



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

6 March 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholics use the word "Church" in a variety of ways. In the first sense, we speak of the universal Catholic Church, and we usually indicate this meaning by the use of the capital "C." This is the worldwide assembly of disciples founded by the Lord Jesus which was found first only in Jerusalem but which had from the beginning a universal mission and scope, and this is the Church we confess in the Creed: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

As the disciples were dispersed from Jerusalem, they organized Christian communities in the various cities where they took refuge, and then in the great missionary journeys of St. Paul and the other apostles, Christian communities were planted where none had been before. Within the lifetime of the apostles, these local communities were also spoken of as "churches," and we now call these diocesan churches. These are the gatherings of Catholics presided over by a bishop who is assisted by a group or college of priests and deacons, and it is the diocesan Church that our tradition calls the "particular" or local Church to distinguish it from the universal Church found all over the world. The universal Church comes before all particular Churches in time and being, but in each diocese, the particular Church is the full expression of the universal Church. So, for example, the Catholic Church in South Carolina is the Diocese of Charleston. And to this we must add the Churches of the Christian East which have their own bishops and liturgical Rites, like our Maronite brethren. So the Diocese of St. Maron, to which St. Rafka belongs, is also a "particular Church."

All of this is by way of saying that Catholics do not believe that the local congregation is the fundamental unit of the universal Church's life; that, rather, is the diocesan Church. Nevertheless, from Christian antiquity every diocese has been organized into parishes, and now I come to my main point. No Catholic is in full communion with the universal Church or with the diocesan Church until and unless he or she is living fully the Catholic faith and life in one parish church. It is by full participation in the life of one parish church that a Catholic participates fully in the life of the whole Church. To do this requires one to worship each Sunday at one's proper parish, to share fully in the life of that parish, to contribute to the support of that parish, and - according to present custom - to be registered in that parish. Those Catholics are true parishioners of this parish church who come to Mass here each week, who are involved in some way in the life of the parish, who support the parish with their time, talent, and treasure according to the stewardship guidelines, and who are registered here. We invite everyone who visits St. Mary's to become a true parishioner by observing these simple precepts, because only by being truly a member of one parish church are we fully involved in the life of the diocesan Church and universal Church.

Father Newman



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIocese
OF CHARLESTON

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. This collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. These agencies provide a broad range of services, including advocating for immigrants, providing humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, resettling displaced individuals, and working for increased peace in our world. Your support of this collection is an opportunity to **help Jesus in disguise**.

In 2005, in war-torn Afghanistan, Aazar* and Ali* lost their family due to their father's political affiliations. The boys, ten and eight years old, fled to Pakistan, looking for safety amid the many threats to their lives. Shortly after they arrived in Quetta, Pakistan, they were separated, and despite days of searching, Aazar could not find his younger brother. Continuing to receive threats, Aazar was forced to keep moving, making his way through Pakistan and Iraq, and finally reaching an orphanage in Turkey, where he was granted refugee status. In 2012, he received a referral to be placed in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) program, bringing him to the United States.

Once here in the United States, Aazar reached out to the BBC, which held a nightly radio program broadcast in the Middle East to find missing persons, for help in finding Ali. Within one week, his brother was found alive in Pakistan, having lived with a family for the past seven years. However, he had been residing as a domestic helper and so did not attend school, nor did he have any friends. The USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) program began working with agencies in the United States and Nepal and with the United Nations to reunite the brothers, and ultimately, Ali was also referred to the USCCB URM program. After nine years of separation, the brothers were once again reunited and could begin to resettle and reconnect as family.

MRS is one of the six worldwide Catholic relief agencies funded by The Catholic Relief Services Collection. These agencies work to provide food, water, disaster relief, and other vital assistance to Jesus in the disguise of suffering people each day.

