

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

8 October 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Four items for your attention:

- 1. I have begun my service as the chancellor of the Diocese of Charleston, and so in the months ahead I will be traveling most weeks to our chancery in Charleston. These trips will usually require an overnight stay in Charleston, but nothing in our schedule here will change because of my absences. The only thing that might be more difficult than usual is making an appointment to see me in our church office, but I will do the best I can to accommodate all requests for meetings. I just ask for your patience if there are delays, and some meetings may need to take place on the phone rather than in person. Thank you in advance for your understanding.
- 2. The Clinkscales Family Center is coming along very nicely, but it is still an active construction site and so it is not possible to visit the building or get a glimpse inside. We now expect to receive a certificate of occupancy in early December, and as soon as possible we will schedule a grand opening and dedication of the new facility. I am confident that everyone will rejoice in this new space for our parish family, and after the building is available for use, we will learn together about the many ways the Clink will serve us for decades to come. Until the end of construction, we will be unable to use the new driveway which connects to Butler Avenue on the western edge of our campus, so please be patient until everything is in order.
- 3. Our campus is a green and pleasant place in the heart of the city, and we now have nine buildings spread over nine acres of land. Because of the complex layout of our church and school buildings and to help everyone learn to navigate our growing home, a map is now included in our eBulletin where it will be available each week. The proper name of every building and public space is given, and the six entrances to our property are numbered to help us give easy directions to visitors. Please pay particular attention to the buildings and playgrounds used by our school, because until 6 pm on all school days, it is not possible for anyone to enter those buildings or cross those open spaces without a visitor's pass from the school office or the accompaniment of a staff member. This is because of the requirements for providing a safe environment for our students, and I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this policy.
- 4. Finally, Christmas will be here in less than three months! I mention this now because Sunday 24 December will be a very long day, and I encourage you to think now about how to observe that day. The morning of 24 December this year is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and the evening of that day is Christmas Eve. This means we will have two complete sets of Masses for the twin celebrations of that single day, and it also means that we cannot have Advent Vespers on the afternoon of 24 December. So, we are adding Vespers for the Solemnity of Christ the King at 5 pm on Sunday 26 November in addition to the regular celebration of Vespers on the first three Sundays of Advent.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 8 October

7.30 am Sherry Perkins 9.00 am Alvcia Nielsen 11.00 am Pro populo Spanish Mass 1.00 pm

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Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Clothing Drive: Donation Boxes in SHH

Financial Report

Weekend of 30 Sept/1 Oct

Needed 38,900 Received 41,972 +3.072Surplus

Poor Box 693

Monday 9 October

7.00 am Debbie & Bob Devereaux 1.00 pm

Monday 9 October

St Anne's Stitchery 6.30 pm

Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 10 October

7.00 am

Patricia Naylor

Tuesday 10 October

10.00 am **SMCCW Meeting**

Wednesday 11 October

7.00 am ♣ Danny Kutej

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9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour

Thursday 12 October

& Confessions (church)

6.30 pm Religious Education

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 12 October

Linda & Gary Price

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration 7.00 pm CEC Lecture (M)

Friday 13 October

7.00 am

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7.00 am ♣ Lofaro Family 5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)

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

7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 14 October

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5.00 pm **♣** Roman Family 8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

6.00 pm Catholic Fellowship Dinner (P)

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

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

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 544,600 Received 546,624 +2,024Surplus

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

5,864,399 **Donations** Received

438,910 Pledge

Balance

696,691 Still to Go

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Stephens (husband of Elaine Stephens), who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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, 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

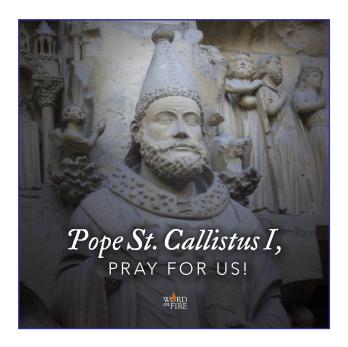
We warmly invite all current and new parishioners to join us for our next Catholic Fellowship Dinner. Please plan to join us Saturday 14 October after the 5.00 pm Mass in Pazdan Hall dining room for fun, food, and fellowship. This program at St Mary's is a great way to meet in community, share a dish 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.

Parish News

Collection for 7/8 October

Forward In Faith Capital Campaign Support of the Parish

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



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.

Congratulations to

Ryan Hays and Monica Witcher who were married last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Michael & Kathryn Richey.





Catholicism and Evolution

Is it Darwin or God?

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

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

October Membership Meeting

All women of the parish are cordially invited

Tuesday, October 10 10:10 am Rosary / 10:30 am Meeting Sacred Heart Hall

Our speaker this month is Annette Burgess, Walking with Moms in Need. Our Ladies Food Pantry Donation: Cereal Lunch will be served.

> For More information contact: Lori Grant, President



SMCCW Stitchery Ministry



This month's meeting rescheduled to Monday 9 October! St Anne's Stitchery Ministry of St Mary's Council of Catholic Women are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love charitable organizations.

