

ST. MARY HELP *of* CHRISTIANS CHURCH



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY APRIL 28, 2019

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Gregory B. Wilson, VF
Pastor

Rev. Raymond K. Flores
Parochial Vicar

Dcn. Robert Pierce
Dcn. Stephen Platte

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE WEEKDAY

Mon. - Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's
Tues. 6:30AM - Old St. Mary's
Wed. 8:30AM School Mass - Old St. Mary's
Miércoles - la capilla de Ste Claire 7:00PM
Thur. Nursing Home 10:00AM
Sat. Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

SUNDAY

Sat. Vigil 5:00PM - Church
8:30AM, 11:00AM - Church
Spanish 12:30PM- Capilla de Santa María
5:00PM - Church

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's
Sat. 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

Mail: P.O. Box 438 Aiken, SC 29802

803.649.4777

www.stmarys-aiken.org

Locations: St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE

Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE

Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

St. Angela Hall: 118 York St. SE

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend St. Mary's regularly and consider this your parish, please register at the parish office, print a registration form from the web site under the Parish tab, or you may fill out and submit the form online.

PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 803.649.4777 **FAX:** 888.552.1016
ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org
 Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM - 4:30PM
 Mailing address:
 PO Box 438 Aiken, SC 29802
 Location: 203 Park Ave. SE Aiken, SC 29801

NURSERY

Available during the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Mass in
Mother Teresa Hall

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance, call 803.642.3211

PARISH PERSONNEL

Contact by email at ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org

Mr. Patrick Wray
 Director of Administration
Mrs. Mary Frei
 Administrative Assistant
Ms. Charlene Krushinsky
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 803.649.2071
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 Social Ministry Coordinator
 803.649.4777 ext. 101
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 Organist and Choir Director
 706.550.5047

Reservations: ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website.

HOLY BAPTISM

To baptize a child at St. Mary's, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish and registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to the Baptism. Parents **must** attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. The Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class as well. **The next class will Sunday, May 19. Registration is required.** Contact Chris or Angela Ascherman at 256.541.1967

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Policy: Parents and children must be registered and faithfully attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children not enrolled in our Catholic school, must attend a minimum of two years of Christian Formation classes and satisfy the attendance policy. For more information:
Holy Communion: Mary Ellen Jackson: 803.642.2676
Confirmation: Joan LaBone: 803.649.3049 or jlabone@charlestdiocese.org

HOLY MATRIMONY

Those contemplating marriage should contact the parish office. The Diocese of Charleston requires a minimum of six months preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please understand, not all dates at the church may be available due to parish events or other conflicts.
 Contact: Mary Frei at 803.649.4777 ext. 114

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. E-mail Mary Frei: mfrei@charlestdiocese.org or call 803.649.4777 ext. 101 For Nursing home volunteers, Holy Communion for our homebound, hospital visits, call Bette Ross at the parish office or e-mail her at bross@charlestdiocese.org

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

OFFERING FOR APRIL 14, 2019 \$ 32,393.70
OFFERING FOR APRIL 21, 2019 \$ 30,903.70
WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS \$ 31,800.00
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS \$ 1,393,641.25
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS \$ 1,367,400.00
OVERAGE TO DATE \$ 26,241.25

St. Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. Thank you for all that you do. Any questions about the Capital Campaign, your pledge or making a contribution, call Phyllis Waters at the Parish Office, 803.649.4777 ext. 104

Special Collections: Easter \$19,544.00

ITEM	GOAL	Last Week Status	Current Status	CURRENT SHORTFALL TO GOAL	CURRENT % GOAL	CURRENT VS. LAST WEEK
PLEGGED AMOUNT	\$2,860,000	\$2,616,175	\$2,616,175	\$243,825	91%	
FAMILIES PARTICIPATING	1,717	526	526	1,191	31%	0
PLEDGE REDEMPTIONS RECEIVED	\$2,860,000	\$2,474,612	\$2,477,448	\$382,552	87%	\$2,836
PARTICIPATING FAMILIES PAID FULL	526	334	336	NA	64%	0

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

STE CLAIRE CHAPEL, 125 PARK AVE. SE

Perpetual Adoration of Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament is available in Ste Claire Chapel 24 hours a day. All are encouraged to spend time with our Lord. Come, let us adore Him!



