



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

20 September 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “Receiving the Sacraments without receiving the Gospel leads to superstition rather than living faith, and the Church must therefore take great care to ensure that those who receive the Sacraments also receive the Gospel in its integrity and entirety. Consequently, before Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, and Marriage are administered, there must be in those who request these Sacraments clear evidence of knowledge of the Gospel and a serious intention to live the Christian life.”

During the first three hundred years of Christianity, asking to receive a Sacrament of the New Covenant was never done lightly because during most of that time to be a Christian was to be a criminal. When practicing the Christian faith was a crime punishable by horrible penalties, no one asked to receive a Sacrament who was not prepared to live and die as a Christian. But in the middle of the fourth century, those circumstances changed dramatically, and Christianity went from being an outlaw sect to a tolerated minority to the official religion of the Empire in a few short decades. After that, being a European was almost the same thing as being a Christian, and for a thousand years and more the Church could almost assume that anyone who asked for a Sacrament believed in the Gospel and intended to live the Christian life. But that time has long since passed.

Today we live in an age of the “baptized pagan,” meaning someone who was brought to the font as an infant but then never evangelized, never catechized, never taught the truths of the Gospel, never formed for Christian living. These poor souls now number in the tens of millions in our nation alone, and they constitute the larger part of baptized Catholics in most nations of the world. And because of the lack of Christian formation among baptized pagans, the Church must once again look to the sacramental disciplines of the first Christian centuries to shape our answer to those who ask for a Sacrament (like the Baptism of a child or Marriage) without giving any evidence of a serious intention to practice the Catholic faith by (at a bare minimum) going to Mass each Sunday.

The Sacraments are not a reward for being good Catholics; they are, rather, the means of grace that change us and give us strength to become holy. But to administer the Sacraments to those who give no evidence of faith and who do not seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus is a sacrilegious fraud, and this must stop. Following the Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism has immediate and profound consequences for the pastoral practice of a parish, and it is here perhaps more than anywhere else that cultural, cafeteria, and casual Catholicism collide with Evangelical Catholicism. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe, and the Sacraments are for those who believe the Gospel.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 20 September

7.30 am	Joshua Keaton
9.00 am	Fr Augustine Wilmeth, OSB
11.00 am	Pro Populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 21 September

7.00 am	† Patricia Parilli
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Tuesday 22 September

7.00 am	Tyler & Samantha Jensen
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Wednesday 23 September

7.00 am	Zach & Heather Mullin
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Thursday 24 September

7.00 am	† Richard Stephens
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Friday 25 September

7.00 am	† Mary Lou Gourde
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Saturday 26 September

5.00 pm	† Joseph Tupay
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 20 September

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 am Masses (P)	
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (P)

Monday 21 September

6.30 pm	Fidelis
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 22 September

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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Wednesday 23 September

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 24 September

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 25 September

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 26 September

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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Financial Report

Weekend of 12/13 September

Needed	42,750
Received	47,583
Surplus	+ 4,833

Poor Box	613
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	470,250
Received	491,548
Surplus	+ 21,298

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	990,935
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Still to Go	9,065
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2026 Catholic Annual Appeal

Goal	136,725
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Donations Received	137,089
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Over Goal	+ 364
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 12/13 September

5.00 pm	361
7.30 am	352
9.00 am	498
11.00 am	460
1.00 pm	486

Total	2,157
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall C - Clinkscals
Family Center

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

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, 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, James Seaborn.

Wit & Wisdom Bible Study

The Wit & Wisdom Bible Study group meets each Wednesday morning to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday liturgy. We gather after daily Mass in McGrady Hall (church undercroft). The meeting is co-ed and hybrid (in-person and Zoom). The Zoom meeting is from 8.00-9.00 am at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85980245341?pwd=TWZocW5te mFDQlcwQ2I4RWQwREFvUT09>. Contact Bob Markway at Rmarkway@bellsouth.net with questions.

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@smcgvl.org. Please note that we no longer use UBS for stock transfers.

