



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

15 April 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

During Eastertide the Church directs our attention to the central place of Holy Baptism in Christian faith and life, and each year on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, all the baptized are asked to renew the promises of their Baptism. So this is the perfect time for us to consider a crucial question in the Church's life: who is eligible to be baptized?

Before answering that question, we must take notice of the fact that for many centuries, the vast majority of people who have been baptized were brought to the font as infants, but this statistical fact should not distract us from the theological truth that the meaning of the Baptism of children is fully revealed only in light of the Baptism of adults who come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus and then ask to be baptized. All seven of the sacred mysteries of the New Covenant are sacraments of faith, and the request of an adult to be baptized presupposes the gift of faith received as a prevenient grace leading to the second birth by water and the Holy Spirit through which one enters the Church as by a door. And no one would ask for Baptism who was not prepared to live the Christian faith by, at a bare minimum, coming to Mass each Sunday to be nourished by the Word of God and the Most Holy Eucharist. In fact, in a certain sense we can say that we are baptized precisely so that we may attend Mass and receive the Body and Blood of the Savior, so those who do not intend to make Sunday Mass the center of their lives have no reason to ask for Baptism. But now we return to the statistical norm of infant Baptism and are immediately confronted with the strange custom of people who were baptized as children, have grown up to have their own children, and now ask to have their children baptized despite the fact that they seldom, if ever, come to Mass. And the same holds true for adults who are not coming to Mass but still ask for permission to serve as godparents or sponsors for the Baptism of a child.

So, who can be baptized? Those adults are eligible for Baptism who are prepared to make their own profession of faith and accept the most serious duty to practice the Catholic faith in every way, including attending Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation. And those children are eligible for Baptism whose parents meet the same criteria as adults asking for Baptism. If the parents of a child are not practicing the faith by - at a bare minimum - attending Sunday Mass, then there is no founded hope that the child will be instructed in the Gospel and taught to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross, and in that case, the Church cannot consent to baptize the child in question. This is not intended in any way as a punishment for the child or still less for the anguished grandparents who are practicing the faith and want their now grown children to do the same for the sake of the grandchildren, but it is an acknowledgment that the sacraments are not magic. For Holy Baptism to be a true sacrament of faith, there must be in those who request it - whether for themselves or for their children - a genuine intention to follow the Lord Jesus in every way, beginning and ending with the Sunday celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Father Newman



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the Second Vatican Council, a call to restore the “permanent diaconate” emanated from bishops in Latin America and Africa who suffered clergy shortages and required native vocations to tend to the needs of their growing flocks. God has a sense of humor. The diaconate became reconstituted with the first ordination class in Chicago in 1978. The United States soon occupied the vanguard of the revived Order of Deacon. The American Church has retained that position ever since as 80% of the deacons throughout the world minister in the United States.

The first seven deacons in the ancient Church of Jerusalem (among them St. Stephen) enabled the Apostles to preach the Word abroad. The Church bestowed upon them a title that meant, “to wait on table.” They devoted themselves to serve the needs of the poor, widows and orphans, the hungry and oppressed. Prior to his martyrdom, a deacon in Rome, St. Lawrence, described the poor as “the treasure of the Church.”

Deacons serve as ministers of Word, Worship and Service. Perhaps a deacon preaches in regular rotation in your parish? Perhaps a deacon baptized your child or grandchild, witnessed a family wedding or presided at a friend’s or relative’s vigil service? Perhaps he rolled up his sleeves and worked in your outreach program or served needy families and seniors at Thanksgiving or Christmas? These deacons and their spouses, who also minister and sacrifice along with their families while their loved one is away, are “some pieces of bread.”

You are always so generous. I seldom need to ask. I often just say “thank you.” I would be honored if you will assist me to enable many of our long-serving deacons and their generous wives to share in a special event over five days in mid-July, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: Christ the Servant: Yesterday, Today, Forever. The title derives from the Letter to the Hebrews, which reminds us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. But He relies upon others to be his hands on earth, to go about doing good. This gathering is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Restoration of the Diaconate in the Church.

