

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

23 February 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins in ten days on Ash Wednesday 5 March, and to help you keep a holy Lent, we invite you to join us for Vespers each Sunday of Lent at 5 pm. Vespers or Evening Prayer is part of the Church's official daily prayer called the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours, and at Saint Mary's Vespers consists of thirty minutes of sacred silence, plainchant, and polyphony which together make a beautiful experience of peaceful prayer.

We also invite you to come each Friday of Lent at 6 pm for the Stations of the Cross, a prayer which follows the path taken by the Lord Jesus on Good Friday from Pilate's praetorium, through the streets of Jerusalem, to Calvary, to death on the Cross, and finally to burial in the Holy Sepulchre. Following Christ in the Way of the Cross has for centuries been a privileged way of growing closer to the Lord Jesus, and we invite you to come each Friday of Lent for this devotion and then stay for a simple supper of soup and sandwiches in Pazdan Hall. And to both Vespers and the Way of the Cross, please bring a friend with you, most especially a lapsed Catholic or a non-Catholic and help them worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Lent is the perfect time to go to Confession as a preparation for Easter, and I urge you not to wait until the end of the 40 Days to do this. Confessions are heard here each Wednesday from 5 to 6 pm by two priests and each Saturday from 3.30 to 4.30 pm by one priest. Also, please remember that every Friday of Lent is a day of abstinence from meat and that both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting as well as of abstinence.

Because Lent is a preparation for the renewal of our Baptismal promises at Easter, we will replace the Nicene Creed at Sunday Mass through Pentecost with the Apostles Creed which was the ancient Baptismal Profession of Faith in the Diocese of Rome. The use of this Creed should remind us that we have been purchased at a great price by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, into whose death we are plunged by our Baptism.

And that is why we should seek every day to conform our lives to Christ Jesus so that we can live in the power of His Resurrection as a new creation by grace through faith, hope, and love, the supernatural virtues first given to us in Holy Baptism. During the coming 40 Days of Lent we will seek to follow the Lord ever more perfectly through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and on Ash Wednesday we will be reminded why it is urgent to redouble our effort to live as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Repent, and believe in the Gospel!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 23 February

7.30 am Christina Alcorta Nero 9.00 am ♣ Sophia Nikolich 11.00 am Pro populo Spanish Mass 1.00 pm

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Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11 00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) High School Youth Group (P) 6.00 pm

Monday 24 February

7.00 am Michael Dion

Monday 24 February

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 25 February

7.00 am Truman Lane

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10.00 am **SMCCW Sewing Group**

6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 26 February

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7.00 am ❖ Sr Roberta Hesse, SSMN 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 27 February

♣ Wayne Myers

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7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 28 February

7.00 am

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7.00 am Mary L Lane 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 1 March

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5.00 pm Annabelle Wilczewski 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Baby Bottles Distribution After 5.00 pm Mass

6.00 pm SMS Gala

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 15/16 February

Needed	40,100
Received	42,238
Surplus	+ 2,138

Poor Box 1.668

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,363,400 Received 1,391,184 Surplus +27,784

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.

2025 Capital **Improvement Fund**

Goal 1,000,000 **Donations** Received 338,371 Still to Go 661,629

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 15/16 February

5.00 pm	386
7.30 am	245
9.00 am	406
11.00 am	384
1.00 pm	440
Total	1,861

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, James Smith, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Konta & Laman Patel, 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, Eddie Collins, Steve Hughes, Albert Normandin, Angelo Bautista Campos, Karen Krings.

Volunteer Counting Team Needed

We are currently seeking at least four volunteers to form a Collection Counting Team. Counting usually happens in the parish office on Monday mornings beginning at 9.30 am and lasts about two hours. It would be on a rotating basis. If you like attention to detail and would like to help fill this parish need, please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.

Nursery Help Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or linda.jackson@smcgvl.org.

Congratulations to

Edwin Scott Lane, Aspen River Stinson, Rosalie Elizabeth Stinson and Leah James Skellie who were baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

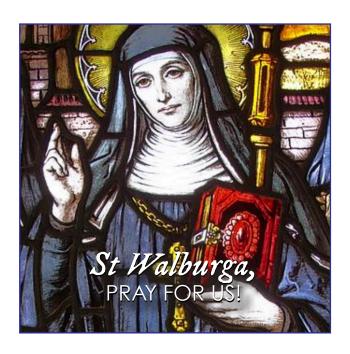
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Alexander Teipel, Francisco Ordonez, Cesar & Lorena Cruz, Timothy & Michelle Cullen, Remy & Penny Grossi, Hector & Courtney Buenrostro, Maciej Balchan, Juan Soriano & Cathy Colgan.

