



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

11 October 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

We all keep multiple calendars to mark the passage of time, calendars such as the solar year, the academic year, the athletic year, the fiscal year, etc. And the Church keeps her own calendar: the liturgical year.

Time itself was created by God, who chose to live in time by becoming man to redeem and restore all of creation, including time. In the sacred liturgy we experience the intersection of time as counted on a clock (chronos) with time as the fullness of God's providential plan (kairos), and the liturgical calendar orders the celebration of the sacred mysteries to make past events in salvation history present to us now while pointing to the consummation of all time on the Last Day. The sacred liturgy thus allows us to live each day against the horizon of eternity and see the whole truth of the human story by grace through faith.

These are among the many reasons why the Church invests such effort in the calculation of time and the care of the liturgical calendar, and even the civil calendar followed by most of the world exists because the Catholic Church wanted to be certain about the proper date for the celebration of Easter until the world's ending. So, here are some coming dates in the sacred liturgy of importance to us all:

October 15 is the Feast of Saint Teresa of Avila (which this year marks the 45th anniversary of my conversion to Christ)

October 18 is the Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist (not observed this year because of Sunday)

October 22 is the Feast of Pope Saint John Paul the Great

October 28 is the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints

November 2 is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls' Day

November 10 is the Feast of Pope Saint Leo the Great

November 21 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 22 is the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year

November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent, the Beginning of the Liturgical Year

November 30 is the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas

December 25 is the Solemnity of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age for ever. Amen.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 11 October	
7.30 am	† Kutej Family
9.00 am	Molly Fitzpatrick
11.00 am	Pro Populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass
Monday 12 October	
7.00 am	† Rosemary Schiller
Tuesday 13 October	
7.00 am	† John Robertson
Wednesday 14 October	
7.00 am	Mike & Frances Foley
Thursday 15 October	
7.00 am	Fr Jay Scott Newman
Friday 16 October	
7.00 am	Ludovic Covington
Saturday 17 October	
5.00 pm	† Lorraine Beauchemin

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 11 October	
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (P)
6.00 pm	Women of Grace Bible Study
Monday 12 October	
6.30 pm	Fidelis
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
6.30 pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 13 October	
10.00 am	SMCCW Meeting
Wednesday 14 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 15 October	
3.30 pm	Little Flowers
7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
Friday 16 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 17 October	
8.30 am	SMCCW Fall Retreat
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
6.00 pm	Catholic Fellowship Dinner (P)

Financial Report

Weekend of 3/4 October

Needed	42,750
Received	47,085
Surplus	+ 4,335

Poor Box	831
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	598,500
Received	626,097
Surplus	+ 27,597

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
Donations Received	937,583
Still To Go	62,417

2026 Catholic Annual Appeal

Goal	136,725
Donations Received	145,706
Over Goal	+ 8,981

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 3/4 October

5.00 pm	344
7.30 am	359
9.00 am	426
11.00 am	411
1.00 pm	447

Total	1,987
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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

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, Barbara Fechtel, Susanne Prevost.

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.

Congratulations to

Grant Michael Janicke who was baptized last weekend.

Emily Pinto and Cameron Robinson who were married last weekend.

Stock Donations to St Mary's Church

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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 10/11 October

Capital Improvement Fund
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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Justin Adams, Raymond Blajda, Mary Donald, Christopher Falk, James Fant, Kyle Ferner, Robert & Mary Francis, Kathryn Harmon.

Wit & Wisdom Bible Study

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

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.

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.

SUPPORT ST MARY'S AT THE ANNUAL GALA!

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

Masquerade IN PARIS

6 MARCH 2027
TEXT "MSGALA2027" TO 76278



Scan to Learn More!

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
MESSENGERS 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 K-8** 

Cognia Accredited
Newman Guide Recommended
National Blue Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601  smcgv.org



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Harp & Shamrock Division

Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Irish Catholic men of the Upstate are invited to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, America's oldest Irish Catholic fraternal organization. The Harp & Shamrock Division gathers in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity — serving our priests and parishes, preserving Irish Catholic heritage, and looking after one another. Visitors welcome.

For more information visit

<https://aohgreenvillesc.org>

or contact Bryan Dunleavy
at president@aohgreenvillesc.org

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

October Membership Meeting

All women of the parish are cordially invited

Tuesday, October 13

10 am Rosary / 10:30 am Meeting

Sacred Heart Hall

Our speaker this month is **Cristina Ortiz** who will speak about *Forming Girls into Virtuous Disciples of Christ*.

