

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

8 September 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The First Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "The Lord Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of all mankind, and no human person can fully understand his life or find his dignity and destiny apart from a personal friendship with the Lord Jesus. It is not enough to know who Jesus is; we must know Jesus."

The first claim made here is absolute and uncompromising: Jesus of Nazareth is the only savior of the entire human race and his identity as the Messiah is finally and fully revealed in his suffering, death, and Resurrection. In an age that prizes individual choice above all else, this claim is often rejected as offensive, but in every age Christ is a stumbling block: "For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor 1:22-24) The Lord Jesus is either the Son of God, or he is not. He was either conceived without a human father, or he was not. He is either the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, or he is not. And on the answers to these questions turns the entire Christian religion, because Jesus of Nazareth (in C.S. Lewis's famous formulation) is one of only three things: a liar, a lunatic, or the LORD.

Next, if Jesus is Lord (meaning the eternal Word by whom and for whom all things were made) then the next part of the first principle follows: our lives are unintelligible until we know the Lord Jesus and live as his students and his friends. To Catholics of a certain age, this claim will sound strange because at times in our recent history there was insufficient emphasis in catechesis on the necessity of a personal friendship with the Lord Jesus, and for this reason the very language sounds Protestant and decidedly un-Catholic. But the best of Catholic tradition, taught by the Church and lived by the saints, always puts a true human relationship with the Lord Jesus in first place, as Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger explained in his homily to the College of Cardinals on the day before he was elected Benedict XVI: "Our redemption is brought about in this communion of wills: being friends of Jesus, to become friends of God. The more we love Jesus, the more we know him, the more our true freedom develops and our joy in being redeemed flourishes. Thank you, Jesus, for your friendship!"

That is why it is not enough to know who Jesus is; rather, we must know Jesus. And we come to know Jesus in the Holy Scriptures, in the Sacraments of the Church, in prayer both alone and with other Christians, in service to the least of his brethren, and - above all - in the "breaking of the bread," the Most Holy Eucharist. Becoming Evangelical Catholics means that we must seek to know Christ in all of these ways on a regular basis and open our hearts and minds to him as he reveals himself for our salvation and the salvation of the world.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 8 September

7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm Loretta Vorlick Heather Hulsey Pro populo Spanish Mass

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Nursery: Durin	ig 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 9 September

7.00 am	♣ Griffiths &
	Nielsen Families

Monday 9 September

1.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery
6.00 pm	Altar Server Training
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 10 September

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10.00 am	SMCCW Meeting
6.30 pm	KofC Meeting (M)
6.30 pm	Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 11 September

7.00 am	\blacksquare	Emily	Rose	Gomes

Wednesday	11	September

9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00.6.00 pm	Holy Hour

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour

& Confessions (church)
6.30 pm Religious Education

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 12 September

7.00 am Alexandra Gabela

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7.00 pm Spanish Adoration	$7.00 \mathrm{p}$	om	Span	ish	Adoration
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Friday 13 September

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7.00 am	♣ Carlos José Restrepo	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 14 September

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

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 31 Aug/1 Sept

Needed	40,100
Received	39,560
Shortage	- 540

Poor Box 731

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	401,000
Received	407,641
Surplus	+ 6,641

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 519,000

Still to Go 481,000

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 31 Aug/1 Sept

5.00 pm	260
7.30 am	293
9.00 am	402
11.00 am	370
1.00 pm	505
Total	1.830

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.

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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Matthew & Haley Cote, Jordan Page, Arturo Cabrera, Richard & Linda Wenger, Katherine Sparacino, Marco Munoz & Iris Zuleyma, Matthew & Margaret Roberts, Adriana Acevedo, Gerardo Reyes, David & Andrea Tassoni, Marcello & Stefanie Araya, Nicholas & Madelyn Mershon.

Parish News

Collection for 7/8 September

Capital Improvement Fund Support of the Parish

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



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 9 September at 6.00 pm. Serving is open to all boys and young men between the age of 10 and college age.

Congratulations to

Frances Leigh Pierczynski and Isaac Gabriel Grabosky who were baptized last weekend.

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.

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 — into virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic women.





- ₩ww.fidelisonline.org
- info@fidelisonline.org
- @fidelissisterhood
- Fidelisonline.org

Paratum cor meum. MY HEART IS READY, O GOD. MY HEART IS READY.

Why Fidelis?

MULTIGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

make for a unique faith formation environment, allowing women of all ages to come together as sisters in Christ.

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 disciples and allows chapter volunteers to receive the help they need to thrive.



Our Pillars

The three pillars of Fidelis work together as powerful tools for personal and spiritual growth. They help us to encounter God through Church teaching as well as in the hearts of the women in the Fidelis sisterhood.

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Fidelis not only helped my daughters grow in the faith and live moral lives, but kept them in the Church.



Tidelis

Sisters

to Saints

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

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.