CAN YOU WATCH ONE HOUR WITH JESUS?

An open Holy hour is held every first Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:00pm. Please join us!

To see the most current hours in need, go to <http://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>.

If you can spend one hour with Jesus on a weekly basis, please contact one of the division leaders or the lead coordinator, Ivy Monahan at 803.649.4157 or jjmonahan@mindspring.com

Tom Henry	12AM-6AM	803.642.6893
Jackie Langner	6AM-12PM	803.643.3159
Janice Suhrer	12PM-6PM	803.648.1747
Carole Schaumann	6PM-12AM	803.648.7519

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT PARISH PICNIC INFORMATION

This year, we are continuing our theme of “Welcome Home, You Belong”.

We especially want to embrace the rich diversity that families bring to form our Parish. As previously posted, we would like a ‘parade of nations’ as part of the procession and festivities.

April 30, 2019 is the last day to contact Bette Ross by email (bross@charlestondiocese.org) or Frances Gledhill by phone (649-4777, ext 113) to let us know the historical nationality with which you and your family might associate.

We look forward to celebrating this wonderful day of reverence for our Blessed Mother with fun and fellowship with our Parish family.

ATTENTION! BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin information needs to be turned in to the office no less than 10 working days prior to the desired Sunday. For more information, please contact the Frances in the Parish Office, 803.649.4777.

PASTOR’S CORNER

+ JMJ +

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First, I am incredibly grateful for all the volunteers and staff that helped make our liturgies this past Holy Week and Easter so remarkable and profound. It’s amazing to see the enormous preparation that is necessary behind the scenes to support the beautiful, ancient (and sometimes a bit complex) liturgies that directly connect us to our very roots as Catholic Christians. I express my deep gratitude to all those who helped in any way. Thank you!

Every year at the Great Easter Vigil, I have a very personal celebration – my conversion to the Catholic faith. It is, I like to say, a movable feast. Having been baptized, confirmed, and received my first Holy Communion all in one night at the Easter Vigil of 1994, I have come to look forward to the Easter Vigil every year in a special way. This year I was reflecting upon twenty-five years as a Catholic. It has been an amazing experience to say the least. One observation is that, since God is eternal and infinite, there is always more to learn! To paraphrase St. Gregory the Great, the whole faith is “broad and deep, shallow enough here for the lamb to go wading, but deep enough there for the elephant to swim.” In the Catholic faith, I did not lose anything, but gained more sacraments and a family we call the Saints, alive in Christ beyond this earthly veil, who love us and pray for us as we do in this life.

The main word that comes to mind when I reflect over these years is *gratitude*. I am immensely grateful to God, whose providence led me here. Not only did He want me to become Catholic, but a priest of Jesus Christ. I am grateful to my parents, who laid the foundation of faith in Christianity. I was not a “blank slate” in that respect. The faithful example of my family was amazing. I am grateful for the young man whose courage to make the Sign of the Cross in fifth grade led me to look up “Catholic” in the encyclopedia, planting a seed that would slowly but surely grow. I am grateful for the friend in college from New Jersey who “pushed” me across the threshold of my first Catholic church. I was hooked! I am grateful for the woman who first suggested that I think of being a priest. Even if certain things cross our minds, and even if we are “born for” certain things as part of God’s plan, we often need someone to say it out loud for us, and she did that for me.

People often talk about us “converts” as being zealous, which I hope is true. However, I’d like to point out that in every case above from fifth grade through my conversion and the priesthood, it was a so-called “cradle Catholic” that helped me. Many others, cradle Catholics and converts alike played significant roles as I went on growing in the faith. We need each other. And I’d be remiss if I didn’t say how immensely grateful to God I’ve been to be with you in this wonderful parish for nearly eight of these twenty-five years!

