



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

23 August 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

One month from now, Pope Francis will visit the United States for several days, during which he will speak to a joint session of Congress in Washington, celebrate the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, and then address the United Nations in New York. This visit will not only be the first time Pope Francis has been in the United States, it will also be the first time Jorge Bergoglio has ever been in North America, and so we should expect the visit to attract extraordinary attention all around the country and the world.

Since his election to the Chair of St. Peter in March 2013, Pope Francis has demonstrated that he enjoys speaking extemporaneously and with colorful language designed to provoke the hearer to think deeply about his life and friendship with the Lord Jesus. This easy informality can be delightfully surprising from a pope, and it certainly plays well in the press. But it can also lead to confusion and misunderstanding, particularly when the secular media spin the pope's remarks to fit their agenda – something that happens regularly. For this reason, it is important for us to remember not to take at face value anything we read or hear about the pope's words during his visit in September. Instead, be sure to read the actual text of the pope's addresses and accurate transcripts of his informal remarks. There are many places on the internet to find the pope's words, and a quick search should turn those up.

Even more than that, however, I encourage everyone to learn more about the early life and priestly ministry of Jorge Bergoglio in Argentina. Understanding this remarkable pontificate really isn't possible without some knowledge of the man, and a very good place to start learning about Bergoglio's life is a book called "The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope" by the British scholar Austen Ivereigh. Knowing about the circumstances of Bergoglio's childhood and education in Buenos Aires, together with his experiences as a young Jesuit superior in the midst of social chaos in Argentina and revolutionary fervors in the Church, is very helpful in grasping that Pope Francis defies easy categorization and certainly transcends the American way of dividing everyone into Left and Right.

Pope Francis has called the universal Church to keep a Jubilee of Mercy that will begin this December on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council. During the Jubilee, Francis wants us all to learn how to show the world that the Church is a tender nurse in a field hospital rather than an angry scold rebuking people for their weakness and to be able to do so without compromising the truth of the Gospel which calls us all to continual and ever deeper conversion. Let us pray that during the pope's visit to the United States, everyone will see and hear the Successor of Peter as a witness to the Lord Jesus Christ and the transformative power of God's grace.

Father Newman

ST. MARY'S PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC STUDIES

FALL 2015 COURSE OFFERINGS



Tuesday 8.30 am — The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship
(Instructors: Joe Sanfilippo and Tony Owens)

Wednesday 6.30 pm — The Sacraments: Source of Our Life in Christ
(Instructors: Nestor Acosta and Tom Whalen)

Wednesday 6.30 pm — The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship
(Instructors: Joe Beauchemin and Charlie Bondurant)

**CLASSES BEGIN 8
SEPTEMBER**

MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER ONLINE

please visit us at
www.stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/program-of-catholic-studies

Or call or email T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or
timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org

THE MYSTERY OF REDEMPTION AND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

This course examines man's need for redemption after the fall; the promise of redemption renewed throughout the Old Testament; and the Redemption achieved by the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, as well as its application in the life of each Christian. It also shows how the Holy Mass is a perpetuation of the Paschal Mystery in our lives.

THE SACRAMENTS: SOURCE OF OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Through his great love for us, Jesus Christ suffered and died for our redemption, and he desires to share the grace he won for us with every person. Christ entrusted the sacraments to the Church as the primary means by which we receive God's grace. This course examines each sacrament as a source of grace and an intimate encounter with Jesus Christ and the liturgy as the public worship of the Church.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 23 August 2015

7.30 am ✱ Bob and Anne Buckley
9.00 am ✱ David Merline
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 24 August 2015

7.00 am Kelly Truesdale

Tuesday, 25 August 2015

7.00 am In Thanksgiving
12.00 noon ✱ Lillian Sasso

Wednesday, 26 August 2015

7.00 am ✱ Doug Cooper
12.00 noon Special Intention

Thursday, 27 August 2015

7.00 am ✱ Francisco J. Gomez
12.00 noon ✱ Lillian Pease

Friday, 28 August 2015

7.00 am ✱ Jean Dickensheets

Saturday, 29 August 2015

5.00 pm ✱ Mary Butler

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 23 August 2015

Nursery during 9.00 am Mass
Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Scripture Study
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

