



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

28 September 2025

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

### Sunday 28 September

7.30 am	Gerald & Linda Knight
9.00 am	* Anna Mary Deehan
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

### Monday 29 September

7.00 am	Antoinette Costigliola
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### Tuesday 30 September

7.00 am	* Judy Roberts
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### Wednesday 1 October

7.00 am	* Noah Antony
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### Thursday 2 October

7.00 am	* Tom Brabston
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### Friday 3 October

7.00 am	* Cynthia Burriss Williams
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### Saturday 4 October

5.00 pm	* Charles Dwyer
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## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 28 September

Nursery:	During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Religious Education (G)
3.00 pm	Lay Dominicans

### Monday 29 September

6.00 pm	Fraternus (P)
6.00 pm	Fidelis

### Tuesday 30 September

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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### Wednesday 1 October

8.00 am	Wit & Wisdom Bible Study
9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.15 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)
6.30 pm	Religious Education

### Thursday 2 October

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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### Friday 3 October

5.45-6.45 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 4 October

8.30 am	CEC Conference
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall  
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall  
C - Clinkscals  
Family Center

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 20/21 September

Needed	41,300
Received	42,488
Surplus	+ 1,188

Poor Box	962
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	495,600
Received	510,106
Surplus	+ 14,506

**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](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org).

## 2025 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	811,377
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Still to Go	188,623
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## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 20/21 September

5.00 pm	327
7.30 am	352
9.00 am	489
11.00 am	397
1.00 pm	469

Total	2,034
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## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Timothy John Bethea (twin brother of Paul Bethea) 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, 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, Steve Hughes, Albert Normandin, Angelo Bautista Campos, Karen Krings, Michael Venerdi, Joan Greenaway, Dean Zimmermann, Mel Fitzpatrick, Chris Howard, Bruce Cole, Jim Armstrong, Anna Roman, Edward Stone, Valentina Hernandez, Barbara Redding.

## Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 is holding its annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for St Mary's Parish 8th graders. The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St Peter to lead His Church on Earth. In an essay of 500-750 words, **out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?** Essay forms are available by contacting John McGrath at 864.270.3656. Deadline is 8 October.

## 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 linda.jackson@smcgv1.org or 864.679.4110.

## PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 27/28 September

Support of the Parish

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



## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Scott & Ana Scholl, Carlos Ventura Garcia, Felisa Garcia Morente, Larry McCullough, Michael Quinn, Ornela Castro, Sebastien Fuger, Lynore Anderson, Ana Giraldo, Jeremy Holt, Victoria Carmen, Gabrielle Boehman, Tillman Munson, Alex Ruiz, Augustus & Anna Sommer, Javier & Maria Pineda, Paul Miller, Mary Grace Carey, Olvin & Balbina Gonzalez, Patricia Tucker, William Hynett, Bladimir Vargas-Alarcon, Joseph & Deborah Dohmann, Liam Brubacher.

## Congratulations to

Rose Noelle Nelson and Hayes Michael Novak who were baptized last weekend.

## Fidelis at St Mary's

*Forms girls - heart, mind, body, soul - into virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic women.*

*Virtue \* Mentorship \* Sisterhood*



Fall & Spring Weekly Meetings  
Prayer, Dinner, Games  
Guest Speakers  
Small Group Discussions  
Weekly Challenges  
Virtue-focused Service  
Community  
Lifelong Friendships  
Nationwide Networking

### *Sisters to Saints*



Discover the importance of femininity at home, at church, and in the community. Come share in the beauty, the truth, the goodness, and joy of being a woman striving for a virtuous life.

Meetings are Monday nights from  
6.30-8.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Last Introduction Meeting is  
Monday 29 September.



**REGISTER NOW!**  
Girls 6th to 12th grade  
and women of all ages

Please contact Cristina Ortiz at  
305.439.2172 or fidelisstmarys@gmail.com  
with questions or for more information.

