

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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# Greenville, South Carolina

14 May 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Several items for your attention:

- 1. Our capital campaign has made good progress since Easter, but we still need the participation of every household in the parish to raise the final one million dollars we need to pay for all the projects that must be accomplished before we can turn our attention to the construction of the church annex which will provide indoor restrooms and the renovation of the church interior. I ask every member of the parish to make a sacrificial gift to this campaign, and all campaign gifts stay at Saint Mary's and are used for the expansion and enhancement of our facilities.
- 2. Attendance at the 9 am Mass on Sunday morning has recently been standing room only, and for those who have had to stand or felt crowded in the pews, please remember that we have four Sunday Masses. The Mass at 5 pm on Saturday always has empty seats, and that is the best bet for finding room in the church. The Masses at 7.30 and 11 am on Sunday morning are comfortably full but usually have a few seats to spare. So if you don't want to stand at 9 am, shop around our Mass schedule to find a better fit.
- 3. Please remember that Saint Mary's is both a church and a school, and on school days we must provide an environment for our children that is safe and secure. For this reason, it is not possible for anyone to cross our campus during the school day. If you want to pray in the church or at the columbarium, you are always welcome to do that even on school days, but to reach those places you must park in our main parking lot or along Washington Street and walk directly into the church or to the columbarium through Miller Square. No one may cross the athletic field or walk past Pazdan Hall or Sacred Heart Hall during the school day, and if you are coming to the parish office, then please park on Hampton Avenue or in the lot between the office and the Baum Center. And if you stray into a secure area and are challenged by a school staff member, please understand that this is solely for the protection of children, so please do not be offended and cooperate generously with any request you may receive to go in another direction.
- 4. On Pentecost Sunday we will have a singular moment of grace at the 11 am Solemn Mass. Father Vincent Ferrer Bernhard, OP will be the principal celebrant of that Mass one week after his priestly ordination in Washington, and Deacon Peter O'Steen will assist him at the altar two days after his ordination here. These two sons of Saint Mary's show us that young men still step forward to offer their lives for the proclamation of the Gospel, and for that we are most grateful. The diaconal ordination of Peter O'Steen and Erik Roman will be in our church at 6 pm on Friday 26 May 2023, and parishioners are welcome to attend.

Father Newman

# **Calendar of Events**

#### **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

# **Meetings & Events \***

#### **Sunday 14 May**

#### Mother's Day

7.30 am ♣ Nancy Frugoni Miller 9.00 am ♣ James Michael Green 11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

#### Sunday 14 May

KofC Food Drive: All Masses (church) Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9.00 am

#### Monday 15 May

**Tuesday 16 May** 

7.00 am ♣ Vera Wiren

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7.00 am Timothy Nielsen 10.00 am **SMCCW Sewing Group** 

#### Wednesday 17 May

7.00 am ♣ Michael Hooley

#### Wednesday 17 May

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church)

#### **Thursday 18 May**

#### 7.00 am Claire Elise Roberts

& Family

#### **Thursday 18 May**

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

#### Friday 19 May

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Pillars of Christ (early group) 7.00 am ♣ Theresa Vassolo 5.30-6.30 am

6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Friday Morning Bible Study 10.00 am

7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

#### Saturday 20 May

5.00 pm **★** Armaly Family

#### Saturday 20 May

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

Confessions (church) 3.30-4.30 pm

#### G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall

\* All events in Sacred Heart Hall P - Pazdan Hall unless a location is listed

#### **Financial Report**

#### Weekend of 6/7 May

Needed 37,725 37,307 Received Shortage - 418

Poor Box 1,219

#### Offertory Year to Date

1,697,625 Needed Received 1,768,392 Surplus +70,767

**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

5,472,213 **Donations** Received

468,676 Pledge

**Balance** 

1,059,111 Still to Go

### Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carol M Paul, 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, 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, Lisa Myer, Mike & Sandy Miros.

# **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.

# **SMCCW Sewing Ministry**

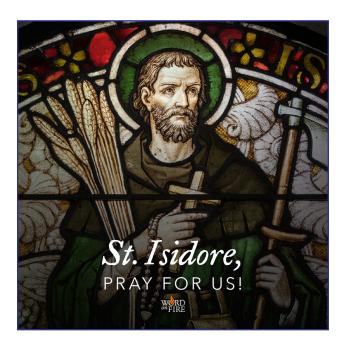
The group will meet Tuesday 16, 23 & 30 May from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for details.

# Parish News

## Collection for 13/14 May

Catholic Charities
Support of the Parish

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



# **Daily Mass Readings**

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

# Congratulations to

Michael Olivieri & Jessica Bosak who were married last weekend.

#### Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Gustavo Cesar Olvera & Branlly Suarez, Dominic Mosley, Paul & Nicole LaPenna, Jackson Ledford.





#### 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 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-revival-conferences/.

# St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for <u>a full-time K3 teacher</u> for the 2023-2024 school year. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, experienced, organized, passionate for early childhood education, able to communicate well with parents, familiar with the developmental needs and capabilities of 3 and 4-year-old children, with a calm and loving demeanor and the ability to expertly manage many small children at once.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 123 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 319 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.

St Mary's K3 curriculum is fundamentally academic and focuses on fine and gross motor skills, an introduction to letters and their sounds, educational play, listening skills, cooperation, personal responsibility, managing emotions, song, prayer, and the Catholic faith. The lead teacher is supported in the classroom by two full-time aides, and students experience enrichment classes in Art, Music, Spanish, and French with other St Mary's teachers.

Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@smcgvl.org.

# Saint Mary's Classic

The Preserve at Verdae Golf Club



# 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 <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. The next scheduled class is Monday 11 September. 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.

## **Family Honor Greece Pilgrimage**



You are invited to join Family Honor on an amazing 12day pilgrimage to Greece, including a three-night cruise along the Aegean Sea! Visit the sites related to St Paul in

Corinth, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, and Veria. Also visit Ephesus, Patmos, Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, and Meteora. You'll participate in daily Mass at holy sites, visit the monastery and cave where St John wrote the Book of Revelation, see the house where the Blessed Mother lived with St John, and explore the ancient city of Athens. In addition, you'll stop by museums with displays of ancient artifacts and savor exquisite Mediterranean cuisine. Enjoy the company of a professional Tour Escort and make unforgettable memories, all in the safety and ease of group travel. The group departs the USA on 23 October and returns 3 November. Spiritual Director for the Pilgrimage will be Father Philip Gillespie, pastor of St Joseph Catholic Church in Anderson, SC. For more information, contact Brenda Cerkez, Executive Director of Family Honor, at 803.929.0858 or bcerkez@familyhonor.org. For more information, visit https://www.catholicheritagetours.com/fhbcgr2023.

# 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

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

#### **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 Friday 5 pm

## **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. Please visit https://www.heartridgeministries.com/summer-family-camp.html to learn more and register.

# **Natural Family Planning Classes**

#### In Person Sessions

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

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

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