RE Registration before & after Masses

Monday, 24 August 2015

6.30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 25 August 2015

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club
6.30 pm Baptism Class

Wednesday, 26 August 2015

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
Confessions (church)

Thursday, 27 August 2015

2.30 pm Cenacles/Rosary (M)
3.30 pm Prayer Meeting (M)

Friday, 28 August 2015

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)
6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ
10.00 am Scripture Study Class
3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Saturday, 29 August 2015

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road
abortion clinic
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 15/16 August

Needed	32,500
Received	36,750
Surplus	4,250

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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	227,500
Received	226,835
Shortage	665

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Manage Your EFT" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Doiron at jennifer.doiron@stmarysgvl.org.



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'Like' us on Facebook at
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville SC.

M - McGrady Hall

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

Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org

Spiritual Retreat
Saturday, September 12, 2015
Gallivan Hall, St. Mary's Church Campus
8.30 AM—1.30 PM

***Sponsored by the Church and Family Commissions of the
St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club***

- 8.30 - 8.50 Pre-registration Check-in/On-site Registration in Gallivan Hall
- 9.00 - 9.45 Mass in the Church
- Break***
- 10.00 - 10.50 “How to Grow in Theological and Cardinal Virtues”
Sister Mary Sheila Maksim, Principal of St. Mary's Catholic School
- Break***
- 11.00 - 11.50 “A Journey of Faith and Trust”
Brenda Cerkez, Executive Director of Family Honor, Inc.
- Lunch Break***
- 12.30 - 1.20 “Overshadowed by the Most High”
Christian LeBlanc, Religious Education Teacher, Architect
- 1.20 - 1.30 Closing and evaluation

For more information contact
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For your records: Number Registered: _____ Number of Lunches orders: _____ Check # _____

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Return with your check to pre-register or register at the door.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Name (s) of attendee (s): _____

Phone Number: _____ e-Mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Suggested Donation per person - \$5.00 (or what you can afford) x _____ (Number attending) = \$ _____

Optional Lunch*: Number of box lunches purchased..... _____ x \$9.00 each = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed = \$ _____

*Box lunch from Honey Baked Ham of Greenville includes sandwich, chips, drink, and cookie.

Select one type of sandwich for each lunch purchased:

_____ Classic Turkey _____ Classic Ham _____ Mediterranean Veggie

Feel free to bring your own lunch!

Mail to: SMCWC, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602. Postmark by September 8.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Alan Howard, Alice Howard, Ronald Labbe, Andrew Brett, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Celine Brouillard, and Michael Pinto.

Baptism Class

Prior to having a child baptized at St. 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 birth of child.

The next class is scheduled for Tuesday 25 August at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the Church office is required. Contact T.J. Nielsen at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.

Sunday Morning Nursery

Just a reminder that we have a wonderful nursery during the Sunday morning 9am Mass. There are two rooms: The Baby Room is for children six months to approximately 1½ years, and the Toddler Room is for children 1½ years up to under 3 years of age. The Baby Room is limited to a maximum of 6 children and the Toddler Room is limited to a maximum of 8 children.



St. Mary's Wedding Committee

The Wedding Committee is a team of volunteer women who help coordinate the weddings that take place at St. Mary's during the year. They are asking for new volunteers to join their team. You would be asked to help at the Friday evening rehearsal and Saturday wedding for a few hours several times a year. If interested please contact Cathy Markway at cmarkway@bellsouth.net.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 22/23 August

Support of the Parish

Religious Education Teachers Needed:

Looking for a way to get involved and serve our parish?

One Sunday Morning Preschool Teacher needed. You will only work one Sunday a month, materials provided. If interested please e-mail joann.miller@stmarysgvl.org.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mrs. Jackie Blackwell, Ms. Taylor Schuster and Mrs. Mikiko Suh.

Women of Grace Bible Study

The Women of Grace Bible Study will meet on Sunday, 13 September to resume the Scott Hahn study of the Gospel of John. New and returning members are welcome. The study, which includes praying the Rosary, reading Scripture and group discussion, meets on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 6.00-8.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please email Dorothy Whalen at LittleDotW@aol.com or Wiletta Pennington at wpennington8284@yahoo.com. with questions.