*Paratum cor meum Deus. Paratum cor meum.*

## St Mary's School Job Opening



**St Mary's Catholic School  
is accepting applications  
for a full-time K4  
teaching assistant 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 321 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.

The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is necessary.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references  
to Principal Steven Zimmerman  
at [principal@smcgv1.org](mailto:principal@smcgv1.org).

## WELCOME PACK 521

**St Mary's Cub Scouts meet every  
other Monday from 6:30-7:30pm**



All boys in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome to join! No prior involvement is required-start at any level. A parent attends each meeting with their child. Contact Nick Upham with any questions  
[juph4m@gmail.com](mailto:juph4m@gmail.com), 864-506-2384

**Activities include camping, Pinewood Derby,  
Christmas parade, and more!**



St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women  
**Fall Women's Retreat**  
 Saturday, October 11  
 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

*Hope That Does Not Disappoint*

Our speaker this year is Maria Spears Mumaugh. For over 25 years, Maria has traveled the world as a dynamic speaker, singer-songwriter, and worship leader - sharing a message of hope, joy, and God's faithfulness through both word and song. She has been featured on EWTN, spoken and sung for events such as World Youth Day, NCYC, and Youth 2000, released multiple albums (with her band His Own and as a solo artist), and co-authored the book *The Mirror: 7 Steps to REFLECT the Life You Want*.

Join Maria as she shares both the hopeful and the messy sides of walking with God when life doesn't go as planned. Unafraid of the real, raw and messy, through storytelling and scripture, she explores what to do when disappointment sets in, how to anchor your heart in God when you're struggling with trust and how true hope can actually grow stronger in the very places we feel let down.

Click [here to register](#) or use the QR Code below. Cost is \$25/person and includes breakfast and lunch. Retreat will be held in Pazdan Hall next to church on W. Washington St. Deadline to register is October 5. Questions? Email us at [smccw@gmail.com](mailto:smccw@gmail.com).

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
 111 Hampton Ave.  
 Greenville, SC 29601

100 Years of Service 1925-2025





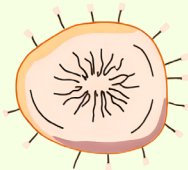

*Respect Life*  
**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION**  
**Week 1**

At the moment of conception, a new life is formed. A unique human person's life begins. After the sperm meets the egg, a zygote is formed, a single cell containing the entire unique genetic blueprint for this new person. His or her eye color, hair color, height are present in this cell.

**Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.**  
*Jeremiah 1:5*

Prayer by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the pre-born baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

## 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 5.45 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. **We are studying Genesis this fall.** 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 Peter Mathern (early group) at [peter.mathern@gmail.com](mailto:peter.mathern@gmail.com) or 864.363.5658 or Mike Munafo (late group) at [mmunafo1950@gmail.com](mailto:mmunafo1950@gmail.com) or 864.313.5356.

## St Mary's Council of Catholic Women Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 30 September from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at [judyh75@att.net](mailto:judyh75@att.net) or 864.438.1017 for more information.

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Open House Week  
 October 13-17

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[nelle.palms@smcgv1.org](mailto:nelle.palms@smcgv1.org)

Grades K3-8




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101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 [smcgv1.org](http://smcgv1.org)



Thank you, St. Mary's Parishioners,  
for your generous donations to our

# St. Rafka's Food Drive



Thanks to your love and generosity, we  
took three full SUV's with food and paper  
goods plus over \$200 in cash donations to  
St. Rafka's parish.

"If there is among you a poor man, one of your brethren, in any of your towns within your land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, 8but you shall open your hand to him, and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.

Deuteronomy 15: 7-9



*The Center for Evangelical Catholicism presents*

# **The Divine Word in Human Words** *Theology as Poetry*

**9th Annual Fall Conference**  
**Saturday 4 October 2025**

8.00 am to 12.30 pm

St Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC

## **Dr Robert Royal**

Dr Royal is a former Fulbright scholar, and holds a B.A. and M.A. from Brown University and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from The Catholic University of America. A prolific writer and sought after speaker on ethics, culture, religion, and politics, he has appeared on various radio and television stations nationally and internationally and his books have been translated into several languages. In addition, his articles have appeared in scholarly journals and publications including *First Things*, the *Wilson Quarterly*, the *Catholic Historical Review*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, the *Washington Times*, and *National Review*. Dr. Royal is the founder and editor in chief of “The Catholic Thing,” an online forum with daily columns on all things Catholic.

