

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

7 April 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christos Anesti! (Christ is Risen) Alithos Anesti! (Truly He is Risen) In the Christian East these Greek acclamations replace the usual greetings of hello and goodbye during the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, the liturgical season of Eastertide, the first eight days of which have a special identity. Today is the eighth day since the Solemnity of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and this day in the sacred liturgy has three names: 1) the Octave Day of Easter, 2) the Second Sunday of Easter, and 3) Divine Mercy Sunday.

The number eight has a special liturgical meaning because it is a symbol of the new creation. The drama of creation unfolded over seven symbolic days, and the eighth day is the sign of God's pluperfect love revealed in the new creation. This is foreshadowed in the Old Covenant through circumcision taking place eight days after birth and is confirmed by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ taking place on Sunday, both the first day of the week and the eighth day. In the liturgical calendar, therefore, the eight days from Easter Sunday until today are kept as one festive celebration of the Resurrection, and today completes the eighth day or Octave of Easter.

Last Sunday in the sacred liturgy we were asked to renew the promises of our Baptism because in the sacrament of Holy Baptism we are washed clean of sin and made a new creation equipped for the life of grace by being born again of water and the Holy Spirit. Today the Gospel speaks of another sacrament given to the Church for the forgiveness of sins - the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation that we commonly call Confession. Saint John tells us that when the Lord Jesus had risen from dead and appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room, "he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." In other words, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is the Easter gift of the Risen Lord to his Church, and when we fall into sin after Baptism, going to Confession is Christ's chosen means of reconciling us to God, restoring us to full communion with his Church, and giving us the peace which surpasses understanding, the peace which the world cannot give.

The Sacrament of Penance is not an option that Catholics are free to choose or not according to their preference. The Sacrament of Penance is the only ordinary way after Baptism for mortal sins to be forgiven and for those who are dead in sin to be restored to the new life of grace. So on this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us resolve to go to Confession whenever we commit grave sin and strive to be instruments of God's mercy for others so that we may bear witness to the truth of the Resurrection. Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 7 April

7.30 am Scott Thomas Turnbull 9.00 am ♣ Jeanne Weaver 11.00 am Pro populo Spanish Mass 1.00 pm

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Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P) 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P) 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 8 April

7.00 am ♣ Salvatore & Rosalia Sanfilippo

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6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 9 April

7.00 am Gina Mason

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10.00 am **SMCCW Meeting** 6.30 pm KofC Meeting (M)

Wednesday 10 April

7.00 am ♣ Michael Boyd

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9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church)

6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 11 April

7 00 am Louis Beauchemin

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7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 12 April

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Saturday 13 April

7.00 am ♣ Polce & Murphy Families 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 13 April

♣ Roman Family 12.00 pm Senior Fellowship Luncheon 5.00 pm

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church) Young Adults Dance (C) 7.00 pm

G - Gallivan Hall P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall C - Clinkscales Family Center * All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed

Financial Report

Weekend of 30/31 March

Needed 38,900 Received 40,155 +1,255Surplus

Poor Box 1,200

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,556,000 Received 1,606,849 Surplus +50,849

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of vour 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.

2024 Capital **Improvement Fund**

Goal	1,000,000
Easter Donations	18,262
Donations Received	214,922
Still to Go	766,816

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 30/31 March

Thursday	473
Friday	605
Easter Vigil	763
7.30 am	519
9.00 am church	579
9.00 am gym	600
11.00 am	574
1.00 pm	728
Total	4,841

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Stephen Eggl, 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, Andrew Orben, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Joshua Ballew, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Caroline Henson, Charles Nichols, Frances Waters.

VBS Volunteers Needed



We are still looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School from 10-14 June (Monday - Friday). If interested, sign up at https://vbspro.events/p/smc-greenville. Contact Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4110 with questions.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 13 April at 12.00 noon



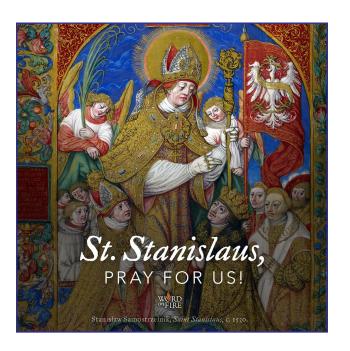
Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our Spring Luncheon. A potluck main dish, side dish or dessert to share is always appreciated. Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 with questions.

