

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

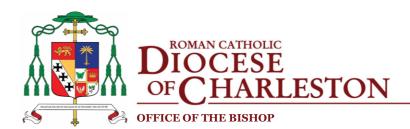
1 September 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Church is dedicated to creating the safest possible environment for everyone, most especially children, 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 yet 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 (https://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 or to come to the office by parking in the Hampton Avenue parking lot, 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, 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



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will take up a second collection for the Catholic University of America, located in the heart of our nation's capital, the weekend of Aug. 31-Sept. 1. CUA was founded by a pontifical charter in 1887 as the research university of the Church in the United States.

CUA works tirelessly on behalf of more than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students to help educate them to serve the Church and nation as the Catholic leaders of our shared future. The university community has long served the church and nation and now has 12 schools, 32 research facilities and over 250 academic programs.

Your gift to the second collection, the only national collection for higher education, will support students and help the university better serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs. Some of these programs include The Catholic Project — an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Church faces in the U.S. — contributing education, formation, research, events and media; a master's program in ecclesial administration and management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers.

Our contributions are critical to a successful academic year and to all the important work The Catholic University of America performs on behalf of the Church and faithful.

Thank you for your consideration of this initiative. It is an investment in the future leadership of our Church in the United States.

In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS *Bishop of Charleston*

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 1 September

7.30 am ♣ Frank Sabine 9.00 am ♣ Bill & Carol Rogers 11.00 am Pro populo Spanish Mass 1.00 pm

Sunday 1 September

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)

Monday 2 September

Labor Day - No 7.00 am Mass

Monday 2 September

Labor Day - Parish Office & Church Closed

Tuesday 3 September

7 00 am **★** Ruth Rummell

Tuesday 3 September

10.00 am **SMCCW Sewing Group**

Wednesday 4 September

7.00 am ♣ Shane Sharp

Wednesday 4 September

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 September

7.00 am ♣ Peter R Faber

Thursday 5 September

Friday 6 September

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 6 September

7.00 am John Paul Braud 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 7 September

★ Edwin & Mildred Tully

Saturday 7 September

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall P - Pazdan Hall

5.00 pm

M - McGrady Hall C - Clinkscales

Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 24/25 August

Needed 40,100 Received 39,562 Shortage - 538

Poor Box 586

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 360,900 Received 368,081 Surplus +7,181

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**

1,000,000 Goal

Donations

Received 512,703

Still to Go 487,297

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 24/25 August

5.00 pm	362
7.30 am	359
9.00 am	438
11.00 am	372
1.00 pm	518
Total	2,049

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Selvy, 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, 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, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Ellie O'Connell, Gary Redding.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin its fall session by examining the ministry of Jesus, the High Priest of the New Covenant. Jesus is most often looked upon as the sacrifice of the New Covenant "who gave Himself for our sins..." (Gal 1:4), but Jesus is also the Priest who offers this sacrifice. We will take an in-depth look at Jesus' priesthood which is rooted in the Old Testament priesthood, revealed in the Gospels and explained in the Letter to the Hebrews. Join us Sunday mornings at 9.00 am on the first floor of Sacred Heart Hall beginning 8 September. For more information contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com.

Congratulations to

Joshua Daniel Ramirez who was baptized last weekend.

Marie Pirochta & Michael Jasinski who were married last weekend.

Parish News

Collection for 31 August/1 September

Catholic University of America Support of the Parish

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



Church & Parish Office Closure

In observance of Labor Day on Monday 2 September the church and parish office will be **closed all day** and Mass will not be celebrated.



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

Fidelis at St Mary's



Come experience Fidelis at our INTRODUCTION WEEKS

Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm in Pazdan Hall 10 & 17 September

*no registration necessary to attend introduction weeks

Our Fidelis chapter registration is now open!

https://app.teamlinkt.com/register/find/scstmarysgreenville

Contact Cristina Ortiz at 305.439.2172 or cristinaeortiz@msn.com for more information

Our Mission

FIDELIS FORMS GIRLS

heart, mind, body soul -Christ through the witness of Catholic women.



MY HEART IS READY, O GOD. MY HEART IS READY.

Why Fidelis?

MULTIGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

make for a unique faith allowing women of all ages to

ONGOING FORMATION

equips mentors with the knowledge and spiritual guidance necessary to first seek God and then lead others closer to Him.

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

with the national organization builds a wider sisterhood of volunteers to receive the help



CONTACT US

- www.fidelisonline.org
- info@fidelisonline.org
- @fidelissisterhood

Our Pillars

Fidelis not only helped my daughters grow in the faith

kept them in the Church. 👊



and experience true community among women who desire to live faithful lives.

