



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

25 June 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The new fiscal year for our parish will begin on 1 July, so it's time to talk about our finances. For the fiscal year just ending, we have a small surplus over our budget, but because of the high inflation that has prevailed for two years now, that surplus has already been expended on general costs for operations. So we broke even this year, and that is good news.

For the new fiscal year, the cost for insuring our buildings will be rising over 15% because of several years of no or low increases and because of the recent significant rise in the cost of construction. At the same time, our costs for health insurance for our employees have gone up 3%, and we also provided a cost of living adjustment of 3% to all staff.

For all of these reasons, I am once again asking all households in the parish to increase your offertory contributions by 3% beginning now. This means that if you were giving \$50 per week until now, then your new target would be \$51.50. And if you were giving \$125 per week, then your new target is \$128.75, and so on. If everyone makes this adjustment of 3% to all offertory gifts, then we will once again make our budget goal and be able to fulfill all our financial responsibilities.

There are early signs that the general inflation rate is falling back towards the usual pattern of the last twenty years, and so I hope that this will be the last time I need to ask you for a 3% increase in your giving. And in any case, please know that we do everything we can to live within our means and use your gifts to make Saint Mary's a green and pleasant corner of the vineyard for everyone who comes here seeking the Lord.

Construction on our new gym and hall is going very well, and we expect to open this beautiful new facility in October. We will soon be advertising naming opportunities for those who want to help us provide a dignified space for recreation, social activities, meetings, and holiday Masses, and once you see the Clinkscales Family Gymnasium up close, I am sure you will agree that it was worth the wait.

We still need your help to complete our current capital campaign, Forward in Faith, which will end this December. Our regular capital campaigns are the primary way we maintain, enhance, and expand our buildings and grounds to create and sustain an inviting campus in the heart of downtown Greenville. And please recall our stewardship guidelines for your tithe: 5% to the parish in offertory gifts, 1% to the diocese in the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (formerly the BAA), and the remaining 4% to charities of your choice, including our capital campaigns.

The careful stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is an essential part of authentic Christian discipleship, and I am deeply grateful for your sacrificial commitment to Saint Mary's.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 25 June

7.30 am ✘ Mary Sanfilippo
9.00 am Benjamin Elster
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Sunday 25 June

Monday 26 June

7.00 am Cecilia Braud

Monday 26 June

Tuesday 27 June

7.00 am ✘ Jeanne Pfeiffer

Tuesday 27 June

Wednesday 28 June

7.00 am Fr Christopher Smith

Wednesday 28 June

No Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday 29 June

7.00 am ✘ Dianne Krone

Thursday 29 June

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 30 June

7.00 am Liza & Robert Tougher

Friday 30 June

Parish Office Closes at Noon

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)
7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 1 July

5.00 pm ✘ Joel Naylor

Saturday 1 July

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 17/18 June

Needed	37,725
Received	39,840
Surplus	+ 2,115

Poor Box	688
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,923,975
Received	1,995,772
Surplus	+ 71,797

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	5,631,161
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Pledge Balance	455,170
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Still to Go	913,669
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall * All events in Sacred Heart Hall
P - Pazdan Hall unless a location is listed

Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on 28 June or any Wednesday in July (resumes 2 August).

The church will be closed and locked all weekdays from 3 to 7 July and from 10 to 14 July. During those two weeks, we will not have Mass at 7 am, and no visits to the church will be possible so that we can perform needed maintenance work in the building. Our weekend schedule will remain the same. Please excuse this inconvenience.

Church Office Summer Hours 2 June through 11 August

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
Friday 9 am - 12 noon

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, Sandy Miros, and Terry Gurn.

Congratulations to

Glennon Donohue and Elizabeth Holcomb who were married last weekend.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling this summer, find mass times at a parish near you.

<https://masstimes.org>

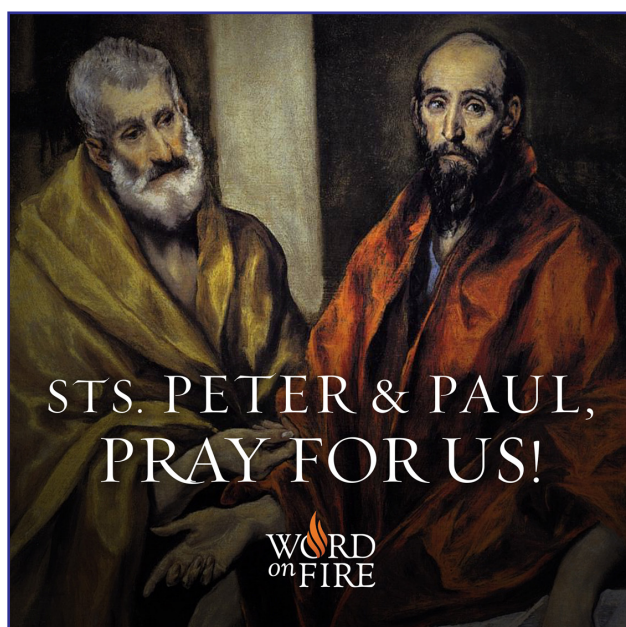
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 24/25 June

Support of the Parish

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



Church and Parish Office Closure

In observance of Independence Day the church and office will be **closed all day Monday & Tuesday 3 & 4 July** and Mass will not be celebrated.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Stephen & Mary Shuford, Carlos Ferrer Jimenez & Zayra Pino Escobar, Kristi Tuffo, Brian & Allie Crnobrnja, Will & Isabel Ryan, Mary Fetterly, Alejandro & Sandy Chavez.

