February 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 22 February, and each one of us is called by the Lord Jesus to a deeper conversion as we prepare to celebrate the Passover of the Lord at Easter. During the coming 40 Days, let us strive to live in fidelity to the promises of our Baptism which we will renew at the Easter Vigil and at all the Masses on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection. "Are you unaware," Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, "that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Romans 6.3-4).

To live the new life of Baptism requires that we first die to sin and self and learn to live for Christ, and the disciplines of Lent are meant to help us in the lifelong work of living by grace through faith in the Son of God through the means of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here are some of the practical ways we can do that during the 40 Days:

- ♣ come celebrate Vespers at 5 pm on each Sunday of Lent and bring a friend.
- ♣ give alms by placing a donation in the Poor Box at each door of the church, the gifts to which go to feed the hungry at Project Host on Academy Street.
- ♣ go to Confession on a Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6 pm or a Saturday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. Go early this Lent, and do not wait until Holy Week when the lines will be long.
- ♣ attend Mass on the weekdays of Lent at 7 am Monday through Friday.
- ₱ push back from every meal before you've had enough. Through your body's hunger for food be mindful of your soul's hunger for the Lord, a hunger that is satisfied only when we give ourselves without reservation in the obedience of faith to the Gospel. And on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent abstain from meat and fast as your health and age allow.
- ♣ invite a lapsed Catholic to return to the practice of the Faith by joining you at Mass or Vespers one Sunday in Lent. A gentle invitation is often the only thing needed to bring a soul back to the Lord Jesus.
- ♣ pray the Liturgy of the Hours in whole or in part by using the app called iBreviary or the monthly publication called Magnificat.
- ♣ come walk the Way of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6 pm and stay for supper after prayer.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. So repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Father Newman

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2023

Ashes will be distributed at all liturgies.

7.00 am Low Mass (church)
12.00 noon Sung Mass (church)
7.00 pm Sung Mass (church)

Ashes may be received by everyone without exception.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent, beginning 24 February 6.00 pm in the church

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent, beginning 26 February 5.00 pm in the church

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2023

Each year the holy season of Lent provides us a special time of grace and spiritual renewal so that we may become better instruments in sharing the Gospel.

This year, **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, falls on 22 February. The present laws of the Church regarding fast and abstinence during the Season of Lent are as follows:

- 1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast**. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.
- 2. **Ash Wednesday** and **all Fridays of Lent** are also days of **abstinence**. On days of abstinence, meat should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

The Obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious obligation. The Code of Canon Law states:

"On these days (of Penance), the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence..."

May this Holy Lenten Season provide us an opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through a life of deeper prayer, penitential practices, and works of charity.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am

1.00 pm

- ♣ Alfred L and Christine Smith
- ♣ Bob & Barbara Scoggins Pro populo Spanish Mass

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 19 February

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass Sunday Morning Bible Study 9.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) 11.00 am Women of Grace Bible Study 6.00 pm 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P)

Monday 20 February

Sunday 19 February

7.00 am

♣ John Wheadon

Monday 20 February

Presidents' Day - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 21 February

7.00 am ♣ Deceased Vaina Family

Tuesday 21 February

10.00 am **SMCCW** Sewing Group

Wednesday 22 February

Ash Wednesday

7.00 am ♣ Richard Savers 12.00 pm ♣ Rory Morgan 7.00 pm Pro populo

Wednesday 22 February

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church) No Introduction to Catholicism or Religious Education classes

Thursday 23 February

7.00 am Nikolae Elster

Thursday 23 February

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 24 February

7.00 am Michael Dion

Friday 24 February

5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group) Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) 6.30-6.45 am 7 30-8 30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study 6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)

followed by Lenten Dinner (P)

Saturday 25 February

5.00 pm Chris Sufczynski

Saturday 25 February

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd 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 11/12 February

Needed 37,725 40,603 Received +2,878Surplus

Poor Box 582

Offertory Year to Date

1.244.925 Needed 1,303,202 Received Surplus +58,277

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@smcgvl.org.

Forward in Faith

Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

Donations

Received 5,218,680

Pledge

Balance 491,287

1,290,033 Still to Go

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Mary Stillmock, Marie-Therese Isidore, Juliet Roy, 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, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Shelby Gaschler, Andrew Orven, Richard Murtaugh and Anthony Gomes.

Lenten Devotions

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6.00 pm in the church

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent at 5.00 pm in the church

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 19 February**. 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.

Congratulations to

Brody Scott Lane & Caitlin Marie Joseph who were baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Lisa Rombach, Julianne Brick, Alicia Villegar.

