



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

4 October 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Eighth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “All the baptized are sent in the Great Commission to be witnesses of Christ to others and must be equipped by the Church to teach the Gospel in word and deed. An essential dimension of true discipleship is the willingness to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and the readiness to explain his Gospel.”

As he returned to his Father’s glory, the Lord Jesus gave these last instructions to his Church: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28.18-20) This command is known as the Great Commission, and all who fulfill this task are missionaries. But we must not think of missionaries only as priests and religious who travel to distant lands to preach the Gospel to those who have never heard of the Lord Jesus. The mission field is everywhere, and everyone baptized into the death and Resurrection of Christ is a missionary. Your home, your family, your neighborhood, your school, your work place, your clubs and circles of friends, your political activities, your places of play and recreation: all of these are mission territory, and you are a missionary.

Compared to our Protestant brethren, Catholics have historically been considered very quiet Christians; most of us would rather live our religion than talk about it, and the idea of actually explaining our faith to others and then inviting them to follow the Lord Jesus in the Catholic Church is something that usually provokes either nervous laughter or blind terror. But this odd reticence to talk about the Gospel is not of the Church’s design or making; it is in part an unintended consequence of the division of labor in the Church, with clergy and religious on one side of the divide and the lay faithful on the other. But the Great Commission is given to all who are baptized, not just to priests and religious, and so the privilege and duty of making disciples of all nations falls to every Christian of every age without a single exception. You are a missionary.

In the first seven principles of Evangelical Catholicism, we have seen that our lives must be Christ-centered and that this is possible only when we live in the Church, sustained by her sacraments and nourished by her teaching. Now in this eighth and final principle we see that the life of grace is not given to us for our own sake, but for the sake of those to whom we are sent as witnesses. To be a disciple of Christ demands that we be willing at all times to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and be ready to explain his Gospel. At our Baptism, the Lord Jesus called each of us by name to follow him in the Way of the Cross. May we heed that call by living as Evangelical Catholics who bear witness to the Savior through radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 4 October

7.30 am	Conrad Mullin
9.00 am	† Mary Otts
11.00 am	Pro Populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 5 October

7.00 am	† Gary Anthony Shelley
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Tuesday 6 October

7.00 am	† Manuel & Emily Gomes
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Wednesday 7 October

7.00 am	Mary Anne Wylie
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Thursday 8 October

7.00 am	Alycia Nielsen
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Friday 9 October

7.00 am	Bob & Debbie Devereaux
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Saturday 10 October

5.00 pm	† Danny Kutej
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 4 October

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

Monday 5 October

1.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery
6.30 pm	Fidelis
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 6 October

Wednesday 7 October

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 8 October

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 9 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 10 October

3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
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Financial Report

Weekend of 26/27 September

Needed	42,750
Received	43,387
Surplus	+ 637

Poor Box	423
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	555,750
Received	579,012
Surplus	+ 23,262

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	1,008,054
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Over Goal	+ 8,054
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2026 Catholic Annual Appeal

Goal	136,725
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Donations Received	139,799
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Over Goal	+ 3,074
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 26/27 September

5.00 pm	364
7.30 am	390
9.00 am	459
11.00 am	426
1.00 pm	442

Total	2,081
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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

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday 28 October.

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.

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.

Congratulations to

Peter Joseph Zavala who was baptized last weekend.

Stock Donations to St Mary's Church

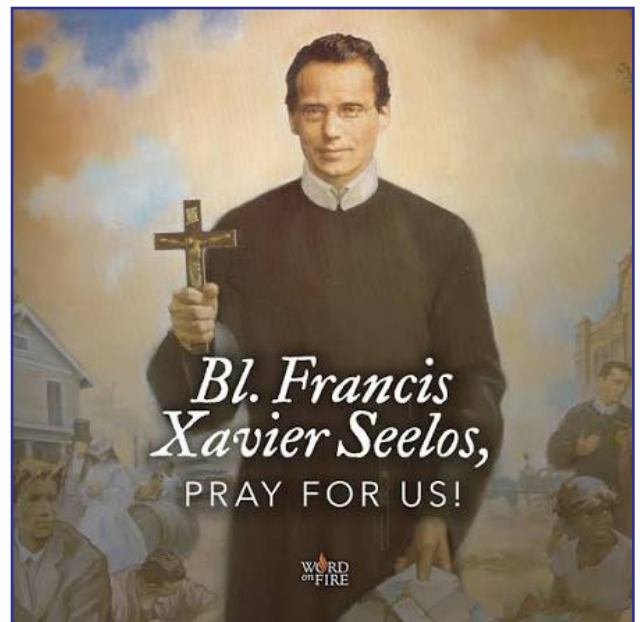
Consider a gift of appreciated stock for your annual giving. This method can offer significant tax benefits while providing crucial support to our parish. For more information on how to give stock and updated transfer instructions, please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org. Please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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 3/4 October

Support of the Parish

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



All Souls Day Envelopes

Monday 2 November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day. On that day we pray for the souls of the just who are being prepared for the glorious vision of God, and in your stewardship envelopes you'll find an envelope for All Souls Day with lines on one side for writing the names of your beloved dead whom you would like remembered at the altar during November. Please complete that envelope and drop it in any collection during October.