Please be generous in **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Your support truly makes a difference.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston

*Names changed to protect children's identities

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 6 March 2016

7.30 am Lucia Nielsen
 9.00 am ✱ Emily Rose Gomes
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 7 March 2016

7.00 am Benedictine Monks of
 Norcia

Tuesday, 8 March 2016

7.00 am ✱ Frank & Frances Watkins
 12.00 noon ✱ Rose Henderson

Wednesday, 9 March 2016

7.00 am Living & Deceased
 Members / Polce Family
 12.00 noon ✱ Bob Franzen
 6.30 pm Anglican Use Mass

Thursday, 10 March 2016

7.00 am ✱ Linda Schroeder
 12.00 noon ✱ Rose & Anne Eassy

Friday, 11 March 2016

7.00 am Fr. Cassian Folsom, OSB

Saturday, 12 March 2016

5.00 pm ✱ Todd Purney

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 6 March 2016

9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of
 Sacred Heart Hall)
 Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Scripture Study
 5.00 pm Vespers (church)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

Monday, 7 March 2016

6.30 pm Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 8 March 2016

8.30-9.30 am Program of Catholic Studies
 10.00 am Women's Club
 1.00 pm Senior Men's Club
 7.00 pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, 9 March 2016

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
 Confessions (church)
 6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education
 6.30-7.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism
 6.30-7.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies

Thursday, 10 March 2016

2.00-4.00 pm Prayer Meeting

Friday, 11 March 2016

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
 6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)
 followed by Women's Club Lenten Dinner (P)

Saturday, 12 March 2016

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 27/28 February

Needed	32,500
Received	31,130
Shortage	1,370

Poor Box	431
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Black & Indian Missions	2,699
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,137,500
Received	1,140,622
Surplus	3,122

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 Anderson at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org.



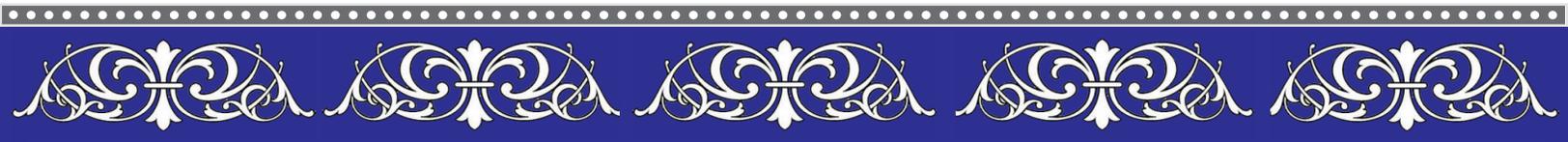
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 Greenville SC.

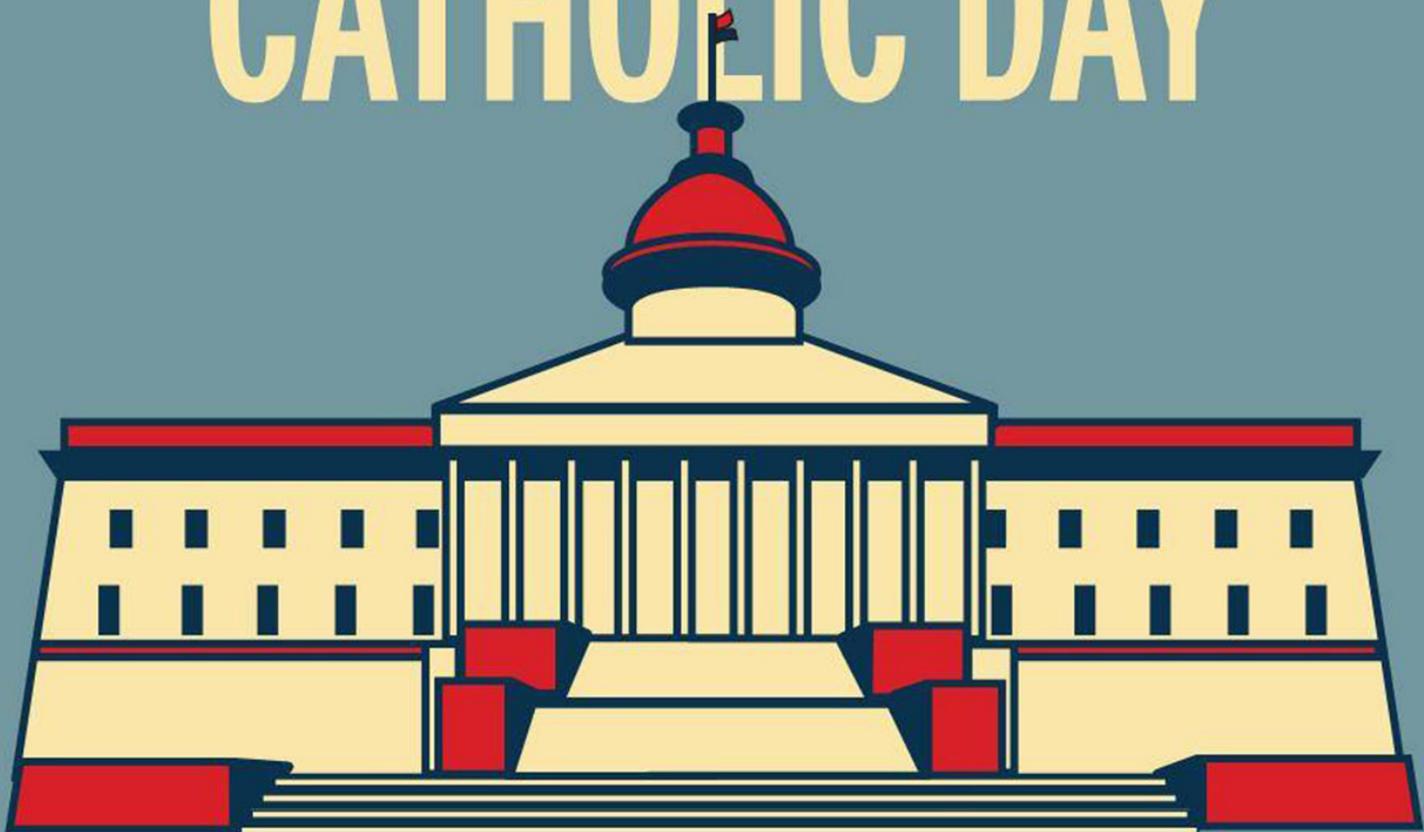
Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org