Parish News

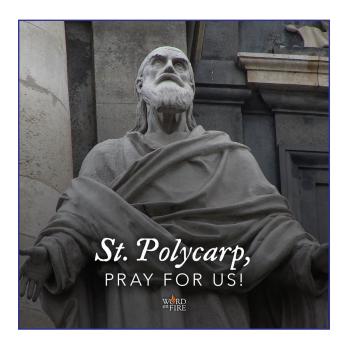
Collection for 18/19 February

Bishop's Annual Appeal Support of the Parish

Collection for 22 February - Ash Wednesday

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 20 February for the Presidents' Day holiday.

2022 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2022. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

Social Ministries at St Mary's

Project Host Service Day



Are you looking for an opportunity to give to others during Lent? Sunday 5 March from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm has been set aside by the Project Host soup kitchen as a day for St Mary's parishioners to prepare and serve the afternoon meal to those in need in

our community. This is a great opportunity to give something to our community early in your Lenten journey. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian and have reached the age of 14 due to the inherent dangers of working in a kitchen. If you are interested in joining us for this service day, or to be notified of other volunteer opportunities in our community, please contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgvl.org.

St Clare's Service Day

St Clare's Home of Hope, sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Charleston, is a home for women who are in a crisis pregnancy situation and desire to bless their babies with life. One of their most pressing needs is a place to store donated items. To meet this immediate need, on Saturday 18 March from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm St Mary's is sponsoring a day to perform repairs to an outbuilding and to close in a carport. We need volunteers for this effort. Workers: Whether you have experience in building and carpentry or not, everyone can help in some manner. We will be putting on Hardy board siding, facia, soffits, framing, painting, etc. Donations: We need to purchase materials for this and future projects at the Home. If you would like to donate to this effort, please include a check along with your regular church donation and put "St Clare Home" in the memo line. Lunch: Our workers will need to eat. You can support their work effort by arranging lunch. Prayers: St Clare's Home was built on a strong foundation of prayer and is dedicated to the patronage of Our Lady of Joyful Hope. We cannot do this without your prayers. If you would like to participate in this service day in any of these ways or if you would like more information about this or any future volunteer workdays sponsored by St Mary's, please contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgvl.org.

Nursery Help Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or linda.jackson@smcgvl.org.

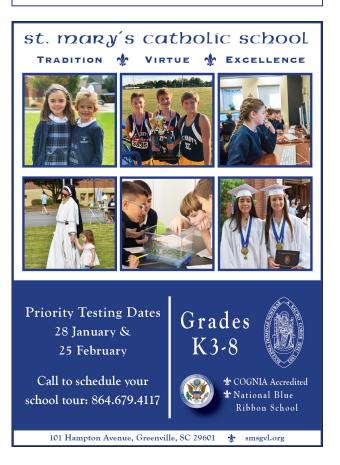
St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a <u>highly-qualified middle</u> school Science teacher.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 122 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, highly experienced with teaching Science to middle school students, and possess a valid teaching certification. Compensation is competitive and dependent upon years of experience. Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@stmarysgvl.org.



St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

2023 SMCCW \$1,000 Scholarship Award

Established in 1998 to support Catholic women of the parish in their academic endeavors, the members of the SMCCW are proud to continue this award, now in its 25th year! This award is available for both high school graduating female parishioners planning to attend an institution of higher education or female parishioners who are currently enrolled in a continuing education program. Visit https://smcgvl.org/who-we-are/st-marys-council-of-catholic-women/ to download the 2023 application which contains the eligibility requirements and rules. Applications MUST be postmarked on or before 18 April 2023 to be considered. The recipient is selected via blind review.

Stations of the Cross Dinner

SMCCW members will serve a light dinner each Friday after the Way of the Cross beginning Friday 24 February. Join us in Pazdan Hall dining room for dinner and fellowship.

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 21 & 28 February 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.

Knights of Columbus

District Free Throw Championship Winners

The Monsignor Charles J Baum Council 13112 winners of the District Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship were Brynn Tollefson, Matthew Haase, and Grant Brasington. The players will have the opportunity to compete at the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship in March. Congratulations to our winners!

VBS Adult Volunteers Needed



We are in need of some adult volunteers to help out with VBS which runs Monday 12 June through Friday 16 June from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. If you are interested in volunteering please contact

Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4110 or register at https://form.jotform.com/223305490477053.



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 our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.



