

ST. MARY HELP *of* CHRISTIANS CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5, 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
NO NURSERY ON MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 12

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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 803.642.2676
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 803.649.4777 ext. 101
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 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 jlaborne@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 brross@charlestdiocese.org

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

OFFERING FOR APRIL 28, 2019	\$ 28,960.70
WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 31,800.00
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$ 1,422,601.95
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 1,399,200.00
OVERAGE TO DATE	\$ 23,401.95

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

Upcoming Special Collections: May 12 Catholic Charities

Special Collection: St. Vincent de Paul \$7,315.00

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	\$2,477,448	\$2,480,011	\$379,989	87%	\$2,563
PARTICIPATING FAMILIES PAID FULL	526	336	337	NA	64%	1

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?

We have an urgent need for an adorer for 1PM on Saturday. Please call ASAP if you can help!

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

— A gentle reminder —

We can't help if we don't know...

Sadly, we often get calls, days or weeks later, asking why we haven't visited a parishioner in Aiken Regional Medical Center, in a rehab or nursing facility, or at home as they recover from injury or illness. The only reason we don't visit is because we do not know.

St. Mary's is blessed to have a team of dedicated volunteers, who are willing to pray with you and bring Holy Communion, as appropriate, as you recover. For example, the Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Legion of Mary goes to the hospital EVERY day. We also visit over 100 homebound and facility parishioners weekly.

Although Aiken Regional is committed to helping us minister to Catholics, they are no longer able to provide us with names for visitation. The only way we can know you are there is if you, a friend, or family member, request a visit.

If you are in an Augusta hospital, still contact us because we can reach out to one of the Augusta churches to make arrangements. At a minimum, we can check up on your progress and make arrangements for homebound Communion until you are back on your feet and able to come to Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office to take advantage of this wonderful Ministry.

PASTOR'S CORNER

+ JMJ +

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Jesus said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.'" – St. John 19:27

Saint Mary's parish is your home, regardless of where you came from. Join your family as we celebrate our unity at our annual Parish Picnic, today, Sunday, May 5. **(Please note that there is no 12:30PM or 5:00PM Mass on May 5 so that we can celebrate as a family.**) At the end of the 11:00AM bilingual Mass, we will make our annual Procession in honor of our Blessed Mother, Help of Christians, down Park Avenue and back to the church, where we will crown the statue of Mary to the left of the altar. This year the procession will include flags representing the heritage of all our parishioners and how the Church brings us together as one great witness. As we honor our Blessed Mother, let us learn through her help and intercession to incorporate her total and constant "Yes" to God's will in our daily lives.

Afterward the procession and crowning, have fun! We'll have great food, wonderful music, games, face painting, jump castles, and more!

So, why walk in a procession? With the cultural heritage of the United States being basically Calvinist, many people are uncomfortable with such a public display of faith. While that may be an earthly, non-religious sentiment, it is certainly not Catholic. We are actually commanded by Jesus to be public: *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15; see also Matt 28:19-20; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8; and many other references). Far from "imposing our faith" on other people, it is an action meant to inspire. In our Jewish heritage, the Ark of the Covenant was carried in procession with music and even dancing (see 2 Samuel 6). Jesus entered in procession into Jerusalem. God Himself entered our world not in a merely spiritual sense, but in flesh and blood – specifically the Body and Blood of Jesus, which we are most privileged to receive every Sunday, even every day. The Incarnation of God the Son (literally, taking on flesh), has transformed our world. God acts to inspire and strengthen our faith through our human senses of sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste.

As I have mentioned many times, I realize that am a little biased in this respect. It was the visual and tactile Sign of the Cross that I saw from a fifth-grade boy that first inspired my interest in the Catholic faith. You never know the impact you might have on someone for the good. Again, it is absolutely true that we should never pray to be seen; but it's ok to be seen praying.

Congratulations are in order to the fifty young men and women who received the holy Sacrament of Confirmation on 29 April, and the forty-three boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion on 4 May. Our First Communicants will be our special guests for our May Procession!

Let us pray for each other,
Father Wilson

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

Contact: mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

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

A huge THANKS to all our catechists who helped make our Sunday Religious Education program great! And thanks to all parents who faithfully brought your children to class weekly!

Totus Tuus Summer Camp will be held June 10-14, 9:00AM – 2:30PM. Registration forms can be obtained in the office or on the parish website. Please consider volunteering – adults as well as teens are needed.

Summer is here! Don't forget to take your children to Mass every Sunday – and possibly another mass during the week!

If you are planning a summer trip, get your children involved in finding a nearby church to attend Mass. Get there a bit early to look for your favorite saints in the windows, statuary, or elsewhere. It's always fun to find a "hidden" saint in a church.

Remember: whether you intend to or not, you are teaching your children the faith every moment of every day. One of the best ways to help your children embrace the faith is for you to model it. Go to confession with your children! Pray at home, in the car ... anytime. Ask them what they'd like you to pray for. Don't be afraid! Begin a conversation about the big questions in life, about faith.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6-12

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone

No Morning Ministry Until September!!!

