



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

13 September 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fifth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “The sacred liturgy, through which the seven Sacraments are celebrated and the Hours of praise are prayed, makes present to us the saving mysteries of the Lord Jesus. The liturgy must therefore be celebrated in such a way that the truth of the Gospel, the beauty of sacred music, the dignity of ritual form, the solemnity of divine worship, and the fellowship of the baptized assembled to pray are kept together in organic unity.”

Protestants who become Catholics often remark that they miss the sense of fellowship they experienced in their former congregations - the feeling of belonging to a group of friends in a spiritual family rather than joining a crowd of random strangers coming together for a common purpose as at an athletic event or concert. This is part of what I mean in the Fifth Principle by “the fellowship of the baptized assembled to pray.”

One of the ways that sense of fellowship is fostered in Protestant congregations is that people in the pews speak to each other in conversational voices before worship begins. This is often called visiting, and it can help form a group of people into a spiritual family. But Catholics do not speak to each other in the pews before Mass because we are speaking to God: preparing in silent prayer to participate in the sacred liturgy by turning our hearts and minds to the Throne of Grace so that the truth of the Gospel, the beauty of sacred music, the dignity of ritual form, and the solemnity of divine worship can unite us body and soul as closely as possible to the Lord Jesus Christ.

But such a Christ-centered way of praying in union with the whole Church around the world should not impede us from finding other ways to foster fellowship in our parishes, and that is why lingering after Mass to converse with each other, joining other Catholics in service to those in need, and participating in parish social and recreational events are so important. Look for ways to cultivate friendships with those you see around you in the pews so that the vertical and horizontal dimensions of parish life reinforce each other rather than compete with each other.

And if you want to understand more deeply why the Church asks us to pray as we do, I recommend two short texts. The first to read is *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council; it is only a few pages long, and the text is available online. Then read *The Spirit of the Liturgy* by Joseph Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI), a beautiful meditation on the nature and purpose of liturgical worship by the finest theological mind of our time. The psalmist sings that we are created “to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” and the sacred liturgy is meant always to lead us to the Lord Jesus. An essential part of the New Evangelization is the full and faithful celebration of the sacred liturgy, and that is what we strive for in all our prayer. Let us go together to the source and summit of the Church’s life and find there a glimpse of the New and Eternal Jerusalem.

Father Newman



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE  
OF CHARLESTON**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Aug. 1, 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of Sept. 12-13, our diocese will hold a second collection to support The Catholic University of America (CUA), an important Catholic educational institution located in the heart of our nation's capital. Established in 1887 by a pontifical charter, CUA serves as the research university of the Church in the United States. It is dedicated to advancing knowledge and faith. I am personally a member of the Board of Trustees for this university.

The Catholic University of America plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of our Church and nation by educating thousands of students through undergraduate and graduate programs. These young men and women are being prepared to become the Catholic leaders of tomorrow through a fundamentally Catholic curriculum.

Your contribution will directly support these students and enable the university to continue its mission of service to our Church. From groundbreaking research initiatives to training programs that strengthen our parishes, CUA's work has a profound impact on the faithful across the country.

By giving to this collection, you are answering the call to catechize our young people through education. The knowledge of the faith that these students study and learn will carry them forward into the professional world, and I am confident that this will bring about a ripple effect of faith and good works.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support of this initiative. St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of learning, pray for us!

In Christ's love,

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

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 13 September

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| 7.30 am  | † All Souls in Purgatory |
| 9.00 am  | Henry Nielsen            |
| 11.00 am | Pro Populo               |
| 1.00 pm  | Spanish Mass             |

### Monday 14 September

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| 7.00 am | Katherine Gevaert |
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### Tuesday 15 September

|         |                         |
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| 7.00 am | † Paul Nicholas Carrano |
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### Wednesday 16 September

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| 7.00 am | Oliver Buchholz |
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### Thursday 17 September

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| 7.00 am | Maggie Keaton |
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### Friday 18 September

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| 7.00 am | Ana Patricia Gomez R |
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### Saturday 19 September

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| 5.00 pm | † Roman Family |
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## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 13 September

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| Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass |                             |
| 9.00 am                      | Sunday Morning Bible Study  |
| 6.00 pm                      | High School Youth Group (P) |

