



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

29 November 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

“It was December, and another Christmas was at our throats.” The English humorist P.G. Wodehouse thus described the unholy frenzy that too often accompanies the approach of December 25th, and it is a sentiment most of us can readily understand. To avoid succumbing to that feeling, we need to see what the Grinch perceived with wonder from the summit of Mt. Crumpit : That Christmas “came without ribbons; it came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags.” And the very best way to arrive at this insight is to keep a holy Advent.

The twin peaks of the liturgical year are Easter and Christmas, and both of these celebrations are preceded by a period of preparation. The purple of penance must come before the gold of glory revealed in Christ's Birth and Resurrection, and this is where the cultural and secular observance of Christmas can get in the way of a good Advent. On the radio and at the mall, Christmas has already been at our throats for some time, but today is only the first Sunday of Advent. And on December 26th when the Church is just beginning to celebrate the liturgical season of Christmas, evergreen trees will pile up on the curb and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer will disappear until next Halloween. Let's just say STOP!

We now have four weeks in which to ponder the profound mystery of Christ coming to us for our salvation. In the past he did come to suffer and die for us. In the present he does come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. And in the future he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. All three of these “advents” are part of this beautiful season of the liturgy, and if we attend to the Church's rhythm of prayer, penance and preparation, then when Christmas Eve arrives, we will not be exhausted; we will be elated.

So, how to do this? 1) Get an Advent wreath and light it at home each night while praying the Collect from Mass that day. 2) Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, particularly each Sunday afternoon at 5 pm here in the church. 3) Come to Mass on weekdays as often as possible during Advent. Weekday Mass has a quiet, meditative quality that steals into our hearts and minds, and Advent is deeply enriched by Mass each day. 4) Encourage your family and friends to think of things other than packages, boxes or bags. Make a donation in someone's name to Catholic Charities or Catholic Relief Services. Write a letter to someone you love to tell them so. Volunteer to serve someone in need. 5) Go to Confession so that your Christmas Communion will truly be holy.

December is upon us, but another Christmas need not be at our throats. It can be in our hearts with joy beyond all telling if we prepare with a worthy Advent.

Father Newman

Saint Mary's Catholic Church  
Greenville, South Carolina

*Fr. Jay Scott Newman, Pastor*

# ADVENT VESPERS

Sung by the Schola Cantorum

Arlen Clarke, Choirmaster  
Dr. David Rhyne, Organist

SUNDAYS at 5:00 P.M.

29 November  
6 December  
13 December  
20 December

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday, 29 November 2015

7.30 am ✨ Frank & Frances Watkins  
9.00 am ✨ Andy Zalecki  
11.00 am Pro populo  
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday, 30 November 2015

7.00 am ✨ Edwin Tully

### Tuesday, 1 December 2015

7.00 am ✨ David Minette  
12.00 noon ✨ Edward Smith

### Wednesday, 2 December 2015

7.00 am ✨ James Bernard Brown  
12.00 noon Peter & Gitti Esser

### Thursday, 3 December 2015

7.00 am ✨ Carlos Jose Restrepo  
12.00 noon ✨ Louie & Violet Howayeck

### Friday, 4 December 2015

7.00 am For the Unborn

### Saturday, 5 December 2015

5.00 pm ✨ George Francis

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday, 29 November 2015

**No coffee & doughnuts this week**  
**No nursery this week**  
**No 3 & 4 year olds class this week**  
9.00 am Scripture Study  
5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)  
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

### Monday, 30 November 2015

6.30 pm Cub Scouts  
6.30 pm Boy Scouts (M)

### Tuesday, 1 December 2015

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies (M)  
1.00 pm Senior Men's Club  
7.00 pm Confirmation (Baum)

### Wednesday, 2 December 2015

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &  
Confessions (church)  
6.30 pm Religious Education  
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies (M)  
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies  
6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism

### Thursday, 3 December 2015

2.30 pm Cenacles/Rosary  
3.30 pm Prayer Meeting  
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies (M)

### Friday, 4 December 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, 5 December 2015

**Women's Club Bake Sale:** After Mass (P)  
8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road  
abortion clinic  
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 21/22 November

Needed	32,500
Received	28,431
Shortage	4,069

Poor Box	448
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Campaign for Human Development	2,572
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	682,500
Received	670,258
Shortage	12,242

**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](mailto:jennifer.doiron@stmarysgvl.org).



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St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Greenville SC.

