



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

27 September 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Seventh Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “Being a follower of Christ requires moving from being a Church member by convention to a Christian disciple by conviction. This transformation demands that we consciously accept the Gospel as the measure of our entire lives, rather than attempting to measure the Gospel by our experience. Personal knowledge of and devotion to Sacred Scripture is necessary for this transformation to occur through the obedience of faith, and there is no substitute for personal knowledge of the Bible. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

Do you read the Bible at home? Do you consult a Bible dictionary or commentary to help guide your reading? Do you set aside time even once each week to pray with Holy Scripture? Can you recite any verses of Scripture from memory? Do you know that the Catholic Church teaches that every word in the Bible is inspired by God and contains no errors in matters of faith and morals? Do you believe this to be true? If not, do you understand that you are not in full communion with the Catholic Church? These questions help focus our attention on some of the practical consequences of the Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism. Even those who desire to surrender their entire lives to the Lord Jesus in the obedience of faith cannot do this unless they read, believe, and reverence the Bible, because as Saint Jerome (who first translated the entire Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin) teaches us: Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.

The Second Vatican Council devoted one of its sixteen documents to the subject of divine revelation, and it explores the relationships among Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium of the Church. This document is called *Dei Verbum* (Latin for “The Word of God”) and is known in English as *The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*. *Dei Verbum* is only a few pages in length and is available online. I heartily encourage all Catholics to study *Dei Verbum* as a means to understanding why there is no substitute for personal knowledge of the Bible.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3.16) “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4.12) The devout reading of Holy Scripture does much more than teach us; it changes us. Reading Holy Scripture changes us in a way that no other form of reading can because when we open the Sacred Page with faith, the Lord speaks to us a word of grace and power unto repentance, conversion, and everlasting life. Immerse yourself in Holy Scripture, and in the Word of God you will come to know, love, and serve ever more perfectly the Word Made Flesh: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 27 September

7.30 am	Ana Maria Restrepo
9.00 am	Bennett Lesley
11.00 am	Pro Populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 28 September

7.00 am	Gerald Knight
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Tuesday 29 September

7.00 am	Corbin & Hillary Buchholz
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Wednesday 30 September

7.00 am	Bobby & Amanda Gourde
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Thursday 1 October

7.00 am	Atticus Mullin
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Friday 2 October

7.00 am	† PJ Schiller
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Saturday 3 October

5.00 pm	Emmett Jensen
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 27 September

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

Monday 28 September

6.30 pm	Fidelis
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
6.30 pm	Cub Scouts
7.00 pm	Altar Server Training

Tuesday 29 September

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
6.30 pm	St Jerome Society

Wednesday 30 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 1 October

3.00 pm	Little Flowers
7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration

Friday 2 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 3 October

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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Financial Report

Weekend of 19/20 September

Needed	42,750
Received	44,077
Surplus	+ 1,327

Poor Box	930
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	513,000
Received	535,625
Surplus	+ 22,625

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	999,227
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Still to Go	773
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2026 Catholic Annual Appeal

Goal	136,725
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Donations Received	137,906
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Over Goal	+ 1,181
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 19/20 September

5.00 pm	336
7.30 am	391
9.00 am	507
11.00 am	458
1.00 pm	460

Total	2,152
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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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Gerring, 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, 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.

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 26/27 September

Support of the Parish

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



St. Michael the Archangel,
DEFEND US IN BATTLE,
BE OUR PROTECTION
AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS
AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL.
MAY GOD REBUKE HIM WE
HUMBLY PRAY; AND DO
THOU, O PRINCE OF THE
HEAVENLY HOST, BY THE
POWER OF GOD, CAST INTO
HELL SATAN AND ALL THE
EVIL SPIRITS WHO PROWL
ABOUT THE WORLD SEEKING
THE RUIN OF SOULS.

- Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Daily Mass Readings

Please visit <https://bible.usccb.org>

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ronald White, Roberto Guerra Gallegos & Meraly Velazquez, Annie Arneman, Matthew & Kaleigh Porcelli, Jose Prestegui Velazco & Dulce Ramirez Isidor, Juan Celis, Patrick McCarthy, Jasmine Nabor Galindo, Giselle Nabor, Ramiro Nabor, Keith & Terry Tate, Colin Eckerman, Paul & Seema Gallagher, Jahaira Sanchez, Witt Compton, Michael & Terri Sue Monark, Katelyn Moore.