### Monday 14 September

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| 1.00 pm | St Anne's Stitchery |
| 6.30 pm | Fidelis             |
| 6.30 pm | Fraternus (P)       |
| 6.30 pm | Cub Scouts          |
| 6.30 pm | Baptism Class (M)   |

### Tuesday 15 September

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| 10.00 am | SMCCW Sewing Group |
| 6.30 pm  | Grace & Memories   |

### Wednesday 16 September

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| 8.00 am      | Wit & Wisdom Bible Study (M)          |
| 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 (G)       |
| 6.30 pm      | Youth Introduction to Catholicism (P) |

### Thursday 17 September

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| 3.00 pm | Little Flowers    |
| 7.00 pm | Spanish Adoration |

### Friday 18 September

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| 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 19 September

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| 3.30-4.30 pm | Confessions (church) |
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## Financial Report

### Weekend of 6/7 September

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| Needed   | 42,750  |
| Received | 44,387  |
| Surplus  | + 1,637 |

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### Offertory Year to Date

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| Needed   | 427,500  |
| Received | 443,965  |
| Surplus  | + 16,465 |

## 2026 Capital Improvement Fund

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| Goal | 1,000,000 |
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| Donations Received | 987,684 |
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| Still to Go | 12,316 |
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## 2026 Catholic Annual Appeal

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| Goal | 136,725 |
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| Donations Received | 135,640 |
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| Still to Go | 1,085 |
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## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 6/7 September

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| 5.00 pm | 334 |
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| 7.30 am | 358 |
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| 9.00 am | 463 |
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| 11.00 am | 455 |
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| 1.00 pm | 474 |
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| Total | 2,084 |
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G - Gallivan Hall  
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall  
C - Clinkscates  
Family Center

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

## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Sterrett, 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, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, 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, Angelo Bautista Campos, Michael Venerdi, Dean Zimmermann, Mel Fitzpatrick, Chris Howard, Anna Roman, Edward Stone, Valentina Hernandez, Barbara Redding, Molly Fitzpatrick, Helena Howard, Daniel McGee, Jennifer Swyer, Patrick McLeod, Lily Elizabeth Reno, Dee Dillon, Carol Anagnos.

## Daily Mass Readings

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

## Friday Morning Bible Study

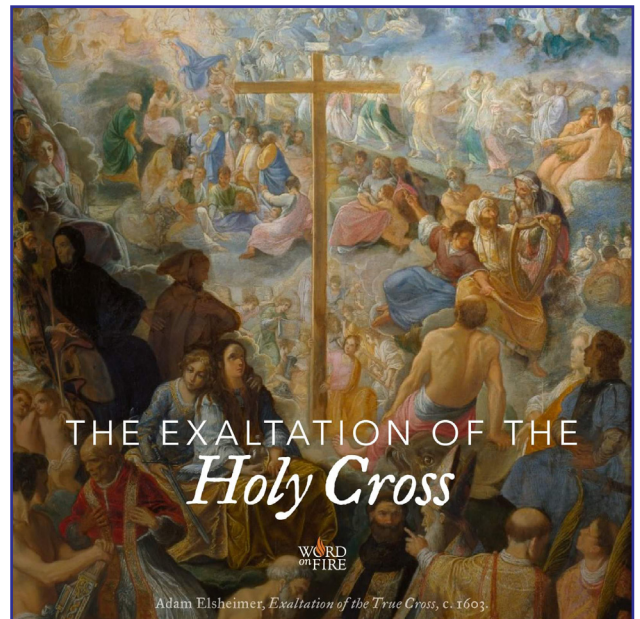
The Friday Morning Bible Study begins Friday 18 September from 9.45 am to 12.00 noon in the Bishop England Room of Sacred Heart Hall (please meet at the SHH parking lot doors at 9.45am for admittance). We pray the Rosary and we will continue our study of the Pentateuch with the Book of Deuteronomy, the fifth and final part. Prior to Moses' death, he gave three homilies to Israel's new generation which recounts the history of their fathers' Exodus liberation, the reasons for the forty years of judgment in the wilderness wandering, and the renewal of the Sinai Covenant for the generation who was to fulfill Israel's destiny in the Promised Land. Open to any adult and material is provided. Contact Pat Webb at 864.419.0467 or [patwebb1010@charter.net](mailto:patwebb1010@charter.net) for more information.

## PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 12/13 September

Catholic University of America  
Capital Improvement Fund  
Support of the Parish

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



## Congratulations to

Smith David Weaver who was baptized last weekend.

Gabrielle Boehman and Vann Lucas who were married last weekend.

## Stock Donations to St Mary's Church

Consider a gift of appreciated stock for your annual giving. This method can offer significant tax benefits while providing crucial support to our parish. For more information on how to give stock and updated transfer instructions, please contact Jennifer Anderson at [jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org). Please note that we no longer use UBS for stock transfers.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us for a new Bible Study in the Monsignor Gwynn room in Sacred Heart Hall at 9.00 am every Sunday beginning 13 September. This year we will dive into St Paul's Captivity Epistles - Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon - examining their theology, structure, and historical context through careful, verse-by-verse study. Open to anyone interested in developing a better relationship with our Lord Jesus by studying His Sacred Scriptures. Bring your bible and a friend! Contact Joe Beauchemin at [josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com](mailto:josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com) for more information.



# The St. Jerome Society

Reading excellent literature in community.

This month we will be reading and discussing...

## *The Sparrow*

by Mary Doria Russel

September 29th, 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Second-floor conference room, Sacred Heart Hall  
The first half hour will be reserved for fellowship and light refreshments.

To learn more and subscribe to the newsletter, please visit  
[stjeromesociety.substack.com](http://stjeromesociety.substack.com)

St. Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC



# REMEMBER the Moments.

# RECOGNIZE the Grace.

A MONTHLY GATHERING FOR ADULT WOMEN

Come slow down, connect, and create as we reflect on the stories, moments, and memories that make up our lives—and discover how God is present in the everyday.

No scrapbooking experience needed!

THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

BISHOP ENGLAND CONFERENCE ROOM  
SACRED HEART HALL

FELLOWSHIP  
FAITH  
REFLECTION  
CREATIVITY

Bring your stories. Bring your memories. Come as you are.

CONTACT **Nina Obier** [info@ninaobier.com](mailto:info@ninaobier.com)  
TO REGISTER

ALL ARE WELCOME! We can't wait to share this journey with you!

## SUPPORT ST MARY'S AT THE ANNUAL GALA!

# CITY OF LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.  
MATTHEW 5:14

# Masquerade IN PARIS

6 MARCH 2027  
TEXT "MSGALA2027" TO 76278



Scan to Learn More!

## st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION VIRTUE EXCELLENCE



### Open House Week is October 12-16

Schedule your school tour!  
864.679.4117 [nelle.palms@smcgv.org](mailto:nelle.palms@smcgv.org)

Grades K3-8





Cognia Accredited  
Newman Guide Recommended  
National Blue Ribbon School

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

## Every Sacred Sunday Mass Journal



October is almost here, which means the new journals will be released soon to begin the new liturgical year at Advent. The Mass journal is a beautiful linen hardcover journal containing full Mass readings for each Sunday and Solemnity for Liturgical Year B. It contains space to study the scriptures, record weekly prayer intentions and reflect on the homily.

**We will place a group order for Mass journals, which is cheaper than buying them separate!** Contact parishioner Vori Stinson at [vori.smith@gmail.com](mailto:vori.smith@gmail.com) to place your order or for more information. Please visit <https://everysacredsunday.com/pages/the-journal>.

## Nationwide Mass Times

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

## St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

### Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 15, 22 & 29 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 details.

### St Anne's Stitchery Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry of St Mary's Council of Catholic Women are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first

Monday of each month from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Please contact Maggie Simons at [maggie.simons54@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.simons54@gmail.com) or 612.695.0903.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women Presents

# BATTLE READY

The Christian life isn't about avoiding battles, it's about learning how to fight them with the weapons God has given us and trusting Him through every twist in the story. You'll leave encouraged, equipped, and reminded that no matter what you're facing, God is not finished writing your story.



## FALL Women's RETREAT

**Carolina Marelli**

Our keynote speaker, Carolina Marelli, helps women discover that God is faithful - even in life's hardest seasons. Through personal stories, scripture-backed teaching, and wisdom gleaned through fire, she teaches women of all ages how to deepen their faith, embrace their purpose, and walk confidently in God's promises. Carolina has been a keynote speaker for almost two decades, and has been a featured speaker on the TEDx stage, EWTN, radio shows, and numerous podcasts.