Visit us on the web at  
[www.stmarysgvl.org](http://www.stmarysgvl.org)

G - Gallivan Hall      M- McGrady Hall  
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

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



## MASS COLLECTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

*(May be used at home when lighting your Advent Wreath)*

### **Sunday 29 November**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### **Monday 30 December**

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,  
as we await the advent of Christ your Son,  
so that, when he comes and knocks,  
he may find us watchful in prayer  
and exultant in his praise.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### **Tuesday 1 December**

Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions,  
and in our trials grant us your compassionate help,  
that, consoled by the presence of your Son,  
whose coming we now await,  
we may be tainted no longer  
by the corruption of former ways.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### **Wednesday 2 December**

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God,  
by your divine power,  
so that at the coming of Christ your Son  
we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life  
and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### **Thursday 3 December**

Stir up your power, O Lord,  
and come to our help with mighty strength,  
that what our sins impede  
the grace of your mercy may hasten.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### **Friday 4 December**

Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come,  
that with you to protect us,  
we may find rescue  
from the pressing dangers of our sins,  
and with you to set us free,  
we may be found worthy of salvation.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### **Saturday 5 December**

O God, who sent your Only Begotten Son into this world  
to free the human race from its ancient enslavement,  
bestow on those who devoutly await him  
the grace of your compassion from on high,  
that we may attain the prize of true freedom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## Immaculate Conception - 8 December

*Holy Day of Obligation*

We will celebrate three Masses on Tuesday 8 December for the Immaculate Conception - the patronal feast of the Church in the United States - at 7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm.

## Changes to Holy Hour & Confessions

Wednesday 21 October 2015 will be the last time Father Chalmers hears Confessions at St. Mary's. After that, only Father Newman will regularly hear Confessions on Saturday afternoon and during the Holy Hour on Wednesdays. Father Cruz hears Confessions on Sunday morning in Spanish in Sacred Heart Hall, beginning at 11.30 am.

And on the following Wednesdays,  
the Holy Hour and Confessions are canceled:

16 and 30 December 2015

## Christmas Flowers



St. Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church and gym for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet or use a plain white envelope).

Please **print** your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church office no later than **Sunday 13 December** for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## Women of Grace Bible Study

The Women of Grace Bible Study will not meet on Sunday 13 December or 27 December. We will resume study on 10 January 2016, @ 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. For questions, please contact Dorothy Whalen at 363.4483.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new member to our parish family:  
Mr. Terry Posey.

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 28/29 November

Support of the Parish & Bishop's Appeal

### 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, Michael Pinto, Jim Sponsler, Joseph Srp, Neal Campbell, IV, Rose and Anne Eassy, Marie-Therese Isidore, Thomas Thomason and Judy McColl.

### Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is 12 days prior to the bulletin date. Contact Lisa at [lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org) to submit items for the e-bulletin.

## Christmas Bake Sale

After all English Masses

5 and 6 December 2015

in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room



Remember to  
pick-up ornaments  
at the bake sale!



2015 Ornament - 'Our Lady of Mercy'

- Cakes
- Candies
- Cookies
- Jams
- Pies
- Christmas Cards
- Note Cards
- More!

Sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club

Your purchases enable us to support our church and various Catholic charities.  
Thank you for your continued support!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class today

## Religious Education Grades 1-8

Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm

## Confirmation Practice

St. Mary's Confirmation students and their sponsors will have a dinner and practice for Confirmation this Monday 30 November at 6.00 pm. Please meet in Pazdan Hall.

## Confirmation

Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone will confirm the candidates at St. Mary's this Tuesday 1 December at 7.00 pm. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC 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 a weekly prayer hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Lisa Buss at [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org) or call 864.508.7123 to schedule an hour. Choose an hour of your convenience or consider one of our EMPTY HOURS (\*) or one needing a prayer partner:

Monday 4am\*, 3 pm & 11 pm

Wednesday 3pm

Thursday 1 pm

Friday 4 am\*

Saturday 3 am & 3 pm



### Family Honor Leading & Loving

Parents, we know that raising children in today's secular society is challenging and raising holy and virtuous kids seems almost impossible some days! Would you like to learn practical principles and time-tested techniques to help you to raise the next generation of saints?