## **Dr Jason Baxter**

Dr Baxter is the Director of the Center for Beauty and Culture at Benedictine College. He holds a Doctorate in Literature from the University of Notre Dame. Prior to joining Benedictine, he spent time as a visiting associate professor at Notre Dame preceded by twelve years at Wyoming Catholic College. His written works include *The Medieval Mind of C.S. Lewis* and *A Beginner's Guide to Dante's Divine Comedy*, among others, and he is currently working on an original translation of Dante's *Divine Comedy*. Baxter has written many academic and popular articles, and he frequently makes media appearances ranging from podcasts to EWTN.

**\$50 per person | register online at [www.evangelicalcatholicism.com](http://www.evangelicalcatholicism.com)**



# St Mary's Religious Education



## Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

**Monthly Parent meeting is this week in Gallivan Hall**

### Mandatory 1st Communion Parent Meeting

Fr. Newman will be meeting with all of the parents of the parish with children preparing for 1st Communion this week on

**Wednesday 1 October** in Gallivan Hall. **Plan to arrive by 6.15;** the meeting will begin promptly at 6.30 pm. Please call the office if you have questions.

## 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@smcgv.org](mailto:linda.jackson@smcgv.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.

Classes for Easter 2026 meet at 6.15 pm on Wednesdays in McGrady Hall (church undercroft).

Visit <https://smcgv.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> for more information.

Contact Deacon John at [john.heuser@smcgv.org](mailto:john.heuser@smcgv.org) for details 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 **Inactive** and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at [sarah.perkins@smcgvl.org](mailto: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 15 December at 6.30 pm.** Contact Patrick Ford at [patrick.ford@smcgvl.org](mailto:patrick.ford@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.whelen@smcgvl.org](mailto:thomas.whelen@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://charlestdiocese.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/individuals> using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

## 13th Marian Eucharistic Conference

### Featured Speakers

Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, EWTN  
Very Reverend Chris Alar, MIC  
Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, STB, STL  
Russ Breault, President of the  
Shroud of Turin Education Project Inc.  
Daniel Cellucci, CEO,  
Catholic Leadership Institute  
John Martignoni,  
President, Bible Christian Society



### Registration

General Admission: \$135, Youth: 90  
Registration required by Oct. 11 by mail.

Registration after Oct. 11: \$145

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

# Diocesan News

## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org) or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours of need (\*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 12 am\*

Monday 7 pm

Wednesday 8 am

Thursday 2 am\*

Friday 8 am\* & 12 pm\*

Saturday 11 am & 2 pm

## St Joseph's Open House

Experience the welcoming community at Saint Joseph's Catholic School by joining us for our Open House for grades 9-12 on Wednesday 1 October at 8.30 am. You'll have a chance to hear directly from our school leadership, interact with dedicated faculty and current students, tour our campus and learn all about our innovative new schedule. Register at <https://bit.ly/41ItHLO>.

## Natural Family Planning Training

Discover a beautiful, faith-aligned way to plan your family naturally. Dr Andy Lane, a women's health specialist at Prisma Health, is seeking 10 couples to learn the Marquette Method of NFP as part of his certification program through Marquette University. **This training is being offered free of charge to these first 10 couples (normally valued at \$250-\$300).** Participation includes three brief education sessions (initial, 1-month follow-up, and 6-month follow-up). Visit the Boland Institute for Natural Family Planning website at <https://www.marquette.edu/nursing/institute-natural-family-planning/model.php> to learn more about the Marquette method of NFP. Interested couples please contact [Andrew.Lane2@prismahealth.org](mailto:Andrew.Lane2@prismahealth.org) for details.