Please join us for coffee, doughnuts & fellowship in Pazdan Hall dining room after the 9.00 am Mass.

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 or 612.695.0903.

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@smcgv.org for more information.

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

Trivia Theme

MESENTERS AND MYSTICS

Dinners offer an opportunity for adults to meet fellow parishioners, share a meal, and cultivate new friendships! Please 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 to attend or get on the mailing list for future dinners?
Please contact

Cody Smolik

1cs.1cs@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@smcgv.org



Grades
K3-8



✦ Cognia Accredited

✦ Newman Guide

Recommended

✦ National Blue

Ribbon School



101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 ✦ smcgv.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...

Dracula
by Bram Stoker

October 27th, 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
stjermosesociety.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**

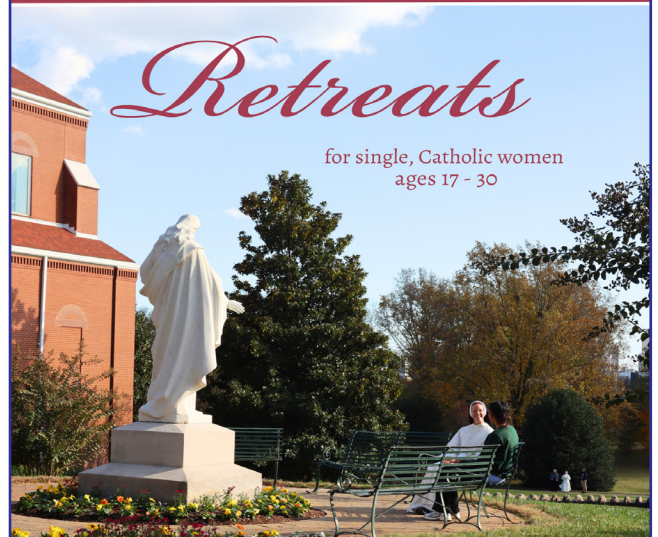
**111 Hampton Ave.
Greenville, SC 29601**

[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

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 for more information.

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 stmarysgv1.fraternus@gmail.com.

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.**

Christmas Poster Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 is holding the Knights of Columbus *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest at St Mary's Parish. The contest is for boys and girls in Grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. The posters must be 11" x 17" and include a slogan, visual image and completed entry form. Contact John McGrath at mcgrathjohnf@aol.com for an poster contest entry form. **Poster deadline is 2 November.**



**ST. MARY'S
LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS' CLUB**
Growing holier, one virtue at a time

Little Flowers Girls' Club® is a Catholic program for girls in K5 - 5th grades and their mothers inspired by St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her "Little Way."

Through the lives of the saints, Sacred Scripture, prayer, crafts, service, and meaningful friendships, girls grow in virtue and deepen their Catholic faith while earning flower-shaped virtue badges.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 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 final introductory meeting is Monday 5 October.** Contact Cristina Ortiz at fidelissstmarys@gmail.com for more information about our chapter. Learn more about Fidelis at <https://www.fidelissisterhood.org>.

Saint Mary's Council of Catholic Women

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Pre-Order Now for 2026!

✦ PICK UP

Bake Sale in Pazdan Hall:

Saturday 5 December

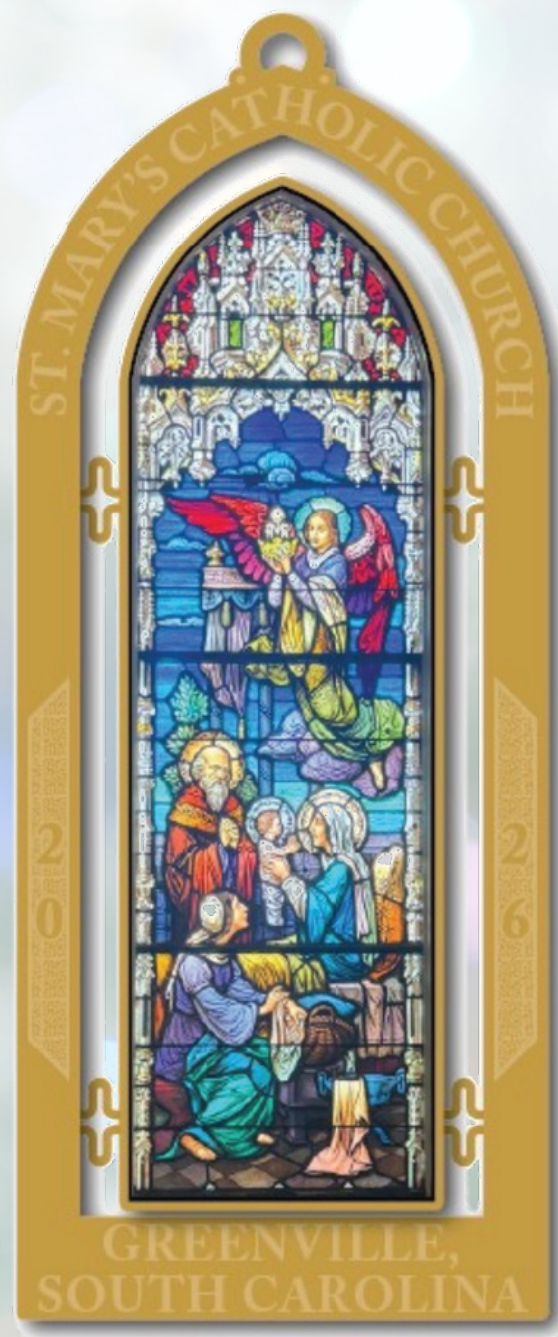
5.30 - 7.00 pm

Sunday 6 December

8.00 am - 1.00 pm

**✦ Retired ornaments also
available** (Limited quantities)

**Click Here
to Order**



*"Birth of the
Blessed Virgin Mary"*

Questions?
smccwgv1@gmail.com



St Mary's Religious Education



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

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.45 pm

Mid August - April

Monthly Parent Meeting This Week 7 October in McGrady 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

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

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.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!

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*



FATHER/SON RETREAT



OCTOBER 16-17

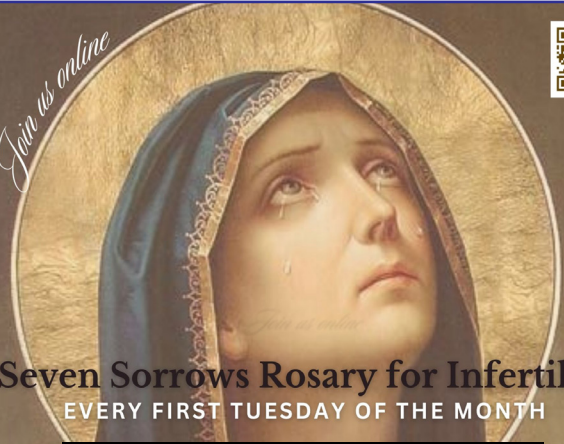
FEATURING THE
CHANGES AND CHALLENGES PROGRAM



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.

Join us online




Seven Sorrows Rosary for Infertility
EVERY FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Tuesday 6 October at 7.30 pm
<https://tinyurl.com/HOPE1stTue>



NATURAL FAMILYPLANNING
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





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

*Living A
Joy-Filled
Marriage*
A Marriage Prep Retreat



Saturday, October 24, 2026
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

St. Finbar Hall, 900 Orange Grove Road, Charleston

\$100/couple
Includes Meals & Materials

Contact Dcn. Gary Ludlam - ludlamg@gmail.com or
the Office of Family Life - familylife@charlestdiocese.org

Register Online:
<https://tinyurl.com/JoyFilledOct2026>



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.

Sidewalk Counseling Training Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org.

40 Days for Life Closing Celebration Sunday 2 November at 3.00 pm at Christ the King Church (1223 Grove Road). Prayer warriors will share testimonies from the current campaign, and then have a Celebration of Life with refreshments and a drawing for door prizes. Bring a chair.

Lay Carmelites

Carmelite spirituality grows in the presence of prayer, community and service. We strive to seek God in silence and in the world. The Servants of Mary and Joseph Lay Carmelite Community will be opening a class for inquirers. If you are interested in learning more please contact Karen Blackwell at kkillian80@gmail.com or Patty Whitlock at frebrd8184@gmail.com for more information.





CFLA 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 8-10 2026
Charleston, South Carolina

All Are Welcome!
Marriage and Family Life Ministers, Clergy,
Diocesan/Parish Leaders, Religious and Laity

Keynote Speakers





MEG HUNTER-KILMER

BISHOP JORGE RODRIGUEZ

SHAUNTI FELDHAHN




JOHN BRAHIER

DEACON TIM LYNCH

REGISTER NOW!