G - Gallivan Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

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



CATHOLIC DAY



AT THE CAPITOL

March 9th, 2016 | 9 a.m.

Breakfast and discussion with legislators and Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo at the State House under the white tent

Hosted by South Carolina Catholic Conference

Students \$12, Adults \$15, Children under 5 free

Join Catholics from across South Carolina as they gather in Columbia for Catholic Day at the Capitol, March 9, 2016. This annual event provides an opportunity to put into action our faith's call to political responsibility and gives Catholics a voice in shaping our state laws.

Registration required:
Contact Michael F. Acquilano
macquilano@catholic-doc.org
(843) 261-0535
sccatholicconference.org

st. mary's catholic church
Lenten Devotions



WAY OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 6 PM

SOLEMN VESPERS
SUNDAYS OF LENT AT 5 PM

Friday Lenten Dinners

Women's Club members will serve soup and grilled cheese sandwiches in the Macalka Dining Room in Pazdan Hall after all Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. There is no cost. Please join fellow parishioners for this devotion that commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion and a Lenten dinner and fellowship afterwards.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family:
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Montaruli and Miss Olivia Shipp.

Easter Flowers

Parishioners are encouraged to help decorate the church and the Baum Center for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use your Easter Flower Offering envelope or a plain white envelope for your donation. Please include your name and the names of those you wish to honor.



Memorial requests must be submitted no later than Monday 14 March for the names to appear in the Easter Flower list. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Please join us Saturday 12 March at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. For more information, contact Patricia Wellham at 864.294.9270.

PARISH NEWS

Collections for 5/6 March

- 1st: Support of the Parish
- 2nd: Catholic Relief Services

*St. Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.
Thank you for your generosity and support.*

2015 Tax Statements

Please contact our Director of Finance and Human Resources, Jennifer Anderson, in the church office at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2015. Please allow us several days to process and mail your statement. **Tax statements are issued only upon request.**

Organ Recital

David Rhyne, St. Mary's organist, will present a delightful 30-minute recital of the organ music of JS Bach on Friday night 4 March at 8 pm.