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us be grateful to God for His loving mercy, for His providence that has led us here, and for this amazing faith!

Yours in Christ and Our Lady,
Father Wilson

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION (CCD) GRADES 4K-5

Contact: mjackson@charlestdiocese.org
Sunday morning Religious Ed Classes

April 28 – Class, Last class

May 5 – May Procession and Parish Picnic – First Holy Communion students are invited to participate wearing their First Holy Communion clothing.

Basic prayers: We are ‘testing’ the children to see if they know their basic prayers – the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Act of Contrition. The best way to teach the prayers is to **pray them together often.**

First Holy Communion parents: please practice receiving communion on the tongue; you can practice with small pieces of pita bread or crackers.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal is April 27 at 10AM in the Church

First Holy Communion is May 4 at 10AM in the Church.

Looking Ahead: Register for Totus Tuus June 10-14! Check the website or the parish office for forms.

Planning some trips over the summer? – Don’t forget to

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6-12

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone

9:30-9:45AM Donuts and drinks in the gym.

9:45-10:45AM Session.

Confirmation sponsor/candidate rehearsal will be from 2-4PM TODAY, April 28, 2019.
Please meet in the new church

Confirmation - Monday, April 29, 2019 7PM

Youth Ministry
Middle School (GR. 6-8) or
Life Night (GR. 9-12)

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone
jlaborne@charlestdiocese.org or 803.215.7040 cell

April 28— Life Night, 6:15-8 pm Smith Hall

April 29—Confirmation, See Mrs. LaBone to help with the Mass and reception

May 2—Service Night, Come help serve volunteers who serve those in need at ACTS. Grades 6-12, Sign up with Mrs. LaBone.

Follow us on Instagram: [lifeteen_aiken](#)

Check for activities online at St. Mary Help of Christians Website under Formation/Youth Ministry.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM CLASSES “RCIA”

All are welcome to join us – whether you are just beginning to learn about the faith, you are a life-long Catholic wanting a refresher, or are anywhere in between. Join us and bring a friend! Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall 6:15 – 7:45PM. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org or 803.642.2676

THURSDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Thursday morning Bible Study is studying First and Second Peter. We meet Thursday mornings 11:15AM-12:30PM downstairs in Smith Hall. All are welcome. All you need is a bible and a love of Scripture! Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Wednesday, 9:30-11:00AM in Mother Teresa Hall as we study Ecclesiastes chapter 11 this week. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Martha at whittimp@gmail.com or 865.599.8473



ST. MARY’S PARISH SCHOOL

Contact: Ms. Charlene Krushinsky, Principal
803.649.2071
www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

Registration for the 2019/2020 school year is currently underway! If you or someone you know is interested in a faith-based education with an excellent academic environment, please contact the school office at 803.649.2071. Please also visit our school website at www.stmaryschoolaiken.com or school’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryschoolaiken> for more information. Tuition assistance is available.



The 8th grade class will be leading students in a special May Crowning prayer service on Wednesday, May 1st, after the 8:30AM school Mass. This will take place in the old St. Mary’s Church. All school parents and parishioners are invited to attend.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:30AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
 9:30AM-MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY-ST. ANGELA HALL
 9:45AM-SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION-SCHOOL
 9:45AM-SUNDAY MORNING CAFÉ-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 10:00AM-SPANISH CHOIR PRACTICE-OLD ST. MARY CHURCH
 11:00AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
 1:30PM-KERMES-SMITH HALL/COURTYARD
 2:00PM-CUB SCOUT BLUE & GOLD BANQUET-ST. ANGELA HALL
 4:00PM-MARIAN CONSECRATION-ST. MICHAEL HALL
 6:15PM-LIFE TEEN-SMITH HALL