Catholic Fellowship Dinners

You are invited to join The Catholic Fellowship program that facilitates the development of Christian community within the adult population of parishioners by coordinated regular scheduled dinners in homes of volunteers. We are a family of Christian disciples who enjoy getting to know their brothers and sisters.

For more information or if you would like to participate, call Judy Lema at 884.9853.

Bulletin Submissions

Contact Lisa Watkins at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org to submit items for the e-bulletin. The deadline for items is 12 days prior to the bulletin date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All registration forms for 2015-2016 are available on the Religious Education page in the Catechesis section of our website at stmarysgvl.org.

Registration will be available before and after all Masses in Sacred Heart Hall on 22 & 23 August.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm and begin 9 September. Only one form per family is needed. Registration will be available before and after all Masses in Sacred Heart Hall on 22 & 23 August.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Sunday school class starting 13 September for 3 & 4 year olds whose birthdates fall between 1 June 2011 - 1 June 2012. Class will meet on Sundays during the 9.00 am Mass. This is only for families attending the 9.00 am Mass. Space is limited.

Home School St. Joseph's Confirmation Students Prince of Peace First Communion & Confirmation Students who plan to make their Sacraments at St. Mary's

We would like to have the HS and Sacraments for St. Joe/POP students in the RE database so we can notify you when we have Sacrament information or special events during the school year. Please return form by Friday 4 September.

Prayer Chain Ministry

St. Mary's Prayer Chain is a network of parishioners who receive prayer requests by telephone and then pray for those requests. Please call the office at 864.271.8422, ext. 127 to submit your requests. Information received will be kept confidential.

INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM



Starting Wednesday
9 September @ 6.30 pm
in Sacred Heart Hall

Interested in becoming a Catholic?
Or just want learn more about what Catholics believe?

Introduction to Catholicism is an introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church, and anyone who wants to understand the Catholic Faith more deeply is invited to participate. This course meets each Wednesday evening from Labor Day until Easter. Those who have never been baptized, those who were baptized but never confirmed, and those simply seeking to know more are all welcome to attend.

While this course is first and foremost a process for bringing non-Catholic adults into the Church, it is also a great place for practicing Catholics to increase their knowledge of foundational Church teaching - in particular on those topics that often come up in conversations with non-Catholics. One practical thing that any parishioner could do to evangelize would be to invite a non-Catholic friend who might be interested in learning what the Catholic Church really teaches to join you in attending when the class begins in the fall.

For More Information

Contact T.J. Nielsen | Timothy.Nielsen@stmarysgvl.org | 864.679.4114

Operation Shoehorn

Operation Shoehorn provides shoes for needy children. The start of the school year is a busy time for shoe purchases. Many children need your help, and you can assist by your donation to PO Box 8734, Greenville, SC 29604. Lou and Joan Sagedy will be forever grateful as will the children.

Knights of Columbus

K of C is a Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization with principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. Our service programs are Church, Community, Youth and Pro Life. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm in McGrady Hall.

Pillars of Christ

Pillars of Christ is a men's ministry led by a group of St. Mary's men who are on fire with the love of Christ and His Church. The group meet on Friday mornings from 6.15-8.00 am for prayer in the church and then in Sacred Heart Hall for study.





st. mary's catholic school

2015-2016
The Year of Faith



Upcoming Events

Friday 21 August
Middle School
"Back to School Party"
5.30-7.30 pm in Pazdan Hall

Wednesday 26 August
First full day for all K3 & K4

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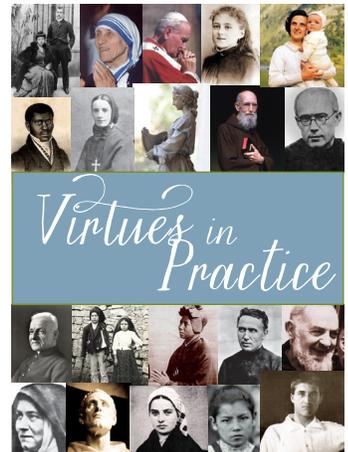


School Spotlight - *Virtues in Practice*

At St. Mary's School, we supplement our standard religion curriculum with Virtues in Practice. This excellent program was designed by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. It encourages children from pre-K to eighth grade to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues.