Sponsorship Opportunities 2023

☐ Platinum

- \$3,500 allows this sponsor premium mobile and online branding
- Sponsor's listing on signage at the event
- Sponsor's logo displayed on screen during event
- Full page advertisement in St Mary's Gala Program
- Underwriting of one faculty/staff ticket
- 8 Gala Tickets

☐ Gold

- \$2,000 allows this sponsor listing on signage at the event
- Full page advertisement in St Mary's Gala Program
- Underwriting of one faculty/staff ticket
- 6 Gala Tickets

☐ Silver

- \$1000 allows this sponsor listing on signage at the event
- Half page advertisement in St Mary's Gala Program
- Underwriting of one faculty/staff ticket
- 4 Gala Tickets

☐ Bronze

- \$500 allows sponsor listing in St Mary's Gala Program
- Underwriting of one faculty/staff ticket
- 2 Gala Tickets

Company Name:	Phone:
Primary Contact Name:	_ Email:
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Please return to St Mary's School, Fax (864)271-0159, email gala@stmarysgvl.org 101 Hampton Ave, Greenville, SC 29601

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St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

NO CLASS this week; attend Ash Wednesday Service as a family.

1st Communion students retreat will be next week, Sunday 26 February at 10.15 am (after the 9:00 am Mass) in Pazdan Hall.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds NO CLASS THIS WEEK

For More Information Contact Linda Jackson linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 pm
7 September through Easter
McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft

Free of charge but registration is required.

For more information or to register please visit https://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 <u>Inactive</u> and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgvl.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. Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgvl.org.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has two certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@smcgvl.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**.



Discalced Carmelite Secular Order

The Order of Carmelites Discalced Secular (OCDS) in Columbia would like to invite anyone interested in considering a vocation to the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order to begin visiting our community. Community meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at St Joseph's Catholic Church (Columbia). Visitors are always welcome. If you would like to inquire about our community, please contact Nancy Cendrowski, OCDS, Formation Director at goodshepherdocds@gmail.com or 864.787.1443.

Belonging Conference for Women



Calling All Women! The Belonging Conference for Women is Saturday 25 February at St Joseph's Catholic School in Greenville. Open to all women, this event will not only be a great time of fellowship and laughter, but also a time of prayer, inspiration and encouragement. The keynote speaker is the funny, grace-filled and glamorous Rachel Balducci. This year we will have more workshops to attend, more vendors and artisans, and more opportunities for prayer (Mass, Confession, Adoration, and Live Worship Music). One price covers everything including a delicious buffet catered lunch. Bring a friend, sister, daughter, mother. Sign up now at https://www.heartridgeministries.com/belonging.html.

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

Prince of Peace

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." ~John 6.35

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!):

Sunday 7 pm*
Monday 3 pm*
Wednesday 11 pm
Thursday 2 am* & 12 pm
Friday 8 am & 5 pm
Saturday 12 pm

Daily Mass Readings

For daily Mass readings, visit https://bible.usccb.org



40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, of public vigil at abortion facilities, and of community outreach for the purpose of ending abortion. You are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our spring campaign from 22 February to 2 April. **Kickoff Rally** is Tuesday 21 February at 6.30 pm in the parking lot of Piedmont Women's Center, (1143 Grove Rd). Speaker will be Lisa Van Riper, President of South Carolina Citizens for Life. Pastor Johnson of Greenville's Church Without Walls will offer the opening prayer. Amy Schiera will lead us in song. Parking is at Grove Road Baptist Church, just south of PWC. Call Carolyn at 864.477.0359 or Ingrid Ireland at 329.0044 for details.

Luck of the Irish Casino Night Benefit

Do you feel lucky? St Patrick's Day is just around the corner, and we hear everyone is Irish all week! So even if you don't have the *Luck of the Irish* you are sure to have a great time on Saturday 11 March from 6-10 pm at Cannon Center (Greer). Enjoy casino games, auctions and a chance to win prizes! Heavy hors d'oeuvres, complimentary signature cocktails, beer, wine, and toastworthy non-alcoholic libations will be served. All of this for just \$50/per person. Proceeds benefit Birthright of Greenville, a 501(c)(3) non-profit pregnancy resource center, dedicated to life and to loving and helping the mother and baby not just through the pregnancy, but for as long as we are needed. Visit https://www.birthrightgvl.org/event-details/luck-of-the-irish-2023 or contact 864.281.7677 for tickets.

Immersive Study

This Lent, spend some time being encouraged in your faith by getting to know The Church Fathers with expert author, teacher and storyteller Michael Aquilina at Heart Ridge Retreat Center (Sunset) from 3-5 March. You've probably seen or heard him on EWTN and many Catholic podcasts and radio shows. He's written over 50 books. Michael will be spending a weekend with us giving an overall understanding of some of the greatest Church Fathers, as well as some interesting facts and unknown stories about others. Get a better understanding of our church's foundation. The weekend will include short lectures with discussions and questions, time for personal study and prayer, stimulating conversations with other retreatants, and free time for relaxing or hiking. Learn more and register at https://www. heartridgeministries.com/immersivestudy.html.





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