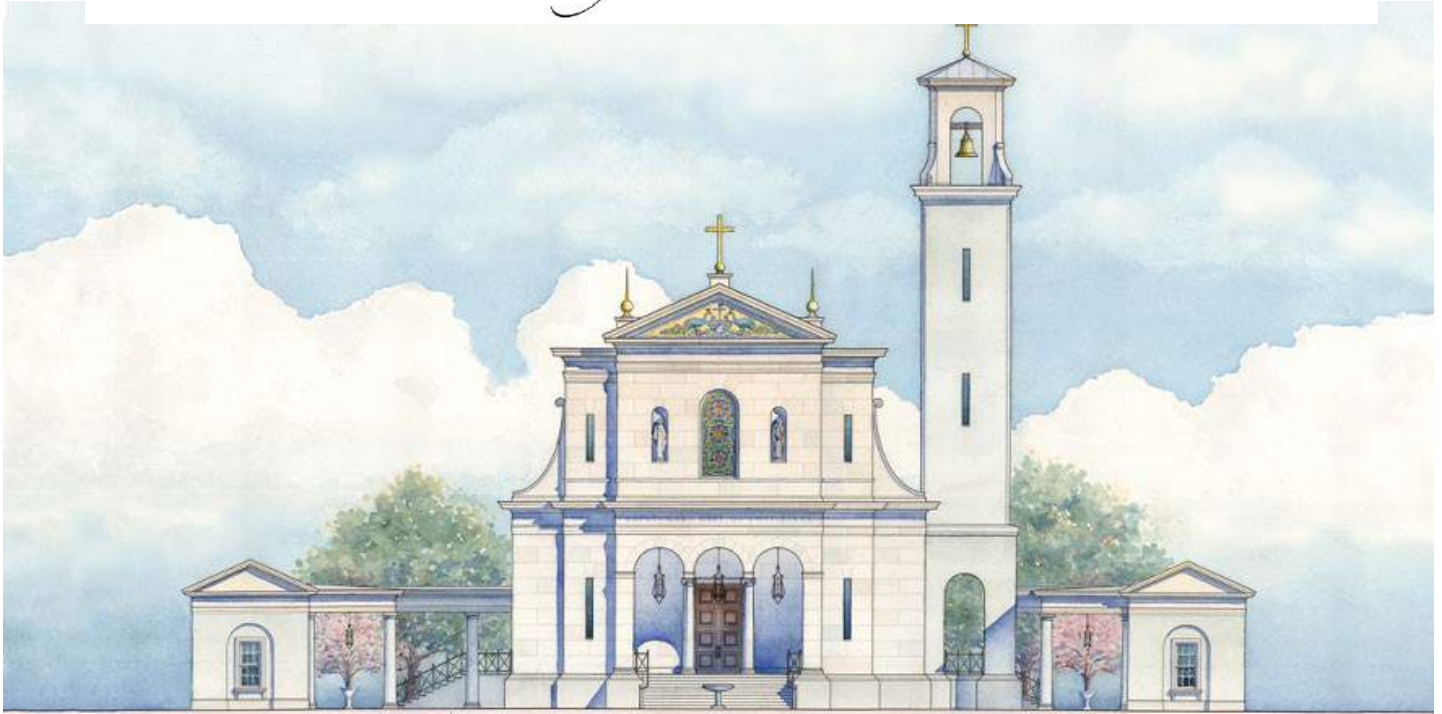


ST. MARY HELP *of* CHRISTIANS CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 19, 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
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 803.649.2071
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 Business Manager
Ms. Frances Gledhill
 Parish Secretary

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 Director of Religious Education
 803.642.2676
Mrs. Joan LaBone
 Director of Youth Ministry
 803.649.3049
Mrs. Bette Ross, MS
 Social Ministry Coordinator
 803.649.4777 ext. 101
Mr. V. Franklin Deese II
 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 is today, 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, MAY 19, 2019

OFFERING FOR MAY 19, 2019	\$ 32,753.70
WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 31,800.00
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$ 1,494,076.59
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 1,462,800.00
OVERAGE TO DATE	\$ 31,276.59

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 19 Catholic Communication Campaign
 May 26 St. Vincent de Paul

Special Collection: Catholic Charities \$3,170.00

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	\$2,489,308	\$2,495,062	\$364,938	87%	\$5,754
PARTICIPATING FAMILIES PAID FULL	526	341	348	NA	66%	7

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 and Sunday. 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	803.640.5144

Reminder: There is an emergency phone available in Ste. Claire Chapel. It is located under the sign-in counter.

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

REMINDERS ABOUT HOMEBOUND HOLY COMMUNION AFTER MASS

After several months, we wanted to share a reminder that we have made a change in how to obtain the Blessed Sacrament.

