



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

7 May 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholics who were at least teenagers by the late 1960's or earlier remember when every parish church was not just the center of religious and educational life for everyone in the congregation; the parish was also the center of social life for children, teens, and adults of every age. Parish groups hosted dinners, dances, parties, athletic events, game nights, Mardi Gras Balls, pancake suppers, and assorted other gatherings often organized by age, sex, and marital status, and everyone was encouraged to invite others from outside the parish to join in these events. It was in many ways a golden age of parish life in the United States, but that age has passed and will not return in our time. There are now too many activities available to everyone and too many opportunities beyond the parish for the local church to be the hub of social life even for deeply committed Catholics, and while we may regret this fact of life, we would also do very well to accept it as the starting point for asking a crucial question: What can we do to make the parish more than the place where we come for Mass on Sunday?

All people naturally crave the company of others and the fostering of real bonds of friendship and fellowship, and when a community of people is knit together by overlapping lines of this sort, the result is a palpable sense of belonging with others, of being accountable to others, and of being responsible for others. That is what changes a crowd into a congregation, and then when you come to Mass on Sunday, you won't be sharing the pews with strangers or just with familiar faces; instead, you will be worshipping with brothers and sisters in the Lord. You will learn about their joys and sorrows, and they will learn about yours. You will feel an authentic human connection to others who may or may not move in your professional or social circles, but you will know that you share a bond with them that is deep and real and permanent because it flows from our Baptism. And that is the basis for everything that follows.

But no one can form this experience of community for us; we must do it ourselves. Introduce yourself by name to someone you see at Mass but cannot yet call by name. Join a group in the parish, even if it's a bit out of your comfort zone. Read the eBulletin rather than wave it off as a nuisance in your inbox. Look for opportunities to serve others or contact me to suggest a new group or activity in the parish. Decide to do something more than pop in for one hour on random Sundays to get what you want, or fulfill a dreary duty, or get someone else off your back by going to Mass. Instead, make a commitment to be part of something larger than yourself. Our parishes will never again look as they did in the 1950's when people could leave their doors unlocked all night, and most families had only one income, and 70% of Catholics came to Mass on Sunday. But we can build something real and life-giving for those who do come here to give rather than take, and from such an authentic Christian community, who knows what blessings will flow!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 7 May

7.30 am ✱ Carol Marlo
 9.00 am George Michael Gevaert
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 8 May

7.00 am ✱ Rita O'Connell

Tuesday 9 May

7.00 am Linda Jackson

Wednesday 10 May

7.00 am James Davis Giltner

Thursday 11 May

7.00 am ✱ Beckett Weinert

Friday 12 May

7.00 am ✱ Norungolo Family

Saturday 13 May

5.00 pm ✱ Caleb Hulsey

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 7 May

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 8 May

Tuesday 9 May

6.30 pm Knights of Columbus (M)

Wednesday 10 May

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
 Confessions (church)

Thursday 11 May

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 12 May

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 May

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 29/30 April

Needed	37,725
Received	39,086
Surplus	+ 1,361

Poor Box 748

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,659,900
Received	1,731,085
Surplus	+ 71,185

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@smcgv1.org.

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

Donations Received 5,469,953

Pledge Balance 468,706

Still to Go 1,061,341

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 Joseph Martin Pazdan II, 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 Mary Stillmock, Marie-Therese Isidore, Juliet Roy, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, 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 Jaskwich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Mike & Sandy Miros.

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@smcgv1.org or 864.679.4110 or register at <https://form.jotform.com/223305490477053>.

Congratulations to

Alice Lynn Glazier, André Francis Grabosky, William Miller Hutson, and Harper Rachel Hutson who were baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

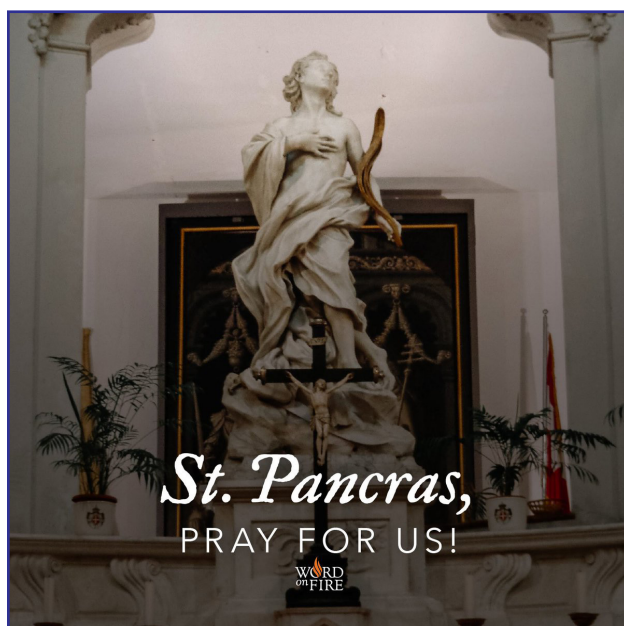
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Dennis & Laura Wallace, Mary Padua, Adam & Shay Potter, Anthony Deglomine, Bianca Huet.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 6/7 May

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign
Support of the Parish

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



Please join us for
coffee, doughnuts &
fellowship in Pazdan
Hall dining room after
the 9.00 am Mass.

Nationwide Mass Times

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



Knights of Columbus
CHARITIES
United in Charity.

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://charlestdioocese.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://charlestdioocese.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharistic-revival-conferences/>.

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 resulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

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 open to all parishioners.*

Enjoy an outing of golf with friends on 2 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!

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@smcgv1.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@smcgv1.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.whelen@smcgv1.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**.

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.

Daily Mass Readings

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

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Thursday 2 am & 4 am*

Friday 5 pm

Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

Join us as we journey through it together on Fridays from noon to 1.00 pm.
Contact cathy@charlestondiocese.org to receive the Zoom invite.



By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

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Family Summer Camps



Come to the Mountains! Heart Ridge Retreat Center offers weeklong Catholic family camps. It's like summer camp - but for the whole family. One price includes comfortable AC lodging, food, and all of the activities. Faith sessions based on age are offered daily as well as individual family time, and Mass. Afternoons are spent doing optional outdoor activities at and near the mountain retreat center. Evenings are full of fun, like skits and games. If you want to grow closer to God and closer as a family, and get out of cooking for a week, this is the vacation for you. Visit <https://www.heartridgeministries.com/summer-family-camp.html> to learn more and register.

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.

Icon Painting Workshop

St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting



June 26-July 1, 2023

St. Rafka Catholic Church
Greenville, South Carolina

Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Saint Gabriel icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. It is a great opportunity for everyone to experience first hand the painting of an icon.

Your tuition fee of \$700 includes most materials including boards pigments etc.

Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For enrollment and more information, visit the website <https://theodoreicons.com/sc>

or contact Mrs Aziza Stansberry at: stansberryazizax@gmail.com phone: 864-506-1924

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