Please contact Jessica Thrall at [jthrall@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:jthrall@charlestandiocese.org) if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

### Men's Clothing Needed

Catholic Charities of SC Upstate is **in desperate need of all men's clothing items!** Donations can be dropped off at 2300 Old Buncombe Rd (in the white building behind San Sebastian Catholic Church) during the hours Tuesday to Thursday from 9am to 1 pm or coordinate a day/time with Silvia at [sloaiza@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:sloaiza@charlestandiocese.org) or 864.331.2629. Thank you for your generosity!

### 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@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:sloaiza@charlestandiocese.org) or 864.331.2629 for more information.

## 40 Days for Life



40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach for the purpose of ending abortion. You are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our fall campaign from 24 September through 2 November. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> to sign up for local events. Please contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid at 864.329.0044 with questions.

**Life Chain** Sunday 5 October at 2.30 pm on Woodruff Rd and different locations in SC. Please join others across the country and Canada for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. Your church is assigned the same place on the route as last year. Contact Ingrid for sign pick up information.

**40 Days for Life Midpoint** Candlelight Vigil is Monday 13 October at 7.00 pm in OLR Outdoor Memorial Chapel. We will pray the Rosary in different languages and praise the Lord with singing. Greg Grimm, Choral Section Leader & Solo Artist will lead the singing.

**Rosaries for Life** Pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, the conversion of our society and for an end to other assaults on human life. Email your count each week to [familylife@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:familylife@charlestdiocese.org).

**Sidewalk Counseling Training** Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy or [info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org](mailto:info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org)

## Catholic Writers Retreat



The Catholic Writers Guild will hold a retreat 24-27 October at Heart Ridge Retreat Center in Sunset, SC. Need time to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life and focus on

your writing? Join fellow writers of like-minded faith in a peaceful location led by author Arthur Powers. Whether you are published or unpublished, write fiction or nonfiction, plan to work on poetry or a new novel, our retreats are for you! Find more information and registration at <https://www.catholicwritersguild.org/writers-retreat/> under SC Retreat. Contact Lynne Davis at [lynneparkerdavis@gmail.com](mailto:lynneparkerdavis@gmail.com) or 678.910.1811.

Our Lady of the Rosary  
presents

# SATURDAY NIGHT LIFE

10/18 • 6-9p

at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

**Dr. Murray Daws & Megan Pillow**

discuss

**Natural Law | IVF | NFP | NAPRO Technology**

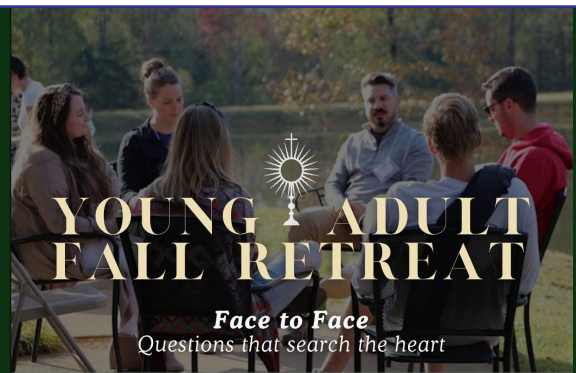
Questions?

Email David Haggard  
[David.Haggard@olrschool.net](mailto:David.Haggard@olrschool.net)



**\$10**

Door Prizes  
Chick-Fil-A will be served



**October 17-19, 2025**  
**Diakonia Retreat Center**

Open to all young adults ages 18-35. This retreat is not about lectures or easy answers. It's about looking at the One who sees you first. Come away for a time of rest, silence, and personal encounter with Christ through Scripture, prayer, and community. You won't be asked to be perfect—just to be present.

- Reflect.
- Be still.
- Be known.

Are you willing to let Him ask you the deeper questions?

