



St. Mary's Catholic Church



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Sunday Schedule

All take place in the Parish Center

8:30 AM Eucharist (Eng.)

9:30 AM Faith Formation (Eng.)

11:00 AM Eucharist (Eng.)

12 Noon Faith Formation (Viet.)

1:30 PM Eucharist (Viet.)

4:30 PM Faith Formation (Spa.)

5:00-5:30 PM Sac. Of Recon.

6:15 PM Eucharist (Spa.)

Saturdays

9:00 AM Novena in honor of

Our Lady of the Miraculous

Medal (Small Church)

Eucharist follows

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon English

Charismatic Group (Small

Church)

4:30 PM Sac. of Recon.

5:30 PM Eucharist (Small

Church)

Daily Eucharist (Mon – Fri)

7:30 AM (Small Church).

Coffee and Morning Prayer

follows (Parish Center).

Eucharistic Adoration

10 A.M.–11:00 A.M. On 1st.

Sunday of the month.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2018

Psalm: Teach me Your ways, O Lord.

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

In today's Gospel Jesus calls two pairs of brothers - Andrew and Peter, James and John - inviting them to become His disciples. The men respond immediately, leaving their nets, boats, and father to follow Him. These fishermen immediately accept Jesus' invitation to use their skills to "fish for men." Today's readings also underline the necessity of repentance and a prompt response to God's invitation, so let us appreciate our call to be Disciples of Christ. Each of us is called by God, both individually and collectively. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church and own unique vocation and relationship with the risen Lord is the same as the universal Church. Whether we are clergy, religious, married or single, we are all called to be active members in God's Church. The call begins with our baptism and the other sacraments of initiation. It is strengthened throughout the years with reconciliation and Eucharist, healed and consoled by anointing and made make evident in matrimony, or holy orders. God is constant in calling us back to Himself, when we stray from Him. Let us be thankful to God for calling us to be followers of Jesus Christ and members of His true Church. Let us make a personal effort to see the light of Christ and to grow in holiness, learning the truths that are revealed through the Church and receiving its Sacraments. Let us be shining lights in the world as Christ was and make a personal effort to bring others to the truth and the light, so that they may rejoice with us in the mystical Body of Christ, the invisible Kingdom of God.

We, the parishioners of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, are uniquely diverse, both ethnically and culturally, with varied economic, social and spiritual experiences. This uniqueness of diversity strengthens our unified spiritual bond - a common baptism in Jesus Christ. As worshippers seeking to be more Christ-like, we capitalize on the talents and strengths of all to fortify our efforts while serving each other's needs and those of our larger community. To accomplish this goal, we are dedicated to: serving the poor, the forgotten and the unloved; evangelizing ourselves and our neighbors; showing a loving concern for each other; and strengthening our solidarity with the larger community.

January 22 – January 28

Monday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Lectionary for Ritual Masses, volume IV

Tuesday, January 23

Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24

Saint Vincent de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Samuel 7:4-17
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16
Mark 16:15-18

Friday, January 26

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops
2 Timothy 1:1-18
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Martyr
Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Samuel 12:1-7a10-17
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, January 28

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

**PARISH GIFT - \$5,437.31
THANK YOU!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask the charity of your prayers for the following members and friends of our parish who are ill:

Y'Blim Adrong, Paul Adup, Claude Anderson, Carl and Barbara Brady, Terry Bradshaw, Mickey Burchfield, Maria Castillo (mother of Victor Castillo), Mary Ann Coleman, Anita Davis, Peggy Daye, Celeste Donohue, Chuck Dupuis, Gwen Drummer, Heather Emper, John Garrett, John Harris, Emily and Joan Harrison, Ashley Henry, Marquita Hunter, Marie Isley, Craig Jones, Loretta Jones, Ellen Kerr, Tom Kerr, Fr. Daniel Kramer, C.M., Essie Laughlin, Brenda MacDonald, Carol McFarland, Betty McKinney, Harry McNeill, Ashley Moore, Kinsley Nellis, H' Ju Nie, Charles Norman, Gabrielle Parker, Cheryl, Billy, Kim, Neal, and Paris Patillo, Marianne Polickoski, Fr. Robert J. Prior, C.M., Halo Rankin, Pat Roberts, Sherry Ross, Melinda Ruffin, Mary Scotton, Rose Simpson, Thomas Scott, Florine Stafford, Ana Swauger, Michael Taylor, Sandra Tinnely, Helen Walson, the family of Samantha Wright and Deborah Zargham.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 P.M. For the Intentions of Maria Nguyen Thi Hong

