



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

27 August 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Common + Unity = Community.

The things we have in common, do in common, and love in common both help produce human unity and flow from it. We all naturally desire an experience of community with other people, and when the things which we hold in common are noble and uplifting, then the experience of doing in them in common enriches us all. This can be as simple as being in a large stadium for a sporting event and pulling for the home team or as complex as a group of people responding to the challenge of a natural disaster.

But within all large communities are smaller communities. States have counties, and cities have neighborhoods. Dioceses have deaneries, and deaneries have parishes. And within each parish there are distinct communities. At St Mary's, for example, we have the families in our parochial school and the families who home school; we have the singers in our several choral groups and the volunteers who visit the sick; we have scouting programs for the young and fellowships for adult men and women. All of these and many other groups in our parish are distinct communities within the same spiritual family, and belonging to one of these smaller communities greatly enhances the experience of being part of the larger community. So, when I hear someone say that it is difficult to find a sense of community in a large parish, my first questions are: What group have you joined? What task have you volunteered for? What event have you attended? What activity have you helped organize? In many ways we make our own sense of community by showing up, lending a hand, identifying a need, and offering to do more.

There was a time in living memory when the local parish was the social hub as well as the spiritual home for most Catholics. CYO dances, Mardi Gras balls, weeklong missions preached by visiting priests, parish picnics and spaghetti suppers, the 40 Hours devotion, sodalities of every kind for the women, and the Holy Name Society or Knights of Columbus for the men. These and many other expressions of community life may still exist in one form or another, but the social context in which we now live is so fundamentally different and the opportunities for doing other things in our spare time are so numerous, that the ways in which earlier generations of Catholics experienced community in their parishes no longer touch most Catholics today. And for that reason we need to shape new ways to experience community, and the first way is to stop thinking of the parish as a place where we go to get something we need - like stopping by the market on the way from work to home - and start thinking of it as a place we go to give everything we have to others. We give first to God, and then we give to all others for God's sake. From there, we will find new ways to experience community if we look for them and take the initiative. So let's get started. This Sunday introduce yourself to someone you see at Mass each week but whose name you don't know, and do it again the next week to another person. In short order, no one among us will lack for a feeling of community.

Father Newman

St. Mary's Program of Catholic Studies Fall 2017 Course Offerings



Tuesdays 8.30 am

The Catholic Field Guide to Protestantism

with T.J. Nielsen and Tony Owens

Wednesdays 6.30 pm

How to Read the Bible

with Dr. Joe Beauchemin

More Information or to Register

Please visit us at

<http://stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/program-of-catholic-studies/>

Call or email T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or
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Classes Begin week of 5 September

The Catholic Field Guide to Protestantism

Have you ever wondered what exactly your Protestant neighbor believes and how best to explain Catholicism to them? 31 October 2017 is the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and we are using this opportunity to go through the history of Protestantism in order to better understand what exactly they believe. Over 12 weeks we will be going through the history and belief of all the major Protestant denominations so you can know how to explain the Catholic faith to each specific denomination. So join us and learn how to better understand and engage your Protestant friends or family.

How to Read the Bible

Are you constantly hearing Fr. Newman encouraging Catholics to read their Bible but don't know where to start? Perhaps you already faithfully read the scriptures but feel like you could get more out of it. If so, this course is for you. Reading scripture is one of the fundamental ways by which Christians come to better know and grow deeper in friendship with the Lord Jesus. Over 12 weeks we will be using the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum) from the Second Vatican Council as a guide and framework by which any Christian can learn how to read the Bible according to the mind of the Church.

An Introduction to Catholicism



What is Catholicism?

Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible?

Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church?

Our course called *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.

The classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 8.00 pm from Labor Day through Easter, and all are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact T.J. Nielsen, Director of Christian Formation, at
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Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 27 August 2017

7.30 am ✕ Evelyn Howard Francis
9.00 am ✕ Timothy Lynch
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 28 August 2017

7.00 am Jose Roberto Restrepo

Tuesday, 29 August 2017

7.00 am ✕ Carlos Restrepo
12.00 noon ✕ Alan Howard

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

7.00 am ✕ Peter Pioli
12.00 noon ✕ Marvin Hambleton

Thursday, 31 August 2017

7.00 am ✕ Suzanne Miller
12.00 noon ✕ Evelyn Howard Francis

Friday, 1 September 2017

7.00 am ✕ Rosalba Puerta

Saturday, 2 September 2017

5.00 pm ✕ S.B. & Nellie Francis

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 27 August 2017

Council of Catholic Women Meet & Greet:
After Masses (P)
Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass (P)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 28 August 2017

6.30 pm Cub Scout Kickoff Meeting (P)

Tuesday, 29 August 2017

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)

Thursday, 31 August 2017

Friday, 1 September 2017

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

Saturday, 2 September 2017

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 19/20 August

Needed	33,800
Received	33,374
Shortage	426

Poor Box	562
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	270,400
Received	267,473
Shortage	2,927

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.



