



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

12 August 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

The seven Sacraments of the New Covenant are divinely instituted instruments of grace given to the Church as the ordinary means of sanctification for believers. Receiving the Sacraments regularly and worthily is essential to the life of grace, and for this reason, faithful attendance at Sunday Mass every week (serious illness and necessary work aside) and regular Confession of sins are absolutely required for a life of authentic discipleship. This is the Third Principle of Evangelical Catholicism.

In the first chapter of his letter to the Ephesians, St Paul teaches us that we exist to live for the praise of God's glory. This is a bold claim! If we exist to praise God, then until we worship Him according to the eternal plan of salvation revealed in Jesus Christ, we are not yet living a whole or a holy human life. In other words, a person who does not give thanks to God each week in the Most Holy Eucharist does not yet fully understand why he exists or how to find his eternal destiny. From the creation of the world, the Seventh Day was set aside for us from ordinary occupations so that we could share in the covenantal worship which completes and perfects our humanity, and the Passover meal of Israel was set by God as a perpetual remembrance of their deliverance from slavery so that they would never return to the condition of slaves. In his passion, death, and Resurrection, the Lord Jesus transformed the Passover of the Old Covenant into the Eucharist of the New and Everlasting Covenant, and for Christians the observance of the Sabbath moved to the Day of Resurrection, the Lord's Day on which we share each week in the Passover of the Lamb of God. But if all this true, why do so many Catholics not attend Mass every Sunday?

I don't get anything out of it. It's boring. I don't like the music. These are among the answers typically offered by non-practicing Catholics when asked why they don't attend Mass each Sunday. But those answers reveal a much deeper problem. People who don't attend Mass because "they don't get anything out of it" are revealing that they are not yet authentic disciples of the Lord Jesus who understand the cost of discipleship. We are not called to Mass to get anything; we are called to Mass to give something. In fact, we are called to give everything. We must offer our whole lives as a sacrifice of praise in and with the sacrifice of Christ, and in so doing we fulfill the command of the Lord Jesus given at the Last Supper: "Do this in remembrance of me." And when once we have learned to worship God in this fashion, then we find that we do receive something. We receive divine mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the light of the Gospel to illuminate the mysteries of life, the strength to take up our cross and follow Christ, and the nourishment of the Body and Blood of Christ which is the pledge of eternal life and the medicine of immortality. And going to Confession whenever needed is Christ's Easter gift to the Church and an essential preparation for our worthy participation in the Eucharist. Since we exist for the praise of God's glory, let's use the tools He himself has given us to worship Him in spirit and truth.

Father Newman



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July 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Pius VII canonically erected the Diocese of Charleston on July 11, 1820. In less than two years, we will celebrate the bicentennial of its founding. To give glory to God and to mark this momentous occasion the diocese is organizing liturgies, conferences, events, displays, videos and more. For this we must rely on donations which can be made during a special collection which will be taken up Aug. 12. These funds will help commemorate the important accomplishments in our history, support impactful programs, and inspire South Carolina's Catholics to unite as one.

We have much to celebrate in a state that offers countless stories of faith-filled men and women who have served and sacrificed, and of the ministry of our great Church. Our first bishop, Most Rev. John England, started out with a large territory comprised of Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He traveled throughout the territory and immediately began to make disciples and history.

We continue to be a diocese of firsts, we had the first Catholic Church in the Carolinas and Georgia, the first important American Catholic theoretician of freedom of religion and separation of church and state, one of the first permanent deacons to be ordained in the United States, and the first Catholic newspaper in the country to name but a few.

Please consider donating to the Aug. 12 collection to help us implement a meaningful enterprise for everyone. Your generosity will assist in uniting the people of God as they join together in celebrating our history, our present and our future.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop, Diocese of Charleston

Adult Education at St. Mary's — Fall 2018 Courses

All classes begin the first week of September

Introduction to Catholicism (Wednesdays 6.30–7.30 pm)

- Instructor: T.J. Nielsen
- **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.
- Contact T.J. Nielsen to register at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org

Knowing Jesus (Wednesdays 6.30–7.30 pm)

- Instructor: Dr. Joe Beauchemin
- Jesus once asked his disciples, “who do you say that I am?” Answering this question and discovering who Jesus is, not only gets to the heart of what it means to be a Christian but what it means to be a human being. This course will look at Jesus by examining the 4 gospels with the purpose of knowing Jesus theologically and personally.
- **No Registration Required**

Forming Your Moral Imagination (Tuesdays 8.30–9.30 am)

- Instructors: T.J. Nielsen and Tony Owens
- It is largely through the properly formed Imagination and the search for Beauty that we come to know and love both Truth and Goodness. Join us as we delve into the topic the Moral Imagination as exemplified in the works of great Catholic writers such as J.R.R. Tolkien, Russel Kirk and Flannery O'Connor, and see how it can serve as an enduring source of inspiration that elevates us to first principles as it guides us upwards towards virtue and wisdom and redemption.
- **No Registration Required**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact T.J. Nielsen, Director of Christian Formation, at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 12 August 2018