Requested Donations for Our Ladies Food Pantry:
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Salt & Pepper

Lunch will be served.

Questions? Email us at smccwgv@gmail.com



October Is Respect Life Month



We reflect on the gift of every human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Join Catholics nationwide in praying The Respect Life Novena beginning 22 October at <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena>.

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
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!](#)**

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.



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.

Teen Life Fest

IVF & Euthanasia: The Implications



Dr. Paul LaPenna
Neurologist, Doctor of
Osteopathic Medicine



Kathy Schmugge
Doctor of Theology,
Bioethics/Medical Ethics

Sunday, October 18th
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Clinkscles Family Center

\$10 Donation
to cover costs

Payable via Venmo to
Chris Ortiz
Director of Youth Ministry
St. Mary's Catholic Church



Scan to pay with Venmo

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!**

Knights of Columbus

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.

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. Please contact Cristina Ortiz at fidelisstmarys@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

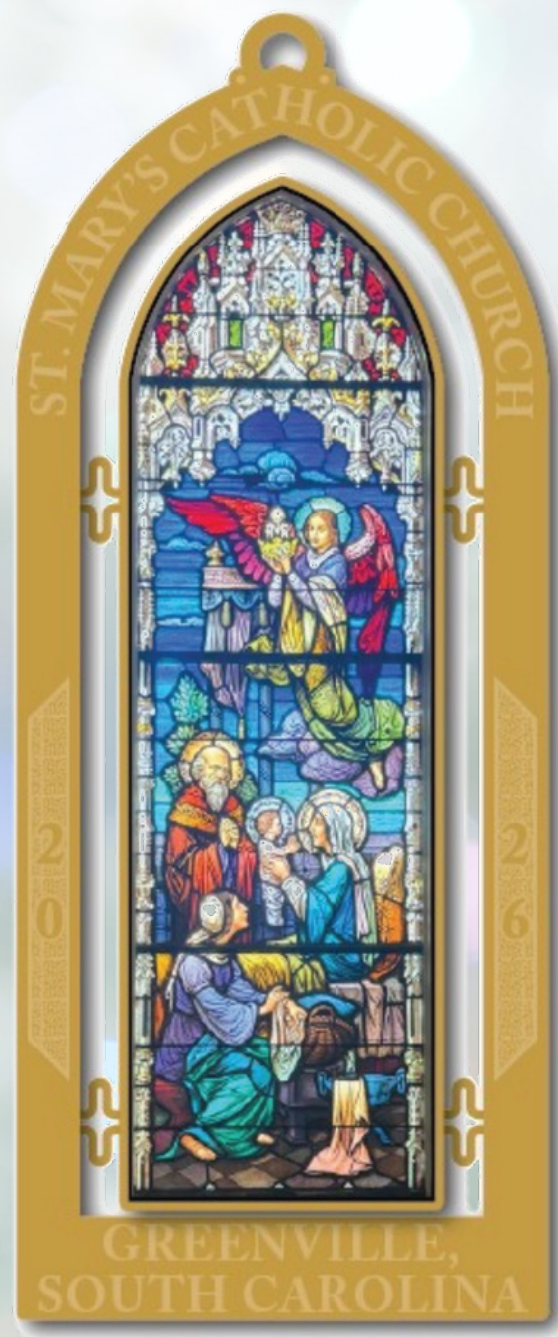
5.30 - 7.00 pm

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

Next Monthly Parent Meeting 4 November 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.

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.

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@charlestandiocese.org.

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.

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*

Daily Mass Readings

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

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.

FAMILY HONOR
INC.
SUPPORTING PARENTS | PROMOTING VIRTUE | UPHOLDING CATHOLIC TRUTH

**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.



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>.

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

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

JESU CARITAS RETREATS

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

VOCATION RETREATS

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

REGIONAL DISCERNMENT DAY RETREATS

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

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

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

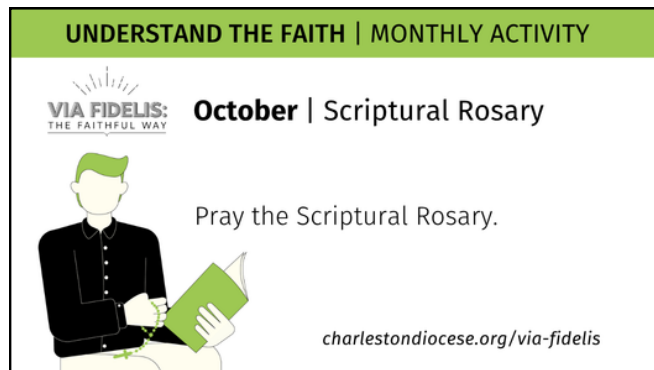
How do I register for a retreat? Contact the Vocation Director at 615.256.0147 or vocation@op-tn.org to receive a registration form. An interview with the vocation director is necessary before registering for the Vocation Retreat (please reach out at least a month in advance if you have not been in touch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

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.