### Cost

**\$90** per person for a shared room  
**\$170** for a single private room or married couple

Scholarships are available if this is a hardship! Contact Ella Haas:  
[eghaas@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:eghaas@charlestdiocese.org)



**Retreat Leader**  
Mike Sylvester



**register now!**  
Registration closes  
September 26, 2025





# Retreats

for single, Catholic women, ages 17 - 30

## AT THE MOTHERHOUSE

### Come & See

Oct. 24-26, 2025

### Jesu Caritas

Feb. 20-22, 2026

Registration begins Nov. 1  
(or Dec. 1 for returning retreatants)

### Vocation Discernment

Nov. 6-9, 2025

Jan. 8-11, 2026

Mar. 5-8, 2026

## REGIONAL DISCERNMENT DAYS



Scan for dates  
and locations



At all Motherhouse retreats, our guests are treated to a monastic experience of prayer, attend retreat conferences, and have the opportunity for silence, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the sacrament of Penance.

## JESU CARITAS RETREATS

These weekend retreats explore different topics that are a focus within the Church, offering spiritual insight for those who love the Church. Retreatants have the opportunity to spend time with the sisters throughout the weekend.

## COME & SEE RETREATS

These weekend retreats are for young women who are discerning their vocation and desire an experience of religious life to aid their discernment. There will be opportunities for prayer and silence, conferences on a particular retreat theme, and time to be with the sisters and meet others who have an earnest desire for God.

## VOCATION RETREATS

These four-day retreats are designed for young women who are discerning their vocation and they provide an opportunity to explore the life and charism of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. Those on retreat attend talks on St. Dominic, St. Cecilia, Marian Devotion, discernment and the formation process. Panels on vocations and the apostolate allow retreatants to hear testimonies and ask questions. Retreatants join the Novitiate for recreation, enter into the monastic customs of the community, and visit several schools of the Congregation to see the apostolate.

## REGIONAL DISCERNMENT DAY RETREATS

These one-day retreats will be offered in various places where our sisters serve. During the retreat, women will be invited to one of our convents to have an experience of our life including liturgy, prayer, conferences, and community.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**When does the retreat begin and end?** Registration begins at 2:30pm on the first day of the retreat, and orientation takes place at 4:00pm. It is helpful to arrive by 3:30 so you have time to settle before the orientation. Retreats conclude at 1:00pm on Sunday.

**What is the cost?** \$50 suggested donation. Fees may be paid upon arrival. Please let us know if this fee is a hardship.

**What about transportation?** If you are flying, we will provide transportation between the Nashville airport and the Motherhouse. You can provide flight information when you register.

**How do I register for a retreat?** Contact the Vocation Director at 615.256.0147 or [vocation@op-tn.org](mailto:vocation@op-tn.org) to receive a registration form. An interview with the vocation director is necessary before registering for the Vocation Retreat (please reach out at least a month in advance if you have not been in touch before). Space is limited, so please register early.





# JUBILEE 2025

## PILGRIMS OF HOPE

[charlestdiocese.org/jubilee2025](http://charlestdiocese.org/jubilee2025)

### *Jubilee Prayer*

**Father in Heaven,** May the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **+Amen.**



### *Plenary Indulgences*

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence applies to sins already forgiven. A plenary indulgence cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized.

Plenary indulgences obtained during the Jubilee Year can also be applied to souls in purgatory, with the possibility of obtaining two plenary indulgences for the deceased in one day, according to the Apostolic Penitentiary. To obtain an indulgence, the usual conditions of detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope must be met.

Catholics can also gain a plenary indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to their cathedral or to another church or shrine selected by the local bishop. Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, has designated the following South Carolina parishes:

#### *Aiken*

**OLD ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**  
203 Park Ave., SE, Aiken, SC 29801  
[stmarys-aiken.org](http://stmarys-aiken.org)

#### *Charleston*

**CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
120 Broad St., Charleston, SC 29401  
[charlestoncathedral.com](http://charlestoncathedral.com)

#### *Columbia*

**BASILICA OF ST. PETER**  
1529 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 29201  
[visitstpeters.org](http://visitstpeters.org)