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 17**

**8:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Cost \$25**

**Breakfast & Lunch included**

**Holy Mass to begin retreat**

**Two powerful talks**

**Join Us!**

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

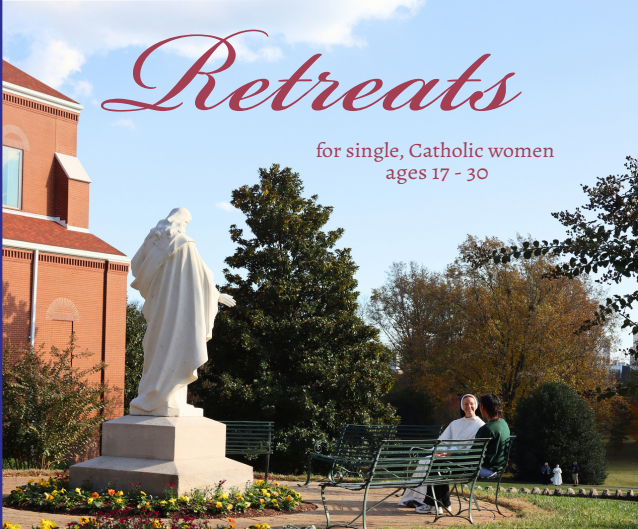
**111 Hampton Ave.  
Greenville, SC 29601**

[Click here to Register!](#)

*Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia*  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

# Retreats

for single, Catholic women  
ages 17 - 30



## AT THE MOTHERHOUSE

**Jesu Caritas**  
Oct. 2-4, 2026  
Feb. 12-14, 2027

**Vocation Discernment**  
Nov. 5-8, 2026  
Jan. 7-10, 2027  
Mar. 4-7, 2027

## REGIONAL DISCERNMENT DAYS



Scan for dates and locations

For more information, contact [vocation@op-tn.org](mailto:vocation@op-tn.org) or 615-256-0147  
[www.nashvilledominican.org](http://www.nashvilledominican.org)



## Little Flowers • GIRLS' CLUB •

A Catholic club for elementary-aged girls and their mothers, inspired by St. Therese and the *Little Way*.

We help girls grow in faith and virtue through the lives of the saints, Sacred Scripture, prayer, crafts, service projects, and meaningful friendships.



We meet the first and third Thursdays of the month at 3.15pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Contact Laura Nelson at [littleflowers.smcgv1@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowers.smcgv1@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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**



**Fidelis is back this fall!**

Fidelis is a program for young girls and women ages 12 and up which focuses on growing in faith, virtue, and sisterhood through carefully crafted lessons, community, mentorship

and service. We meet on Monday evenings for prayer, dinner, games, lessons, and group discussions. At St Mary's we work closely with the Council of Catholic Women for service project opportunities and to develop better relationships between the different generations of incredible women in this parish and our community in general.

Our first of four weekly program introductory meetings is Monday 14 September at 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

For more information about our chapter, contact Cristina Ortiz at [FidelisStMarys@gmail.com](mailto:FidelisStMarys@gmail.com). Visit <https://www.fidelissisterhood.org> to learn more about Fidelis.

# Youth Ministries

## High School Youth Group

St Mary's High School Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6.00 pm in Pazdan Hall. All high school youth and 8th graders who have been confirmed are welcome. Contact Chris Ortiz at [chris.ortiz@smcgv1.org](mailto:chris.ortiz@smcgv1.org) for more information.

## Fraternus at St Mary's

Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for men ages 12 and up. We meet every Monday at 6.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. Contact [stmarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.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. Register by Sunday 27 September at <https://smcgv1.org/church-league-basketball-program/>.