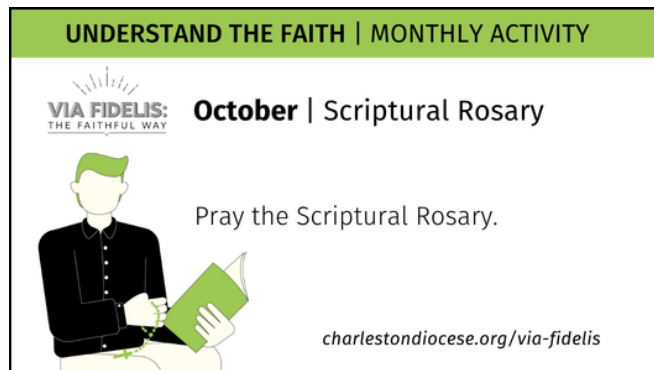
FOR MORE INFORMATION: CFLA.COM/2026-CONFERENCE

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.

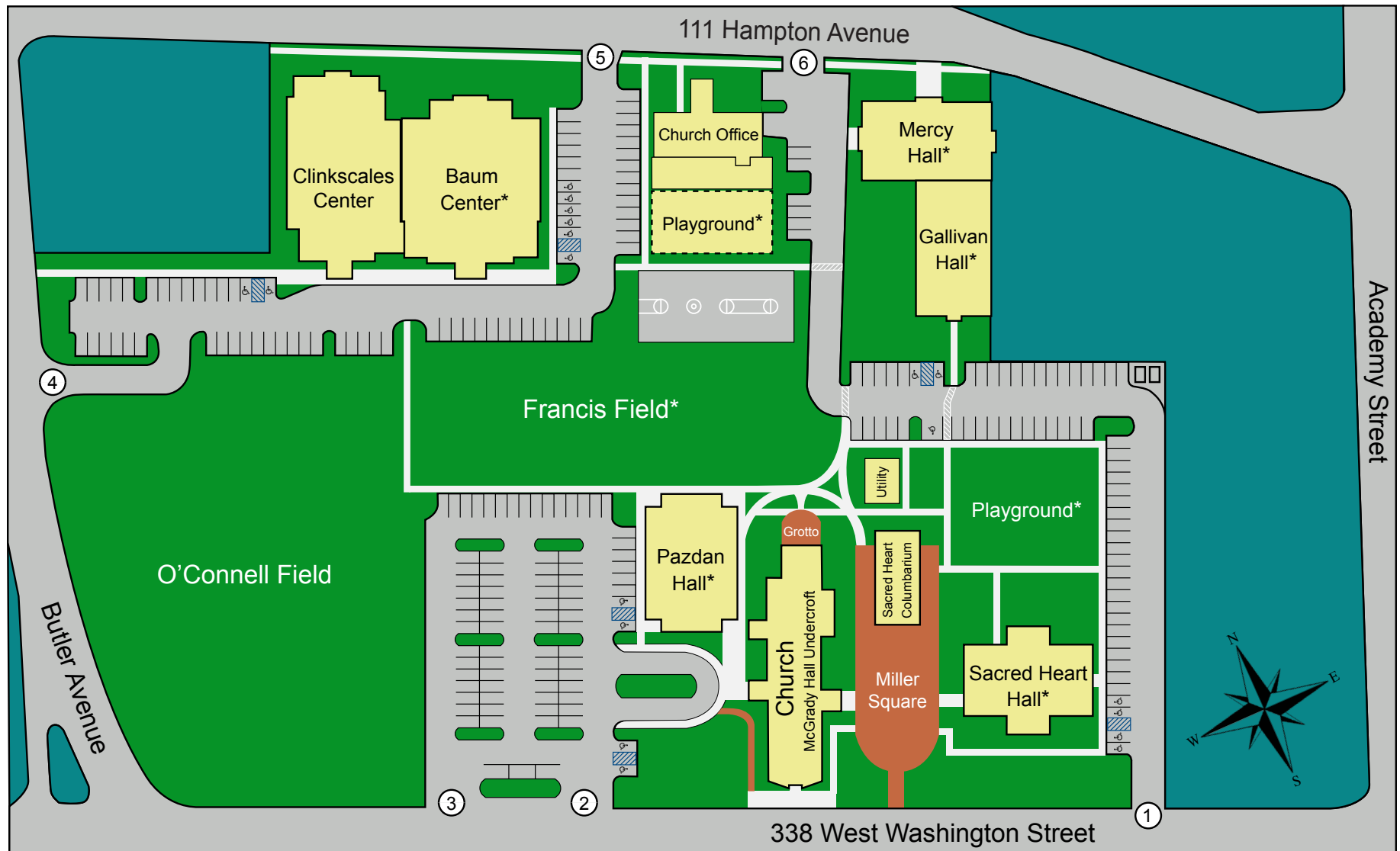
OCTOBER 28: STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

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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