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 rsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

School Office Summer Hours until 4 August

Monday - Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm
Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe; most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open 864.271.3870.



Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestdioocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs.

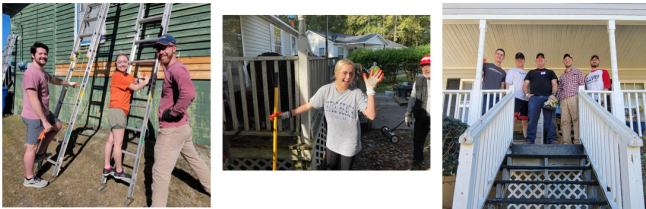


Visit our website here! 



Sign ups are OPEN for the Greenville Summer Repair Session!

Daily local repair efforts Mon-Fri July 10-14



To Upstate friends of Home Works,

Home Works sign ups are still open for our Greenville Summer Session **July 10-14!**
REGISTRATION CLOSSES JULY 3. (No overnight component)

The week will consist of meaningful service days - approximately 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day - completing a variety of home repairs for Upstate homeowners in great need, guided by site leaders at each home.

30 total spots available! Volunteers 13 & older may serve. Groups & individuals welcome.

Please note that volunteers & groups will need to provide their own transportation arrangements.

We hope you can join us to learn new skills and build relationships through service!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Contact Tuck Williams for more details on the session:
(864) 313-8099 or t.williams@homeworksofamerica.org

Contact Madelyn Smith for volunteer registration questions:
(803) 360-6792 or ops@homeworksofamerica.org



www.homeworksofamerica.org | 803-781-4536

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 pm.
Contact cathy@charlestdioocese.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
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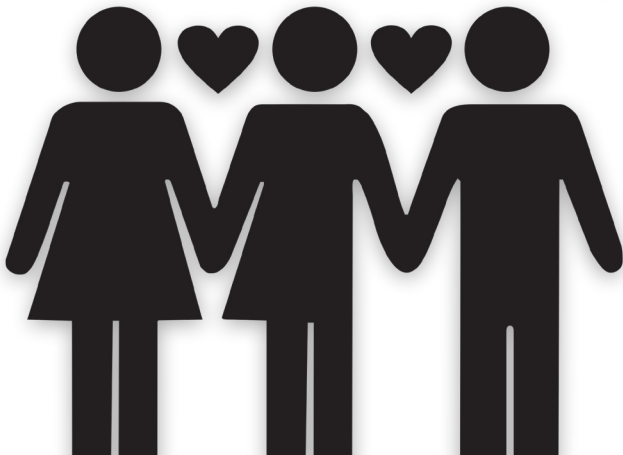


The Center for Evangelical Catholicism

presents

MATRIMONY

Holy & Other



7th Annual Fall Conference

Saturday 30 September 2023

8.30 am to 12 Noon

St Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC

What do I say when my son is getting married outside the Church?

I was invited to a co-worker's same-sex wedding, should I go?

These are the types of questions that face us every day. Come hear the priests of St Mary's address your common questions and concerns regarding the Sacrament of Marriage. They will unpack the theological basis for the Church's teaching, but also address the very specific issues of ordinary life that challenge those seeking to live as disciples of Christ in the world today.



Fr Jay Scott Newman
Pastor of St Mary's



Fr Jonathan Duncan
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's

\$25 per person
register online at
www.evangelicalcatholicism.com

National Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Conferences & Congresses



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

Support Our Missionary



This past school year, Saint Mary's parishioner Elise Devine served as a missionary with the National Evangelization Team (NET), which sends out teams of young adults to share the Gospel with students across the USA. Together with her team, Elise traveled over 27,000 miles, served in 17 states, and reached over 6,000 teens and young adults. After this successful year, Elise has decided to go back to NET and serve for a second year starting in August. In order to fulfill this call, she needs to raise \$10,000 to cover the costs of training, healthcare, transportation, equipment, and a small monthly stipend. Elise has been the first member of Saint Mary's to work with NET, and she is currently the only missionary coming from the Diocese of Charleston. Saint Mary's Church invites everyone to support Elise's missionary service. To make a donation please click the link below, and to learn more about this opportunity, you are welcome to reach out to Elise at eliserdevine@gmail.com.

Support Elise by visiting <https://netusa.org/supportamissionary/> and select 'Elise Devine' under missionaries.

Eucharistic

CONGRESS

CONGRESO EUCHARÍSTICO



Joyful DISCIPLES, CENTERED ON THE
E U C H A R I S T

JULY 21-23, 2023
21-23 DE JULIO DE 2023

PRAYER | WORSHIP | DYNAMIC SPEAKERS



Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR
Franciscan Friar
of the Renewal



Jon Leonetti
Catholic Speaker



Fr. Chris Alar
Marian Fathers of the
Immaculate Conception



Fr. Nelson Medina, OP
Colombia



**Bishop Julio Hernando
Garcia Pelaez**
Diocese of Garagoa,
Colombia

\$20 per person / \$20 por persona

www.stjamesconway.org/eucharisticcongress



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**Eucharistic
Revival**



St. James Catholic Church
1071 Academy Drive Conway, SC 29526



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. The next scheduled class is Monday 11 September. 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**.

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

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"In contemplation before the Eucharist, at this moment we experience with special vividness the truth of Christ's promise: He is with us!" ~St John Paul II

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!):

Sunday 8 am

Monday 10 am & 1 pm

Wednesday 6 pm

Saturday 8 pm*

Family Honor Greece Pilgrimage



You are invited to join Family Honor on an amazing 12-day 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>.

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.



For programming information, visit
<https://catholicradioininc.com>

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.

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