

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

1 October 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Starting in January 2002, the Boston Globe began to publish a series of stories about the abuse of children by Catholic bishops and priests, and that reporting ignited a massive movement of reform in the Church. Two decades later we are still striving to create the safest possible environment for everyone, in the service of which I offer these reminders:

- 1. The Diocese of Charleston and all of its parishes and schools are committed to preventing mistreatment or abuse of any kind, and so all employees and volunteers who have regular contact with minors or vulnerable adults must have a background investigation and safe environment training. This applies without exception to all activities on church property and to any activity sponsored by us off campus, and so until both the background check and safe environment training have been completed, no one is authorized to work with minors or vulnerable adults as a representative of the church.
- 2. Because we do not have rest rooms in our church, those who need to use a rest room during Mass must cross Miller Square and enter Sacred Heart Hall. It is understandable that parents with several children might be inclined to allow older children to make this trip unaccompanied during Mass, but no child should ever be left unaccompanied on our campus, even for a quick bathroom trip. Older siblings or friends making that rest room run together might work, but the best solution of all is for a parent to accompany the child to Sacred Heart Hall.
- 3. The website of the Diocese of Charleston (charlestondiocese.org) contains a section called "Youth Protection," in which there are links to five additional pages: Child and Youth Protection Policy, Code of Conduct, How to Report an Allegation, Safe Haven Training, and Victim Assistance. I encourage you to visit this site and learn more about each of these dimensions of how we can all work together to protect others from harm. All adults in the parish are invited to be mindful of our common responsibility to protect our children, and if you observe anything that causes you concern, you are always welcome to speak to me, to the school principal, or to anyone on our staff about your concerns. Likewise feel free to speak up if you have suggestions for how we can help create a safe and nurturing environment for our children.
- 4. When school is in session, no one is permitted on our campus without permission until 6 pm. You are always welcome, of course, to visit the church by parking in the Washington Street parking lot on the west side of the church, but anyone approaching a school building or crossing the athletic field without a visitor's pass will be challenged by a staff member. For the same reason, even parishioners may not use our athletic facilities until the last school children leave our campus at 6 pm. Please understand that these measures are designed to help us create the safest possible environment for the children entrusted to our care.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 1 October

7.30 am ♣ Vickie Oslos 9.00 am ♣ Martha Leslev 11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

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Clothing Drive: Donation Boxes in SHH Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P) Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study High School Youth Group (M) 6.00 pm

Monday 2 October

7.00 am ♣ Mary Otts

Monday 2 October

Tuesday 3 October

St Anne's Stitchery 1.00 pm 6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 3 October

7.00 am SM Francelita Machnica,

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Wednesday 4 October

7.00 am

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♣ Donna Rael 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

> 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour

& Confessions (church)

6.30 pm Religious Education

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 5 October

7.00 am Norungolo Family

Thursday 5 October

Friday 6 October

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

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7.00 am **★** Emily Rose Gomes 5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group) Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) 6.30-6.45 am 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study

7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 7 October

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♣ James & Florence Mooney 8.00-9.00 am 5.00 pm Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church) Clothing Drive: Donation Boxes in SHH

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 23/24 September

Needed 38,900 Received 35,083 - 3,817 Shortage

Poor Box 836

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 505,700 Received 504,652 Shortage - 1,048

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

5,849,918 **Donations** Received

443,490 Pledge **Balance**

706,592 Still to Go

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, Barbara Dresser, Anna Healy.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 will hold its annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for St Mary's parish 8th graders. In an essay of 500-750 words explain *How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?* Essay contest forms are available by contacting John McGrath at 864.292.0475. Essay deadline is 16 October.

Catholic Fellowship

We warmly invite all current and new parishioners to join us for our next Catholic Fellowship Dinner. Please plan to join us Saturday 14 October after the 5.00 pm Mass in Pazdan Hall dining room for fun, food, and fellowship. This program at St Mary's is a great way to meet in community, share a dish for a meal, and cultivate new friendships. We would love to have you! RSVP by Monday 9 October to Kedric Chamberlin at stmcatholicfellowship@outlook.com. Please bring a dish to share for 12 (main dish, side dish, salad or dessert) and your favorite beverage. There is a free will donation to cover the expenses of paper goods.

Nursery Help Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or linda.jackson@smcgvl.org.

Parish News

Collection for 30 September/1 October

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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Daniel & Jaclyn Wright, Jon & Jennifer DeGraw, Destinee Farrow, Emily Hensler, Frank & Anjali Rosenbloom, Christian & Jenniffer Spence, Taft & Erin Kallam, Maria Godinez-Mendoza.







FARMWORKERS MINISTRY

Clothing Drive

Join our efforts to help migrant farm workers in South Carolina – the men and women who travel to our state annually for agricultural work.

Donations may be dropped off in boxes located on the first floor hallway of Sacred Heart Hall the weekends of 30 September/1 October & 7/8 October

We're Seeking:

- Long Sleeve T-shirts

 (men's and women's,
 S-XLL; all sizes!)
- Baseball caps

DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS
THIS WEEKEND
IN SHH!





Catholicism and Evolution

Is it Darwin or God?

By Dr John Carrano

Thursday 12 October 2023 — 7.00 pm St Mary's Catholic Church McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft



Dr John C. Carrano is an Executive Consultant and the former President and CEO of Paratus Diagnostics. Dr Carrano was previously Vice President, Research & Development at Luminex Corporation. (Prior to Luminex, John was as a program manager at DARPA where he led several major Defense Department programs related to bio-sensing. Dr Carrano was also on the faculty of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the United States Military Academy, and served as the Department Executive Officer. He retired from the Army in 2005

with over 24 years of decorated service including a variety of command and staff positions worldwide. Dr Carrano received his B.S. from West Point and his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He has several patents and over 60 publications and is a Fellow of SPIE. In 2012 he was appointed by Secretary Napolitano to the Department of Homeland Security Science Advisory Board.