8:30 AM For the Parishioners of St. Mary's

11:30 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Anthony Akoto, requested by Helen Inedu

PRAYER TO CARE FOR CREATION (OUR COMMON HOME)

Father of all, Creator and ruler of the universe, you entrusted your world to us as a gift. Help us to care for it and all people, that we may live in right relationship-- with You, with ourselves, with one another, and with creation. Christ our Lord, both divine and human, you lived among us and died for our sins. Help us to imitate your love for the human family by recognizing that we are all connected— to our brothers and sisters around the world, to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation, and to future generations. Holy Spirit, giver of wisdom and love, you breathe life in us and guide us. Help us to live according to your vision, stirring to action the hearts of all— individuals and families, communities of faith, and civil and political leaders. Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home. Amen.

Liturgical Ministers - January 27 – January 28

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Musician
5:30 P.M.	Thelma Hatchett	Bernie McHale	Pat King
8:30 AM	Betty Watson	Michael Daye – Gloria Bauman Bem K – Bom Ka	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Catherine Shaw	Marquita Hunter – Elsie Bernard Frances Crouch – Kathy Jefferson	Carol Soter

Parish News

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Before leaving for my new assignment in Vietnam, I would like to say a few words of gratitude to God and to all of you, the parishioners of Saint Mary's. First of all, I thank God for the opportunity to know and serve all of you for almost 20 months. My faith definitely grew stronger because of your faithful exemplary actions. I sincerely thank you for welcoming me without reservation as a member of the parish.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your precious words of encouragement and hospitality. I will never forget these graces from my priesthood. Please forgive me for my shortcomings and misunderstandings. They were truly not intended. Finally, I earnestly ask you to continue to pray for me and I promise to pray for each of you in my daily prayers. Through the intercession of our loving Mother Mary, may our resurrected Lord shower you and your family with peace and joy. May His love always be present in your daily lives.

Thank you,
Father Peter Hung Van Le, C.M.

Parish Calendar

PARISH WEBSITE

Please be sure to visit the Parish Website and its new section on Vincentian Family news and the new link, cmeast.org. St. Mary's website address is stmarysgreensboro.org.

FATHER CHARLIE AWAY

Father Charlie will be away from Wednesday, January 17 through Thursday, January 25.

2018 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your 2018 Donation Envelopes are available for pickup in the vestibule of the Parish Center until Monday, January 29. If you cannot find your donation envelopes or you would like a donation envelope, please see Anita.

BLACK CATHOLICS MEETING RESCHEDULED

Due to inclement weather, please note that the Black Catholics Committee meeting was cancelled this past Friday but has been rescheduled for Friday, February 2 at 11:00 AM in the Parish Center.

FATHER JOSEPH ANH LINH NGUYEN, C.M.

Although there is sadness among us that Father Peter is being recalled to his province to be the Provincial Treasurer, we are happy to announce that Father Joseph Anh Linh Nguyen, C.M., has been assigned to St. Mary's Parish by the Vincentian Provincial, Father Stephen Grozio, C.M. pending the approval of Bishop Jugis. Father Joseph will arrive on February 12.

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL PLAN

JANUARY 1, 2018 – JANUARY 6, 2019

INTRODUCTION: We as a culturally diverse faith community stand under the influence of the life and the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul in his charism of "Sharing God's Good News with the Poor". We join with other members of the worldwide Vincentian Family in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the birth of this Vincentian charism in "Welcoming the Neighbor".

We are asking ourselves: Who are our neighbors among us? How are we welcoming each other? Our vision is to move forward together TO IDENTIFY who are our neighbors among us AND TO WELCOME our neighbors among us ---so that WE ARE NEIGHBORS TO EACH OTHER.

GOAL: To celebrate WHO WE ARE and WHOSE WE ARE on the occasion of our 90th anniversary as St. Mary's Parish as a culturally diverse faith community standing under the influence of St. Vincent de Paul.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – PLEASE READ Care of Chairs in Main Room of Parish Center

1. Sit only on single chairs (not on stacked chairs.)
2. Do not put your feet on the chairs – we have step stools and ladders in the storage room and in the shed for your use.
3. Do not kick the seat cushions or the back cushions.
4. Stack chairs 6 high.
5. When stacking and unstacking chairs, touch only the metal frame and not the cushions because you will rip the screws out of the cushions.
6. Place all screws on the ledge outside the metal kitchen window.

PARISH NURSE

If anyone has recommendations for parish nurse or is willing and able to be a parish nurse in the Congregational Nursing Program, please contact Father Charlie.