Parish News

Collection for 6/7 April

Capital Improvement Fund Support of the Parish

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



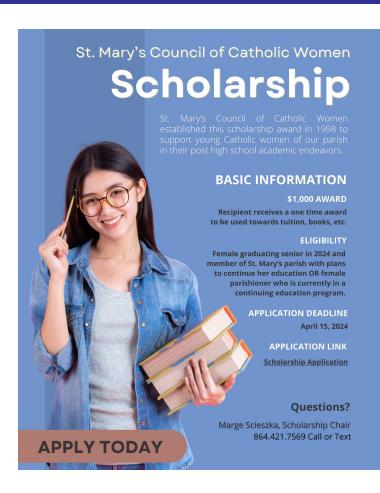


Please join us for coffee, doughnuts & fellowship in Pazdan Hall dining room after the 9.00 am Mass.

2023 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2023. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.



All women and young ladies of the parish are invited to join us for a Mother Daughter Tea

To Jesus through Mary

Hosted by St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Featuring Talks on How Authentic Femininity, Christ and Our Blessed Mother shape our Vocations by: Sister Anna Sophia, Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia, 2nd grade teacher at St. Mary's

Kathleen Billings, Author, Speaker, wife and mother of 5

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APRIL

2:00 -4:00 PM GALLIVAN HALL

Wear your Hats, bonnets, gloves and Sunday Best Enjoy delicious food, tea, coffee, and more!

Proceeds Benefit: St. Clare's Home & Birthright

Reserve your seat by sending your payment to: SMCCW PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

Or Use the QR code: Adults \$15, Child 12 and under \$5, Family (Grandmother, Mother, daughters, etc...) \$30 Max

Kindly RSVP by April 20 only 80 seats available

Suggested age 10 and up

Questions contact Lori Grant 864-844-4049 smccwgyl@gmail.com





Fidelis at St Mary's



Young women today are growing up in a fast-paced world where they are taught that their only worth comes from how well they can compete with men or with each other in every facet of life. Their value and sense of worth is corrupted. The Fidelis program

exists to help each woman recognize the gift of her feminine genius and the impact of that genius on the world. ~Fidelis Program Overview, Chapter 1, p1

Our Fidelis chapter is now ready for lady mentors!

Mentors are women of all ages who will help lead small discussion groups at our weekly meetings in the fall. You do not need to have a daughter in the program to be a mentor. Mentors must go through the Safe Haven program and meet all the diocesan and paroquial requirements to work on campus with the youth. Please email cristinaeortiz@msn.com to begin the process.

Fidelis Mentor and Lady training day is Saturday 6 April from 11.00 am to 6.00 pm. If you have a daughter considering the program in the fall, you are encouraged to attend. Please email cristinaeortiz@msn.com to sign up for training. Lunch will be provided.

"The world does not need what women have; it needs what women are." ~St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

There is a certain poetry in singing.

Oft times we sing with voice stentorian, Or shape a sound phantasmagorian:

> But during Mass, Beneath stained glass,

We'll sing the subtle tunes, Gregorian.

Discover your verse. Join St Mary's Choir.

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



St Mary's School Job Openings



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 124 year history of academic excellence

and currently serves 318 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

Full-time Kindergarten Teacher The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced, very organized, passionate for elementary education, comfortable with a rigorous and traditional curriculum, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement. Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

Teaching Assistants in multiple elementary grade levels

The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is necessary.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@smcgvl.org.



Daily Mass Readings

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





CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

"I hope y'all realize just

how important you are to all of us. You all give us a blessing and a

reason to smile on days

like this. God bless you."

Our Lady's

Pantry serves

approximately

300+ families

a month!