7.30 am ✘ Alberta Lewis
9.00 am ✘ Mildred & Edwin Tully
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 13 August 2018

7.00 am David & Angela Grabosky

Tuesday, 14 August 2018

7.00 am ✘ Mary E. Conrad
12.00 noon ✘ Baby Grace Armaly

Wednesday, 15 August 2018

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00 am Juan Guillermo Restrepo
12.00 noon ✘ All Souls in Purgatory
7.00 pm Pro populo

Thursday, 16 August 2018

7.00 am ✘ Therese Cilluffo
12.00 noon Ana Victoria Restrepo

Friday, 17 August 2018

7.00 am ✘ Cheryl Lowe

Saturday, 18 August 2018

5.00 pm ✘ Marvin Hambleton

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 12 August 2018

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
6.00 pm High School Youth Group

Monday, 13 August 2018

Tuesday, 14 August 2018

Wednesday, 15 August 2018

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
Confessions (church)

Thursday, 16 August 2018

Friday, 17 August 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, 18 August 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 4/5 August

Needed	34,500
Received	35,056
Surplus	556

Poor Box	322
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	207,000
Received	203,696
Shortage	3,304

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



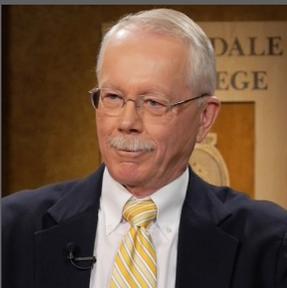
The Center for Evangelical Catholicism
presents

Religious Liberty & the Public Square

a special lecture by
Dr. Daniel Sundahl

“There can be no liberty for a community which lacks the means to detect lies.”
—Walter Lippmann

Thursday 6 September @ 6.30 pm
St Mary's Catholic Church
Gallivan Hall



Daniel James Sundahl is Emeritus Professor in American Studies and English at Hillsdale College where he taught for over 32 years. His graduate degrees, MA and Ph.D in United States Intellectual History, are both from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He and his wife have lived in Upstate, South Carolina since April 2015 and attend Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

For More Information Contact T.J. Nielsen | Timothy.Nielsen@stmarysgvl.org | 864.679.4114

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Annette Sullivan 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.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The KofC Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 19 August in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta in the parish office at 864.271.8422 or vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

Counseling services are available at St Mary's. Contact Dorothy Whalen by phone at 679.4122 or by email at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.

St Mary's Safe Environment

St Mary's is committed to ensuring that all programs are conducted in a safe environment. Prior to serving as a volunteer with children at the parish, all individuals must:

- Complete the Safe Haven online course and submit a Certificate of Completion. Virtus certificates are no longer accepted; all volunteers for the church and school must have a Safe Haven course certificate on file. Register at <http://charleston.CMGConnect.org>. (*required for both new & returning volunteers*)
- Complete Background Screening Forms
- Read & Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct
- Read & Sign the Diocesan Abuse Policy
- Complete the credit and/or driver screens (if applicable)

If you have any questions, contact our Safe Environment Coordinator Lisa Watkins at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 11/12 August

Support of the Parish & Diocesan Bicentennial Year

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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We will have three Masses for the Assumption:

Wednesday 15 August
7 am, 12 noon & 7 pm

Spiritual Direction Available

Spiritual Direction is an ancient practice in the Church to assist Catholics in deepening their interior life, and Spring Hill College in Alabama is training several people in the Upstate to serve as spiritual directors. If you are interested in working with a spiritual director, then before the end of August please send a note to Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.

Congratulations to

Lucille Banks Sieber who was baptized last week.

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, 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, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Kevin N. Brown, Arthur & Patricia O'Leary and Robert Brown.

 **The Center for Evangelical Catholicism**
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Social Justice

Isn't What You Think It Is



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Director of Research for the CEC

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Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Hillsdale College

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Daily Mass Readings

For the daily Mass readings, visit <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All registration forms for 2018-2019 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 5 September. Only one form per family is needed.

No registration taken 3-6 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 31 August. Don't be late.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Sunday school class starting 9 September for 3 & 4 year olds whose birthdates fall between 1 June 2014 - 1 June 2015. 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 31 August.

St Mary's Youth Group

The youth group will have its first meeting of the year on Sunday 12 August from 6-8 pm and will begin at Francis Field. Also, the annual Open House will be held on the Saturday, 25 August. More details to come next week.

Baptism Class

Prior to having a child baptized at Saint 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 the birth of your child. The next class is scheduled for Monday 27 August at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the church office is required. For questions, contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

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.