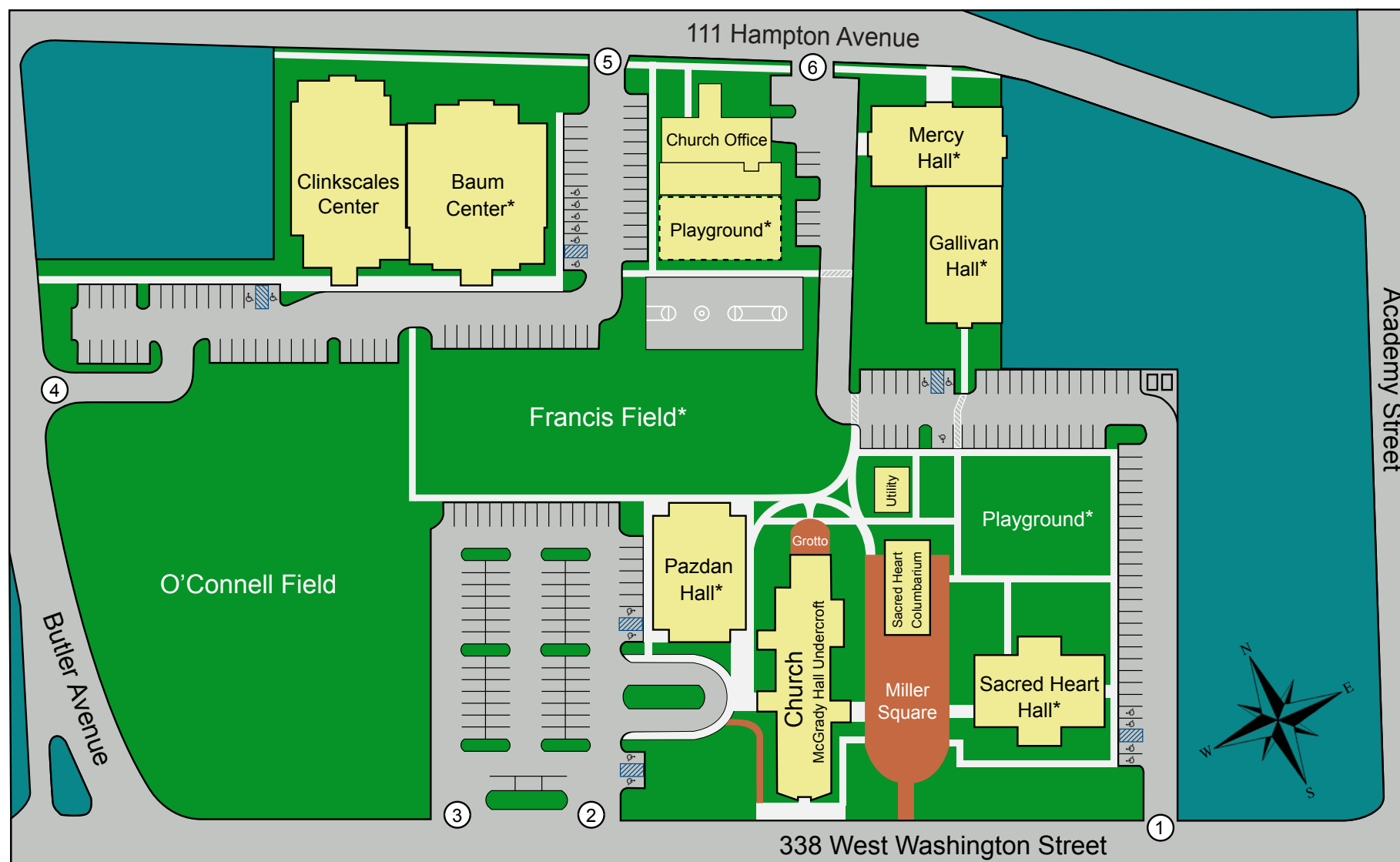
OCTOBER 28: STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

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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