## WELCOME PACK 521

**St Mary's Cub Scouts meet every  
other Monday from 6:30-7:30pm in  
McGrady Hall (Church Undercroft)**



All boys in K5 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

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



# St Mary's Religious Education



For More Information  
Contact Linda Jackson  
[linda.jackson@smcgv.org](mailto:linda.jackson@smcgv.org)  
864.679.4110

## Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.45 pm

Mid August - April

Mandatory Meeting for Confirmation Thursday 17 September at  
6:30 in Gallivan Hall

## Introduction To Catholicism for Youth (ages 14-17)

Classes meet on Wednesday 6.30 - 7.45 pm

## Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds (FULL)

Classes meet on Sundays mornings during the 9.00 am Mass  
September - April

FIRST CLASS THIS WEEK 13 September

# 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 meet on Wednesdays at 6.30 pm in Gallivan Hall.

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) with questions about 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 14 September 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://vocations.charlestdiocese.org>

## 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.



SEPT. 26 | 9-3

**Spend a fun, relaxing day away with your spouse**



*A Better Marriage*  
**RETREAT**

St. Finbar Hall, 900 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC  
<https://tinyurl.com/BetterMarriageSept26>



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Designed by God  
Guided by Love  
Open to Life

**September Introductory Sessions**  
 Sep. 3, 5, 9, 10, 14, 16, 21 and 28  
 Creighton Model FertilityCare System and Sympto Pro

## 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 23 September through 1 November. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> to sign up for local events. Contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Deacon Bob at 828.860.5622 with questions.

**Kickoff Rally** is Tuesday 22 September at 6.30 pm at Christ the King Church (1223 Grove Rd). Guest speaker Megan Pillow, prayers, music, and a light meal. Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and encouragement. Please bring a chair if needed.

# Diocesan News

## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

*"Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel forever." ~Ezekiel 43:7*

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!):

Tuesday 9 am

Wednesday 7 am

Thursday 1 am,\* 2 am\* & 11 am

Saturday 7 pm & 9 pm

## Volunteers Needed

Would you like to support the mission of St Clare's Home? We provide a home for women experiencing crisis pregnancy, and through loving direction, help them gain the life skills needed to support themselves and their children. We are looking for volunteers in our Greenville home with the emphasis on drivers for transporting our residents to classes and appointments. We also welcome additional help with our annual Pink & Blue Gala. We need members for our Gala committee to help make our biggest fundraising event of the year a success. For more information, please contact Colleen Chmiel at [stclaresvolunteer@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:stclaresvolunteer@charlestdiocese.org).



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

*Charleston Pink & Blue Gala*

SEPT **26** 6PM

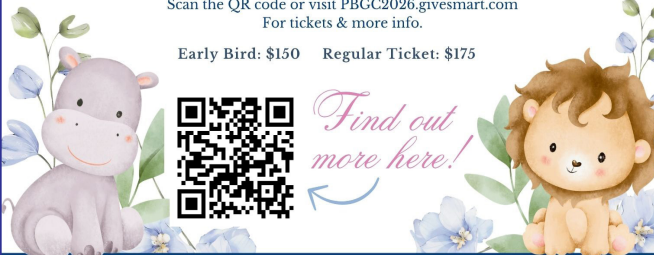
*Charleston Marriott*  
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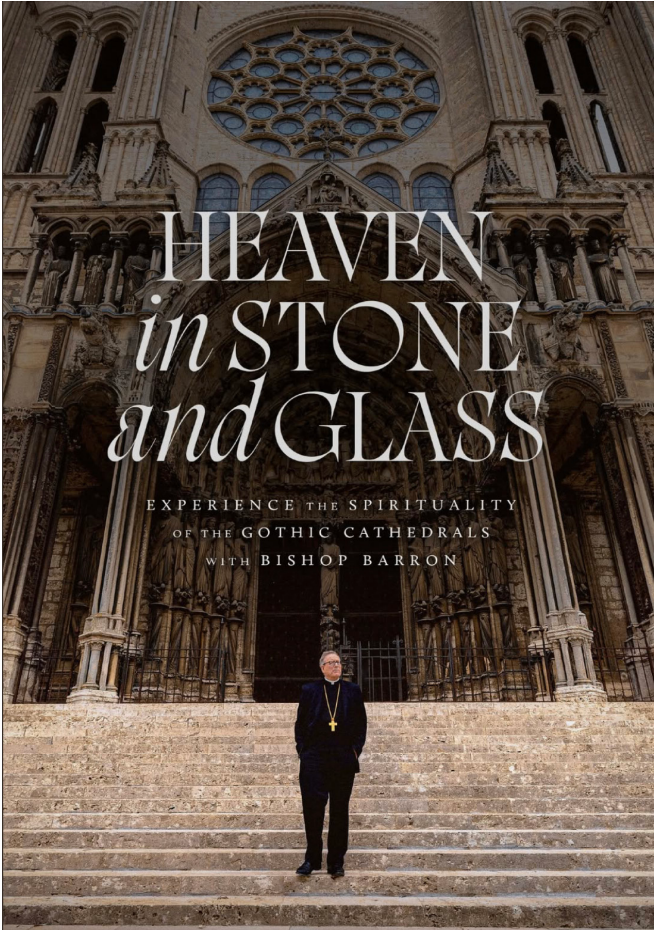