SNOW ALERT!

Please check the parish website (stmarysgreensboro.org) for any cancellations/delays caused by snow or other inclement weather.

SCHEDULING ACTIVITIES AT THE PARISH CENTER ALL ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS in the Parish Center must be scheduled with Anita Lane, the parish secretary.

She will put these activities (including the recurring ones!) on the Google Calendar in the Parish Secretary's Office. Please call or email Anita directly. Her phone number and email are on the front page of the parish bulletin. Her office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send all announcements for weekend bulletins to Anita Lane (anitalane-stmarysrccgbo@outlook.com) by no later than Wednesday afternoon at 4:00PM. This will enable us to place your announcement in that particular weekend's bulletin.

SHARE AND CARE!

Please keep all areas of the parish in a clean and orderly condition; namely, the Parish Center and its storage rooms and sacristy, the grounds, the Small Church (church and basement), the shed, the garage, and the rectory storage rooms. Thank you.

LET'S USE THE WINDSOR CENTER PARKING LOT

To cut down on the overcrowding in the parish parking lot, Windsor Center has given us 52 parking spaces EVERY SUNDAY. We ask you to use Windsor Center Parking Lot. Thank you.

DRIVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Refugee Ministry at St. Mary's Parish needs volunteers (with reliable vehicles) who will help to transport refugees to Mass every Sunday. Most of the families live about 2 miles from St. Mary's Church, at "Legacy Crossing" off Franklyn Boulevard in Greensboro. For details contact Chris Walson at (336) 383.0795, or Chris Fombin at (336) 339.7251. If you are willing and able to drive parishioners to Mass on Sundays, please see Father Charlie.

Features

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship involves the conscientious, firm decision, carried out constantly in action, to conduct one's self as a follower of Jesus, regardless of the cost.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER

Catholic Social Justice Teachings

Call to Family, Community and Participation:

We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Every individual has a duty to share in promoting the welfare of the community and a right to benefit from that welfare. This applies at every level: local, national and international. Public authorities exist mainly to promote the common good and to ensure that no section of the population is excluded. "Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1Peter 4:8) "People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens, not as a mob swayed by the powers that be. Let us not forget that responsible citizenship is a virtue and participation in political life is a moral obligation." (The Joy of the Gospel.)

Current issue: At the start of this new year, how can you and your family become more involved in social justice issues in our city, state, and/or nation?

Community News

EVENT AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

All Night First Friday-First Saturday Vigil will take place on February 2 and 3 at Our Lady of Grace. It will begin with the First Friday Holy Mass at 6:30 PM on February 2 and ends with Holy Mass on Saturday, February 3, at 8:00 AM. The sacrament

of reconciliation will be available after the First Friday Holy Mass from 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM. This night of love will include the scriptural rosaries, the Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart, silent adoration, Saturday Office Readings for the Immaculate Heart, Divine Mercy Chaplet and more. Join us for part or all of this beautiful evening in honor and in reparation to the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Families are encouraged to come. Bring blankets and pillows for the little ones to sleep in the pews. For more information contact Geri Breeding @ 336.420.1430 or OLG @ 336.274.6520.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ST. PIUS X SCHOOL



Saint Pius X School Invites You to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week! January 28-February 3

Saint Pius X Catholic School invites the Saint Pius X Community to get to know us better during this special week for Catholic schools. Community members are invited to join us for the following Catholic Schools Week events:

DeJoy Primary Education Center Tours Sunday, January 28 10:15 am-11:30 am

Please stop by and visit our state-of-the-art pre-kindergarten through first grade facility. Administrators will be present to answer your questions.

Saint Pius X Catholic School Prospective Parent Open House (Pre-K through 8th Grade) Wednesday, January 31 9:30 am-11:00 am

Our Open House will begin with a brief information session in the school library, followed by parent-led campus tours. You will have the opportunity to meet administrators, students, and current parents.

RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Please contact Jean Navarro, Admissions Coordinator at jnavarro@spxschool.com or 336.273.9865. Private tours are also available by request.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

An old dollar bill and an even older \$20 arrive at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

"I've had a pretty good life," the \$20 says. "I've been to Vegas, the finest restaurants in New York, and even on a Caribbean cruise."

"You did have an exciting life!" the dollar says.

"Where have you been?" the \$20 asks.

"Oh, I've been to the Methodist church, the Baptist church, spent some time with the Lutherans..."

"Wait," the \$20 interrupts. "What's a church?"