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 9:30AM-PRAYER SHAWL-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 12:00PM-LUNCH & LEARN-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 3:00PM-BISHOP'S MEETING WITH YOUTH FOR CONFIRMATION-ST. ANGELA HALL
 4:00PM-CONFIRMATION-CHURCH
 6:00PM-LEGIÓN DE MARÍA-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 6:00PM-LEGION OF MARY YOUTH-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 7:00PM-BINGO-COLUMBUS CLUB, SPAULDING DR. AIKEN
 7:30PM-SMALL CHRISTIAN COMM I-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00AM-MEN'S PRAYER GROUP-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 3:30PM-LEGION OF MARY-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 6:00PM-RCIA MEETING-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 6:00PM-CANA'S CALL CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 9:30AM-ADULT BIBLE STUDY-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 3:00PM-GRIEF SUPPORT-DEACON WATERS CONFERENCE ROOM
 6:00PM-PRAY & PRAISE-SCHOOL
 6:15PM-LEGION OF MARY-SCHOOL LIBRARY
 7:00PM-HOUR OF POWER HOLY HOUR-STE. CLAIRE CHAPEL

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 11:15AM-BIBLE STUDY-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 6:00PM-ACTS DINNER-ST. ANGELA HALL
 7:00PM-SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH NAVE

FRIDAY, MAY 3

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 10:00AM-FRIDAY'S WITH FRANCIS-DEACON WATERS CONF. ROOM

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:30AM-NOVENA-OLD ST. MARY'S
 10:00AM-FIRST HOLY COMMUNION -CHURCH/MOTHER TERESA HALL



THE HOLY ROSARY

Join the parish as we pray The Rosary together daily before the 5:30PM Mass, Monday through Friday.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 29—MAY 5

Monday

Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday

I Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Rv 5:11-14
 Jn 21:1-19

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:30AM Clayton & Shelbey Clarkson (L)
 11:00AM Mildred Louise Gall (D)
 12:30PM Maritza & Humberto Lopez (L)
 5:00pm For the People

MONDAY, APRIL 29

5:30PM Walter Schumacher (D)
 7:00pm Confirmation Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

6:30AM Eleanor Cinelli (D)
 5:30PM Patrina Mount (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:30AM John Joseph Richard, Sr. (D)
 5:30PM James Williams (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 2

10:00am Pepper Hill Jack Singer (D)
 5:30PM Joseph & Kathleen Chadwick (L)

FRIDAY, MAY 3

2:00PM LATIN MASS John Fitzgerald (D)
 5:30PM Matthew J. Spears (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00AM Sara Rowland (L)
 5:30PM Natalie Palladino (D)
 Dan & Mary Tarangelo (D)
 Joseph H. Frankshun (D)
 Ruth Chelchowski (D)
 Paul M. Borick (D)
 Jack Singer (D)



PRAYERS REQUESTED



Death: April 9 Patricia H. Burleson
 April 13 Richard Frederick Proto
 April 17 Bonnie Daryl Fabian



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

LUNCH & LEARN BOOK CLUB

Meets on Mondays from 12 NOON to 1:00PM in Smith Hall. All are welcome. The current book for the Lunch and Learn Book Club is "That Nothing May Be Lost: Reflections on Catholic Doctrine and Devotion" by Rev. Paul D. Scalia. Contact: Kathy Monahan at kmonahan@atlanticbb.net

PRAY AND PRAISE

The Pray and Praise Prayer Group meets Wednesdays at 6:15PM in the Oswald Building. Join us to worship, share the good the Lord has done for us, offer intercessory prayers, and sing praise to the Lord. All are invited. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackon@charlestdiocese.org or 803.642.2676 .

MOTHER'S DAY BABY BOTTLES FUND-RAISER

For Life Choices Pregnancy Center

Many area churches participate in the annual Life Choices Mother's Day Baby Bottles campaign. This year St. Mary's will join them! Simply take a provided baby bottle home on Mother's Day and fill it with your loose change until Father's Day. Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center of Aiken relies on charitable donations to fund their important ministry of helping women with unexpected pregnancies, providing counseling and material needs for them as well as new mothers, and also providing free pre-natal and parenting classes, among other things.