At the request of my Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, I authorized a one-time second collection to take place on the weekend of April 14-15 to offer scholarship assistance to our deacons and their wives to help underwrite their attendance. A portion of the overall expense will be covered by the deacon’s annual educational allotment. We aim to be good stewards. I promise a return on your investment. I know that our deacons who attend this national convocation in New Orleans will derive a benefit for their lifetimes. It won’t be a vacation in “the Big Easy.” Each day is packed with prayer and workshops and keynote speakers. The presenters are “top drawer”: speakers with national and international reputations. I am confident that the personal enrichment our deacons and their wives will derive from this gathering will filter down and renew every one of our parishes and institutions where they serve.

I am proud of our deacons. I rely on your support for them, both in and out of season. Please be as generous as your means allow, both by your material gifts in the one-time, special collection and by your prayers and affirmation for your deacons, priests, and me, your bishop, that we may continue to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.

In the Lord’s Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 15 April 2018

7.30 am ✕ Joseph Marlo
9.00 am ✕ Dr Bruce & Sybil Webb
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 16 April 2018

7.00 am ✕ Ellena

Tuesday, 17 April 2018

7.00 am Canfield Family
12.00 noon ✕ Paul Michael Roman

Wednesday, 18 April 2018

7.00 am ✕ Cheryl Lowe
12.00 noon ✕ Carol Pelicano

Thursday, 19 April 2018

7.00 am ✕ Eugenia Massa
12.00 noon ✕ James Tierney

Friday, 20 April 2018

7.00 am St Mary's First Communion
Teachers

Saturday, 21 April 2018

5.00 pm ✕ Bessie Dowling

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 15 April 2018

K of C Breakfast: After all morning Masses (P)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom
of Sacred Heart Hall)
9.00 am Scripture Study
6.00 pm Women of Grace
6.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 16 April 2018

6.30 pm Baptism Class
7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 17 April 2018

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies (M)

Wednesday, 18 April 2018

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

Thursday, 19 April 2018

4.30-5.30 pm First Communion Practice (G)

Friday, 20 April 2018

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, 21 April 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 7/8 April

Needed	33,800
Received	32,544
Shortage	1,256

Poor Box	131
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,385,800
Received	1,401,413
Surplus	15,613

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.



Facebook

'Like' us on Facebook at
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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Audrey Malouche who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her 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.

Friday Morning Bible Study



The Friday Morning Bible Study will begin a new session on 27 April called *Jesus Revealed*. This 18-week Catholic Scripture Study of the person of Jesus from Genesis to Revelation illuminates his many names and will give us a deeper knowledge and understanding of Our Lord Jesus Christ. If you would like to join this study please contact Sue Prevost at 288.6649 or sbkprevost@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Jordan A. Upham, John Hever, Alfred Smith, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrell, Dcn. John & Irene Karandisevsky, Lenore Cole, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Carly Burkhardt, Alma Furman, Anne Alexander, Ruth O'Rourke, Rafael Marquez, Lori Wylie and Kenneth & Nancy Tessier.

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.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 14/15 April

Support of the Parish &
Diaconate 50th Anniversary Celebration

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

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The KofC Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 15 April in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

Vacation Bible School

We will have registration on 15 April during the Knight's breakfast. We are now looking for adult volunteers; if you are interested please contact Kim Adams at craigandkim@aol.com or 407.756.2255.



Please bring in your old ties & deposit them in the box provided in Sacred Heart Hall. We still need 100+ more.

Congratulations to

David Albert Creely and Jackson Gehrig Sridhar who were baptized last week.

Stephen Owens Shuford and Mary Regina Prestifilippo who were married last week.



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

22 & 29 April

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

9.00 am in the K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Wednesdays from 6.30-7.30 pm

First Communion Practice

First Communion practice will be held on Thursday 19 April from 4.30-5.30 pm. Children should meet in Gallivan Hall.

First Communion

On Saturday 21 April the students will make their First Communion at 9.30 am. Please pray for our First Communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time.

Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta at 864.271.8422 or vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org.



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 6.15-8.00 am for prayer in the church and then in Sacred Heart Hall for study.

