

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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## Greenville, South Carolina

30 April 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Scripture readings and Mass prayers appointed for this day in the sacred liturgy. Today's Communion Antiphon, for example, proclaims that "The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia." The Latin word for shepherd is pastor, and this reveals why the Church asks us to pray for more priests on Good Shepherd Sunday. The call to the priesthood comes from God, and the Lord has promised always to provide shepherds for his people. Through the Prophet Jeremiah, the Lord promised Israel: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart." (Jeremiah 3.15) But he also asks us to seek the gift of pastors in prayer: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9.37-38)

In Africa, in South America, and in Oceania, the number of young men offering themselves for priestly formation is on the rise, in some cases a dramatic rise. As you know already, however, this is not the case in Europe and in North America - the "developed" world - and the disparity points to one of the chief difficulties for the young men among us who are being called today: sometimes the call is not heard because of the noise in which we live. This cultural noise takes many shapes (e.g. desire for a lucrative career, fear of loneliness, the presence of so many options that making any choice is difficult, etc), but whatever the source of the noise, if the man being called never hears the call, we may assume he'll never find his place and purpose in life.

The priesthood is not a life for extraordinary men; it is an ordinary Christian way of life for ordinary Christian men. But the key to hearing and answering the call is that the man must understand what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus. The radical thing is not forsaking marriage and giving one's life to the Church; the radical thing is being baptized and giving one's life to Jesus Christ, knowing that this means following him in the Way of the Cross. When young men grow up in a vibrant Christian community in which the truth of the Catholic faith is a cause for rejoicing and the beauty of the sacred liturgy is lived day in and day out as the source and summit of the Christian life, then those who are being called will have no difficulty hearing the summons of the Savior to serve his flock as priests, as shepherds, as pastors.

Finally, for a man to know that he is called to the priesthood it is not necessary to search the heavens for mysterious signs of some inscrutable divine plan. There are really only three basic questions to be answered: 1) Do I want to be a priest? 2) Am I willing to sacrifice what must be sacrificed to be a priest? and 3) Do I have all the gifts of nature and grace needed to be a priest? Only the man can answer the first two questions, and only the Church can answer the third.

## **Calendar of Events**

Mass Sch	edule & Intentions	Meetings	& Events *		
Sunday 30 April		Sunday 30 April		Financial Report	
7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	<ul> <li>✤ Bob Stewart Blakely Sieber Pro populo Spanish Mass</li> </ul>	Nursery: Duri 9.00 am 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	ng 9.00 am Mass Sunday Morning Bible Study SMCCW Deanery Meeting (P) High School Youth Group (M)	Weekend of 22/23 AprilNeeded37,725Received35,455Shortage- 2,270Poor Box501	
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Tuesday 2 May		Tuesday 2 May		Surplus + 69,824	
7.00 am	✤ Tuyen Van Pham			Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of	
Wednesday 3 May		Wednesday 3 May		your Electronic Fund Transfer	
7.00 am	<ul> <li>⋆ DeBor Family</li> </ul>	9.30 am 5.00-6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Holy Hour & Confessions (church) Religious Education	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	
Thursday 4	May	Thursday 4 N	Лау	contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.	
7.00 am	✤ Luz Marina Soto	7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration		
Friday 5 Ma	May Friday 5 May Forward in Fa		Forward in Faith		
7.00 am	Darlene Trilk	5.30-6.30 am 6.30-6.45 am 7.30-8.30 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Pillars of Christ (early group) Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Friday Morning Bible Study Spanish Rosary	Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023	
Saturday 6 May		Saturday 6 May		Donations 5,457,843 Received	
5.00 pm	✤ Andrew & Susan Saiko	8.00-9.00 am 3.30-4.30 pm	Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic Confessions (church)	Pledge 469,726 Balance	
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### **Requiescat in pace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Agnus Jonakin Thomas (sister of Mary Anne Wylie), 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 Mary Stillmock, Marie-Therese Isidore, Juliet Roy, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, 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 Orben, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Joshua Ballew, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol and Lisa Myer.