Each month, we focus on one virtue and give the students practical, age appropriate ideas on how to live out that virtue. The students get to learn about a new saint each month who serves as a role model of how to live out the virtue of the month.

This year we begin the Year of Faith, and we encourage the entire St. Mary's parish family to join us as we begin the cycle anew. The entire program is available for free.



*Helping children grow closer to Jesus
by imitating the virtues of the saints!*

To find out more and to access the program, please visit
nashvilldominican.org/Apostolate/Evangelization_and_Catechesis

St. Mary's Ducks Cross Country

8 September Mt. Zion 4.30 pm
15 September Spartanburg Day 4.30 pm



St. Mary's Ducks Volleyball

(Home matches in bold)

27 August **Mt. Zion** 4.00 pm
28 August **Spartanburg Day** 4.00 pm
Spartanburg Prep 5.00 pm
31 August **Hampton Park** 4.00 pm



Ancient Order of Hibernians



The Ancient of Order Hibernians will celebrate Halfway to St. Patrick's Day at the TD Convention Center on Friday 18 September. The celebration will include a delicious dinner with Irish music, Irish dancing and a live auction. The cost is \$45 per person with a cash bar. There will also be a drawing (\$10 per ticket) for a weekend for two at the Grove Park Inn (\$1,500 value). Proceeds from the event will benefit two pro-life organizations, Birthright of Greenville and the "Close the Mill" campaign, which provide counseling and support to women in crisis pregnancies. To make reservations (a private table will seat 10 people) and to purchase drawing tickets, please contact Joe Deehan at deehanj@bellsouth.net or 864.836.1121 by 4 September.

Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in SC is 9-11 October in Myrtle Beach. Please apply early. For more information, call 803.810.9602 or go to scmarriagematters.org.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary Magdalene

A key card is required to enter the chapel. If you would like to sign up as an adorer or regular visitor, or just visit for the day, please come to the St. Mary Magdalene parish office Monday - Friday, between 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

Prince of Peace

The Lord invites each of us to share a weekly hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123 to schedule an hour. Please consider one of our urgent needs:

Monday 4 am
Tuesday 2 am
Wednesday 1 pm, 9 pm & 11 pm
Friday 12 am & 4 pm
Saturday 3am

On Fire With Faith

Igniting Hearts in the New Evangelization 2-3 October at St. Mary Magdalene

Join The Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmo, Bishop of Charleston, Hector Molina, "The Motivangelist," and Dr. Carol Eipers from Sadlier in the inspirational and educational conference. Additional speakers, more information and registration are available at onfirewithfaith.org.



3rd Marian Eucharistic Conference 14-15 November at St. Joseph's Catholic School

Our featured speakers will focus on seeking to anchor ourselves to the two pillars of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Featured Speakers: Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life; Fr. Wade Memnezes, CPM, The Fathers of Mercy; Fr. Joseph Wolfe, MFVA, EWTN; Tim Staples, Catholic Answers.

General Admission: \$50, Youth \$25 (includes lunch on Saturday & Sunday). All are required to register by 7 November by mail; no registration at the door.

For more information, visit meconferencesc.net
or call 864.354.7160.

Caracciolo Classic 5K Walk/Run 19 September at St. Joseph's Catholic School

Please join the Adorno Fathers Foundation for the first annual Caracciolo Classic 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, 19 September at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Greenville.

This Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that helps to support the Adorno Father's from early in their preparation into retirement. The Adorno Priests have faithfully served the Catholic Church for over 200 years, living by their motto: "For the Greater Glory of the Risen Christ".

Entry fee is \$25 (t-shirt included). Registration can be done by one of 3 methods: (online @ Active.Com; registration form mailed to Jesus Our Risen Savior Catholic Church, or on day of race). Trophies will be awarded based on designated age groups completing the 5K. Great healthy way to spend time with the entire family and donate to a great cause at the same time!