Bottles will be available for pick-up, one per family, at a table at the picnic on 5/5, as well as outside all Masses Mother's Day weekend of 5/12. We'll have a table to collect the bottles after all Masses Father's Day weekend of 6/16. You do not have to count the money! Life Choices will tally for their newsletter how much each church donated. For more information, please contact Pat Maranda at phaney4@gmail.com or 803.646.3098.

SUNDAY MORNING CAFÉ

CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION

Please join us on Sunday mornings 9:45-10:45AM in Mother Teresa Hall for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship with your parish family!

April 28	The Third Way
May 5	God's Doorkeeper (part 1)
May 12	God's Doorkeeper (part 2)

God's Doorkeeper is the story of St. André Bessette. No materials necessary. Come when you can! Contact Donna Pierce at rampierce@atlanticbb.net or 803.474.6011.

FAMILY MINISTRY

The parish family ministry is here to help our parish families grow and nurture their spiritual and communal life. We strive to provide opportunities and support for family growth across all generations. For more information about upcoming events, contact Alice and Derron Judd at 803.522.2143

FROM THE BENCH

O filii et filiae (O Sons and Daughters) is of uncertain origins, although it is definitely French. The tune is believed to be a late medieval French folk melody or carol, first published in Paris, 1623. The hymn, that is the words, has been attributed to Jean Tisserand, a Franciscan friar of the 15th century but it is more likely to be the work of Jehan Tisserand (note the difference in spelling of the first name), a Dominican Bishop. Entitled *L'alleluya du jour des Paques*, there is no evidence it was used liturgically until modern times. English translation appeared as early as 1748, but it was John Mason Neale's translation that has become by far the most popular and the most used.

On another "note", mark your calendars for the weekend of May 12. It will be a sumptuous feast of music. Details are coming.

ON-LINE GIVING

The **Parish Finance Committee** has approved and strongly recommends using on-line giving. It has several benefits to the parish, including lower cost of administration fees versus the bank. It simplifies record keeping, collection and accounting procedures.

ON-LINE GIVING STATUS

ITEM	GOAL	LAST MONTH'S STATUS	CURRENT STATUS	CURRENT % GOAL	CURRENT VS. LAST MONTH
ON-LINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS	750	397	402	54%	5

TO ENROLL IN ON-LINE GIVING go to the parish website: www.stmarys-aiken.org

- ◆ Click on "Giving"
- ◆ Click on "Sunday Offering"
- ◆ Create a new account and then go to "Manage My Account"
- ◆ Enroll in weekly or monthly offering*
- ◆ If you need assistance, or to discontinue on-line giving, please call 1.800.348.2886 option 4 .

*Monthly offering is the preferred method recommended by the Parish Finance Committee

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Have you experienced the death of a loved one? Do you feel that, as a result of what you learned in your own grief journey, you have a desire to support and comfort others who are grieving? If so, please consider joining the **Bereavement Ministry**. We represent our parish family by sending heartfelt cards and prayers to the bereaved family and by remembering them and their loved one in prayer throughout the first year of loss. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen Van Deren at 803.226.9882. We welcome everyone who wants to serve in this ministry.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Aiken Knights of Columbus Council #3684 awards scholarship assistance to eligible applicants. Scholarships are based solely on ability and will be awarded based on school grades, standardized test scores, quality of the essay submitted, letters of recommendation, and community or extracurricular involvement. With few exceptions, scholarship assistance will require a minimum grade average of B or 3.00 in high school and 1600/2400 or higher SAT scores (or equivalent). All scholarship applications must be received by **April 30, 2019**. Scholarship interviews may be an integral part of the evaluation. For more information or an application form, call Tom Meisner at 803.649.4721 or Chuck Goergen at 803.649.4097.

AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL



is accepting application for 2019-2020 school year. You can apply online at aquinashigh.org/applynow/ Financial aid is available.

If you have any questions, please call 706.736.5516 and ask for Tim.