Your Finest Hour

Singing in the Choir Sundays at 11.00



Contact the Choirmaster for details arlen.clarke@smcgvl.org

High School Youth Group

St Mary's High School Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6.00 pm in McGrady Hall. All parishioners of high school age are welcome. Contact Chris Ortiz at chris. ortiz@smcgvl.org for more information.



SMCCW Stitchery Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry of St Mary's Council of Catholic Women are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would

like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airamel@aol.com for more information.

SMCCW Fall Retreat

The SMCCW fall retreat *Inspired By Women of the Bible* is Saturday 21 October in Pazdan Hall from 8.30 am to 2.00 pm (lunch included). Join us to hear speakers Nina Obier, Deacon Tom Whalen and Louise Riley, concluding with Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration. Register and pay by Tuesday 10 October electronically at this link or download the registration form to mail with your check at https://smcgvl.org/who-we-are/st-marys-council-of-catholic-women/. Please contact courtney.plyler@gmail.com with questions.

Social Ministries at St Mary's

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St Mary's Office of Social Ministry periodically organizes volunteer events to help those in our community in need. This is a good way to get to know your fellow parishioners, make new friends, and most importantly - to serve those in need. Notifications of upcoming events are sent out several weeks ahead of an event. There is no expectations or commitment, just sign up when you are available. We have done home repairs and painting, clean up projects, service at Project Host soup kitchen, and yard work/remodeling/repairs for St Clare's Home.

If you would like to be notified of when our projects take place, please email Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgvl.org and you'll be added to the distribution list.

If you are interested in taking more of a regular roll in volunteer service but don't know where to go, please contact Deacon John to set up a date to discuss the many opportunities to serve in our church and community. There is always something available for anyone who wants to serve our Lord through serving others!











St Mary's Religious Education



Mandatory 1st Communion Parent Meeting

Fr. Newman will be meeting with all of the parents of the parish with children preparing for 1st Communion this week on **Wednesday 4 October at 6.30 pm** in Gallivan Hall. Please call the office if you have questions.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. **Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month**

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

For More Information Contact Linda Jackson linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4110

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 <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. Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgvl.org for class registration.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three 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

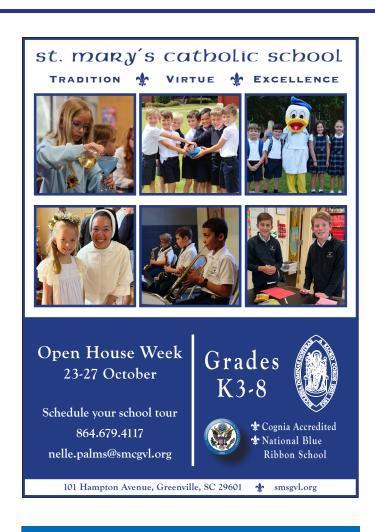
Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

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.





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

Prince of Peace

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." ~Saint Maximilian Kolbe

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!):

Sunday 8 am
Tuesday 8 pm
Thursday 2 am* & 9 am*
Friday 12 pm & 3 pm

Mass of Remembrance

A Mass of Remembrance for the loss of a child will be celebrated by Fr Joseph Romanoski on Saturday 7 October at 8.30 am at Corpus Christi Catholic Church (Lexington) with a rosary following. We welcome the attendance of any family and their friends who are grieving the tragedy of miscarriage, stillborn, early induction, abortion, or the death of a child. Join us in the Parish Hall for a reception with refreshments after Mass. Watch online at https://www.corpuschristisc.org/watch-mass-live.html.

40 Days for Life

You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local effort 27 September through 5 November. See all events at https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville or contact Judy Masterson at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid Ireland at 864.329.0044. Life Chain - Sunday 1 October from 2.30-3.30 Woodruff Rd, Greenville. Life Chain extends from near Target to Wal-Mart on both sides of the street. Your church is assigned the same place on the route as last year. Contact Ingrid at 864.329.0044 with questions.

Rosary for Church & Country

To celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (also known as Our Lady of Victory because of the naval victory at Lepanto), please join Rosary Coast to Coast in praying the rosary for our church and country at Our Lady of the Rosary Church on 7 October at 4.00 pm. Visit https://rosarycoasttocoast.com.

Food Pantry Items Needed

Catholic Charities is in need of food pantry items, especially any kind of grain items (pasta, flour, oatmeal, grits, rice, cereal, etc), canned fruit or fruit cups, canned vegetables, and hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toilet paper, etc). Donated items can be dropped off when the pantry is open Monday through Thursday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, or if you need to come at a different day/time please contact jthrall@charlestondiocese.org.

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

12 October at 7.00 pm at St Francis Eastside (Greenville) - email napronurse@aol.com
25 October at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) - email naprogal@gmail.com or register at https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning

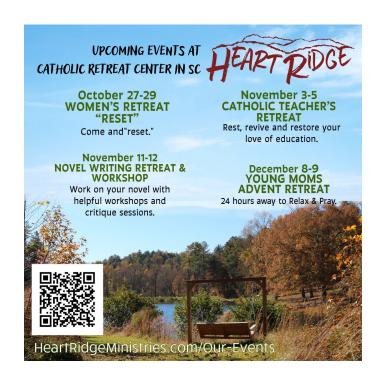
Virtual Sessions

3 October at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com 14 October at 7.00 pm - bernapowell97@gmail.com 18 October at 8.00 pm - bit.ly/introwithemma 19 October at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

Email to register for the Introductory Sessions.

Daily Mass Readings

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







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