

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

23 June 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The new fiscal year for our parish will begin on 1 July, so it's time to talk about our finances. For the fiscal year just ending, we have a small surplus over our budget, but because of the high inflation that has prevailed for three years now, that surplus has already been expended on general costs for operations. So we once again broke even this year, and that is good news.

The most recent data from the federal government show that in April prices rose 3.4% over the previous year, and in May that rate was 3.3%. So, although progress is slowly being made in controlling the general rate of inflation, everyone should still anticipate a basic increase of 3% and more in the cost for most goods and services.

Accordingly, I am once again asking all households in the parish to increase your offertory contributions by 3% beginning now. This means that if you were giving \$50 per week until now, then your new target would be \$51.50. And if you were giving \$125 per week, then your new target is \$128.75, and so on. If everyone makes this adjustment of 3% to all offertory gifts, then we will once again make our budget goal and be able to fulfill all our financial responsibilities.

The Clinkscales Family Center is now complete, and the total cost of that building and its contents was just shy of \$5.7 million, all of which has been paid thanks to your generosity. And so now we turn our attention to the construction of the church annex to provide handicapped accessible restrooms which can be reached without going outside. The annex will also provide accessible confessionals, a nursery and bride's room, and the choir practice room on the second floor. That same project will also include significant work inside the church, including replacing the pews and kneelers, patching and painting the plaster, and making major improvements and repairs to the pipe organ.

When we know the total cost of this next project, a new capital campaign will begin. And in the meantime, our routine capital needs require us to raise about \$1 million each year to maintain our inviting campus in the heart of the city. Please recall our stewardship guidelines for your tithe: 5% to the parish in offertory gifts, 1% to the diocese in the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (formerly the BAA), and the remaining 4% to charities of your choice, including our capital improvement fund and periodic campaigns.

Please know that we work very hard to use your gifts wisely and frugally to sustain our beautiful presence in downtown Greenville. The careful stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is an essential part of authentic Christian discipleship, and I am deeply grateful for your sacrificial commitment to Saint Mary's Church.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events				Financial Report	
Mass Schedule & Intentions		Meetings & Events *		Weekend of 15/16 June	
				Needed	38,900
Sunday 23 June		Sunday 23 Ju	ine	Received Surplus	40,462 + 1,562
7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	✤ Fr James Murphy, CSC Benjamin Elster Pro populo Spanish Mass	Nursery: Duri	ng 9.00 am Mass	Poor Box	743
Monday 24 June		Monday 24 June		Offertory Y Needed Received Surplus	Zear to Date 1,983,900 2,037,300 + 53,400
7.00 am	✤ Rev James J Tully			to have direct	ing: If you want management of
Tuesday 25 June		Tuesday 25 June		your Electronic	
7.00 am	✤ Mary C Sanfilippo	10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group	online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if	
Wednesday 26 June		Wednesday 26 June		you have any o	questions please
7.00 am	✤ Robert Stanojev	5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & confessions (church) confessions (church) confessions (church)			
Thursday 27 June		Thursday 27 June		2024 Capital Improvement Fund	
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7.00 am	 ✤ Louis Francis Courchaine Jr 	7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration	Goal	1,000,000
Friday 28 June		Friday 28 June		Donations Received	352,586
7.00 am	Fr Christopher Smith	5.30-6.30 am 6.30-6.45 am	Closes at Noon Pillars of Christ (early group) Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) Pillars of Christ (late group) (M)	Still to Go	647,414
		7.00 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Friday Morning Bible Study Spanish Rosary		tendance of 15/16 June
Saturday 29 June		Saturday 29 June		5.00 pm 7.30 am	351 323
5.00 pm	Andrew Aleshire	3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)	9.00 am	457
		-	. ,	11.00 am	363
				1.00 pm	418
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Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on any Wednesday in July (resumes 7 August).

No Mass and the church will be closed on Thursday 4 July. The church will be closed after Mass on Friday 5 July.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie-Therese Isidore, 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, 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, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Caroline Henson, Betty Jo Brown.

Congratulations to

Lucille June Waldner, Theodore Matthew Koch, and Augustine Eugene Showghi who were baptized recently.