Tidelis

Sisters

to Saints

We practice and cultivate habits that help to lead a morally good life while also cooperating with God's grace and his abundant gifts of faith, hope, and charity.

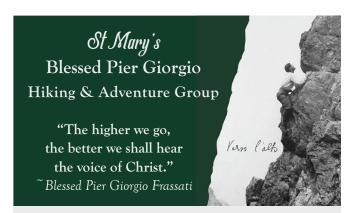


Altar Server Training

A training session for all boys and young men who are interested in becoming altar servers at St Mary's is scheduled inside the church for Monday September at 6.00 pm. Serving is open to all boys and young men between the age of 10 and college age.

Church League Basketball

The Basketball program at St Mary's has teams for athletes from the ages of K5 through high school. This is a parishwide program and all St Mary's children (St Mary's School, Religious Education or Homeschoolers) are welcome to participate. Registration deadline is Friday 20 September. Visit the parish website at https://smcgvl.org/church-league-basketball-program/ for the link to registration and details.



This ministry is open to all parishioners. Our primary outings will be hiking in the beautiful mountains of the Upstate and Western North Carolina, but will periodically include river rafting, tubing, snow skiing and other adventures. Some of our hikes will be family friendly, others will be more extreme. Our patron is Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a beautiful example of one who not only believed, but also lived out his faith in every aspect of his life by seeking first the Kingdom of God in all things.

We do a variety of hikes, from Easy to Extremely Difficult, and will be doing a few Adventure outings (i.e. Inflatable kayaking, zip lining) in the next few months. Our next outing is Saturday 7 September. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.org to be added to our Flocknote hiking group.

The Center for Evangelical Catholicism Presents



And the Re-Enchantment of the West

28 September 2024 St Mary's Catholic Church — Greenville SC

Join us on Saturday 28 September 2024 from 8.30 am until 12.00 noon for our 2024 CEC Fall Conference on two of the 20th Century's greatest Christian writers, J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis. Bradley Birzer, author of J.R.R. Tolkien's Sanctifying Myth, and Jason Baxter, author of The Medieval Mind of C.S. Lewis, will unpack how Tolkien and Lewis provided the antidote to much of the terror, confusion and moral floundering of the modern world. Through their stories and myth, these two authors re-enchanted Western Civilization with a Sacramental and Liturgical understanding of creation that is open to the gradual discovery of beauty, truth, and excellence, answering the fundamental question of what is the role of the human person within God's created order?

Register at https://www.evangelicalcatholicism.com/2024-the-inklings-the-reenchantment-of-the-west \$45 per person. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

sacred heart columbarium

St Mary's Catholic Church Greenville, South Carolina



Sacred Heart Columbarium at St Mary's Church contains 600 niches surrounding a bronze statue of the Lord Jesus - a beautiful and sacred place for mortal remains to rest next to our church.

Current prices are \$4000, \$5500, and \$7500 depending on their location.

Beginning I November 2024, prices will increase to

\$4500, \$6000 and \$8000 respectively.

To learn more about the Columbarium or to purchase niches, please contact Jennifer Anderson at 864.679.4102 or jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.



St Mary's Religious Education



RE Classes Begin This Week

Religious Education Grades 1-8 (Starting 4 September)
Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.
Monthly Parent meeting this week in Gallivan Hall

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds (Starting 8 September)
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 THIS WEEK on Wednesday 4 September. Register now on the parish website at https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/

<u>Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.org for more information on becoming a Catholic.</u>

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

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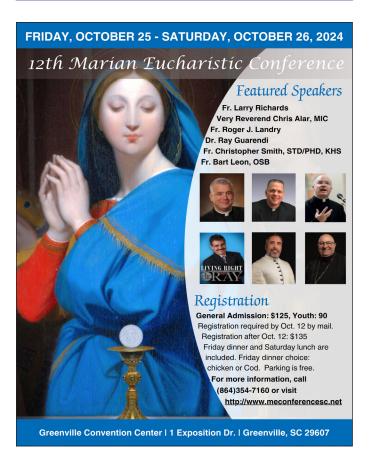
Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Sign up at https://formed.org/signup using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.



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 at https://charitiessc.org.

Catholic Charities is Hiring!

