

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

14 April 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

During Eastertide the Church directs our attention to the central place of Holy Baptism in Christian faith and life, and each year on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, all the baptized are asked to renew the promises of their Baptism. So this is the perfect time for us to consider a crucial question in the Church's life: who is eligible to be baptized?

Before answering that question, we must take notice of the fact that for many centuries, the vast majority of people who have been baptized were brought to the font as infants, but this statistical fact should not distract us from the theological truth that the meaning of the Baptism of children is fully revealed only in light of the Baptism of adults who come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus and then ask to be baptized. All seven of the sacred mysteries of the New Covenant are sacraments of faith, and the request of an adult to be baptized presupposes the gift of faith received as a prevenient grace leading to the second birth by water and the Holy Spirit through which one enters the Church as by a door. And no one would ask for Baptism who was not prepared to live the Christian faith by, at a bare minimum, coming to Mass each Sunday to be nourished by the Word of God and the Most Holy Eucharist. In fact, in a certain sense we can say that we are baptized precisely so that we may attend Mass and receive the Body and Blood of the Savior, so those who do not intend to make Sunday Mass the center of their lives have no reason to ask for Baptism. But now we return to the statistical norm of infant Baptism and are immediately confronted with the strange custom of people who were baptized as children, have grown up to have their own children, and now ask to have their children baptized despite the fact that they seldom, if ever, come to Mass. And the same holds true for adults who are not coming to Mass but still ask for permission to serve as godparents or sponsors for the Baptism of a child.

So, who can be baptized? Those adults are eligible for Baptism who are prepared to make their own profession of faith and accept the most serious duty to practice the Catholic faith in every way, including attending Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation. And those children are eligible for Baptism whose parents meet the same criteria as adults asking for Baptism. If the parents of a child are not practicing the faith by - at a bare minimum - attending Sunday Mass, then there is no founded hope that the child will be instructed in the Gospel and taught to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross, and in that case, the Church cannot consent to baptize the child in question. This is not intended in any way as a punishment for the child or still less for the anguished grandparents who are practicing the faith and want their now grown children to do the same for the sake of the grandchildren, but it is an acknowledgment that the sacraments are not magic. For Holy Baptism to be a true sacrament of faith, there must be in those who request it - whether for themselves or for their children - a genuine intention to follow the Lord Jesus in every way, beginning and ending with the Sunday celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 14 April

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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 (P)		

Monday 15 April

7.00 am Nicole Heger 6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 16 April

7.00 am ★ Tom Fechtel

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Monday 15 April

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 17 April

7.00 am Benjamin Quattrone Jr

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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 18 April

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7.00 am Maria Krauter 7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 19 April

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7.00 am ★ Erciso & Eugenia Massa

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 20 April

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5.00 pm

♣ Jean Conte

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

5.00 pm OLP Food Drive (church)

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

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 6/7 April

Needed	38,900
Received	40,331
Surplus	+ 1,431

Poor Box 1,459

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,594,900
Received	1,647,180
Surplus	+ 52,280

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.

2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal 1,000,000

Donations

Received 250,528

Still to Go 749,472

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 6/7 April

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5.00 pm	327
7.30 am	292
9.00 am	422
11.00 am	333
1.00 pm	536
Total	1,910

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.

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.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesdays 16, 23 & 30 April from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for details.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Michael & Jennifer Foster, Bruce & Christy Kaskey, Emma Gilchrist, Abraham & Sharon Morales, Mariela Rodriguez, Edwin Moreno & Kayla Rodriguez. Benjamin Smith, Beronica Estrada, Stephen Kaempf, Sarah Duncan, Joseph Higgins, Shannon Doyle, Timothy & Kristen Maio, Keith & Cheryl Moskowitz.

Congratulations to

Frances Patricia Anne Waters who was baptized last weekend.

Parish News

Collection for 13/14 April

Support of the Parish

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



First Communion

This coming weekend the children will make their First Communion. Please keep our Communicants in your prayers this week as they receive Jesus for the first time.

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.



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.