Daily Mass Readings

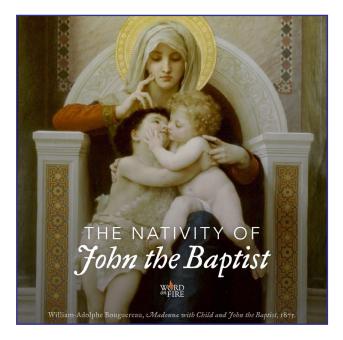
For daily Mass readings, visit https://bible.usccb.org

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 22/23 June

Bishop's Annual Appeal Support of the Parish

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



Church Office Summer Hours 31 May through 16 August

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

Knights of Columbus Essay Winners

Congratulations to 1st Place Winner Eliza Carter, 2nd Place Winner Gus Shirley, 3rd Place Winner Bianna Armocida and 4th Place Winner Liam Parrott of the Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

Fidelis at St Mary's

Our Fidelis chapter registration is now open! https://app.teamlinkt.com/register/find/ scstmarysgreenville

Fidelis Inspire Summer Camp

Inspire is the name of the annual adventure retreat where Fidelis Sisters gather from around the country to grow closer to God and each other, through high adventure activities and spiritual reflection and renewal in the mountains of East Tennessee. Any woman or young lady entering grade 6 or above in 2024/2025, including Fidelis Sisters and their mothers, Fraternus sisters, daughters or mothers, and prospective Fidelis Groups. Visit https://www.fidelisonline.org/inspiretn

Please email cristinaeortiz@msn.com for more information about Fidelis or with questions.







School Office Summer Hours 10 June through 2 August

Monday - Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe; most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open 864.271.3870.

Thank You St Mary's!



Hello, St Mary's Community!

I wanted to express my immense gratitude for all the prayers and financial support offered to me



during my two years spent traveling the country and serving as a missionary with NET Ministries. On 19 May I officially finished my second year of mission and returned home to Greenville, South Carolina.

In my time as a missionary, I was able to conduct roughly 250 retreats for teens ages 12-18, travel across 21 US states, and encounter around 15,000 young people, leading over 1,500 of them individually in small groups. Through this experience, I was able to bring Christ's love to numerous students and see their lives change at realizing this truth.

I witnessed countless young people open up in small groups, participate in Christian-based activities, and even pray on their own for the first time. Christ has also impacted me greatly through this mission, widening my perspective of the universal church and teaching me how to be a vessel for sharing His love with hundreds who do not often hear about it. All the prayers and support of the St Mary's community contributed greatly to the success of my NET years and I cannot express enough how thankful I am for all those who contributed to my mission in this way. Thank you!

Elise Devine

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

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. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. If interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 25 June 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.

Nationwide Mass Times

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



St Mary's Religious Education



Registration for 2024-25 will open in August

Religious Education Grades 1-8 Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds Classes meet on Sundays during the 9.00 am Mass

> 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 Wednesday 4 September. Registration will open in July on the parish website. Please visit https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/ to learn more. Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.org for more information on becoming a Catholic.

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 16 September 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.



Visit our website here!

Our Lady's Pantry Donations Needed

Pantry

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.



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Prince of Peace

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves." ~Matthew 11:28-29

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!):

Monday 6 am Tuesday 4 pm Friday 12 pm Saturday 2 pm* & 8 pm



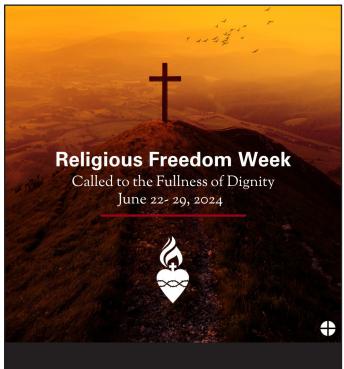
https://catholicradioinsc.com

Little Margaret Program

The Little Margaret Program is an adaptive catechesis for children with special needs or disabilities. We strive to provide catechesis through accessible learning, while supporting their parents' growth in their faith through group coaching. If your child cannot attend a typical catechesis program due to his/her unique learning needs and you are interested in becoming part of a supportive community of people who understand your struggle, come find out more!

Volunteers are needed to make a monthly commitment to teach these special children about the sacraments, the life of the Church, and prepare them to receive the sacraments. If you are a special educator, an Occupational therapist, a Speech therapist, or are interested in working with children with special needs, we need your help!

Parents of children with special needs and potential volunteers for the Little Margaret Program are invited to attend an informational session on 23 June at 10.00 am in the Gathering Hall at St Mary Magdalene (Simpsonville). If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please email littlemargaretprogram@gmail.com.