Catholic Charities of SC Upstate is hiring a Client Advocate. This position is Full Time with benefits. Bilingual preferred, but not required. The Client Advocate will be responsible for daily operations of the food pantry, clothing closet, save a smile program and mobile clean of heart program offered through Catholic Charities. The Client Advocate will assist in recruiting, training, and managing volunteers. They will work with community partners and other social service agencies to implement overall wellness for clients and coordinate assistance efforts. Must have great empathy and understanding of the homeless population that we serve daily. Please apply at https://charlestondiocese.org/job/client-advocate-3/.



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

Prince of Peace

"Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world." ~St Maximillian 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 one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):</u>

Sunday 11am
Tuesday 1 pm
Friday 12 pm
Saturday 2 pm & 7 pm*

Nationwide Mass Times

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

Join us to celebrate The 45th Anniversary Celebration of BIRTHRIGHT OF GREENVILLE Laugh for Liv Wednesday, October 23, 2024 6 - 10 P M Crowne Plaza Hotel 851 Congaree Road, Greenville, SC 29607 FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED BY RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE ENTERTAINMENT BY COMEDIAN MIKE WILLIAMS Join Birthright of Greenville for our 45th Anniversary celebration. Enjoy a delicious meal and lively entertainment as we celebrate Birthright's positive impact on moms and babies for the last 45 years and raise necessary funds to continue serving pregnant women well into the future. Tickets \$95 To purchase tickets go to

www.birthrightgvl.org

or scan QR code

2024 Grief Seminar

Thomas McAfee Funeral Homes' Annual Grief Seminar will take place at Brookwood Church (580 Brookwood Point Pl, Simpsonville) on 12 September with speaker Dr Bill Hoy, DMIN, FT

Grief Seminar Speaker Dr. Bill Hoy, DMIN, FT



Over the last 40 years, Dr. William G. (Bill) Hoy has supported the dying, the bereaved, and the professionals who care for them. From 2012 to 2024, he served as Associate Director and Clinical Professor in the Medical Humanities Program at Baylor University. Widely regarded as an authority on the role of social support in loss, Dr. Hoy believes

deeply in the importance of compassionate, community-based bereavement care. His extensive experience includes more than 20 years leading bereavement and pastoral care programs in hospice care.

In his post-Baylor career, Dr. Hoy continues to advise hospice bereavement programs and provides continuing education across the U.S. and Canada. He is active in the Association for Death Education & Counseling and contributes to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors and the Hospice Foundation of America. Additionally, Dr. Hoy is an accomplished author, with numerous articles and several influential books on bereavement care.

The General Public Session

Thursday 12 September 6.00 - 7.30 pm Check in from 5.15 - 6.00 pm

"Navigating Your Way Through Grief"

**Please note this session is free of charge, however online registration is required to attend.

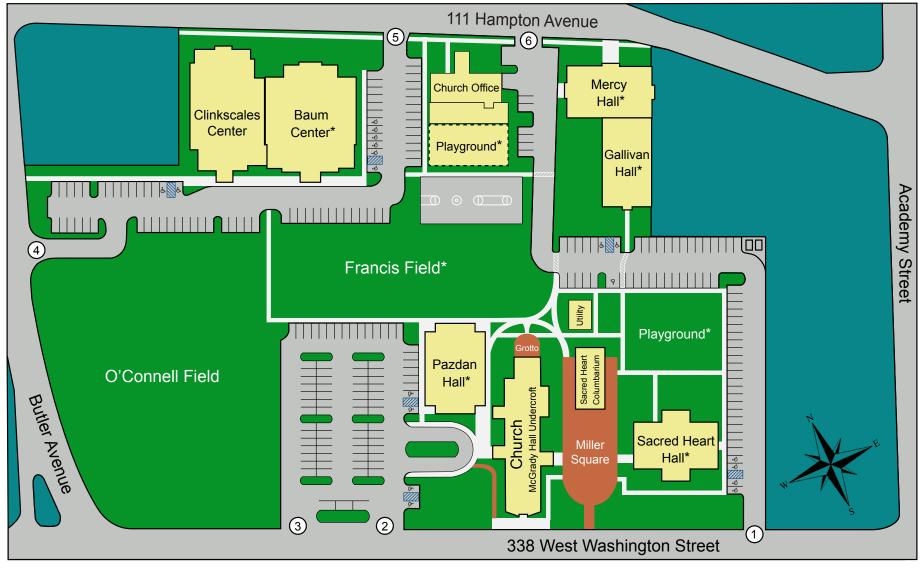
For more information and registration visit https://www.thomasmcafee.com/grief-resources/2024-grief-seminar



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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