When an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EM) is making a home visit after a weekend Mass, we ask that once all the EM's have gathered near the altar, and five minutes after the end of the music, one of the EM's should ring a bell once (by the priest sacristy door or the altar server bells), and then retrieve the Blessed Sacrament in an efficient and quick yet reverent manner.

If you are still in the church when you hear the bell, we ask that you stop speaking and kneel (if possible and practicable) to show reverence to the Blessed Sacrament.

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,

Pope St. John Paul II's motto was *Totus Tuus*, "Totally Yours." He had placed himself totally in the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary so that he might imitate her eternal "Yes" to God in everything. She teaches us by her example and intercession how to offer an enthusiastic "Yes!" to God's plan for our own lives. We can learn how to be good and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ by imitating the best and first disciple, Mary.

In this same spirit, St. Mary's is excited to again offer our annual summer camp June 10-14 for children in rising grades 1-6, led by the group Totus Tuus, a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Our week-long program assists parents and grandparents in the evangelizing and catechizing of their children and grandchildren by supplementing the work they are already doing. (You are, after all, the first and primary teachers of your children in the ways of the faith.)

Totus Tuus is concerned not only with teaching the faith but also igniting the hearts of the team members and young people. The result has been the formation of young adults who continue to dedicate themselves to the Church's mission of evangelization. Mass will be celebrated every day in Old St. Mary's at 11:30AM, and parents and all parishioners are invited to come and pray with us. Also, on Wednesday evening, June 12, we'll have a parish dinner, and all are invited.

The **Feast Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians is this Friday, May 24**, a solemnity for us. Perhaps plan to attend Mass and pray for your parish! Our mission remains the same as when we were founded in 1853: *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* (St. Matthew 28:19-20). It can be summed up in the last words of the Virgin Mary beautifully preserved in Scripture, *"Do whatever He tells you"* (St. John 2:5). Please join us in Old St. Mary's for the holy rosary at 5pm followed by Mass with special music at 5:30pm. **Please note** that the school Mass will be transferred from the normal Wednesday to Friday, May 24 at 8:30AM in Old St. Mary's.

We continue to pray the Prayer of St. Michael at the end of Sunday Masses, especially for the holiness of the Church's ministers and laity. Of course, the patronage of St. Michael the Archangel is dear to many people as the Patron Saint of police officers, the military, sailors, paratroopers, firefighters, paramedics, against illness, and even grocers. While mentioned several times in the Bible, his final appearance is in Revelation 12:7, where Saint Michael and the forces of heaven defeat the dragon (Satan), who is defeated *"by the blood of the Lamb."* Jesus has conquered – join yourself to His victory.

Yours in the Risen Christ,
Father Wilson

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

Contact: mjackson@charlestdioocese.org

Totus Tuus summer camp will be held June 10-14, 9:00 – 2:30PM. Your children grades (rising) 1st – 6th will be sure to enjoy this week full of fun activities and games, plus learning more about their faith. Just being around these amazing college-age missionaries who lead the program is inspiring! Please consider volunteering – adults as well as teens are needed; all forms are on the website and in the bulletin. Other needs can be found on the parish website.

Summer is here! Don't forget to take your children to Mass every Sunday – or during the week as well!

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 church. Take a picture of your family in front of the church and send it to for our bulletin!

Remember: whether you intend to or not, you are teaching your children the faith every day, every moment. One of the best ways to help your children embrace the faith is for you to model it. Always pray before meals (even if you're in public), and perhaps invite one of the children to lead the prayers. This week ask your children to voice their own intentions as you pray as a family.

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@charlestdioocese.org or 803.215.7040 cell

May 19—MIDDLE SCHOOL BLAST!!!! Meet at Smith Hall at 6:15—8:00PM.

May 26—Meet outside of church after 5:00PM Mass, we will walk to dinner. Bring \$5 to help with the cost.

June 2—**Baccalaureate Mass** and Reception after 12:30PM Spanish Mass and 5:00PM Mass. All high school graduates are welcome. Please wear your cap and gown.

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@charlestdioocese.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@charlestdioocese.org



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

Contact: Ms. Charlene Krushinsky, Principal
803.649.2071

www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

Congratulations to our St. Mary's School students who received the May Saints of the Month Award! These students were nominated by their teachers for displaying excellent Discipline With Purpose skills and living up to our Student Learning Expectations of being a Christian Witness, Active Learner, Responsible Leader/Citizen, and an Effective Communicator. Students will be recognized with a certificate after the school Mass on Wednesday, May 29th, in the old St. Mary's Church.