Friday Morning Bible Study

The Friday Morning Scripture Study Group will begin a Catholic Scripture Study of St Paul's Letter to the Romans. This 28-week study will start on 7 September. All are welcome. If you wish to take part, please contact Sue Prevost at 288.6649 or sbkprevost@gmail.com.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new member to our parish family: Mr & Mrs Jeffery Salisbury, Mr & Mrs William Guber, Dr & Mrs Eduardo Garcia, Mr & Mrs Gabriel Lewis, Miss April Bittner, Ms Kelsey Harris, Mr Verle Guntrum II, Mr Taylor Smith and Ms Kaitlin Kidwell.

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

Social Ministries at St Mary's

***Social Ministries at St Mary's* is a new addition to our bulletin. In it we will be introduced to members of our parish community who are working to make our world a better place by serving those in need. If you or someone you know would like to be featured, please contact Deacon John at the Office of Social Ministries below.**

Recently studies have begun looking into the effects of loneliness and social isolation on health and mortality. The results have been stark: loneliness and isolation are a bigger risk to one's health than smoking or obesity. In fact, a lonely person is significantly more likely to suffer an early death than a non-lonely one. One of the best answers to this problem is family: Who then, is my family?

Meet Mike Munafo



For 3 years after retiring Mike was constantly telling himself that he was going to give back some of his time by volunteering to help those in need. "It wasn't until I was asked that I actually answered the call that was in my heart those 3 years. I looked at my life and saw someone who was always busy, but wasn't accomplishing anything" Mike told me. Among other things, Mike now spends part of his free time bringing Holy Communion to those who are not able to come to mass. "It is such an honor and blessing to carry the gift of our Lord to those in need. I am both humbled and privileged to serve our Lord in this ministry. Truthfully, I don't know who gets a greater blessing out of this, me or those who I serve" said Mike.

In the spare time Mike has now that he's retired, he takes Holy Communion to patients in both Greenville Memorial and St. Francis hospitals as well as to a homebound person. Mike told me that he is humbled by seeing those spouses and family members who care for their loved one's week after week while battling life threatening illnesses. "When I come into their room, it is not me that they see, but Jesus who I am bringing to them. I have been blessed with good health, this ministry is, in some small way, my way of saying 'Thank you' to the Lord for all he has given to me".

We, the people of God, are the Church. When we serve those in need, it is the Church, us, the body of Christ, who are serving – and it is our family that we serve. There are many in our faith family who, because of advanced age, illness, or physical limitations are not able to attend mass. In addition to suffering loneliness, in their separation they frequently feel like they are no longer part of the Church community. There is a great need for faithful men and women who are willing to spend 1 hour a week, every other week, or just one hour a month bringing the gift of the Lord and of the Church to them.

If you want to learn more about becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or, if you want to learn how to put the skills you have into work helping those in need in our parish or community, please contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4113. Deacon John will help you to get involved, be engaged and become a source of blessing as you answer our Lord's call to serve those in need.

The Members of the St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

cordially invite

all parishioners to a

Meet and Greet

after all English Masses,

Saturday and Sunday,

25 and 26 August 2018,

in Pazdan Hall.



Scrapbooks will be on display.

View the many projects and services completed by the members.

Sewers are needed for the Sewing Ministry.

Share your talents!

**We invite all women to become an active member
and join us in serving the church and community!**

Refreshments will be served!

GREENVILLE DEANERY & OTHER NEWS

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

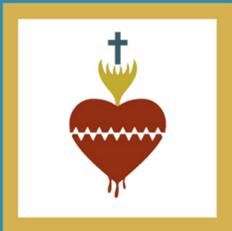
When my people humble themselves and seek my presence... I will revive their land. (2 Chronicles 7.14) Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123.

All hours are available. Urgent needs are:

Sunday 6 pm	Thursday 6 pm
Tuesday 11 am	Saturday 12 am & 3 am
Wednesday 11 am	

Diocese of Charleston Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Leadership Training



September 21-23
White Oak Conference Center

<p>With sessions on:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discipleship Sharing Your Witness Spiritual Multiplication</p>	<p>Cost:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$30/Shared Room \$45/Private Room</p> <p>Register: www.catholicyoungadultsofsc.com</p>
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Why You Should Read Dante & How to Get Started



Learn why popes have called on Catholics to read Dante's *Inferno* and how to get started. Join Nathan Barontini for this event on Sunday 26 August from 3.00-5.00 pm at the Parish Center at St Paul the Apostle in Spartanburg.

Holy Dormition Byzantine Rite Feast of the Dormition

Holy Dormition Byzantine Rite Catholic Mission will celebrate externally the Patronal Feast of the Dormition (or Assumption) of Mary at 5.00 pm on Sunday 26 August at St Rafka Maronite Church. Fellowship will follow in the church hall and potluck dishes are invited. For more information about the new mission, visit dormition.weebly.com, follow on Facebook or contact Fr Joseph Matlak at frjosephmatlak@gmail.com or 980.785.2764.



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Holy Mass Celebrant and Homilist

Visit us on the web: www.goEucharist.com

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