### **Nationwide Mass Times**

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you. https://masstimes.org https://www.catholicdirectory.com

### **Congratulations to**

Michelle Hudson & Curtis Dahmer who were married last weekend.

Genevieve Grace Arbé, Scarlett Sofia Arbé, Harrison Gregory Schindler, Branson Oliver Schindler, and Sabella Grace Schindler who were baptized recently.

### **Welcome Newcomers**

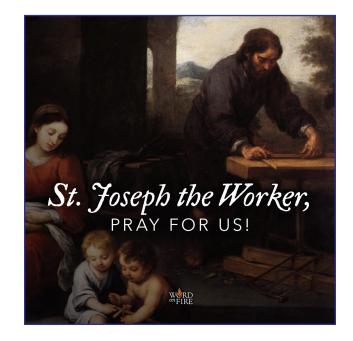
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Michael Jasinski, Darrin Turner, Clifford & Lou Cole, Maria Del Rosario Rincon, Kevin Santos Alvarado, David & Sheri Benore.



### Collection for 29/30 April

Support of the Parish

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



### **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.

### **Daily Mass Readings**

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

### St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

### **Greenville Deanery Meeting**

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women will host the Greenville Deanery of the SC Council of Catholic Women meeting on Sunday 30 April in Pazdan Hall at 2.00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us for a light meal and to learn more about how you can become involved in the St Mary's Council of Catholic Women and the Greenville Deanery. We would be delighted for you to join us as we grow in our faith and help our community. Please contact Karoline O'Rourke at karolineorourke@gmail.com for more information.

### St Anne's Stitchery Ministry



Sharing our gift of crocheting and knitting God's love, care and warmth into hats, shawls, gloves for those in our church and community. We meet the first Monday of the month from 1.00 to 3.00 pm. Can't

come or need lessons, patterns or yarn? Contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airamel@aol.com for more information.

### **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.



For programming information, visit https://catholicradioinsc.com



### St Mary's School Job Openings



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for **teaching assistants in multiple elementary grade levels** for the 2023-2024 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 122 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 320 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.

# 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 <u>open to all parishioners.</u>

Enjoy an outing of golf with friends on Z June!

All packages include four playing spots in classic, player gifts, reception/equipment pick up, breakfast and lunch at golf course. Several sponsorship levels are available for teams. Please contact golf@stmarysgvl.org to sign up. Thank you for helping support our school!

	Women of St. Mary's			
	<b>SPRING LUNCHEON 2023</b>			
	<b>REGISTRATION FORM</b>			
All women of the parish are invited to join the members of St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women as we celebrate our year of spirituality, leadership and service to the church and community. Meet new friends and learn more about our council activities!				
	Tuesday, 9 May 2023			
	Poinsett Club 807 E. Washington Street, Greenville			
	Poinsett Room: Front Entrance, First Room on Left (There is also a ground level entrance to avoids stairs.)			
	11:30 a.m Meet and Greet 12:00 p.m 2:00 p.m Lunch, Awards, and Officer Installation			
	<i>Entrée:</i> Herb Grilled Chicken with Champagne Cream Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Buttered Green Beans, Corn Sticks <i>Dessert</i> <i>Beverages</i>			
	For electronic invoice, please e-mail: <u>karolineorourke@gmail.com</u>			
Mail	<i>Make check payable to:</i> St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women <i>coupon below with check to:</i> SMCCW, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602			
	**** <u>RESERVATION DEADLINE</u> : Monday, 1 May 2023****			
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	Total Guests x <b>\$25.00 each</b> = \$			
	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$			





### STAFF TESTIMONIAL

Due to a sudden loss of income, Tony lost his apartment and was living out of his car while he tried to get situated once again. His car ran out of gas and he walked to a gas station with a tank only to find upon his return that his car had been stolen. Tony was emotional, sharing how he had never found himself in such a dire situation before; and his struggles not only to cope, but to find support that would enable him to get back on his feet. We gave Tony food and clothing to help with immediate needs. but also connected him to agencies that could offer either emergency shelter, or longer term transitional housing support. Your generosity means the world to folks like Tony in their hours of greatest need and for that we are forever thankful!



