



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

6 August 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Feast of the Transfiguration (described with slightly different emphases by Matthew, Mark and Luke) recalls the manifestation of His divine glory by the Lord Jesus to Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. During this revelation of His divine nature to human eyes, Jesus was accompanied by Moses and Elijah, living symbols of the Law and Prophets, who spoke to their Savior about the suffering which He would endure in His passion and death. This combination of suffering and glory reveals the paradox at the heart of the Gospel and spoken of by the Lord Jesus just before His Transfiguration: “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.” (Luke 9.23-24)

The oldest known liturgical celebration of this feast was in the Armenian Church, and the 7th century Armenian Bishop Gregory Arsharuni wrote that the feast was placed in the liturgy in the early 4th century by Saint Gregory the Illuminator. In the Orthodox Church, the Feast of the Transfiguration is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the liturgical year, and it is both preceded by a fast and celebrated with a Vigil and an Octave, in the way Latin Rite Catholics celebrate Christmas and Easter. These liturgical observances underscore the importance of the truths revealed to us by the Transfiguration of the Lord.

The Feast of the Transfiguration, which from antiquity has been kept on 6 August, gradually entered the liturgical life of the Western Church through our monasteries, and by the tenth century this feast was observed in many of the dioceses of England, France and Germany. But despite the importance and widespread celebration of this feast, it was not placed by the Pope on the Universal Calendar until the 15th century, and the reason for that change is a timely one for us. In 1453, Sultan Mohammed II conquered the great Christian imperial capital of Constantinople and renamed it Istanbul; the armies of Islam seemed to be invincible, and the Turks were on the move north and west. But on 22 July 1456, János Hunyady, the Governor of Hungary and a devout Catholic, led a Christian army to victory over the Turks at Belgrade, marking a turning point in the centuries-long struggle between the Christian West and militant Islam. In celebration of this victory, Pope Callistus III extended the Feast of the Transfiguration to the universal Church and ordered that it be kept each year on 6 August. Callistus died two years later on 6 August 1458.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 6 August

7.30 am ✱ Annette Marino
 9.00 am Fr Jay Scott Newman
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 7 August

7.00 am St Thomas Aquinas Chapter
 of Lay Dominicans

Tuesday 8 August

7.00 am ✱ Norungolo Family

Wednesday 9 August

7.00 am John Paul Nielsen

Thursday 10 August

7.00 am ✱ Diane Baldwin Klee

Friday 11 August

7.00 am SM Susanne Dziedzic,
 CSSF

Saturday 12 August

5.00 pm ✱ Deceased Roman Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 6 August

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

Monday 7 August

Tuesday 8 August

6.30 pm Knights of Columbus (M)

Wednesday 9 August

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
 & Confessions (church)

Thursday 10 August

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 11 August

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)
 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 12 August

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 29/30 July

Needed	38,900
Received	42,129
Surplus	+ 3,229

Poor Box	773
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	194,500
Received	194,699
Surplus	199

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	5,751,241
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Pledge Balance	449,490
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Still to Go	799,269
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

Church Office Summer Hours

2 June through 11 August

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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 5/6 August

Support of the Parish

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Anne Luke, 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, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Richard Stephens.



Congratulations to

Weston Ascot Kettlehack who was baptized last weekend.

Allie Miros and Edgar Williams who were married last weekend.



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. 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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Jaime Ortiz, Molly Couch, Rebecca Ortiz, Alfonso & Irma Godinez, John Travis, Thomas McCallum, Mark & Alexandra Kuzmich.



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

Nationwide Mass Times

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

Daily Mass Readings

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



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



Visit our website here!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

Marian Eucharistic Conference



Featured Speakers



Rev. Don
Calloway, MIC



Very Rev. Thomas
Petri, OP



Rev. John
Bartunek, LC



Jim
Wahlberg



John
Martignoni

Registration

General Admission: \$125, Youth: \$75
Registration required by OCT. 2 by
mail. Registration after Oct. 2: \$135.
Buffet dinner on Friday and buffet lunch
on Saturday are included. Friday dinner
choice: chicken or fish.

For more information:
MeConferenceSC.net
or call 864-354-7160.

GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
1 Exposition Dr., Greenville, SC 29607

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@charlestdiocese.org to receive the Zoom invite.



By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
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Be who God
meant you to be,
and you will set the
world on fire.

-St Catherine of Siena

SAVE THE DATE!

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women will host a Meet & Greet after all Masses in Pazdan Hall the weekend of **26-27 August**.

All women of the parish are cordially invited to join St Mary's Council of Catholic Women. Our 90 members strive to be the women God calls us to be. We serve our parish and the greater community through our volunteer work and our prayers. We grow in our spirituality and form lasting friendships. All new paid members (\$15) will receive a free previous year St Mary's Christmas ornament.

For more information contact
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St Mary's Religious Education



For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson
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or 864.679.4110

REGISTRATION OPENS 1 August 2023

Registration for the 2023-24 year is now open. ALL children of the parish (Grades 1-8) must register with the Religious Education Office including Homeschool and St. Joe's Middle School Students.

[Link to Grades 1-8 Registration Form](#)
[Link to Homeschool and St. Joe's Registration Form](#)
[Link to Sunday Morning Preschool Registration Form](#)

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes begin 6 September 2023

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes begin 10 September 2023

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

Wednesdays 6.30 -7.30 pm
6 September through Easter
McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft

Free of charge but registration is required.

For more information or to register please email
timothy.nielsen@smcgvl.org

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**.

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>.

St Clare's Home Volunteers

We need "allies" who will journey with our young mothers as they learn to become wise stewards of their time, talent, and treasure. On Wednesday 9 August we will begin our fall Faith & Finance Class at St Clare's Home. You do not need to have a financial background to mentor, and training will be provided. This twelve week class seeks to Foster friendships, Grow a supportive community, Learn to make wise financial decisions, Plan for better futures, Place God at the heart of all our efforts, Better our lives and our communities. Each week's class begins at 9.45 am with a small community meal and ends promptly at 12 noon. Workbooks will be provided. Please contact stantonphyllis6@gmail.com to learn more. Additionally, we have a need for babysitters for the moms in the house that are taking this class. If you want to contribute to this class but you cannot donate your time, we would welcome a benefactor to provide the funds for purchasing the workbooks. The total cost will be about \$200. Please contact stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org if you are interested in helping babysit or to defray some of the cost of the materials. Thank you for prayerfully considering assisting us with this class!

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"Dominus Est - It is the Lord!"

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

Tuesday 9 am & 8 pm*

Thursday 2 am



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

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

You are invited to join

Joseph Pearce,

internationally known author & speaker,
as he shares his wisdom on
**"The Evangelizing Power of
Beauty: Converting the Culture"**

August 16, 2023
7pm
Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
Fellowship Hall
2252 Woodruff Road-Simpsonville, SC

Free of charge though donations appreciated.
Books will be available for purchase and signing.
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the beauty of
Catholic art and
culture can win
souls for Christ
and His Church.

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be found at JPearce.co

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.

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