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## THE CARDINAL VIRTUES

*Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church  
1803-1811; 1833-1839*

- A virtue is a firm and habitual disposition to do the good and thereby live the divine life
- There are both human virtues and theological virtues
- Human virtues are acquired by repeating morally good acts, and they are elevated and purified by grace
- The four cardinal virtues are principal, or first, human virtues (the word “cardinal” means “hinge,” and on these virtues hinge the entire virtuous life): prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance
- Prudence is the virtue that disposes reason to know and choose the good the means for achieving it in particular circumstances
- Prudence provides a “rule and measure” for other virtues
- Prudence guides the judgment of conscience
- In prudence one can apply moral principles in specific cases
- The term “justice” can be used to describe a virtue or a state of affairs
- When used to describe a virtue, justice refers to the disposition by which one firmly and consistently wills to give others their due
- When directed toward God, justice is called the “virtue of religion”
- When directed toward human beings, the virtue of justice disposes one to respect the rights of others and promote harmony in human relationships
- Fortitude is the virtue by which one maintains consistency in pursuing the good and firmness in the face of difficulties
- In fortitude, one’s resolve to resist temptations and overcome challenges in the moral life is strengthened
- Fortitude helps one overcome fear, even that of death
- By fortitude one may even sacrifice one’s own life for a just cause
- Temperance is the virtue that moderates attractions and the use of created goods
- Temperance helps the will to master one’s attractions and appetites
- Temperance helps one to order one’s sensitive appetites to the good
- It can also be referred to as “moderation” or “sobriety”



## Feasts & Solemnities

### SEPTEMBER 8: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Church has commemorated Mary’s birth on this day since the sixth century. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception — which commemorates Mary’s conception and preservation from original sin — is celebrated on Dec. 8, nine months prior to this celebration.

### SEPTEMBER 9: ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

St. Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit who traveled to serve Cartagena, in modern day Colombia. This port city was a hub for the Transatlantic slave trade at the time (early 17th century). Claver served the material and spiritual needs of the enslaved peoples, calling himself their “slave.”

### SEPTEMBER 14: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

In the early fourth century, the mother of Constantine — the Roman emperor who had recently legalized Christianity — St. Helena famously journeyed to the Holy Land. While in Jerusalem, she had the original Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher built over the spot believed to be Jesus’ tomb. In the process, a cross believed to be the True Cross were found. Fragments of it subsequently made their way around the world. This day commemorates the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica.

### SEPTEMBER 15: OUR LADY OF SORROWS

On the day after the celebration of the Holy Cross, we remember Jesus’ mother and the suffering she endured, particularly watching the cruel execution of her Son. Mary’s endurance of suffering makes her a fitting intercessor for any suffering we experience.

### SEPTEMBER 21: ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Prior to his calling (see Mt 9:9-13), St. Matthew was a tax collector, a famously despised occupation in first century Judea. Its association with the ruling foreign powers led to suspicion and corruption. Matthew immediately responds to Jesus’ call (“Follow me”) and ultimately writes the Gospel that bears his name.

### SEPTEMBER 23: ST. PIO OF PIETRELICINA, PRIEST

St. Padre Pio is one of the most beloved saints of the 20th century. The Franciscan friar’s reputation for holiness, love for the sick and suffering and prayerful intercession, spread around the world during his lifetime. He was given the grace of the stigmata, bearing the holy wounds of Christ’s crucifixion on his hands, feet and side. In 1962, Archbishop Karol Wojtyła of Krakow (now St. John Paul II) wrote to Padre Pio to ask for his prayers for a woman with throat cancer. She was healed within two weeks.