Our May Saints are:

Kindergarten

Kimberly Pham, Jasmine Wright

1st Grade

Catalina Otero-Ramos,

August Malovrh,

Catalina Lloret-Brandemann

2nd Grade

Diego Buchelli, Anna Hale,

Alexa Lucas

3rd Grade

Max Timmerman, Logan Gordon

4th Grade

Will Sowards, Will Hanna,

Katie Raynor

5th Grade

Joshua Hunt, Cait Runnels

6th Grade

Carleigh Day, Ana Johnson,

Alyssa Raynor, Alejandro Jordan

7th Grade

Amy Katonak, Kristin Smith,

Uriel Vargas

8th Grade

Althea Bascos, Lane Carter

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 19

BEFORE/AFTER ALL MASSES—

K OF C SEMINARIAN DINNER TICKETS- IN THE COURTYARD

K OF C BBQ DINNER TICKETS—IN THE COURTYARD

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-BAPTISM CLASS-DEACON WATERS CONFERENCE RM

10:00AM-NURSERY FOR BAPTISM CLASS-MOTHER TERESA CONF. RM

10:00AM-SPANISH CHOIR PRACTICE-OLD ST. MARY CHURCH

11:00AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM

12:00PM-HOMELESS COALITION COMMUNITY MEAL-MOTHER TERESA HALL

2:30PM-ALTAR SERVER TRAINING-CHURCH NAVE & NARTHEX

3:30PM-MARIAN CONSECRATION-ST. MICHAEL HALL

6:15PM-MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY-SMITH HALL

MONDAY, MAY 20

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

9:30AM-PRAYER SHAWL-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

12:00PM-LUNCH & LEARN-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

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 21

7:00AM-MEN'S PRAYER GROUP-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

9:00AM-PLAY & PRAY-MOTHER TERESA HALL/CONFERENCE ROOM

3:30PM-LEGION OF MARY-SMITH HALL

6:00PM-RCIA MEETING-MOTHER TERESA HALL

6:00PM-CANA'S CALL CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

9:30AM-ADULT BIBLE STUDY-MOTHER TERESA HALL

6:00PM-PRAY & PRAISE-SCHOOL

6:00PM-EMAÚS-MOTHER TERESA HALL

6:15PM-LEGION OF MARY-SCHOOL LIBRARY

THURSDAY, MAY 23

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

11:15AM-BIBLE STUDY-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

5:30PM-SEMINARIAN DINNER-ST. ANGELA HALL

7:00PM-SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH NAVE

FRIDAY, MAY 24

FEAST DAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

8:30AM-AIKEN HOMELESS COALITION—MOTHER TERESA HALL

10:00AM-FRIDAYS WITH FRANCIS-DEACON WATERS CONF. ROOM

7:00PM-SPANISH MARRIAGE GROUP-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

SATURDAY, MAY 25

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.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 20—MAY 26

Monday

Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23
Jn 14:23-29

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:30AM Paul & Shirley Carlson (D)

11:00AM Fr. Tom Whittingham (L)

12:30PM For the People

5:00pm Michael Anaclerio Sr. (D)

MONDAY, MAY 20

5:30PM Gaul Family (L)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

6:30AM Vincent Trapenese (D)

5:30PM Hudson Family (L)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

5:30PM Louis Monroy (D)

7:00PM Kermit Batton (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 23

10:00am Benton House

Margaret Foreman (D)

5:30PM Walter Lepianka (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 24

8:30AM School Mass

5:30PM O'Leary Family (L)

SATURDAY, MAY 25

8:00AM Marie Walton (L)

5:30PM Natalie Palladino (D)

Ruth Chelchowski (D)

Fred Ricketson (D)

Regina Fodor (D)

Paul Morgan (L)



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

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Wednesday, 9:30-11:00AM in Mother Teresa Hall to view and discuss: **"Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust"** This final session stands alone and all are welcome to attend. We will also enjoy our end of year pot luck brunch. For more information contact Martha at whittimp@gmail.com or 865.599.8473

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND MAY PROCESSION

THANKS to all those who helped make the First Holy Communion Mass go smoothly. It was a beautiful day for such an important event. The catechists all consider themselves blessed to be able to assist the parents in teaching their children.

THANKS to all those who helped with the May Procession. Another beautiful day (a gift from the Lord!)! Such a powerful witness to have us process together to honor Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary publicly. Special thanks to the bier-carriers, a couple of whom stepped up to help at the last minute. All enjoyed the Parish Picnic that followed, made possible with the help of countless hard workers. Praise God! and see y'all next year!

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
June 13—Ruby Tuesday
June 22 Brunch at 10:00am—What's Cookin'

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 19 This is My Body, This is My Blood:
Miracles of the Eucharist

May 26 **NO CLASS.** Summer Break Begins
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

LUNCH & LEARN BOOK CLUB

Meets 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 Monahon at kmonahon@atlanticbb.net

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	402	425	57%	23

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

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PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office, is the daily prayer of the worldwide Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. It is a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer. Together with the Mass, the practice of the Divine Office constitutes the official public prayer life of the Church.