Friday Morning Bible Study

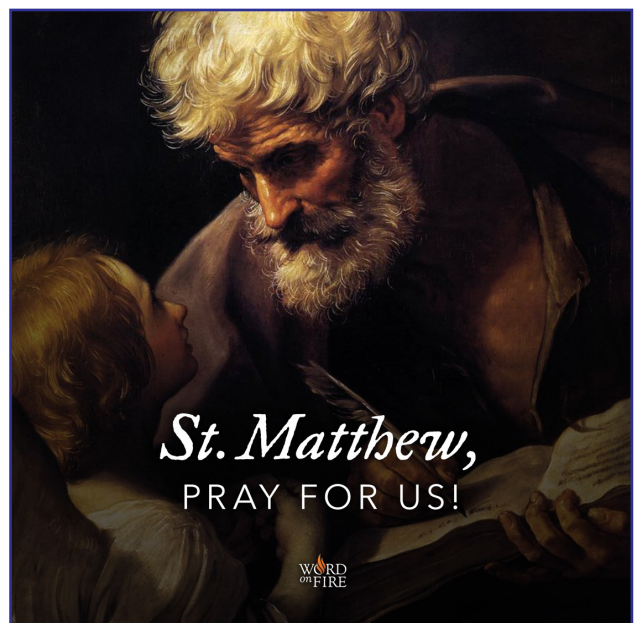
The Friday Morning Bible Study meets Fridays from 9.45 am to 12.00 noon in the Bishop England Room of Sacred Heart Hall (please meet at the SHH parking lot doors at 9.45am for admittance). We pray the Rosary and will continue our study of the Pentateuch with the Book of Deuteronomy, the fifth and final part. Open to any adult and material is provided. Contact Pat Webb at 864.419.0467 or patwebb1010@charter.net for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 19/20 September

Catholic Appeal of SC
Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

Emmaline Powers Coggeshall who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mark & Heidi Dorsett, Michael & Gabrielle Vicas, Frank Turley, Salvador Juarez & Elia Tinajero, Michelle Prudhomme, Jerry Chaparro & Mary Ann Santillan, Thomas Regan, Daniel & Brittanie Logel, Jude Page, Bobby & Joscelyn Cox, Marco Alarcon & Oralia Mendoza, George Dunlap, Juliana Rodriguez, Shelby Lopez Cortez, Steven & Linda Martucci, James Lyerly, Brendan Carpenter, Kenedi Sullivan.

Join us for breakfast after Mass this Sunday in Pazdan Hall!



Knights of Columbus

MSGR CHARLES J. BAUM COUNCIL #13112

Charity • Unity • Fraternity • Patriotism

*Thank You
for joining us!*



Your meal today
does more than fill plates —
*it helps build a
stronger community.*

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Breakfast Prices



*Fellowship Feeds
More Than Us*

We keep our prices low so every family
can enjoy breakfast and fellowship.
If you are able, please consider leaving a little extra.

Every Gift, big or small, helps.

TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE

Thank you for your generosity and for being part of our parish family!

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets on Friday mornings 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. If interested in joining, please contact Peter Mathern (early group) at peter.mathern@gmail.com or 864.363.5658 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

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

ST MARY'S GALA
6 MARCH 2027

*Masquerade
IN PARIS*

Scan to Learn More!

TEXT "MSGALA2027" TO 76278

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 22 & 29 September from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at judyh75@att.net or 864.438.1017 for details.

Daily Mass Readings

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us in the Monsignor Gwynn room in Sacred Heart Hall at 9.00 am every Sunday. 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 for more information.

st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION • VIRTUE • EXCELLENCE



Open House Week is October 12-16

Schedule your school tour!

864.679.4117 nelle.palms@smcgvl.org



Grades
K3-8



✦ Cognia Accredited
✦ Newman Guide
Recommended
✦ National Blue
Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 ✦ smcgvl.org

Every Sacred Sunday Mass Journal



SPRUCE

CEDAR



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. This year's new journal begins the first Sunday of Advent, 29 November and comes in two colors, spruce and cedar (and also makes a great gift).