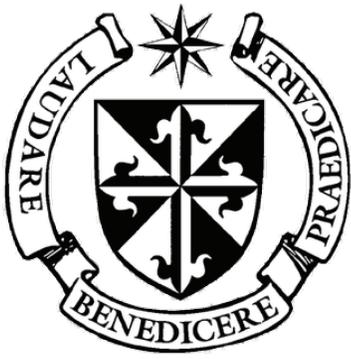
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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville SC.

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

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

Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org



DOMINICAN LAITY

Do you seek a deeper spiritual life?

Are you interested in becoming more dedicated to liturgical prayer, study of sacred truth and participation in a community of like-minded Catholics who desire to bring the truth of the gospel to our society?

Come meet the members of the Greenville chapter of Dominican Laity

Learn about living out a Dominican vocation. As a lay member of the Order of Preachers you will share in the apostolic mission through the four pillars of the Dominican Order.

Prayer: regular celebration of the Eucharist, daily prayer of the liturgy of the Hours, rosary and meditation.

Study: seeking after truth, in Scripture, church documents, and writings of the Saints and theologians.

Apostolate: preaching as the opportunity arises in accord with your station in life as a lay Catholic and Dominican, giving witness of a joyful and moral life.

Community: Gathering for social events celebrating Dominican holy days.

We meet monthly at St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hall. Come join us Sunday 24 September at 2:30 pm.
Learn more at <http://www.opgreenvillesc.org> or contact Linda at: ixhead@gmail.com

Contemplate et contemplate aliis tradere.

To contemplate and to give to others the fruit of one's contemplation.



PRAYER



STUDY



APOSTOLATE



COMMUNITY

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Ronald Labbe, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Thomas Thomason, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Jordan A. Upham, John Hever, Alfred Smith, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrell, Dcn. John & Irene Karandisevsky, Ted Karalekas, Lenore Cole, Celsea Patry, Mary Hunter Wylie Gibbs, Lee Heap, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Florence Mooney, Bonnie Clinbeard, Jimmy Tierney, Helen Francis, Louis Brouillard, Claude Trépanier, Sr. Colombe Gobeil, Anna Deehan and Carly Burkhardt.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women (SMCCW)

Refreshments will be available in the dining room in Pazdan Hall after all Masses this weekend (26-27 August) as we offer a Meet and Greet. Scrapbooks from 1931 through the present will be on display to enjoy discovering a family member or yourself! We are involved in church and community work incorporating the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. We also keep current on Catholic issues and legislation; meet other Catholic women and religious through affiliation in Deanery, Diocesan, National, and World Councils of Catholic Women - all of which allow us to continue to grow in Spirituality, Leadership and Service. We invite the women of the parish to join us in our mission to serve.

Women of Grace Bible Study

The Women of Grace Bible study will resume study on Sunday 17 September at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. New and returning members are invited to attend. This year we will be using the Scott Hahn series to study the Second Letter to the Corinthians. Please join us on the first and third Sunday of each month from 6.00-8.00 pm for the fellowship, recitation of the Rosary and Scripture study. Questions? Please email Wiletta Pennington at wbpennington8284@yahoo.com or Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.

Sunday Morning Scripture Study

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin the book of Daniel starting 10 September. Join us every Sunday at 9.00 am in the conference room on the 2nd floor of Sacred Heart Hall. For more information, please contact Joe Beauchemin at JosephBeauchemin@hotmail.com.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

Counseling services are available at St. Mary's. Contact Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4122.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 26/27 August

Support of the Parish

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the Most Rev. Francis Xavier DiLorenzo (Bishop of Richmond, VA) who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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.

Congratulations to

James Tucker Crangle who was baptized last week.

Xavier Pennell and Rebekah Kiehnman who were married last week.

St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Please join us Saturday 9 September at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. For more information, contact Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 or alicer ofs@gmail.com.

Cub Scouts Pack 521

Cub Scouts is open to rising 1st-5th grade boys (No previous Scouting experience required to join). We will be holding a kick off meeting on Monday 28 August at 6.30 pm in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room.



