



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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2018

Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

We need to use our God-given authority to build up lives. No doubt we can think back to people who have made lasting impressions on our lives, either good or bad. Perhaps it was a grandparent, an uncle, or a parent, who loved us and cared for us. Perhaps it was a Sunday school teacher who encouraged us in our faith and exerted a positive impact on our lives. Perhaps we remember the kindness as well as the firm discipline that a schoolteacher gave us. On the other hand, there may be people in our past who we remember with pain and discomfort. We want our children to grow into strong, wise, confident, capable, mature adults. However, we want more than that. We want children to see in us the love of Jesus and how our Christian faith affects our lives. A good question for parents, teachers and all of us is: "In what way am I helping the children I know grow in knowledge of Jesus and His love for them? When God's Word and God's ways are taught and spoken about with authority and conviction, our children will see God's love for them in His Son Jesus. We need teachers who know how to use their authority properly. Teachers are powerful because they change lives. They have, within their hands, power to hurt or wonderfully heal young lives. Most of us are deeply, forever indebted to some caring teacher in our past. So today, when we hear that Jesus entered the synagogue at Capernaum and began to teach, we need to take note. Jesus was a teacher. They never called Him "Reverend," or "Father," or "Priest." They called Him "Rabbi," which means "teacher." Let us all become good teachers and use our authority to mold young lives in the right way.

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 29 – February 4

Monday, January 29

2 Samuel 15:13-14; 30; 16:5-13
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30

2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest
2 Samuel 24:2,9-17
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1

1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12
Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord
Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Saturday, February 3

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Saint Ansgar
Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Kings 3:4-13
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 4

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
Job 7:1-4,6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23
Mark 1:29-39

PARISH GIFT - \$6,639.00
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 Repose of the Soul of Pat Adams, requested by Gail Feddish

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 - February 3 – February 4

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Musician
5:30 P.M.	Sarah Olenick	Genevieve Weech	Pat King
8:30 AM	Justin Akonful	Brut K'Briuh – Nhu Nguyen MaryJane Okafor – Chika Okafor	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Virginia Smith	Laura Scales – Alice Barbee Duon Krajan – Je Panting	Carol Soter



DID YOU KNOW?

It was the vision of Father Charles Hannigan of the Society of St. Joseph to convert Blacks to Catholicism, and to educate and provide them with a place of worship. Because segregation was the law in the Southern United States; property was purchased in a Black residential area in Greensboro. A church and school were erected on this property. After the blessing of the buildings, St. Mary's parish formally opened on September 16, 1928. Since its early beginnings during the era of segregation much has changed the look, vision and mission of the parish. Segregation laws were abolished in 1954 by the U.S. Supreme Court. This opened St. Mary's doors to people of all races, nationalities and walks of life. With the ending of segregation, the school closed in 1972 due to low enrollment. As the multi-cultural membership increased at St. Mary's, a parish center was erected where the school once stood to accommodate the parish's growing needs. In 2018 parish membership includes: African-Americans, Africans, Caucasians, Hispanics, Montagnards, Vietnamese and others. Father Charles Strollo C.M. ministers to St. Mary's and two additional Vincentian priests serve as well. Our parish falls under the auspices of The Diocese of Charlotte.

Parish Calendar

FATHER PETER HUNG VAN LE, C.M.

This is Father Peter's last weekend with us. Please take the opportunity to say "goodbye", to thank him and to support him with your prayers.

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.

2018 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your 2018 Donation Envelopes are available for pickup in the 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 January 19 meeting was cancelled but has been rescheduled for Friday, February 2 at 11:00 AM in the Parish Center.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Social Ministries Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 PM 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.

Parish News

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.

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

The Blessed Virgin Mary was the model steward with her unqualified "yes" and complete trust in God's will. When I put God first in my life, everything else falls into place.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER



CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE TEACHINGS

Call to Family, Community and Participation

How we organize our society – in economics and politics, in law and policy – directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. The obligation to "love our neighbor" has an individual dimension, but it also requires a broader social commitment. Everyone has a responsibility to contribute to the good of the whole society, to the common good. "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) "Besides the good of the individual, there is a good linked to living in society which is the common good. It is the good of all those in the society, a good not sought for its own sake, but for all the people who belong to the community. To desire the common good is a requirement of justice and charity. It becomes a dimension of the entire human family as we become ever more globalized." (Caritas in Veritate)

Current issue: What gifts (individual talents, gifts from God) do you and your family have that you use for the common good?

Community News

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.

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 will end 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.

GREENSBORO ULTREYA AT ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE *Becoming the Good News!*

"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you" Phil 1:3
Sunday, February 11th, the Greensboro Ultreya will meet at St. Paul Catholic Church. (Potluck at 6:00 pm; Ultreya at 7:00 PM)
Witness speaker: Kathryn Brown. We look forward to seeing you. DeColores!