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

May 5—Parish Picnic—No evening Ministry

May 11-12—Bake Sale after Masses for NCYC Bus. No Evening Ministry due to Mother's Day.

May 19—MIDDLE SCHOOL BLAST!!!! More details coming next week!

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 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

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 complete our study of Ecclesiastes this week. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Martha at whittimp@gmail.com or 865.599.8473

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 "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary" by Brant Pitre. Contact: Kathy Monahan at kmonahan@atlanticbb.net



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

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

All school parents and parishioners are invited to attend our school's annual Patriotic Program! This special celebration will be performed by all students through song as well as giving a special tribute to those in military service. The Patriotic Program will be on Thursday, May 9th, at 1:30PM in St. Angela Hall. Hope to see you there!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00AM-SPANISH BAPTISM CLASS-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 8:30AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
 9:30AM-NO MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY-SUMMER BREAK
 9:45AM-NO SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION-SUMMER BREAK
 9:45AM-SUNDAY MORNING CAFÉ-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 10:00AM-SPANISH CHOIR PRACTICE-OLD ST. MARY CHURCH
 11:00AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
 1:00PM-PARISH PICNIC-ST. ANGELA HALL
 3:30PM-MARIAN CONSECRATION-ST. MICHAEL HALL
 6:15PM-NO EVENING YOUTH MINISTRY-PARISH PICNIC

MONDAY, MAY 6

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 9:30AM-PRAYER SHAWL-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 12:00PM-LUNCH & LEARN-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 4:00PM-ST. VINCENT DE PAUL-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 6:00PM-SECULAR FRANCISCANS COUNCIL MEETING-
 DEACON WATERS CONFERENCE ROOM
 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, MAY 7

7:00AM-MEN'S PRAYER GROUP-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 9:00AM-PLAY & PRAY-MOTHER TERESA HALL/CONFERENCE ROOM
 3:00PM-FAMILY PROMISE COMMITTEE MTG-ST. MICHAEL HALL
 3:30PM-LEGION OF MARY-SMITH HALL
 6:00PM-RCIA MEETING-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 6:00PM-CANA'S CALL CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 9:30AM-ADULT BIBLE STUDY-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 6:00PM-PRAY & PRAISE-SCHOOL
 6:15PM-LEGION OF MARY-SCHOOL LIBRARY

THURSDAY, MAY 9

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 11:15AM-BIBLE STUDY-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 1:00PM-SCHOOL PATRIOTIC PROGRAM-ST. ANGELA HALL
 6:00PM-EMAÚS-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 6:00PM-CUB SCOUT LEADER MEETING-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 6:15PM-STEPHEN MINISTRY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
 7:00PM-SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH NAVE

FRIDAY, MAY 10

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 10:00AM-FRIDAYS WITH FRANCIS-DEACON WATERS CONF. ROOM
 7:00PM-SPANISH MARRIAGE GROUP-UP/DOWN, SMITH HALL

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:00AM-SECULAR FRANCISCANS-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
 8:00AM-CELEBRATION OF CHARACTER-ST. ANGELA HALL
 8:30AM-NOVENA-OLD ST. MARY'S

THE HOLY ROSARY

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

Please Note: There will be **no nursery** on Mother's Day— Sunday, May 12

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6—MAY 12

Monday

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab
 Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17
 Jn 10:27-30

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30AM For the People
 11:00AM Michael & Debbie
 Wetzel (L)
 12:30PM Felipe Tamayo (D)
 5:00pm Eleanor Cinelli (D)

MONDAY, MAY 6

5:30PM Jerry Roberts (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

6:30AM Joan Goergen (D)
 5:30PM Deacon Bob Waters (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

8:30AM Lynn Smits (L)
 5:30PM Stella Imbrescia (D)
 7:00PM Guadalupe Enriquez (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 9

10:00am Cumberland Village
 Susan Reeve Shultz (D)
 5:30PM Father Tom
 Whittingham (L)

FRIDAY, MAY 10

5:30PM Sharon & Paul Aristoff
 (L)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:00AM The Sharp Family (L)
 5:30PM Susan Reeve Shultz (D)
 Bill & Ruth Baron (D)
 Natalie Palladino (D)
 Roger Dale Aderholdt (D)
 Ruth Chelchowski (D)
 Roger Hasselbrink (D)



PRAYERS REQUESTED



Death: April 20 Leopoldo Romero Cardenas
 April 22 Michael Gregory Mandel



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

FROM THE BENCH

As Catholic Christians, we often begin our meetings and prayers with a Trinitarian statement, In the name of the Father...; and today, we begin our mass with a famous Trinitarian hymn, *Holy, Holy, Holy*. A beloved hymn in the English language, it is not reserved only for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity once a year. With its reference to Revelation and the Holy City, it underscores today's Second Reading. First published in 1826, it was married to the tune *Nicæa* in 1861. The opening notes of this melody highlights the tonic triad, the first *three* notes of the basic chord of the key, as well as the first notes of Psalm tone V, often used for joyous occasions.