Choral Evensong Celebration

The choirs of St Mary's will join the music ministry of Christ Church for a combined Choral Evensong to celebrate the Feast of St Michael and All Angels at 5.00 pm on Sunday 4 October at Christ Church. Fr Newman will preach a homily. All are invited to join us for this evening service of prayer and music.

Women of Grace Bible Study

Women of Grace Bible Study will meet Sunday 11 October and Sunday 18 October at 6.00 pm. We will resume our normal schedule in November of meeting the first and third Sunday of each month at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@smcgvl.org for more information.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 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.

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.



Announcing a St. Mary's Church

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY



DINNER



New to St. Mary's?

*Want to visit with fellow parishioners,
make new friends, and build community?*

Join this fun, casual event!

6PM - 9PM

Saturday, October 17, 2026

In Pazdan Hall after the 5:00 pm Mass

Activity Theme

MESSENGERS AND MYSTICS

Dinners offer a wonderful opportunity for **adults** to **meet** fellow parishioners, **share** a meal, and **cultivate** new friendships!

Those who attend are asked to bring a dish to share that will **serve 8-10**, and if you wish, bring your favorite adult beverage. Coffee and tea are provided.

Plan attend or get on the mailing list for future dinners?

Please contact

Cody Smolik

1cs1cs@gmail.com

RSVP by Oct. 14 - Appreciated but not required.

Food drop-off is available at 4:45 pm for those attending Mass.

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

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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

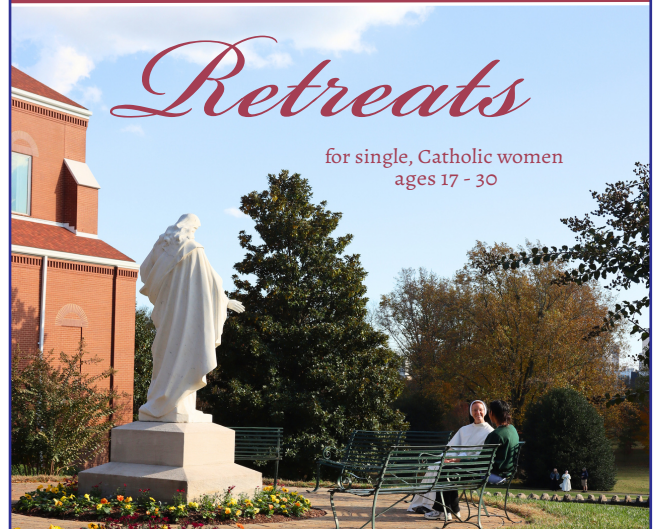
Join Us!

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.smcgv1@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 third of four weekly introductory meetings is Monday 28 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@smcgv1.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://smcgv1.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@smcgvvl.org
864.679.4110**

Religious Education Grades 1-8

**Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.45 pm
Mid August - April**

**PREVENTION EDUCATION MAKEUP DATE is 30 September
at 6:00 pm; before RE classes**

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

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvvl.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.



You Are Invited

To celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, marking the 800th anniversary of his death, the Secular Franciscans invite you to the Transitus after the 5 pm Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, Saturday, October 3rd. This brief service recalls Francis's last moments before his new birthday to the heavenly kingdom on the vigil of his feast day. A reception will follow in Guadalupe Hall for finger foods, desserts, fellowship--and to honor an extraordinary saint who rebuilt the Church on the foundation of his great humility!



FATHER/SON RETREAT

OCTOBER 16-17

FEATURING THE
CHANGES AND CHALLENGES PROGRAM



TARGET AGE: 5TH-7TH GRADE BOYS & DADS.
REGISTRATION, COSTS, & DETAILS:
[HTTPS://FAMILYHONOR.ORG/CHANGES-AND-CHALLENGES-FATHER-SON](https://familyhonor.org/changes-and-challenges-father-son)

Come Spend Time Having Fun and Learning Together.



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
Designed by God
Guided by Love
Open to Life

October Introductory Sessions
Oct. 1, 3, 5, 8, 12, 19, 21 and 26
Creighton Model FertilityCare System and Sympto Pro



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 or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Wednesday 12 pm*

Thursday 2 am*

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.

Life Chain Sunday 4 October from 2.30 to 3.30 pm, Woodruff Road, Greenville, 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. Life Chain guidelines request that we use approved signs and stand at least 10 feet apart. Call or text Ingrid at 864.991.5873 for sign pickup information and other questions.