Join us on

Wednesday 17 February 2016 at 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm  
and

Saturday 20 February 2016 8.30 am - 1.30 pm  
for Family Honor's unique program, *Leading & Loving*,  
designed for parents of young children,  
newborn through 5th grade.

We will discuss ideas on being a good role model, look at how the virtue of chastity is developed in our children, and help you to be better able to answer some of your children's challenging questions - all while cultivating Catholic virtues and values. Here, one parent shares what they liked most about the program, "*The celebration of sexuality and the positive message. Quite different from the negative, fear-based content we grew up with.*"

There is no charge for this program (though donations will be requested). Deadline for registering is Wednesday 3 February 2016. Space is limited so register online now at [www.familyhonor.org](http://www.familyhonor.org).

For more information, contact

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Website: [www.charlestonvocations.com](http://www.charlestonvocations.com)

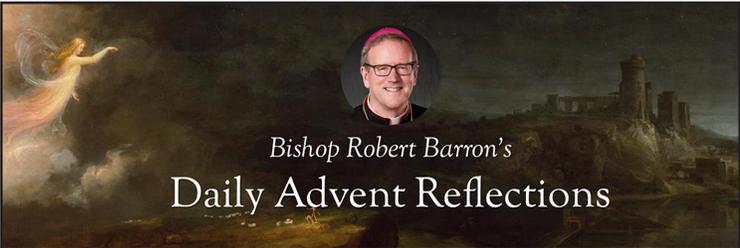
Facebook: Charleston Vocations

If you are discerning a vocation  
to the priesthood or consecrated life,  
contact the Vocations Office.

**I Have Called  
You By Name.**

*Isaiah 43:1*

# Advent Resources



Bishop Robert Barron's  
**Daily Advent Reflections**

AdventReflections.com

Available in English and Spanish

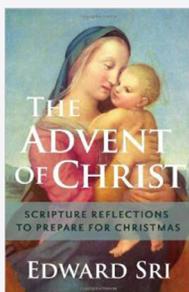
## Magnificat Advent Companion



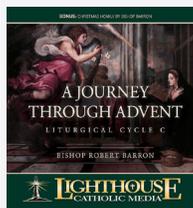
A perfect way to live Advent to the full this year. This pocket-sized Companion follows a practical, page-a-day format featuring original meditations on the Gospel reading of each day.

Ebooks available  
kindle nook kobo 

## The Advent of Christ by Edward Sri



Perhaps the Christmas story has become almost too familiar. A virgin giving birth. A child laid in a manger. Shepherds greeted by angels. The Christmas story has become so familiar that the profound, even shocking, nature of the incarnation might be overlooked. But what if we had never heard the story before? What if we were hearing it for the first time, like the first-century Jews? These events certainly would not be taken for granted—they would signal something new: the dawning of the long-awaited Messiah. Available at [Amazon](#) and [iTunes](#)

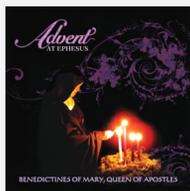


## Journey Through Advent *Liturgical Cycle C*

Get the most out of Advent by following along with Bishop Robert Barron's homilies as he unpacks these profound Scripture readings. The homilies presented on this CD will correspond to the Scriptures for Sunday Masses throughout Advent and Christmas 2015.

Available at [LighthouseCatholicMedia.org](http://LighthouseCatholicMedia.org)  
in CD and MP3 formats.

## Advent at Ephesus

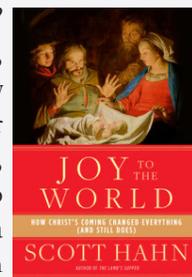


This unique CD is recorded by the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles: a young, monastic order of Sisters located in rural Missouri, dedicated to prayer for priests. Advent at Ephesus includes an amazing variety of traditional Latin and English hymns, polyphony, Gregorian Chant, medieval harmonies and an original piece to prayerfully lead you through the sacred season in preparation for Christmas.