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 to **place your order by the evening of 7 October**. Please visit <https://everysacredsunday.com/pages/the-journal> to learn more about this beautiful resource.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

<https://masstimes.org>

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC

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

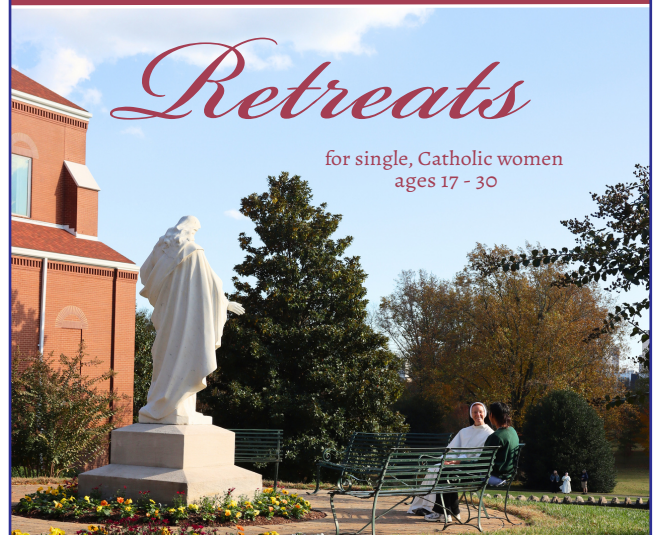
Join Us!

**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 or 615-256-0147
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.smcgvl@gmail.com for more information.

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 5th 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, 864-506-2384

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

Fidelis at St Mary's

Fidelis forms girls heart, mind, body and soul into virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic women. We meet on Mondays at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall for prayer, dinner, games, lessons and group discussions. **The second of four weekly introductory meetings is Monday 21 September.** Contact Cristina Ortiz at fidelisstmarys@gmail.com for more information about our chapter. Learn more about Fidelis at <https://www.fidelissisterhood.org>.

Youth Ministries

Altar Server Training

A training session for all boys and young men who are interested in becoming altar servers at St Mary's is scheduled inside the church for **Monday 28 September at 7.00 pm.** Serving is open to all boys and young men between the age of 10 and college age.

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@smcgvl.org for more information.

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://smcgvl.org/church-league-basketball-program/>.

Knights of Columbus

Catholic Citizenship 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. This year's theme is **"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."** In 500-750 words, explain what this quote from former United States President and Knights of Columbus member John F Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation. Contact John McGrath at mcgrathjohnf@aol.com for an essay contest entry form. **Essay deadline is 9 October.**

Fraternus at St Mary's

Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for men ages 12 and up. We meet every Monday during the school year at 6.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. Contact Chris Ortiz, Commander of the St Mary's Chapter of Fraternus, at stmarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.com.



St Mary's Religious Education



**For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson
linda.jackson@smcgvf.org
864.679.4110**

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.45 pm

Mid August - April

PREVENTION EDUCATION Class this week at 6:00 pm

If you want to OPT out of this please submit an Opt out form

Confirmation Retreat this week on Friday 25 September

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**

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://smcgvf.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> for more information.

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvf.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.

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 Tuesday 15 December at 6.30 pm.** Contact Patrick Ford at 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.

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.