SINGLE, SINGLE AGAIN

Dinner 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00PM
Reservations are due the Tuesday before to: Carla Noziglia at skipncar@aol.com or Phyllis Autry at 214.587.1156.

Upcoming Single, Single Again Events

May 9—Houndslake Country Club
May 18— Spring Fling at Gem Lakes

Dates & restaurants may change. Check the Aiken Standard Events or the e-mail you will receive each month.
Brunch Saturday at 10:00AM April 27— Golden Corral

SAVE THE DATES

HOUR OF POWER THIS WEDNESDAY

Please join us at 7PM in the chapel this coming Wednesday, May 1 (the first Wednesday of the month), for a special holy hour to praise Our Lord with music, song, prayers, and silence with Him. Everyone is welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

The next K of C yard sale will be May 10 & 11. If you have any items to donate for this year's fundraiser, please contact Marion Engel at 803.648.0982 or Kevin Stoner at 803.514.0868. All household items are accepted, furniture, tools, patio furniture, bikes and clothes, etc. We will pick up donated items if needed.

TOTUS TUUS 2019

Mark your calendars for Totus Tuus 2019! Mornings June 10-14th. Registration forms are available on the parish website and in the parish office. **Needed:** Host families to house the missionaries and other families to provide supper. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestdiocese.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SEMINARIAN DINNER

Thursday, May 23 2019

5:30 TO 7:30 PM

SPAGHETTI, SALAD, BREAD, DESSERTS, AND REFRESHMENTS

at St. Angela Hall

Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office

May 1 thru 21

OR

after all Masses the weekend of May 18 & 19

Make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus

Proceeds will benefit our seminarians

WILL FREI & RAFAEL GHATTAS

\$10.00 per person, Family of 5 or more \$40.00

Senior and Children (12 and under) \$8.00

For more information contact John or Cindy Shea at 803.663.1777

DUSTBUSTERS

Join St. Mary's Dustbusters on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 9:00AM. No experience necessary! Once a week, light house keeping. Please call Patrick Wray at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 if you would like more information or to volunteer.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

MISA Y CONFESIONES

- domingo 12:30PM Santa María, Park Ave.
- miércoles 7:00PM Capilla Santa Clara
- Confesiones son media hora antes y después de la Misa dominical

BAUTISMOS

Para pedir el Sacramento del Bautismo o para recibir información acerca de las pláticas pre-bautismales, por favor de comunicarse con Gabriela Flores, al 803.716.5509 o con Luz Londoño, al 803.522.3814. Preparación pre-bautismal: 5 y 12 de mayo, 2019

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Norma Sacramental: Los padres de familia y niños deben estar inscritos en la Parroquia y asistir fielmente a la Santa Misa todos los domingos y fiestas de precepto. Los niños, que no asisten a nuestro Colegio Católico Parroquial, deben asistir, por lo menos, dos años, completos a clases de Formación Cristiana (Catequesis Dominical) y cumplir con los reglamentos de asistencia para recibir el sacramento. Para más información, comunicarse con Mary Ellen Jackson al 803.642.2676 /mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

PEQUEÑAS COMUNIDADES DE FE

Invitamos a todos los feligreses que deseen aprender más sobre nuestra fe que se unan a nuestras Pequeñas Comunidades de Fe.

PCF I "Dios Está Aquí" se reúnen todos los lunes de 7:30PM a 10:30PM en el salón Smith Hall. Coordinadora Aura Pérez. 803.295.6388.

PCF II "Santa María" se reúnen todos los lunes de 6:00PM a 9:00PM en 120 Barton Brothers Ln., Aiken, SC 29801. Coordinadora Mercedes Barranco. 803.439.3999.

PCF III "Dios Entre Nosotros" se reúnen todos los martes de 7:30PM a 10:30PM en 127 Courtney Rd. Trenton, SC 29847. Coordinador Reginaldo Cortez. 803.645.4083.