Knights of Columbus Council #13112 invites you to participate in a food drive in service of

### Our Lady's Pantry

Drop off before Masses on Saturday & Sunday 13-14 May

Suggested Donations based on current needs

### CANNED VEGETABLES peas, carrots, potatoes, corn, mixed

CANNED FRUIT CEREAL TOOTHPASTE DEODERANT TOILET PAPER DIAPERS - SIZES 4 & 5

Drop off at Our Lady's Pantry blue box van in the church parking lot

Monetary donation checks can be made out to **Catholic Charities**. Please note **OLP Greenville** on the memo line.

## National Eucharistic Revival





### What are Eucharistic Revival Conferences?

What is the Revival? The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the United States to the divine invitation of re-centering our lives on the Real Presence of the Eucharist. In South Carolina, this movement seeks to ignite fervor for the Most Blessed Sacrament in the hearts of faithful through teaching, practice and evangelization. Learn more at https://charlestondiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/. Choose any of the several topics listed at the bottom of the page.

**Eucharistic Revival Conferences** A Eucharistic Revival Conference is an event where like-minded Catholics can come together to share and celebrate their faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. On a national level, a Eucharistic Congress is planned for next year in Indianapolis, IN from 17-21 July 2024. Such a Congress has not been held since before WWII. A limited number of discounted tickets are available for the members of our diocese. To learn more, visit https://charlestondiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharistic-revivalconferences/.



## St Mary's Religious Education



### **Religious Education Grades 1-8**

Last Class this week, Wednesday 3 May

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Last Preschool Class today 30 April

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

### 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 for class registration.

### **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**.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Join Father Longenecker and Catholic Bible teacher Steve Ray for a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 15-24 May 2024. For more information contact dcraft@charlestondiocese.org or call the parish office at Our Lady of the Rosary at 864.422.1648.

### 'Mary, An Oratorio' Concert



Mepkin Abbey will host the sacred concert Mary, An Oratorio on Sunday 7 May at 4.00 pm in the abbey church (Moncks Corner). This concert is the premiere of an original work by Cormac O'Duffy and will be performed by the combined

choirs of the Cathedral of St John the Baptist and St Phillips Anglican Church, accompanied by the Ensemble of St Clare of Mepkin Abbey. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at https://bookwhen.com/mepkin-abbey-special-events#focus=ev-svys-20230507160000.

### **Young Adult Spring Retreat**

Join us on a weekend retreat from 5-7 May to rest, pray and have the spiritual support to help you discern well. The retreat will be held at Camp St Christopher on Johns Island (Charleston). Featured speaker Robert Fedducia will share the Gospel message and unpack the challenges and rewards of trusting God in everything. Contact Mike Sylvester at msylvester@charlestondiocese.org with questions. Register at https://bit.ly/ya-spring-2023.



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### **Prince of Peace**

"Speak, Lord, for Thy Servant heareth." ~1 Samuel 3:9

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!):

Thursday 2 am & 4 am\* Friday 5 pm Saturday 6 am

### **Ignatian Silent Retreat**



Ignatian Silent Retreat lead by Fr William Frei is 5-7 May at the Heart Ridge Retreat Center (Sunset). There will be sessions led by Fr Frei as well as Mass and Confession, but most of the time will be spent in silence so that the retreatants can spend time

discerning, praying, and resting in God's care. All food and comfortable lodging provided at the beautiful mountain retreat center. Find more details and register at https://www.heartridgeministries.com/silent-retreat.html.

### **Natural Family Planning Classes**

In Person Sessions 11 May at 7.00 pm at St Francis Eastside (Greenville) email napronurse@aol.com to register 16 May at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) email naprogal@gmail.com or register at https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning

#### Virtual Sessions

11 May at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com 18 May at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com 22 May at 7.30 pm - bernapowell97@gmail.com

Email to register for the May Introductory Sessions.

### The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

Father Jay Scott Newman Pastor of St Mary's Church Dean of Greenville pastor@smcgvl.org

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