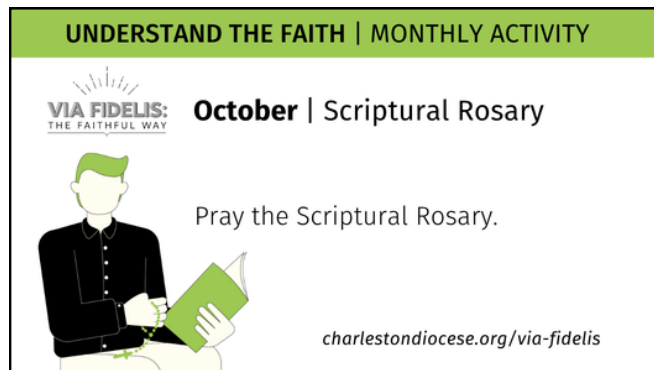
Rosaries for Life Pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, for the conversion of our society, and for an end to other assaults on human Life. Email your count each week to familylife@charlestdiocese.org.

October 2026

VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis



THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1812-1829; 1840-1844

- The theological virtues come from God and are “infused” into humans as a gift of sanctifying grace
- The theological virtues are directed towards God; they give one the capacity to live in relationship to the Trinity, making the meriting of eternal life possible
- The theological virtues are the pledge of the Holy Spirit’s presence and action in human faculties
- The human virtues are rooted in the theological virtues, and, therefore, the theological virtues are the foundation of Christian morality
- Faith is the theological virtue which disposes one to believe God and all he has revealed as well as all that the Church presents to us to be believed
- Faith is rooted in the fact the God is Truth itself
- In faith, one commits the whole self to God
- In faith, one strives to know and do God’s will
- Hope is the theological virtue that disposes one towards the desire for heaven and eternal life with God
- Hope is the trust in the promises of Christ rather than trust in one’s own strength
- Christian hope fulfills the hopes of God’s people in the promises of the Old Testament
- The Christian hopes for “final endurance” and the Church prays, in hope, for the salvation of all humanity
- Charity is the theological virtue that disposes one to love God above all things and one’s neighbor as oneself for the sake of this love of God
- Charity is the new commandment given by Jesus (Jn 13:34)
- Charity animates and inspires the practice of all the virtues
- Charity perfects our human ability to love by supernatural divine love



Feasts & Solemnities

OCTOBER 1: ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

St. Thérèse of Lisieux is one of the most beloved saints because of her simple, yet profound spirituality. At 15, when Thérèse expressed the desire to enter the convent like her older sisters, she was told to come back when she was 21. The priest-director told her that only the bishop could make an exception. To his surprise, she actually made her petition to the bishop, who granted her request.

OCTOBER 3: THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

This celebration of the Guardian Angels commemorates that God entrusts each and every one of us to the care of one of his angels. It reminds us of the depth of God’s love, not only for humanity in general, but for each of us individually. This individualized care is reflected in Jesus’ words in Matthew’s Gospel preceding the parable of the lost sheep: “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (18:10).

OCTOBER 4: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Francis’ feast day is technically classified as a “memorial” and is not observed liturgically this year because it falls on a Sunday. Yet, this year marks the 800th anniversary of his death (Oct. 3, 1226). In response, Pope Leo XIV has asked us all to focus on imitating St. Francis’ example of holiness and peace, proclaiming a special jubilee year to commemorate the occasion.

OCTOBER 7: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

This feast day was originally called “Our Lady of Victory” by St. Pius V, as it commemorated the victory of a Catholic coalition over the Ottoman Turks at the naval battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571. Because this victory was attributed to the intercession of Mary through praying the rosary, in 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to “Our Lady of the Rosary.”

OCTOBER 15: ST. TERESA OF JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

St. Teresa of Avila (Santa Teresa de Jesús) is beloved as a spiritual writer and reformer of the Carmelites. Her mystical writings give clear glimpses into the intimacy with which God loves, and to the beauty of being united to him. In 1970, St. Teresa and St. Catherine of Siena were together named the first female “doctors of the Church” for making significant contributions to the Christian life and the understanding of the faith.

OCTOBER 19: STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, and their companions, were the first martyrs in the Americas to be recognized officially by the Church. These Jesuit missionaries served in Quebec and ministered to the Huron people. They were martyred over a period of a few years by the Iroquois, who were frequently at war with the Huron. The missionaries’ enthusiasm for the Gospel and love for those they served in the Huron people are an example of Christ’s love for his Church.