Requiescat in pace

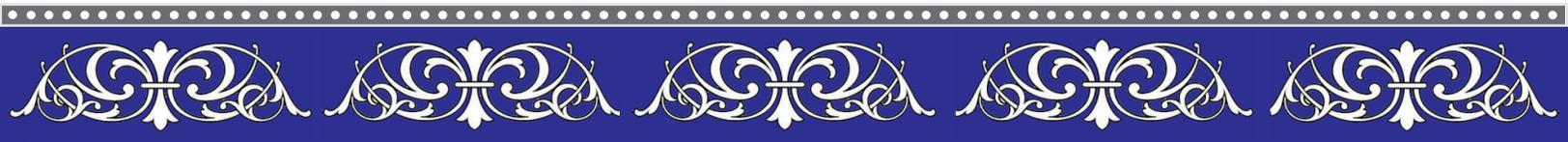
Please pray for the repose of the souls of Megan Cirelli, Bob Linkous and Lucy Hamilton who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Alan Howard, Alice Howard, Ronald Labbe, Andrew Brett, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Michael Pinto, Jim Sponsler, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Thomas Thomason, Zack & Judy McColl, Jim Barber, John Barbare, Carlton Carpenter, Fr. Bart Leon and Jordan A. Upham.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes meet in the K-4 classroom in Sacred Heart Hall.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30-7.30 pm.

Vacation Bible School

VBS 2016, *Birthday Blast: A Celebration Of Life* will be the week of 13-17 June, from 9 am to noon. St. Mary's parishioners, entering K5-5th grade, are welcome to attend this fun filled week of faith based learning! A nursery for younger children (rising K-4 and younger) will be provided for children of volunteers only.

THIRD DAY OVERVIEW

Theme: Protect Life.

Saint for the day: Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Virtue for the day: Compassion.

Bible Verse: "God is our refuge and strength." Psalm 46.1.

Registration forms for families, teen volunteers and adult volunteers are now available on-line at stmarysgvl.org under Catechesis tab or the Church Office.

We are now looking for adult volunteers; if you are interested please contact Elizabeth McLeer at 864.245.0753 or gemcleer@gmail.com.

Jr. High Girls Retreat

15-17 April

White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC

This retreat is open to girls in the 6,7 and 8 grades. The cost for the retreat is \$85 (please don't let financial reasons keep you from attending. If you cannot afford the retreat, please contact the Diocese of Charleston-Office of Youth Ministry by 4 April). The theme for this year's retreat is *Eyes on the Prize*, based on Hebrews 12:1-2. Come join young ladies from all around the diocese. Make new and lasting friends! Registration forms are available on the Diocese of Charleston website. There are a limited number of spots available so register early.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday 13 March. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Mass Intentions

Please contact Vickie Acosta in the church office at 864.271.8422 or vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org if you would like to schedule a Mass intention for 2016.

Bulletin Submissions

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

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.

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 Monday 21 March 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.

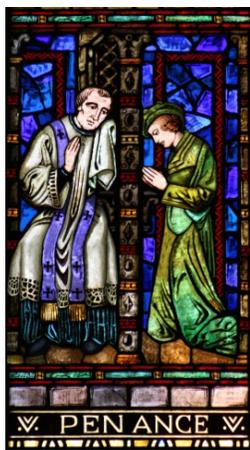
Virtus Training

The next training class at St. Mary's will be in the Monsignor Gwynn Room of Sacred Heart Hall from 6.00-9.00 pm on 3 May. Registration must be done online at virtusonline.org. Click on "registration".



God, the Father of mercies,
through the death and the resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us
for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church
may God give you pardon and peace,
and I absolve you from your sins
in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- *Formula of Absolution*



Area Lenten Penance Services

Monday 7 March at 7.00 pm
St. Mary Magdalene on Woodruff Road

Monday 7 March at 7.00 pm
Immaculate Conception in Hendersonville

Thursday 17 March at 7.00 pm
St. Anthony of Padua in Greenville

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 a weekly prayer hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Lisa Buss at 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 1 pm, 8 pm & 11 pm
Tuesday 12 noon*
Wednesday 12 noon
Friday 12 noon
Saturday 3 am & 4 pm

Women's Club \$1,000 Scholarship

The scholarship was created to encourage and promote such themes among St. Mary's females who are: 1) graduating from high school within South Carolina and enrolled in an institution of higher education, or 2) currently in a continuing education program.

Please visit the Women's Club page on the parish website, stmarysgvl.org, for complete instructions and to download the application form. The application must be received by the Women's Club no later than 22 April. No late applications will be considered.

Preaching to God's Creatures: The Franciscans of Anderson County

The Anderson County Museum (ACM) is proud to present "Preaching to God's Creatures: The Franciscans of Anderson County", a new exhibit to coincide with the Anderson International Festival. The Anderson County Museum is located at 202 E. Greenville Street Anderson, SC 29621. The exhibit will run from now until June 2016 and is free to the public. Please call 864.260.4737 for more information.