Available at [Amazon](#) and [iTunes](#)

## Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changed Everything (and Still Does) by Scott Hahn

What could be more familiar than the Christmas story – and yet what could be more extraordinary? The cast of characters is strange and exotic: shepherds and magicians, an emperor and a despot, angels, and a baby who is Almighty God. The strangeness calls for an explanation, and this book provides it by examining the characters and the story in light of the biblical and historical context. Bestselling author Scott Hahn who has written extensively on Scripture and the early Church, brings evidence to light, dispelling some of the mystery of the story. Yet Christmas is made familiar all over again by showing it to be a family story. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child – their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their common life. To see the life of this “earthly trinity” is to gaze into heaven.



Available on [Amazon](#) and [iTunes](#).

## Job Opportunity

Administrative Assistant to Director of the Office of Ethnic Ministries for the Diocese of Charleston. The office is located in Greenville, SC. This is a 30 hours per week position. Candidates should have excellent oral and written communication, organizational, and computer skills. The ability to multi-task, work independently, and maintain confidentiality is also essential. Excellent benefits with generous paid time off. For consideration, apply online at [www.sccatholic.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.sccatholic.org/employment-opportunities). Cover letter with salary expectations required as part of application process.

## St. Joseph's Catholic School Prospective Parent Night

Tuesday 15 December from 5.30-7.00 pm

Parents are invited to attend up to three break-out sessions covering a multitude of topics: Curriculum (Academics, College Guidance, Fine Arts), Co-Curriculars (Athletics, Campus Ministry, Student Life), and Family Connections (Financial Aid, Parent Involvement). For more information, contact Barbara McGrath, Director of Admissions.

## Close the Mill Prayer Campaign

Please continue to pray and fast for the intention of closing the Greenville Abortion Mill on or before 12 December, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe; including the conversion of the abortionists and staff.

On 12 December at 7.00 pm, please come mark the day with the singing of Christmas carols and prayer at the Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road, Greenville. God can do everything with our prayers. Call Ingrid 864.329.0044 or Jo Ann 864.248.0264 for more information.

## 2016 March for Life in Washington, DC

Please stand for LIFE by joining the annual trip to Washington, DC for the 2016 March for Life. Travel Dates 21-23 January. Trip includes 2 nights at Marriott, Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica, Youth Rally and March for Life. Hotel and Bus cost \$150 per person/ 4 people per room or \$215 per person/ 2 people per room. **\$75 deposit due 9 December.** Contact Valerie for details 864.297.8838 or [valeriebaronkin@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriebaronkin@hotmail.com).

## Advent Penance Services

All are scheduled for 7.00 pm

### Monday 14 December

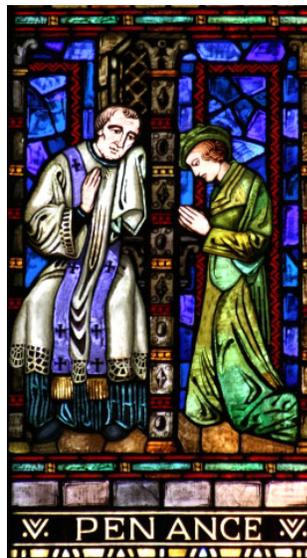
St. Mary Magdalene  
2252 Woodruff Road  
Simpsonville, SC 29681

### Tuesday 15 December

St Joseph  
1200 Cornelia Road  
Anderson, SC 29621

### Thursday 17 December

St Paul the Apostle  
290 E. Main Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302

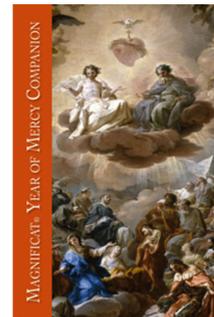


# MAGNIFICAT®

## Year of Mercy Companion

Each day of the week, a different way to experience and live the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy:

- Poetry that helps you contemplate the miracle of mercy (Sundays)
- Meditations from saints and spiritual masters who share their profound insights into this divine gift (Mondays)
- Profiles of saints whose lives exemplify extraordinary witness to mercy (Tuesdays)
- Teachings of the Catholic Church that explain and highlight this virtue (Wednesdays)
- Stories and testimonies of people who have chosen the path of mercy, including non-canonized faithful, literary figures, and victims of tragedy (Thursdays)
- Reflections on essential Scripture passages that reveal God's merciful nature (Fridays)
- Devotions and prayers that draw us closer to God's merciful heart (Saturdays)