Join us in Pazdan Hall after the 9.00 am Mass for doughnuts

27 August & 10 September



The Center for Evangelical Catholicism

presents

500 YEARS LATER

Where do we go from here? 1517-2017

20-21 October 2017 - Greenville, South Carolina

I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment

1 Corinthians 1:10

Featuring Speakers

Dr. Jordan Ballor

Senior Research Fellow at the Acton Institute

Dr. Francis Beckwith

Professor of Philosophy and Church-State Studies at Baylor University

Dr. Eduardo Echeverria

Professor of Philosophy and Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, Michigan

Dr. Matthew Gaetano

Assistant Professor of History at Hillsdale College

Dr. Korey Maas

Associate Professor of History at Hillsdale College

Dr. Richard Phillips

Senior Minister at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina

Join us 500 years after the Protestant Reformation as Catholic and Protestant theologians and scholars come together to address...

The theological reasons for the Protestant Reformation

In what ways have these been addressed in the last 500 years?

What are the prospects for the restoration of Church unity?

How can Catholics and Protestants work together going forward?

\$75 per person

Includes registration, Friday evening program, continental breakfast, and light lunch

register online at www.evangelicalcatholicism.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All registration forms for 2017-2018 are available on the Religious Education page in the Catechesis section of our website at stmarysgvl.org.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm and begin 6 September. Only one form per family is needed. No registration taken 1-7 September. If you have not registered before these dates, you will have to wait until after the first class. There will be a \$10.00 late fee for registration after 1 September, so don't be late.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Sunday school class starting 10 September for 3 & 4 year olds whose birthdates fall between 1 June 2013 - 1 June 2014. 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 Families and St. Joseph's Confirmation Students who plan to make their Sacraments at St. Mary's

We would like to have the HS and Sacraments for St. Joe 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 1 September.

Catholic Fellowship

Saturday 23 September at 6.00 pm. Catholic Fellowship is a program that provides opportunities for parishioners to gather and get to know each other while enjoying dinner hors d'oeuvres. The program is open chiefly to members of the parish; however, anyone in the greater Greenville Catholic community can participate. Dinners are typically held in homes of parishioners or other types of facilities. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share and a beverage of choice. If you have already signed up, look for an invitation by e-mail soon. To join, send a message to StMCatholicFellowship@gmail.com or text 864.616.2739.

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 meets on Friday mornings from 6.00-8.00 am for prayer in the church and then in Sacred Heart Hall for study.

St. Mary's Safe Environment Retraining

Beginning 1 January 2017, the Diocese of Charleston transitioned from the live *Virtus* sessions to a new online educational program offered by Catholic Mutual called *Safe Haven*. The purpose of this change is to improve access for everyone and to facilitate retraining throughout the diocese.

In the spring those who took *Virtus* before 2012 received the new training. We are now retraining the remaining employees and volunteers (i.e. those with *Virtus* training from 2013-2016).

To continue volunteering with children at St. Mary's Church during the 2017-2018 academic year, you must complete the *Safe Haven* training at Charleston.CMGconnect.org and submit a certificate of completion to Lisa Watkins, the parish Safe Environment Coordinator. If you have questions, contact Lisa at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org.

New Volunteers

If you are a new volunteer at St. Mary's Church, please contact Lisa Watkins for the Safe Environment paperwork.

THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD Fr. Michael Gaitley's book

In 10 fast-paced and lively video sessions, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendor of God's merciful love. Join us starting Tuesday 12 September through Tuesday 10 October from 7.00-9.00 pm in the large conference room on the 2nd floor of Sacred Heart Hall. Please purchase your book prior to the sessions. Contact Barb Bathon at 574.261.2294 or Eileen Scoggins at 864.415.8289 to register.

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 271.8422, ext. 127. Information received will be kept confidential.





st. mary's catholic school

2017-2018
The Year of Charity



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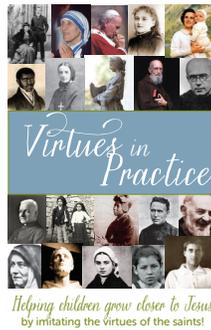
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Introduction to the Year of Charity

The theological virtue of charity is given to us in baptism. It allows us to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. Like any other virtue, we must grow in charity by practicing charity. Saint Paul reminds us that no matter how great or how glorious our deeds, if the lack of charity, these good deeds are empty, while Saint John reminds us that the true test of our love for God is how we treat our neighbor.



The *Virtues in Practice* Year of Charity seeks to foster love of God and love of neighbor. Scripture and tradition teaches us to protect the weak (virtue of fortitude) and to have respect for every individual. . . . Contrary to the popular meaning of the word "charity", study of *Virtues in Practice* this year is not limited to service projects, food collections, or other social justice outreach. We focus not on loving people on the other side of the globe, but on loving the person next to us – which is usually more difficult.