Diocesan News

PERPETUAL Eucharistic 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

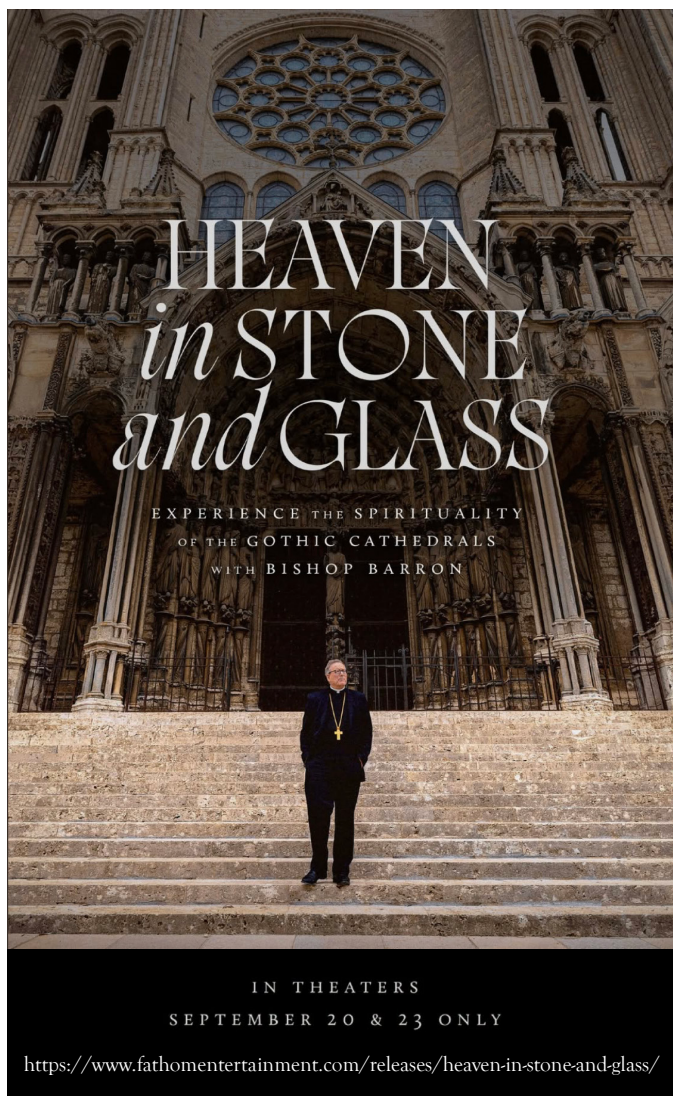
To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Tuesday 9 am

Wednesday 7 am

Thursday 1 am,* 2 am* & 11 am

Saturday 7 pm & 9 pm



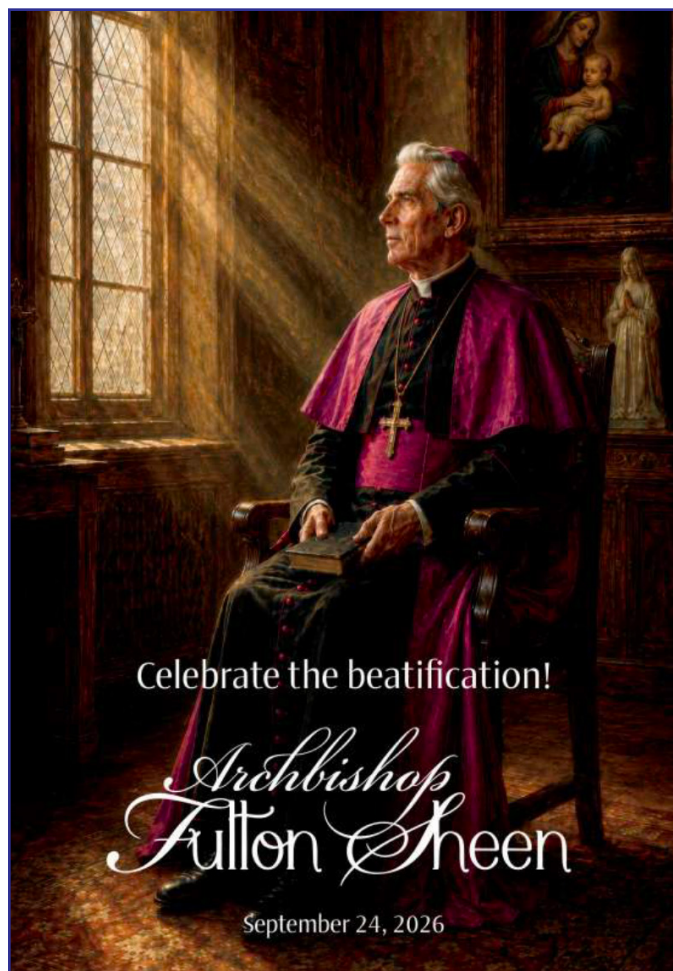
40 Days for Life



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.



September 2026

VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY



September | Fall Faith Opportunities

Participate in one faith formation opportunity offered by your parish or by the diocese.

charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis



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 PIETRELCINA, 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.