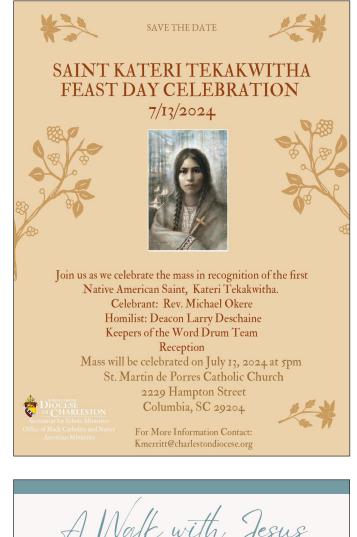
Religious Freedom Week 2024 *Called to the Fullness of Dignity* begins with the feast day of Saint Thomas More and Saint John Fisher on 22 June and concludes with the Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul on 29 June.

During Religious Freedom Week, Catholics are encouraged to pray and act each day to promote religious freedom throughout the world. The Pray-Reflect-Act series aims to help Catholics build solidarity with people of faith who are persecuted abroad and find strength to carry out the mission of the Church here in the United States. Find the daily prayer intentions and more information at https://www.usccb.org/committees/religiousliberty/religious-freedom-week.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. ~Matthew 23:12

Be humble to one another. Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience weekend on 9-11 August at DoubleTree by Hilton Atlanta Northlake in Tucker, Georgia. Early sign up is recommended. Please visit https://wwme.org to sign up or to find additional weekends, details and other marriage resources.





ONE DAY RETREAT

Saturday, July 13, 2024 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

> Faber Hall -- The Oratory 434 Charlotte Avenue Rock Hill, SC



REGISTER ONLINE: https://bit.ly/WalkwithJesusJuly132024



FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT Office of Family Life - Christy Brown cbrown@charlestondiocese.org |803.554.6088





A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or orders, of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, priests, and deacons.

Deacons are ordained for a ministry of service, which they carry out under the authority of the Bishop. All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Altar, and Charity.







Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served."

THE DIACONATE IS A VOCATION OF LIFE-LONG SERVICE OF WORD, LITURGY AND CHARITY. THE DEACON IS TO EXTEND THE SACRA-MENTAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST'S SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH AND INTO THE SECULAR WORLD.

THE WORD

Proclaim the Gospel and Preach • Teach the Catholic Faith • Evangelize Believers and Unbelievers

THE ALTAR

Assist Bishops and Priests at the Liturgy • Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion • Administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, Preside at Wake Services and Rites of Burial • Preside at Devotional Services

CHARITY

Perform Charitable, Administrative, and Social Welfare Duties • Visit the Sick, Feed the Hungry • Minister to the Imprisoned • Minister to the Bereaved

FORMATION

- New classes form every two years
- Discernment and formation lasts 5 1/2 years
- Undergraduate Certificate or Master's in Theology awarded
- Monthly in-person class in Columbia
- Catholic men must be aged 30-60 at time of application to be eligible to apply

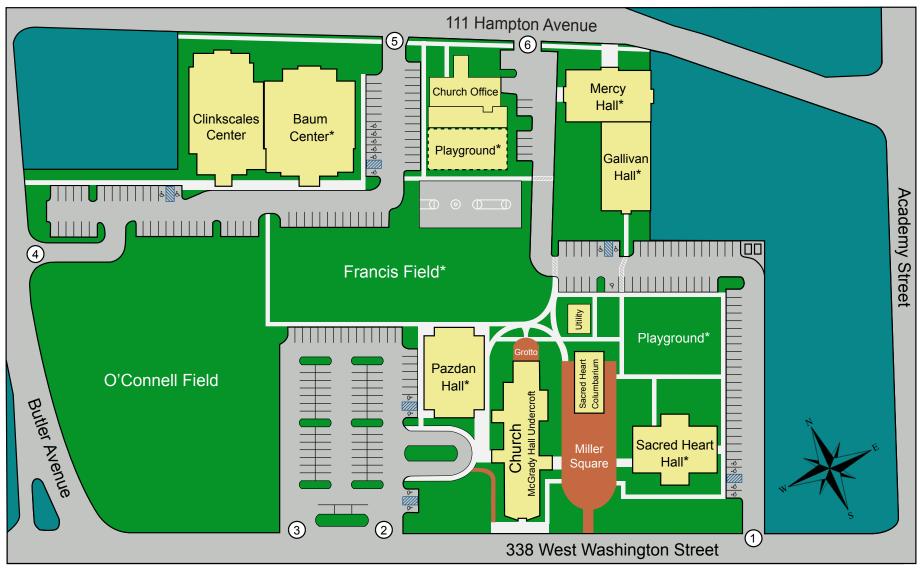
For information on exploring a vocation as a deacon in the Diocese of Charleston: **<u>charlestondiocese.org/diaconate</u>**. Email Deacon Brian Justice, Director of Formation: **<u>bjustice@charlestondiocese.org</u>**.



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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