Beginning June 3, St. Mary's Parish is instituting the regular practice of the Office in the nave of the church on Mondays and Wednesdays, with Morning Prayer at 8:30AM and Mid-Day Prayer at 11:30AM. Please join in this sacred time with our Lord in daily communion with our sisters and brothers around the world.

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE PROGRAM

NOW OFFERS LOCAL WEEKEND RETREAT FOR COUPLES SEEKING MARRIAGE HELP

**Charleston, SC – May 31-Jun 2, 2019 and
Hilton Head, SC/Savannah GA Area Nov. 15-17, 2019**

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience in which couples are helped to reestablish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. This part of the program is presented by three couples and a chaplain. The presenting team has experienced disillusionment, pain and conflict in their own lives and offer hope as they share their personal struggles of reconciliation, rediscovery and healing...This program provides tools to help couples with communication, forgiveness and trust.

To register, or for more information please call **1.800.470.2230** or visit **HelpOurMarriage.org**

PILGRIMAGE TIME!



The **Incorrupt Heart of St. John Vianney** will be displayed for veneration at The Basilica of St. Peter in Columbia, SC on Mon., May 27th from 11AM-6PM. Mass at 12 NOON and Solemn Vespers at 5:30PM. St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, gave a beautiful witness his entire life of following the Lord's will with humility.

For more info go to <https://www.visitstpeters.org> under "featured news and events." St. Peter's is just an hour's drive away; rarely does such an opportunity come so close. While you're there, look for the chair Pope John Paul II used when he celebrated Mass at St. Peter's in 1987.

SAVE THE DATES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEMINARIAN DINNER

Thursday, May 23, 2019

5:30-7:30pm

St. Angela Hall

\$10 per person or

\$40 for a family of 5 or more

\$8 for Seniors and Children (12 & under)



Tickets may be purchased in the Parish Office thru May 21 or after all Masses May 18 & 19. For more information contact John or Cindy Shea at 803.663.1777

Proceeds benefit our Seminarians Will Frei & Rafael Ghattas

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ DINNER

Help us support our local
Special Olympic Athletes



\$10 per person or \$50 for Family of 6 or more

Admittance by ticket only

Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 6:00PM

at the Columbus Club, 1003 Spaulding Drive, Aiken, SC
Pulled pork sandwich, fries, coleslaw & dessert (a hotdog or hamburger may be substituted on request). One free beer (age 21+) or cold drink per ticket. Cash bar. For tickets or information please contact:

Dennis Fraser at 803.407.0066

Craig Burgess at 803.645.0330

Columbus Club at 803.648.3684 (leave a message)

Tickets available May 18 & 19 after all Masses and in the Parish Office.



LIGHT UP SOMEONE'S LIFE DONATE BLOOD THE GIFT OF LIFE

**The Knights of Columbus need you to
Help save local lives!**

Shepard Community Blood Center

will conduct a Blood Drive

At Saint Mary Help of Christians Church

On Fairfield Street.

Saturday, June 8th from 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM and

Sunday, June 9th from 7:45 AM -1:30 PM

Many things in this world can wait,
but a transfusion of **blood** to a dying patient cannot.

Donors should drink plenty of water prior to donating!

In order to donate, you will need
a picture ID, driver's license, or donor card.

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.

RETIRO DE LA EXPERIENCIA DE EMAÚS

La Iglesia de Santa Maria está ofreciendo el Retiro de la Experiencia de Emaús para mujeres de la parroquia. Este retiro está basado en las Escrituras de el pasaje del Evangelio de San Lucas 24:13-35.

El tema principal de este retiro es descubrir o redescubrir a Jesús en nuestras vidas y la importancia en que las mujeres, hagan ministerio a otras mujeres.

Este retiro se llevará a cabo Junio 28, 29 y 30 en el Salón de Santa Ángela. El costo será de \$100.00 (Incluye cuarto, alimento y programa) Inscribirse después de las Misas.

Para más información, llamar a Beatriz Barranco (Coordinadora) 803.634.7650.

COLECTA SEMANAL – AÑO FISCAL 2018-2019

TOTALES DESDE EL DOMINGO, 19 DE MAYO, 2018

OFRENDA PARA EL 19 DE MAYO	\$ 32,753.70
NECESIDADES DEL PRESUPUESTO SEMANAL	\$ 31,800.00
TOTALES DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,494,076.59
NECESIDADES PRESUPUESTARIAS DEL AÑO	
HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,462,800.00
PRESUPUESTO CON EXCEDENTE HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 31,276.59

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!

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