Parish News

Collection for 22/23 February

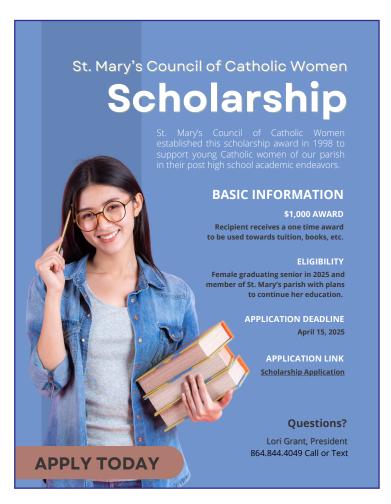
Central & Eastern Europe Support of the Parish

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



2024 Tax Statements

Tax Statements are available through your Flocknote account. Please log at https://smcgvl. flocknote.com/login. Enter your email address and you will have access to your account. Open up a new window in your browser with your profile. Select the Giving tab to view your giving information and tax statements. At the bottom of that tab, you'll see a section called *Donor Summaries for Taxes*. Click on the summary that you'd like to have automatically downloaded to your computer. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org. Thank you.





Baby Bottles are Coming!

Birthright of Greenville, a local pregnancy center offering loving alternatives to abortion, will be handing out baby bottles after each Mass next week. We ask that you place donations in the bottle and bring it back to church next weekend.

Your generous donation makes a difference in the lives of the unborn and their mothers.

Prefer to donate online? Visit www.birthrightgvl.org

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 25 February 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.

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.

Fraternus at St Mary's

Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for men of all ages. All young men ages 12 and up are invited to join our brotherhood at Frat Night weekly meetings on Mondays from 6.30-8.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. The evenings include brotherly competition, a shared meal, encouragement in virtue, and compline. Contact stmarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.com for more information.

Winter Weather

Please be aware that this time of year has unpredictable weather. All closings due to inclement weather will be announced through Flocknote emails/texts. If you do not receive the weekly emails/texts on Friday morning with the links to the eBulletin and Mass programs please email jenni.dillard@smcgvl.org to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!

Hearing Loop at St Mary's



St Mary's now has Hearing Loop for hearing aid users to directly receive the sound from the church's PA system in their own hearing aids without having to pick up a separate listening device. If you wear hearing instruments you will need to find out if your hearing aids have this wireless receiver called a T-coil

or Telecoil built in, in order to benefit from the hearing loop in our church. The T-coil program is accessed by pushing a button on a hearing aid and has to be activated by your audiologist. Talk to your audiologist to find out if your instruments can have both a T (no background noise pick up) and an MT program (blended micro-phone & T-coil program) for improved hearing at church. For questions about your hearing aids and telecoils talk to your audiologist or email Scott Peyton at wsploop@gmail.com. For more information visit https://www.usaloops.com or https://www.americanloops.com.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.

https://masstimes.org

https://www.catholicdirectory.com



St Mary's School Job Openings



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 125 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 316 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.

Highly-Qualified Middle School History / Social Studies Teacher - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced with teaching History and Social Studies to middle school students, very organized, passionate for elementary education, comfortable with a rigorous and traditional curriculum, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement. Compensation is highly competitive and scales with experience. This position is available as either full-time or part-time.

Elementary & Early Childhood Teaching Assistants - 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 required.

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



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. **Next Monthly Parent Meeting is 12 March**

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.

Learn more 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 10 March 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.

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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.



Make your gift today!

Last weekend, our parish conducted Pledge Sunday for the 2025 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina. Thank you to all who have already made the commitment to support this year's Appeal.

If you have not had the opportunity yet, it's not too late to make your commitment! Please use the donation form below to make your contribution or scan the QR code to visit and pledge securely online!