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

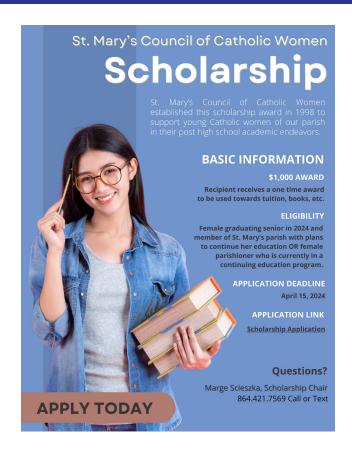
and currently serves 318 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

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





convenience fee.

SMCCW cordially invites all women of St. Mary's to join us at our Spring Luncheon

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, May 14 11:30 AM - 2 PM
The Poinsett Club 807 E. Washington St.

Deadline to Register: Tuesday, May 7

Name:				
Guest Name(s):				
Phone:				
Email:				
SMCCW Member? Yes				
Number of Lunches:	Ax \$30 =			
	Bx \$27 =			
	Cx \$24 =			
SMCCW 2024-25 Membership Fee (optional)				
	\$20 =			
TOTAL = with check* pa	avable to SMCCW -OR-			
by electronic payment. Please see				

*Mail this form & check to: SMCCW, PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

Contact: Karoline O'Rourke karolineorourke@gmail.com

SMCCW Spring Luncheon Menu



Choice A - \$30*

Chicken Crepes -Tender braised chicken with garden vegetables wrapped in a French crepe topped with champagne cream sauce served with a side of asparagus.

Choice B - \$27*

Chicken Picatta - Sauteed chicken breast with a lemon caper butter sauce, mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus.

Choice C - \$24*

All-American Salad (Vegetarian) - Mixed greens, strawberries, Mandarin oranges, candied pecans, dried cranberries and blue cheese crumbles with a balsamic vinaigrette.

Cookies, Coffee and Iced Tea Included Wine \$7/glass

The Poinsett Club Dress Code: Jackets for men, no jeans.
*Taxes & Gratuities Included

Yes! I would like to electronically renew my SMCCW membership today. Scan QR Code below to pay 2024-25 membership fee of \$20 plus convenience fee.





St Mary's Religious Education



1st Communion practice 18 April 4:30 1st Communion 20 April

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Parents Class this Week 17 April in Gallivan Hall

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

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Session
17 April at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) RSVP to naprogal@gmail.com

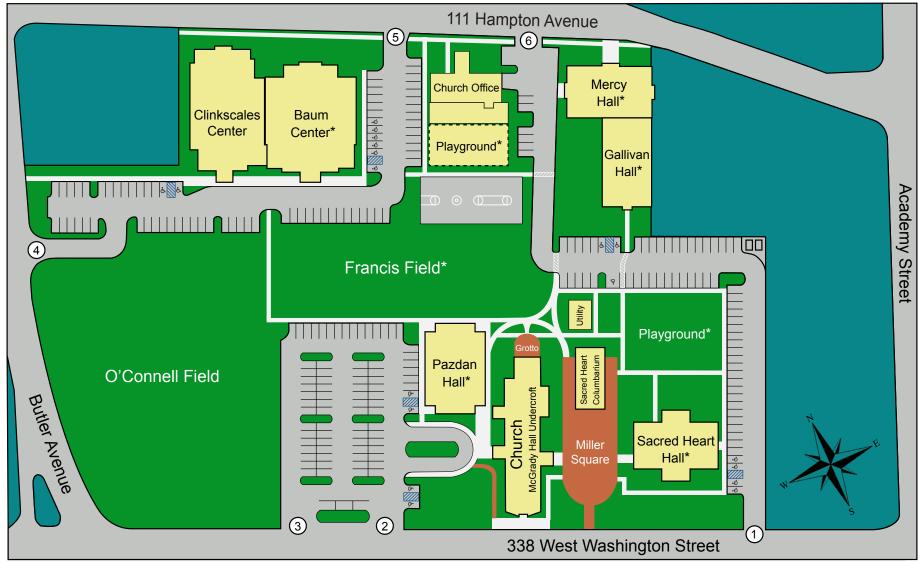
<u>Virtual Session</u> 18 April at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com



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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