Knights of Columbus Council #13112 invites you to participate in a food drive in service of

Our Lady's Pantry

Drop off before Masses on Saturday & Sunday 20-21 April

Suggested Donations based on current needs

FOOD BABY NEEDS

**current biggest needs BABY FORMULA

CANNED

VEGETABLES BABY FOOD

CANNED FRUITS

DIAPERS -

sizes 3,4,5

CEREAL

PASTA

BABY WIPES

PEANUT BUTTER

FLOUR COOKING OIL DIAPER RASH

OINTMENT



Drop off at Our Lady's Pantry blue box van in the church parking lot

Monetary donation checks can be made out to Catholic Charities. Please note OLP Greenville on the memo line.



St Mary's Religious Education



First Confessions (RE & Homeschool Students)
RE and Homeschool students will make their First Confessions
on Wednesday, 10 April. Meet in the Church at 6:15 pm

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

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? An Introduction to Catholicism is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings. All are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.

Class begins in September. Registration for the 2024 - 2025 class will open in July. Visit https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/ to learn more.

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. **The next class is Monday 17 June at 6.30 pm.** Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgvl.org to register.

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. Sign up at https://formed.org/signup using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.



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





Our Lady's Pantry Donations Needed



Catholic Charities' Our Lady's Food Pantry needs food pantry and hygiene items, especially the following items:

- ◆ Grains cereal, oatmeal, flour, pasta
- ◆ Canned goods fruit, corn, green beans, diced tomato, tuna
- ◆ Hygiene toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion

Donated items may be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. If you have any questions or need to arrange for a different drop off time, please contact lisa.woodard@charlestondiocese.org.

ARISE! Southeast Women's Retreat



Join us for the 2024 ARISE! women's retreat *Spiritual Warfare, Securing a Battle Plan with a Winning Strategy* 26-28 April at the Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center in Maggie Valley, NC. The retreat includes daily opportunities

for Mass, confession, adoration. Keynote speaker is Fr Glenn Sudano, CFR, co-founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and exorcist for the Archdiocese of Newark. Cost is \$250 for overnight guests (meals and lodging) or \$85 for Saturday only commuters. Register at https://forms.gle/7WEH3ZReBJoXJzdSA. Contact director Sarah Hankes at 770.906.8783 or sewomensretreat@gmail.com with questions.

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

Prince of Peace

"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" ~Psalms 118:1

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 one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):</u>

Sunday 12am* & 7 am Friday 3 am* & 12 pm Saturday 12 pm, 2 pm* & 8 pm



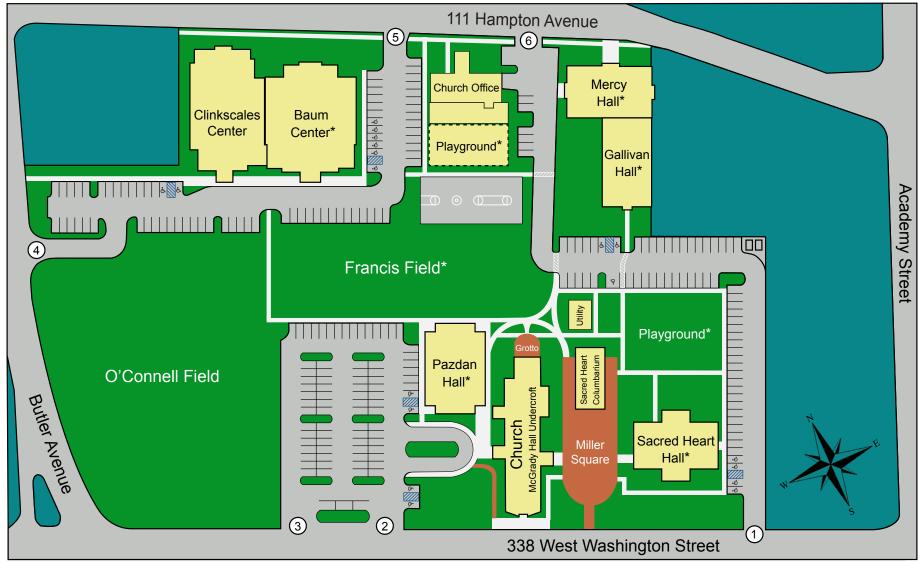
For programming information, visit https://catholicradioinsc.com



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.

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