Developing charity requires divine grace and is best learned by a good example: first, by learning to better know and love God Who is Love, and secondly, by parents and teachers who model a life of charity. Let us strive together to love our neighbor by speaking of others only in kindness, especially within in the hearing of children. Recognizing that aggressive behavior is, in many ways, a spiritual problem engrained in our culture, members of the school community are strongly encouraged to join together to pray this year for all the school's efforts to deepen in the virtue of charity. The graces from this prayer are needed to open hearts, to protect leaders, and to beg the healing that only Our Lord can provide. Above all, let us show the children that God is first and foremost in our lives, by developing our own habits of daily prayer, weekly Mass, and eliminating any obstacles in our relationship with God.

To review the parent portions of the program, please use the following link: [Virtues in Practice Parent Guide](#).

First Day of School

The first day of school was on 21 August. In honor of the solar eclipse, St. Mary's PTO

generously provided eclipse glasses, a moon pie, and original eclipse artwork from a St. Mary's alum, Kacy L. to each student. It was a great start to our 2017-2018 Year of Charity.



St. Mary's Ducks Volleyball

(Home matches in bold)

28 August	Tri-Match w/ OLR & Spartanburg Day	4.00 pm
29 August	Prince of Peace	4.00 pm
31 August	Southside Christian	5.00 pm

To Honor *the* Gravesites *of our* Unborn Brothers *and* Sisters



National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Saturday Sept. 9 2017

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 50 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service *for Victims of Abortion*

Date & Time

Saturday, September 9, 2017 - 9:15am

Location

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
2252 Woodruff Rd.
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Special Details

We will gather for prayer and meditation at the Memorial Site in the church courtyard following the 8:30 Mass.

Local Contact

Contact Patty McGrath 864-757-9073
respectlife@smmcc.org

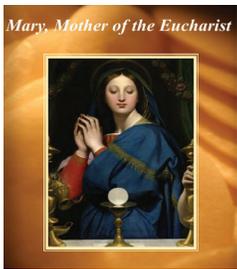
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For more information on this event, visit AbortionMemorials.com

Mothering with Grace Conference
Magnifying Motherhood with Our Lady
 Saturday 4 November from 8:00 am-4.00 pm
 St. Ann Catholic Church, Charlotte

The Keynote speaker will be Sonja Corbitt. Tickets are \$40, and are nonrefundable; includes lunch. Experience renewal in your vocation through inspiring talks, fellowship, prayer, Benediction, and Holy Mass. First 100 registrants receive a free swag bag on the day of the conference. Infants are welcome, although childcare will not be available. More information is available at MotheringWithGrace.org/conference/

5th Marian Eucharistic Conference
4-5 November
Hilton Hotel, Greenville



Our featured speakers include: Fr. Wade Menezes, The Fathers of Mercy; Fr. Chris Alar, Marian of the Immaculate Conception; Al Kresta, Ave Maria Radio; Raymond Arroyo, The World Over; Fr. Dwight Longenecker.

General admission is \$75, youth is \$40, and it includes a buffet lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

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

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, 9.00 am - 3.30 pm.

Prince of Peace

Come REST with the Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament. Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123. Choose an hour of your convenience or consider one of our URGENT NEEDS (*) or one needing a prayer partner:

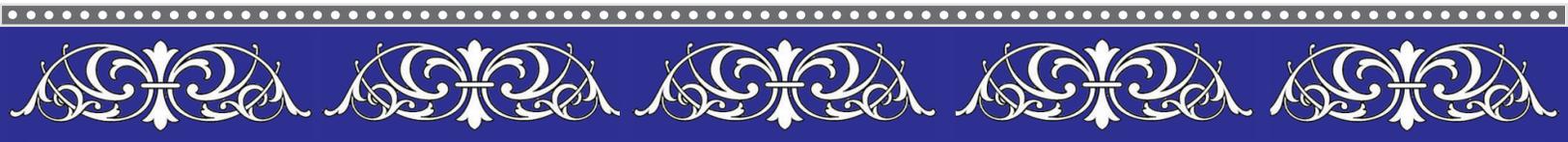
- Tuesday 11 am*
- Thursday 9 pm*
- Saturday 12 am* & 9 pm*

Annual Family & Respect Life Workshop

Saturday 16 September from 10.00 am-4.00 pm at St. John Neumann School (721 Polo Rd, Columbia, SC 29223). Mass at 10.00 am celebrated by Most Rev. Robert Guglielmo, Bishop of Charleston. Speakers include Rev. Joseph Pearce, CO, PhD Rev. Scott Francis Binet, MD Rev. Jeffrey Kirby, STD. To register: email familylife@catholic-doc.org or call 803.547.5063. Everyone is welcome. Lunch provided. \$20 donation is appreciated.

Return to the Green Irish Festival

Please join us Sunday 17 September at Fluor Field in downtown Greenville for the 22nd annual Return to the Green Irish Cultural Festival. This great family event runs from 1-6 pm and admission is free. More details are available at ReturntotheGreenSC.com or by calling 864. 525.8319.



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