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# st. mary's catholic school

2015-2016  
The Year of Faith



## St. Mary's Catholic School

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## School Spotlight

### 2015 Gala Auction Item: Blue Light Special

The Blue Light Special was a silent auction package that the Reilly family won during St. Mary's 2015 Gala. Chief Miller, of the Greenville City Police department and a St. Mary's School father, picked up Padraig (K5) and Quinn (2nd) along with their parents from carline on Wednesday 4 November.

Chief Miller drove the Reilly family to the law enforcement center. They toured the debriefing room, the morning meeting room, 9-1-1 dispatch area, and the Chief's office. The kids had a chance to try on a bullet proof vest; they got to see the "eye in the sky" live camera streams, and the Officer Memorial Wall which honors officers who have died in the line of duty.



The entire family was impressed by Chief Miller's tour. In the words of Padraig while riding in the back of the patrol car, "This is the best day ever!"

Save the date for St. Mary's 2016 Gala for a chance to win amazing auction items like this!

**The 28th Annual St. Mary's Gala**  
Friday 3 June 2016

## Family Prayer Corner

### Talks from the World Meeting of Families

The theme of the World Meeting of Families - Philadelphia 2015 was "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.

Please use the following link to check out some amazing speakers who presented at this year's World Meeting of Families. Sister Mary Sheila highly recommends listening to Cardinal Tagle's talk, "The Family: A Home for the Wounded Heart" and Professor Helen Alvare's talk, "Creating the Future". You can also find presentations by popular speakers such as Bishop Robert Barron and Dr. Scott Hahn.

<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/the-latest/congressvideos/>

## St. Mary's Ducks Basketball

(Home games in bold)

2 December **Prince of Peace**  
Girls 4.00 pm / Boys 5.15 pm

4 December **Bob Jones**  
Girls 4.15 pm / Boys 5.30 pm

8 December **Mt. Zion**  
Girls 4.00 pm / Boys 5.15 pm

9 December **Christ Church**  
Girls 4.00 pm / Boys 5.15 pm





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.



Diocese of Charleston  
Young Adult Ministry

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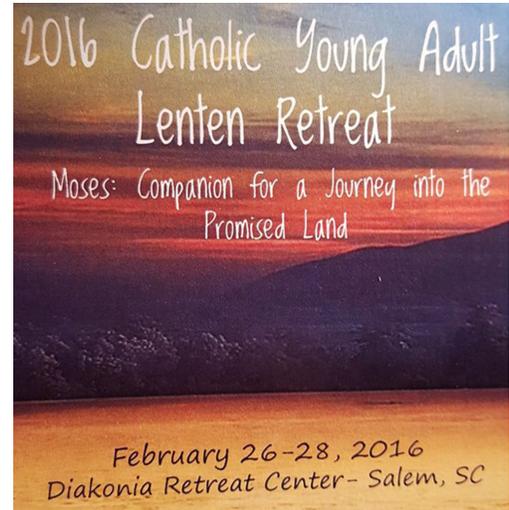
## FELLOWSHIP

11 December - Annual Advent Party: 7.30 pm at Acropolis Restaurant (3620 Pelham Rd, Ste 8, Greenville, SC 29615).

5 reasons to not miss our Advent Party 2015:

- 1) We have a band! Randomonium (Heidi Chapman, Sean Chapman, and gang) has very generously agreed to play our event!
- 2) Our venue, Acropolis Restaurant on Pelham, has delicious Mediterranean and Italian food, a fantastic assortment of wine, cocktails, and beer.
- 3) Karaoke!
- 4) Dancing!
- 5) Photobooth!

## SAVE THE DATE



## THEOLOGY ON TAP



7.00 pm at Sticky Fingers  
3 Market Point Dr, Greenville, SC 29607

30 Nov Dr. William DeMars  
Wofford College



7 Dec Jim Burns  
County Council  
District 21



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