Make checks payable to: Catholic Appeal of South Carolina

Mail to:

P.O. Box 481 Kensington, CT 06037

First Name	Last Name			
Address	City	State	Zip	
Signature	Date			
Parish				
Pledge:	\$ Balance:	\$		_
Down Payment:	\$ Balance to be paid over Please complete pledg	Balance to be paid over months. Please complete pledges by December 2025!		

Icon Painting Workshop

St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting



July 7-12, 2025 St. Rafka Catholic Church Greenville, South Carolina

Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Saint Gabriel icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. It is a great pportunity for everyone to experience first hand the painting of an icon

Your tuition fee of \$800 includes all materials including boards brushes, pigments etc.

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Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For enrollment and more information, visit the website https://theodoreicons.com/sc

or contact the instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos at: theodoreicons@gmail.com

MEN'S RETREAT



Son, Brother, Father---A Prodigal Retreat

Deacon John Breeden from St Patrick's Catholic Church (Charleston) will lead the retreat with Keith Kiser, with Sacramental assistance of the Most Rev Robert E Guglielmone.





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.

Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help unload a truck and help restock our shelves on Mondays from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Please contact Silvia Loaiza at sloaiza@charlestondiocese.org or 864.331.2629 for more information.

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

Prince of Peace

"Prayer is the silent path that leads us straight to God's Heart; it is the breath of the soul that restores peace to us in the storm of life." ~Pope Benedict XVI

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>

Monday 12 am* & 10 am* Tuesday 6 am* & 6 pm Wednesday 6 pm & 11 pm Saturday 8 pm* & 9 pm*

Walking With Moms In Need

The Walking With Moms in Need diocesan program is looking for volunteers who can give a fraction of their time to help moms. Do you have marketing, IT or budgeting skills, a good head for bargains/resources, can translate (Spanish/English), prepare a meal or drive someone to a food pantry? Please call or text 864.791.5080 for details.

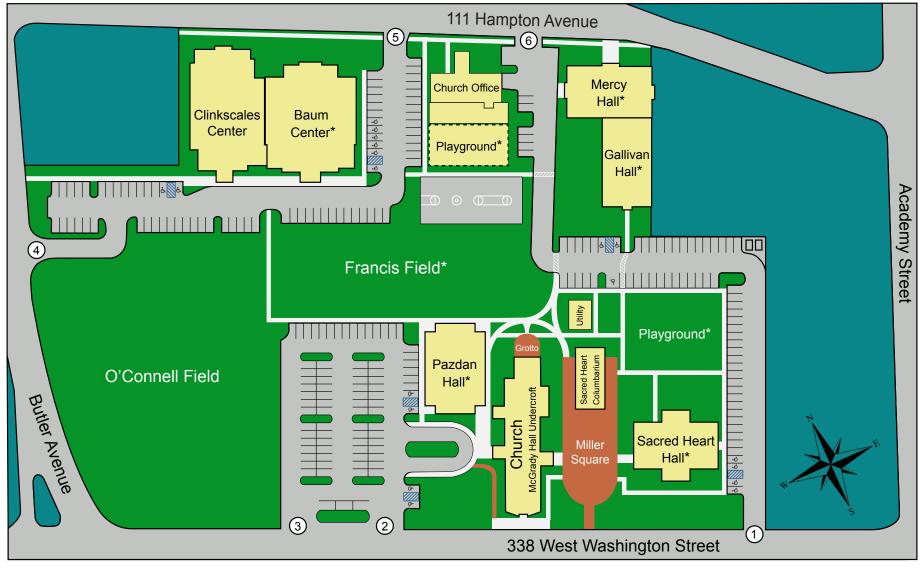
NFP Education Program

The Diocese will co-host the Creighton Model Fertility Care Practitioner Education Program in Simpsonville for those interested in teaching others how to use the natural family planning method. Applications are currently being accepted for the 13-month program. Education Phase I will be 5-12 April and Education Phase II will be 10-15 October. The Creighton Model FertilityCare System is highly effective to postpone pregnancy and offers hope for couples who are experiencing infertility to achieve their dream of pregnancy with the assistance of Medical Consultants who practice NaProTechnology. This system also assists in monitoring gynecologic conditions while being consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church and empowers single women to monitor and appreciate the gift of their fertility. Apply by 1 March. Contact Program Director Margaret Howard, MAM, CFCE at mphoward.cfce@protonmail.com or 402.320.9268 for application and program materials.

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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