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/stmarys-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



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Touching Safety Classes are this week 11 October before regular RE Classes at 6.00 pm. All children that are participating will meet in Gallivan Hall. Regular RE Classes will follow.

Monthly Parent Class is this week 11 October in Gallivan Hall during RE Classes.

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.



Home Works Fall Repair Day



Upstate Fall Repair Day

Join us for a service opportunity for neighbors in need on Saturday 28 October from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm. Volunteers 15 and older may serve (13 and older with adult). Sign up by Friday 20 October at

https://homeworksofamerica.org/volunteer/signup/174. Contact Tuck Williams for more details on the repair day at 864.313.8099 or t.williams@homeworksofamerica. org. Contact Madelyn Smith for online registration questions at 803.360.6792 or ops@homeworksofamerica. org. We hope you can join us to learn new skills and build relationships through service!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next weekends will be 10-12 November and 26-28 January 2024 at Beach Cove Resort in North Myrtle Beach. Early signup is recommended. This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Visit https://scmarriagematters.org for additional weekends, details and other marriage resources.

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

Prince of Peace

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another." ~2 Corinthians 3:18

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 & 5 pm
Friday 3 am,* 12 pm & 3 pm
Saturday 12 pm

Lay Carmelites

The Lay Carmelite is called to the Family of Carmel to be deeply involved in the mission of the Church and to contribute to the sanctification of the secular world through our charisms of prayer, community and service. We meet the first Saturday of each month from 9.00 am to 1.30 pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church (Anderson) for Liturgy of the Hours, Mass and meeting. Catholic men or women interested in learning more may contact Joan at joanelizabethrn@gmail.com.

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.

Closing Celebration - Friday 3 November at 7.00 pm at Piedmont Women's Center parking lot (1143 Grove Road). Guest speaker Attorney Matt Britton (General Counsel to 40 Days for Life), door prizes, refreshments and more.

Rosaries for Life - Pray the rosary during the 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, the conversion of our society and for an end to other assaults on human life. Email your count each week to familylife@charlestondiocese.org.

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

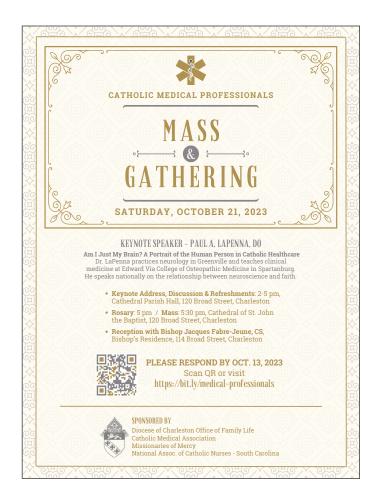
14 October at 7.00 pm - bernapowell97@gmail.com 18 October at 8.00 pm - bit.ly/introwithemma 19 October at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

Email to register for the Introductory Sessions.

Daily Mass Readings

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



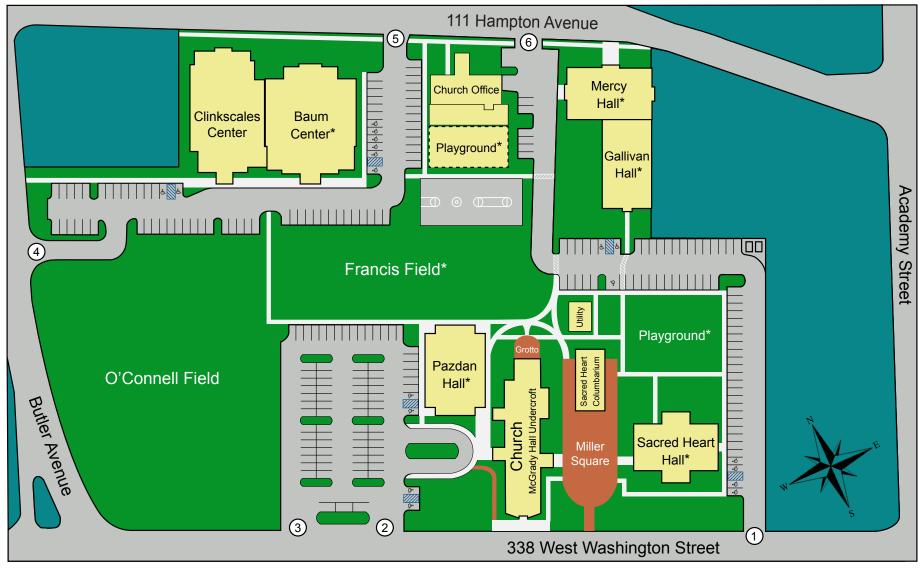




SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

Saint Mary's Church has nine buildings on nine acres of land, so this map is offered to help you find your way on our campus.

Please note that during the school day, it is not permitted for anyone to walk through the interior section of our campus in order to safeguard the children in our care. So if you are visiting the church during a school day, please park in the Washington Street lot at entrances 2 or 3. And if you are visiting the church office, please park beside the Baum Center at entrance 5 and walk on Hampton Avenue to our front door. On weekends and any day when school is not in session, please park and walk anywhere you like.



*No access during school hours.

The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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