We receive guidance and accompaniment on this journey

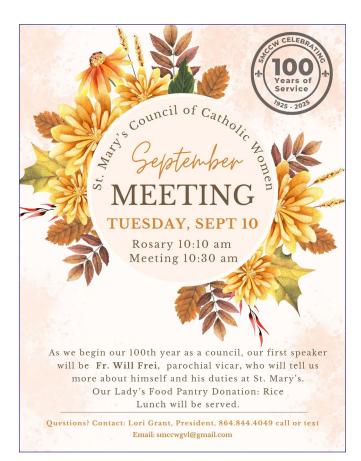
and remain open to the wisdom and life experiences shared by

St Mary's kickball team





On Tuesday 27 August Kingdom Kickers (St Mary's Young Adult Kickball team) finished second in Greenville Sports Leagues' Summer Tuesday Kickball. The team will gear up again for Fall Tuesday Kickball in a couple weeks. Any young adult (ages 18-35) interested in joining the team is welcome to contact Fr Frei at wfrei@charlestondiocese.org for more details. Go Kickers!





St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

TWO MOST HOLY HEARTS

All women of St. Mary's are invited to join us as we deepen our faith and love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Saturday, Oct. 19 8:30 am to 2 pm

Pazdan Hall Cost: \$25 Breakfast & Lunch Included

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Joe Beauchemin

The intertwined Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Sacred Scripture

Chiara Braud

Uniting Our Hearts to the Two Holy Hearts

After lunch, we will be given a guided tour of St. Mary's Church with Deacon John Heuser.

Register today using the QR Code (includes \$1 convenience fee) or fill out the registration form and send a check for \$25/person payable to SMCCW. Registration deadline is Saturday, October 12.







Questions? Email Srebrenka O'Steen: osteenst@gmail.com



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT TWO MOST HOLY HEARTS

Hosted by St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women October 19, 2024 8:30 am - 2 pm

	Email:
	Phone:Email:
M	My Sandwich Preference: Ham Turkey Veggie y Guest Sandwich Preference: Ham Turkey Veggie
-	Cost \$25/person TOTAL = with check* payable to SMCCW. Mail this form & check to: SMCCW, PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602.

-ORby electronic payment (included \$1 convenience fee). Please see

Ouestions? Email Srebrenka O'Steen: osteenst@gmail.com

Name: Phone:

OR code below.







St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. **Parents Meet 1st Wednesday of the Month**

Wednesday, 11 September there is a MANDATORY
Confirmation Meeting for All students and Parents
preparing for Confirmation in October of 2024. Meet in

preparing for Confirmation in October of 2024. Meet in Gallivan Hall. Plan to arrive by 6:15 pm; the meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

First Class this week

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.

2024-2025 classes have begun! Register now on the parish website at https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/
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.

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.



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/.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024 12th Marian Eucharistic Conference Featured Speakers Fr. Larry Richards Very Reverend Chris Alar, MIC Fr. Roger J. Landry Dr. Ray Guarendi Fr. Christopher Smith, STD/PHD, KHS Fr. Bart Leon, OSB Registration General Admission: \$125, Youth: 90 Registration required by Oct. 12 by mail. Registration after Oct. 12: \$135 Friday dinner and Saturday lunch are included. Friday dinner choice: chicken or Cod. Parking is free. For more information, call (864)354-7160 or visit http://www.meconferencesc.net Greenville Convention Center | 1 Exposition Dr. | Greenville, SC 29607

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Prince of Peace

"But who do you say that I am?" ~Mark 8:28

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 11am Monday 8 pm Tuesday 11 am* & 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



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.

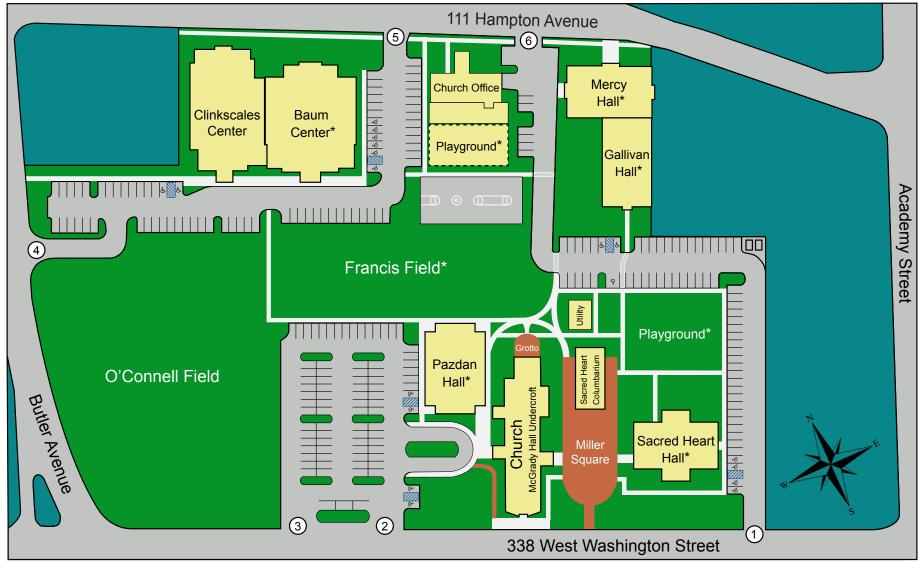
For more information and registration visit https://www.thomasmcafee.com/grief-resources/2024-grief-seminar



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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