Natural Family Planning

A free, introductory session of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, a modern, effective method of NFP, will be held on Thursday 10 March at 7.00 pm at St. Francis Hospital - Eastside in Greenville in Classroom 301. To register to attend, please contact Nancy McGrath, RN, CFCP at 864.292.0475 or NaProNurse@aol.com.

40 Days for Life - Closing Ceremony

Saturday 19 March from 9.30-10.30 am
Greenville Women's Clinic - 1142 Grove Rd

Music will be provided by Mark and Robin Wills, members of "For Life Praise Band." Prayer warriors will share highlights from the current campaign. Please park at the empty shops across the street from Piedmont Women's Center and at Grove Road Baptist Church. Call Valerie for more information 864.297.8838.





Website: www.charlestonvocations.com

Facebook: Charleston Vocations

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



11-13 March

Register at CharlestonVocations.com

**I Have Called
You By Name.**
Isaiah 43:1

Luck of the Irish

6:30-11 p.m. Sat., March 12

Benefiting Birthright of Greenville

Tickets: \$25 in Advance, \$35 at the Door

Food: Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres

Drinks: Beer and Wine included in ticket price

Games: Craps, Roulette, Blackjack & Texas Hold'em

Live and Silent Auction

Where: Greer Cannon Centre

Knights of Columbus 9184

Website: www.kofc9184.org

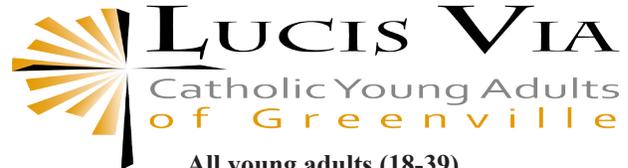
Email: kofc9184@gmail.com



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

1-3 April in Rock Hill, SC

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats bring spiritual healing and strengthening of faith to individuals who have had or participated in an abortion. Join us on the journey from guilt, shame and sorrow to healing, peace and reconciliation. For information and registration call Christy 803.554.6088 or Kathy 803.546.6010.



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.

STUDY

10 March - Building Sound Relationships: 7 pm at the home of Annie Z. Questions? Contact Annie at 864.316.2458.

We will be watching and discussing 6 talks over 6 weeks from the 2015 National Catholic Singles Conference with the goal of focusing on how an individual can flourish and build community in all their relationships. The single life is the default state of being from which everyone comes to take on vocations and Vocations, and hearing the validation and advice on sound relationships from this point of view can sharpen perspective for everyone in any Vocation.

Remaining classes: 10, 17, and 23 March

FELLOWSHIP

20 March - Monthly Lunch: 1 pm at The Local Taco (3608C Pelham Road Greenville, SC 29615).

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Visit us at: www.lvgreenville.com

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st. mary's catholic school

2015-2016
The Year of Faith



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St. Mary's School 28th Annual Classic & Gala 3 June 2016

Classic Invitation & Registration

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2016 St. Mary's Classic. The funds for this year's event will go towards the purchase and installation of a state of the art digital projection system for Gallivan Hall and iPads for our elementary classrooms.

The Golf Tournament will be played at The Preserve at Verdae on Friday 3 June.

Registration for your team can now be completed online
<http://goo.gl/forms/246UWMTorV>

Have questions? Contact
Mrs. Lisa Lyvers
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662.466.1333

Virtue for March

Mercy: Caring for those who suffer

Saints of the Month

K3-2nd Grade: St. John Vianney
Grades 3-5: St. Faustina
Grades 6-8: Bl. Teresa of Calcutta

Please use the following link to learn more about the program:

[Virtues in Practice](#)

Parent Guide
and Student Workbooks

School Spotlight

Saint Mary's Middle School math students participate each year in MATHCOUNTS. This national program provides students the opportunity to personally compete in math contests against and alongside their peers. To prepare for the competition, students are given fun and challenging problems that are to be solved and brought to class. They are allowed to share their answers and show their work to the class. The competition continues for approximately 18 weeks.

During the month of February a team is selected to represent Saint Mary's School. Selected students travel to a local school for the competition and compete head-to-head against their peers from other schools and cities in the upstate of South Carolina. This year's team consisted of the following students: Maxwell (8th), Molly (7th), Anna Havens (8th), Cailin (8th). The competition was held on 20 February at Dr. Phinnize Fisher Middle School in Greenville County.



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