All young adults (18-39)
are welcomed & encouraged
to join our ministry
whose mission is
to help young adults
answer the universal call to holiness.

Upcoming Events:

23 August - **Monthly Lunch:** 1.00 pm at Babaziki (1025 Woodruff Rd, D-102, Greenville, SC 29607)

4 September - **Monthly Happy Hour:** 5.30-6.30 pm at High Cotton (550 South Main St., Suite 100, Greenville, SC 29601).

14 September - **Monday Bible Study.** This Fall, LVG will explore the Mercy of God through reading the Book of Jonah and 1-3 John. Join us at 7pm on Mondays at St. Mary's in downtown from 14 September - 9 November.

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Visit us at: www.lvgreenville.com

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Prayer for Vocations

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the gospel by live of dedicated love.

Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.



If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit the Vocations Office website at CharlestonVocations.com.



DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE
Eucharistic Congress
September 11 & 12, 2015
CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER

Well-known speakers will share their wisdom and knowledge of the Eucharist during the 11th Eucharistic Congress for the Diocese of Charlotte to be held at the Charlotte Convention Center on 11-12 September. The theme for this year's Congress is "Behold I Make All Things New." The Congress will include a procession of the Eucharist throughout the streets of uptown Charlotte.

For more information, visit:
Website: GoEucharist.com
Facebook: [Eucharistic Congress](https://www.facebook.com/EucharisticCongress)

Pilgrimage of Mercy

Tour of the Major Relics of St. Maria Goretti

From September to November of this year the major relics of St. Maria Goretti will make a pilgrimage to the United States. Named the "Pilgrimage of Mercy," it is the first time that her body travels to the USA.

While St. Maria is universally known as the Patroness of Purity, her greatest virtue was her unyielding forgiveness of her attacker even in the midst of horrendous physical suffering, a forgiveness that would completely convert him and set him on a path to personal holiness. In March 2015, His Holiness, Pope Francis, announced an Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy beginning December 8, 2015. This visit of the major relics of St. Maria Goretti is an effort on the part of the Holy See and Treasures of the Church to prepare and catechize the United States for this great celebration in the life of the Church.



Saturday 24 October

St. Thomas Aquinas Church (704.549.1607)
1400 Suther Road Charlotte, North Carolina 28213

Public veneration of St. Maria begins: following the 10.00 am opening Mass

Opening Mass celebrated in St. Maria's honor: 10.00 am

Solemn Mass celebrated in St. Maria's honor: 5.30 pm

Public veneration ends: 7.30 am (on 25 October)

Mass to close the veneration: 7.30 am (on 25 October)

Monday 26 October

Holy Spirit Church (404.252.4513)
4465 Northside Drive NW Atlanta, Georgia 30327

Public veneration of St. Maria begins: 9.00 am

Solemn Mass celebrated in St. Maria's honor: 7.00 pm

Public veneration ends: 10.00 pm

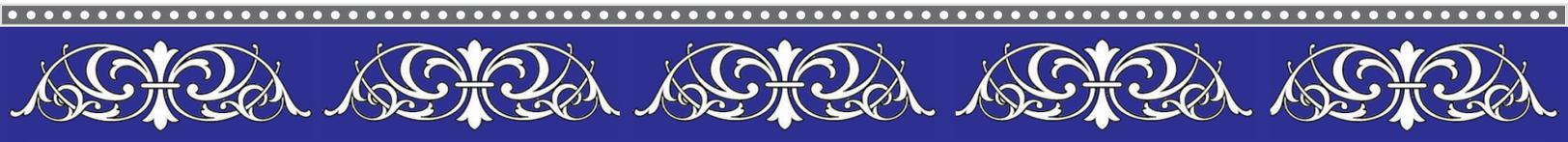
Tuesday 27 October

St. Monica Church (678.584.9947)
1700 Buford Hwy Duluth, Georgia 30097

Public veneration of St. Maria begins: 9.30 am

Solemn Mass celebrated in St. Maria's honor: 6.30 pm

Public veneration ends: 11.30 pm



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