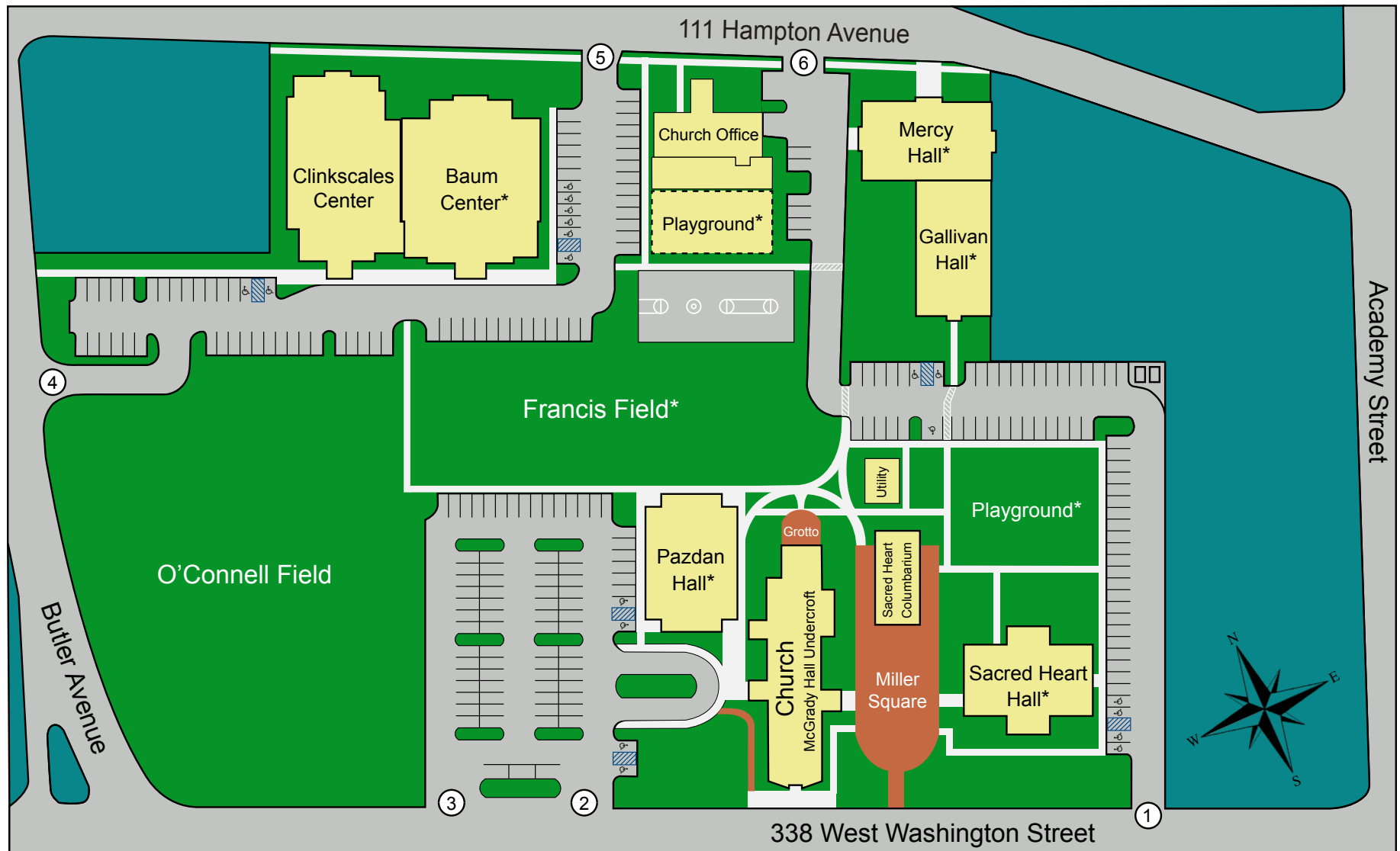
### SEPTEMBER 29: STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

This feast was originally dedicated to St. Michael and called Michaelmas (Michael’s Mass). In 1970, the feasts of Sts. Gabriel and Raphael were joined to it. While there are many angels mentioned in Scripture, we are only given the name of these three. Michael is mentioned in the books of Daniel and Revelation as he battles evil. Gabriel is mentioned in the Book of Daniel and is the messenger to Mary at the Annunciation. Raphael appears in the Book of Tobit as Tobiah’s guide.

## 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.



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