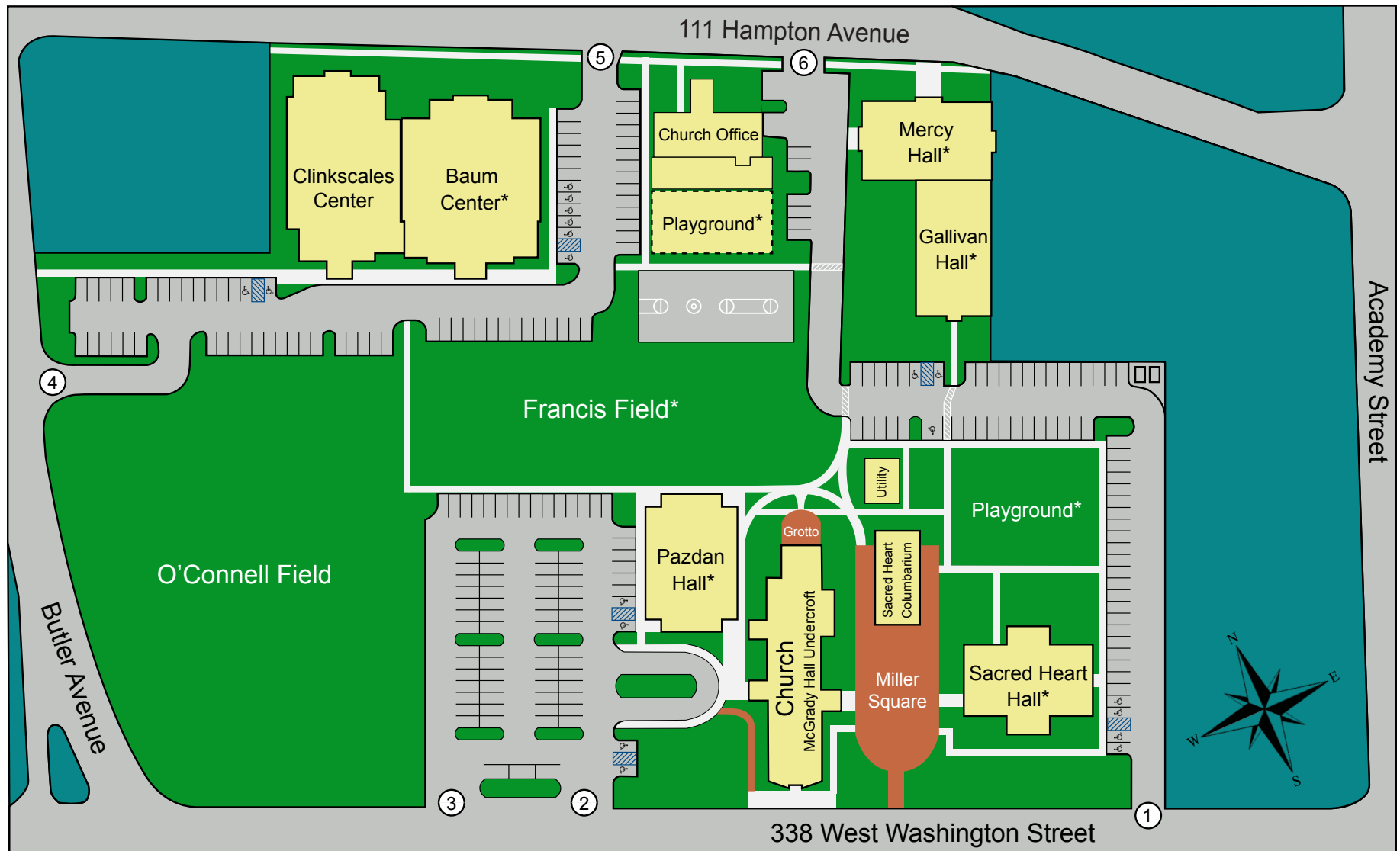
SEPTEMBER 29: STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

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.



*No access during school hours.

The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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Diocesan Chancellor
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Father Jonathan Duncan
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's Church
Bon Secours Director of Mission
fatherduncan@smcgvl.org

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