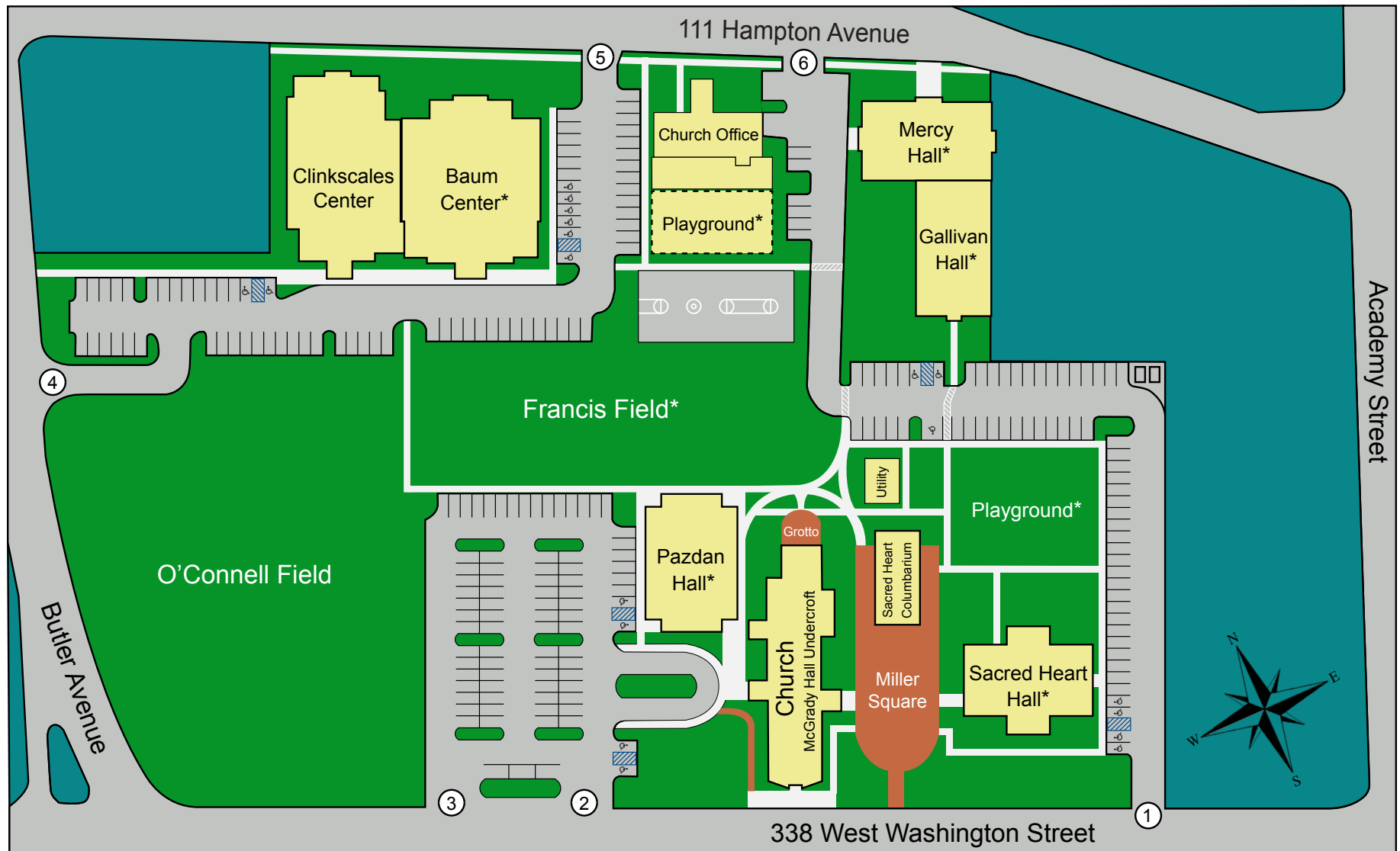
#### *Greenville*

**ST. MARY CHURCH**  
111 Hampton Ave., Greenville, SC 29601  
[smcgvl.org](http://smcgvl.org)

## 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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