QUINCEAÑERA

A los interesados en una celebración de XV años deben tener en cuenta lo siguiente:

- Deben ser católicos practicantes y asistir a Misa.
- Deben estar registrados en la parroquia por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la celebración.
- Deben asistir a la preparación catequética que ofrece la parroquia.

Para más información, por favor comunicase con Esperanza Negrete al 803.226.3410 para dar inicio al proceso.

SAGRADO MATRIMONIO

Como política de la Diócesis, se pide a todas las parejas que desean tener el sacramento del matrimonio, prepararse por lo menos seis (6) meses antes de decidir una fecha para su boda. Para más información comunicarse con Guadalupe Cortes, al 803.845.9390.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

Introducción al Catolicismo - Estas interesado en convertirte en Católico o aprender mas sobre el Catolicismo? Las classes de RICA serán los jueves a las 7:00PM en el salon de Smith Hall. Para más información, por favor de comunicarse con Guadalupe Cortes, al 803.845.9390.

PARA LAS CLASES DE CATECISMO DOMINICAL:

Oraciones Católicas básicas: Le vamos a dar a los niños un pequeño "examen" para ver si se saben las oraciones básicas como el Padre Nuestro, el Ave María, el Gloria al Padre y el Acto de Contrición. La mejor forma de enseñarle estas oraciones a sus hijos es **rezando con ellos con frecuencia.**

Padres de los niños preparándose para la Primera Comunión: Por favor, practique con su hijo/hija cómo recibir la Santa Comunión en la lengua; lo puede hacer usando pedacitos de pan pita o galletas de soda. El ensayo para la Primera Comunión es el 27 de abril y la Primera Comunión es el 4 de mayo, ambos eventos a las 10 a.m. en la Iglesia.

En el futuro...Campamento de verano **Totus Tuus** será la semana de junio 10-14. Ya pronto tendremos más información en el boletín dominical.

CABALLEROS DE COLON

La próxima venta de patio de los Caballeros de Colón será 10-11 de mayo. Este es un proyecto para recaudar fondos. Si tienen artículos para donar pueden ponerse en contacto con la sra. Marion Engel al 803.648.0982 o con Kevin Stoner al 803.514.0868. Se aceptan artículos para el hogar, muebles, herramientas, muebles de patio, bicicletas y ropa. Si necesita transporte para su donación, llame para que lo pasen a recoger.

COLECTA SEMANAL – AÑO FISCAL 2018-2019

TOTALES DESDE EL DOMINGO, 21 DE ABRIL, 2018

OFRENDA PARA EL 14 DE ABRIL	\$ 32,393.70
OFRENDA PARA EL 21 DE ABRIL	\$ 30,903.70
NECESIDADES DEL PRESUPUESTO SEMANAL	\$ 31,800.00
TOTALES DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,393,641.25
NECESIDADES PRESUPUESTARIAS DEL AÑO	
HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,367,400.00
PRESUPUESTO CON EXCEDENTE HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 26,241.25

Representamos el **20%** de la Parroquia. Qué Bueno sería si nuestra colecta semanal fuese por lo menos de **\$2,000** o más. ¡Gracias por su participación!

HOLY HAPPENINGS AT ST. MARY'S!



April 16
Chrism Mass in
Charleston



April 18 Holy Thursday



April 19
Good Friday





Aiken Home Works Lenten Mission

BUILDING CHARACTER ✕ EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Thank you for your support!

Over thirty youth and adult volunteers helped our neighbor, Miss Ashley, during the mission. Her main deck and entryway were repaired and her back decking replaced, allowing her safe entry to her home. Many thanks to St. Mary's Youth Ministry for their generous support of the mission through food donations and the gift of plants for Miss Ashley's newly built gardening boxes!



Volunteers spent part of Tuesday helping the Knights of Columbus to thank them for the wonderful use of the Columbus Club Hall for the Mission Home Base.



SUMMER HOME WORKS

This year's session will be from
Tuesday, July 23rd at 5pm
to Tuesday, July 30th.

For information contact Kevin & Karen Stoner
kjstoner7@gmail.com 803-514-0868

Come join us this summer!