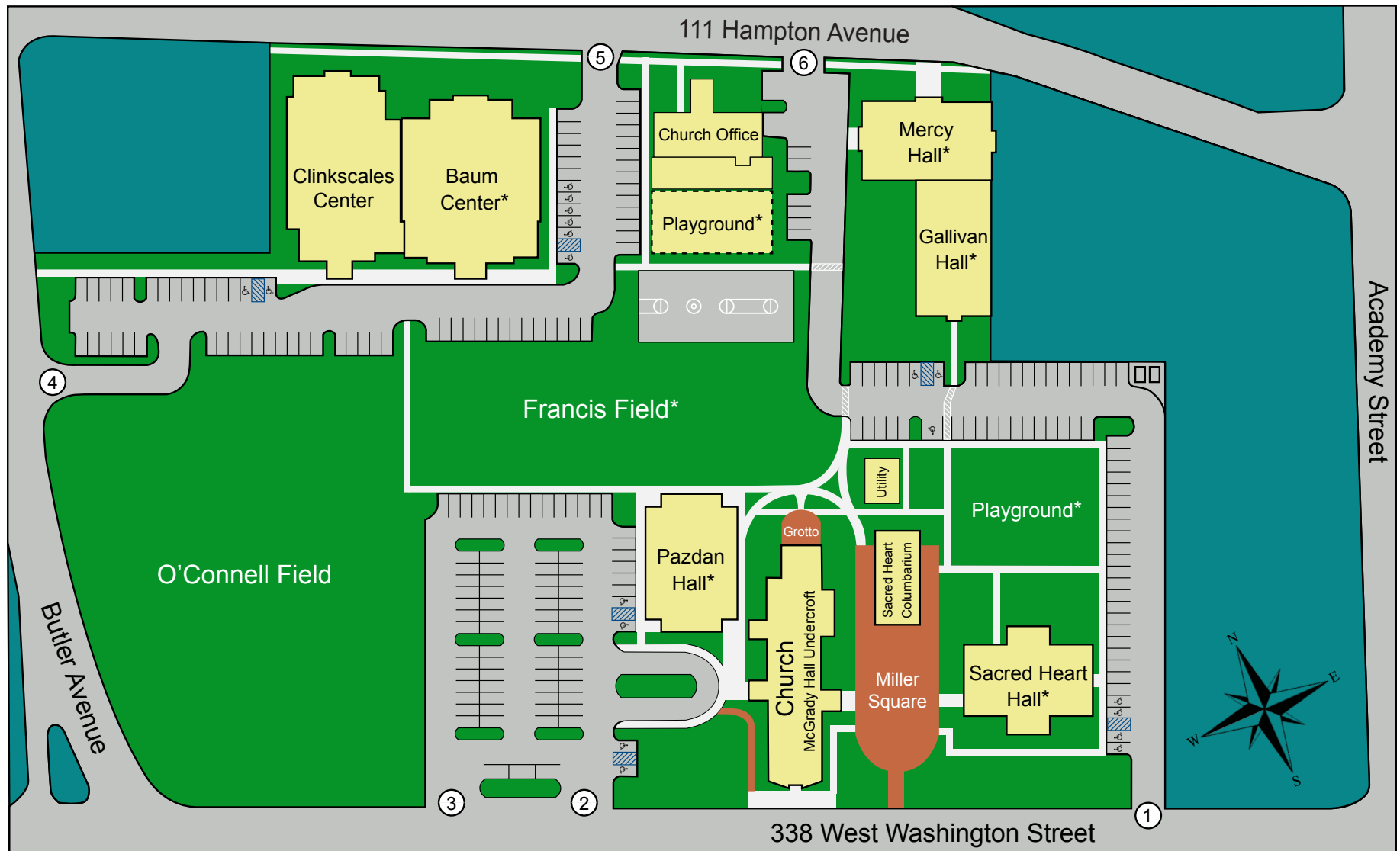
OCTOBER 28: STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

These two apostles whom we commemorate share an interesting commonality: they both have the same name as other apostles. To distinguish him from Simon (who Christ renamed St. Peter), St. Simon is sometimes referred to as the “zealot” in Scripture, which points to a possible prior connection with a first century Jewish movement for independence from the Romans. St. Jude’s name is often shortened to Jude in English to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot. St. Jude is called Thaddeus in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, while Luke calls him Jude (Judas). John refers to him once as “Judas, not the Iscariot” (Jn 14:22).

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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