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish through a new program called Formed. This website includes a variety of free resources, including books, movies, podcasts, etc. for people of all ages. Go to Formed.org. Register using our parish code: **8B7VRM** to get access to the resources. If you have questions, please contact Timothy Nielsen at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

From the Pope's Wednesday Audiences

To illustrate the beauty of the Eucharistic celebration, I would like to begin with a very simple aspect: Mass is prayer; rather, it is prayer *par excellence*, the loftiest, the most sublime, and at the same time the most "concrete". In fact it is the loving encounter with God through his Word and the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is an encounter with the Lord...Praying, as every true dialogue, is also knowing how to be in silence — in dialogues there are moments of silence — in silence together with Jesus. When we go to Mass, perhaps we arrive five minutes early and begin to chat with the person next to us. But this is not the moment for small talk; it is the moment of silence to prepare ourselves for the dialogue. It is the moment for recollection within the heart, to prepare ourselves for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important! Remember what I said last week: we are not going to a spectacle, we are going to the encounter with the Lord, and silence prepares us and accompanies us. Pausing in silence with Jesus. From this mysterious silence of God springs his Word which resonates in our heart. Jesus himself teaches us how it is truly possible to "be" with the Father and he shows us this with his prayer. The Gospels show us Jesus who withdraws to secluded places to pray; seeing his intimate relationship with God, the disciples feel the desire to be able to take part in it, and they ask him: "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11.1).

*From the General Audience of Pope Francis
on Wednesday, 15 November 2017*

Job Openings at St Mary's School for the 2018-2019 School Year

St Mary's School is accepting applications for

- 1) a qualified **part-time Pre-K-8th grade Spanish teacher**. Preferred applicants will have a current South Carolina license or its equivalent and prior teaching experience.
- 2) a qualified **pre-kindergarten aide**. This is an hourly position. Preferred applicants will have prior experience working with three to five year old students in an educational environment.

Email resume and cover letter to
Principal@stmarysgvl.org

Deadline for applications is 1 August 2018.

St Mary's Catholic School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.




30th Annual St Mary's Classic
31 May & 1 June 2018
Golf Tournament, The Preserve at Verdae Golf Club

Sign Up For the Classic

Sponsorship Packages

Four Playing Spots in Classic + Player Gifts + Mulligan or Red Tee Package
30th Anniversary Reception/Equipment Pick Up
Breakfast & 30th Anniversary Lunch at Golf Course
Featuring Titleist Equipment

Saint Sponsor - \$12,000
Blue Ribbon Sponsor - \$10,000 **Gold Sponsor - \$8,000** **Silver Sponsor - \$5,000**
30th Anniversary Sponsor - \$3,000

For complete details please use the following link for more information:
[Classic Information and Registration](#)

Event Details

<p>Thursday, May 31 5:00-7:00pm 30th Anniversary Reception & Equipment Pick Up, Embassy Suites</p> <p>Friday, June 1 8:00am St Mary's Classic, The Preserve at Verdae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range balls available • Breakfast • 30th Anniversary Lunch 	 <p>Any Questions? Contact Lisa Lyvers, Director of St Mary's Classic and Gala lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org or 662-466-1333</p>
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Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new member to our parish family: Mr James Kopp.

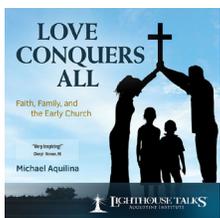
Bulletin Submissions

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.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

Love Conquers All:

Faith, Family and the Early Church



Mike Aquilina, author of over forty books and an expert on early Church history, shares how the faithful witness of Christian families amidst the trials and persecutions of the Church in the first centuries of its existence led to the rapid expansion

of Christianity and the conversion of the Roman Empire. Mike relates how fidelity to prayer, faithful attendance of Sunday Mass, and love of neighbor offered a powerful witness to a culture that, in many respects, is similar to our own. Available at LighthouseCatholicMedia.org.

GREENVILLE DEANERY

Greenville Deanery CCW

The next meeting of the Greenville Deanery of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women is Sunday, 15 April in the Msgr. Gwynn room on the first floor of Sacred Heart Hall. The Board of Directors Meeting will begin promptly at 1.00 pm, followed by the Meeting of the Membership at 2.00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Call Susanne Wolfe at 313.5866 or susanne.wolfe12@gmail.com for questions.

Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

Catholic Charities has opportunities for volunteers to provide services to our brothers and sisters in need. Catholic Charities will soon open a wellness food pantry in the San Souci area to holistically address food insecurity, diabetes, obesity, and self-sufficiency. Information meeting is Thursday, 19 April from 2.00–3.30 pm at 2300 Old Buncombe Road, Greenville. Contact Maria Gray, Food Pantry Manager, at 864.331.2629 or mgray@charlestondiocese.org to RSVP or if you need additional information.

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

Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to his Sacred Heart! "My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Proverbs 8.31) Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123.

All hours are available. Urgent needs are:

Sunday 4 pm

Monday 8 am & 12 pm

Byzantine Rite Divine Liturgy (Mass)

On Sunday, 29 April at 5.00 pm, a Divine Liturgy (Mass) in the Byzantine Rite, in English, will be celebrated at St Rafka Maronite Catholic Church (in Greer). Father Joseph Matlak, administrator of Holy Dormition Eastern Catholic Mission, will celebrate the Liturgy. Join us for fellowship afterwards, which will include a brief adult catechesis on the basics of Byzantine Liturgy by Father Joseph Matlak. For more information, visit dormition.weebly.com or email dormitiongreenville@gmail.com.

2018 Ordinations

It is with great pleasure that I announce the following ordinations for the Diocese of Charleston:



**Mr Jimmy Touzeau
and
Mr Francisco Oñate-Vargas
to the
Transitional Diaconate**



Friday 18 May
6.00 pm
St Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville, SC



**Deacon Rhett Williams
to the
Sacred Priesthood**

Friday 8 June
6.00 pm
Cathedral of St John the Baptist
Charleston, SC

+ The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmono

DIOCESE & OTHER NEWS

Praying to End Human Trafficking

Lee Road United Methodist Church will host a prayer service for the end of human trafficking on Thursday, 19 April at 7.00 pm. SWITCH Board Chairperson, Curtis Harper, will provide general information about human trafficking in the Upstate, SWITCH's role to end human trafficking, and opportunities for volunteers and involvement. The service will be in the sanctuary at Lee Road United Methodist Church, 1377 East Lee Road, Taylors, SC 29687. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Call Robin at 864.263.7416.

2018 Eucharistic Congress - Atlanta

Archbishop Gregory, Bishop Shlesinger, and Bishop-Elect Konzen invite you to join them at this year's Eucharistic Congress, 1-2 June at the Georgia International Convention Center. This year's event features a Middle School track, dynamic speakers and lots of opportunities for spiritual enrichment, including Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. For more information, please visit congress.archatl.com.



Diocese of Charleston Young Adult Ministry World Youth Day 2019

The Diocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry is taking young adults to World Youth Day Panama in January 2019. The trip is 9 days, with a cost of \$3,649 paid in pieces, and organized through Dube Catholic Travel Agency. Direct questions to Lexie Segrest, Associate Director of Young Adult Ministry, at lsegrest@charlestondiocese.org or 843.261.0445.





SCHOLA

High School Summer Program

Introducing Three Sessions for 2018

July 9 – July 14

July 15 – July 21

July 22 – July 28



Belmont Abbey
COLLEGE

The Program

Schola is a pre-college program that gives high school students an opportunity to grow in friendship, devotion, wonder, and wisdom. Spend a week discussing classic works of philosophy and literature with friends, enjoying daily recreational activities, and praying with the monastic community at beautiful Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina. The program features several day trips including exploring the City of Charlotte, rafting at the U.S. Whitewater Center, and hiking in the North Carolina mountains.

Application

Students who have completed two years of high school by summer 2018 are invited to apply to this exciting program. The program fee of \$575 includes meals, books, tuition, room and board, and activity fees. Visit www.belmontabbeycollege.edu/schola to apply.

If you have questions about the *Schola* summer program, please contact
Dr. Joseph Wysocki at JosephWysocki@bac.edu or 704.461.6831.

www.belmontabbeycollege.edu/schola

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