



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

2 July 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

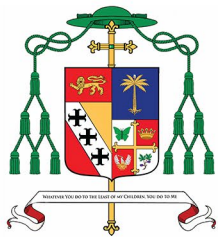
Given the great cultural changes through which we are now living, some Catholics may be tempted to withdraw from the world the better to resist the challenges to Christian life that confront us all. But such a withdrawal is not the Catholic way. Consider, for comparison, the Amish, who are famous for their separation from their neighbors: they will not use modern technology, their clothing has not changed in 300 years, they cease formal schooling after the 8th grade, they refuse to serve in the armed forces, they will not participate in Social Security or purchase medical insurance, and so forth. But such a way of life is not required by the Gospel, and in some ways it is contrary to the Gospel, which is why Catholics cannot live like the Amish.

Christians do not wear distinctive clothing. We do not fear technology or the benefits of modern science and medicine. We do not separate ourselves in politics, commerce, education, military service, or civic responsibility from those who do not share our faith. And we do not do these things because to do so would make it impossible for us to fulfill the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28.18-20) We are called to be salt and light in the world, not to hide behind a barricade for fear that we will be polluted by the world.

The impulse to flee from "the world" is, of course, also a part of Christianity, if by "the world" we mean that part of the created order (starting inside of us) which is in rebellion against God. For this reason, religious life has been with us since Christian antiquity, and all Christians need a deep formation in virtue for genuine holiness of life. But that is not the same as the Amish refusal to live in the world, something that Catholics cannot accept as compatible with Christian discipleship.

The Letter to Diognetus, written in the 2nd century when the violent persecution of Christians was still common, explains it thus: "Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life ... With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign. And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven ... To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body." So, are we living as the soul of the world?

Father Newman



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Aug. 14, 2021, a powerful earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale struck within 100 miles of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. More than 2,000 people were killed, 12,000 were injured, and 300 were missing. Then widespread damage to houses and other structures was worsened by a tropical storm that hit the island shortly afterward. In responding to the urgent needs of the victims of these disasters, Pope Francis donated €200,000 (\$218,000) through the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to support immediate emergency relief efforts in the most affected dioceses in Haiti.

Your contribution to the Peter's Pence collection helps fund not only all the activities of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry but also several solidarity projects that aid those most in need. To learn more about the ways in which this collection supports the Holy Father's ministry of mercy, visit:
www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html (English) or
www.obolodisanpietro.va/es/cos-e-l-obolo.html (español).

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis carry out his ministry to the Universal Church and reach out to the most marginalized in our world.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

This collection to be taken up in the Diocese of Charleston on July 1-2

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 2 July

7.30 am	✠ Rose M Anderson
9.00 am	✠ Alfred L Smith
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 3 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Tuesday 4 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Wednesday 5 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Thursday 6 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Friday 7 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Saturday 8 July

5.00 pm John Paul Nielsen

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 2 July

No Nursery (resumes 13 August)
Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)

Monday 3 July

Parish Office Closed
Church Closed for Maintenance

Tuesday 4 July

Independence Day - Parish Office Closed
Church Closed for Maintenance

Wednesday 5 July

Church Closed for Maintenance
No Holy Hour & Confessions
(resumes 2 August)

Thursday 6 July

Church Closed for Maintenance

Friday 7 July

Church Closed for Maintenance
Parish Office Closes at Noon
7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 8 July

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 24/25 June

Needed	37,725
Received	37,172
Shortage	- 553

Poor Box 687

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,961,700
Received	2,032,944
Surplus	+ 71,244

***New Weekly Offertory needed beginning 1 July 2023: \$38,900**

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@smcgvl.org.

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

Donations Received 5,639,597

Pledge Balance 454,900

Still to Go 905,503

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
unless a location is listed

Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on 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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Kevin & Brittany Howard, Anthony & Mary Cordaro, Olivia Blair, Robert & Lauren Shaw, Alejandro Ojeda & Zoila Alejandra Fuentes.

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 1/2 July

Peter's Pence
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.



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

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 Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@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.

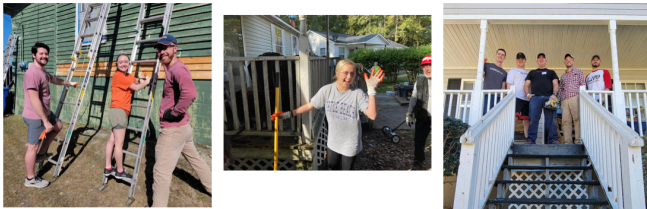


Visit our website here! 



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 CLOSES 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
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

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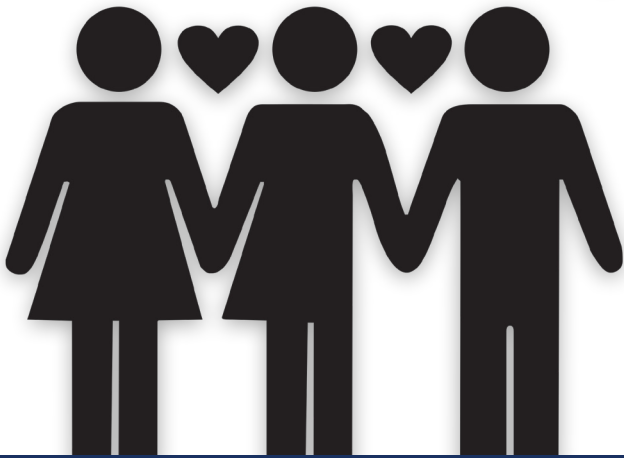


The Center for Evangelical Catholicism

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

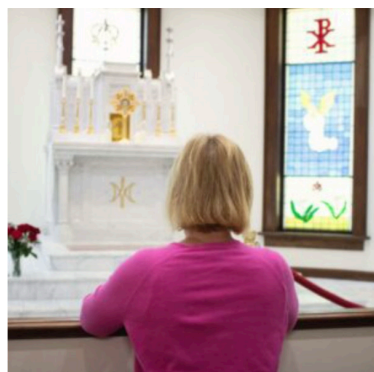


Fr Jonathan Duncan
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's

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

National Eucharistic Revival

Adoration



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.

Adoration Opportunities If someone is our friend, we naturally want to spend time with them, to share experiences, to look to them for advice and direction. If Jesus is not only our Lord and God, but also our friend and brother, it should be no different. To come to the understanding that he is really present in our churches and in our lives, we must spend time with him, sharing and listening. Check out different opportunities to do just that all around our state. Get in touch - stay in touch! To learn more, visit <https://charlestdiocese.org/our-relationship-with-the-eucharist/>.

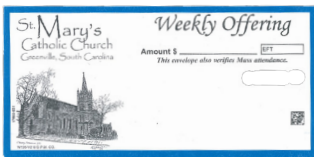
Support Our Missionary



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.

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.whalen@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**.

Eucharistic CONGRESS
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Joyful DISCIPLES, CENTERED ON THE
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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

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

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*

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 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>.

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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