MOTHER'S DAY BABY BOTTLES FUND-RAISER

For Life Choices Pregnancy Center

Don't forget to pick up your Baby Bottle at the picnic on May 5, or after Mass on Mother's Day weekend (May 11 & 12) to collect loose change for Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center of Aiken! We will collect the bottles with money on Father's Day weekend (June 15 & 16). For more information, please contact Pat Maranda at phaney4@gmail.com or 803.646.3098

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUXILIARY MEETING

Our next meeting will be on May 15th, 7:30PM at the Columbus Club. We will be voting on the Women of the Year, also election of Officer's. The Knights will be having their meeting the same day. Don't forget the Seminarian dinner on May 23. They have requested us to bring desserts. For more information please contact Carole Casciotta, at carjo0613@gmail.com

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!

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

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 mjackson@charlestdiocese.org or 803.642.2676 .

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.

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

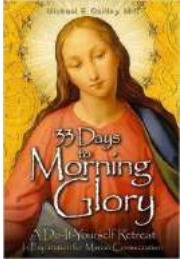
ITEM	GOAL	LAST MONTH'S STATUS	CURRENT	CURRENT % GOAL	CURRENT VS.
ON-LINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS	750	402	425	57%	5

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



MARIAN CONSECRATION

to be made on May 24th
The Feast Day of
St. Mary Help of Christians

Join us as we prepare together, guided by
the book **33 Days to Morning Glory**
by Fr. Michael Gaitley

A study group will meet every Sunday
April 14 through May 19
3:30-5:00PM
St. Michael Hall

During the sessions, you'll learn of a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness. Join us for our 33 days to Morning Glory study group—and bring a friend!

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CENTER

Do you want to be a Catholic in action? We have an opportunity for you at OLVCC. The Center is in desperate need for monetary donations as well as volunteers for all programs. We need volunteer drivers with a truck to assist with food pickups. We also need a Communications volunteer for our newsletter and the website. If you can help with any of these ministries or for more information, e-mail joely@charlestdiocese.org

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.
May 25 NO BRUNCH.

SAVE THE DATES

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 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SEMINARIAN DINNER

THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2019
5:30 TO 7:30 PM

St. Angela Hall

SPAGHETTI, SALAD, BREAD, DESSERTS, AND REFRESHMENTS

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE PARISH OFFICE May 1 thru 21, 2019

OR AT ALL THE MASSES THE WEEK END OF MAY 18 & 19, 2019

MAKE ALL 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, SENIORS AND CHILDEN (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 housekeeping. 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@charlestondiocese.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 clases de RCIA 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.

MISA Y HORA SANTA

Miercoles, 8 de mayo en la Capilla de Santa Clara
Misa a las 7:00pm y luego continuamos con la Hora Santa

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, 28 DE ABRIL, 2018

OFRENDA PARA EL 28 DE ABRIL	\$ 28,960.70
NECESIDADES DEL PRESUPUESTO SEMANAL	\$ 31,800.00
TOTALES DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,422,601.95
NECESIDADES PRESUPUESTARIAS DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,399,200.00
PRESUPUESTO CON EXCEDENTE HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 23,401.95

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!



The Great
Easter Vigil
April 20



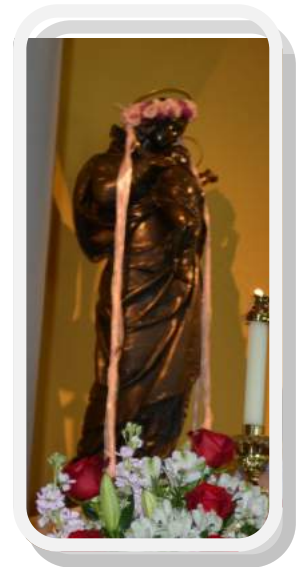
Blessing of Easter Baskets
April 20



Welcome Home....You Belong!

May 5, 2019

ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION



SUNDAY, MAY 5

11:00 AM Bilingual Mass with

12 NOON May Procession of approximately 6 blocks
and Crowning of Mary back in the new church.

All are encouraged to **bring flowers** for the procession!

1:00 to 3:00PM in St. Angela Hall & on the School Grounds



Join us for good food, family time, live music, games for all ages, and the opportunity to celebrate with our wonderful parish family.

- Hamburgers, hot dogs, and carne asada are provided by the parish.
- We encourage you to bring a dish to share that represents your ethnic or cultural heritage and is a family favorite.

Watch our website for more information — [www. stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org) for details.

**Note: there will not be
a 12:30PM Spanish or
5:00PM Mass on
Sunday, May 5**

