



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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2018

**Psalm: I turn to you, Lord in time of trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1; Mark 1:40-45**

We need to trust in the mercy of a forgiving God who assures us that our sins are forgiven and that we are clean. We are forgiven and made spiritually clean from the spiritual leprosy of sin when we repent of our sins. This is because God is a God of love who waits patiently for us. No matter how many sins we have committed or how badly we have behaved, God forgives us. The only condition required of us is we ask for forgiveness with a penitent heart. We need only kneel before Him and ask Him, "Lord, if You will, You can make me clean." We are sure to hear His words of absolution, "Your sins are forgiven, you are absolved" spoken in the sacrament of reconciliation. We need to tear down the walls that separate us from others and build bridges of loving relationships. Jesus calls every one of us to demolish the walls that separate us from each other and to welcome the outcasts and the untouchables of society. These include homosexuals, AIDS victims, alcoholics, drug addicts and other, marginalized groups such as the divorced, unmarried single mothers, migrant workers and the mentally ill. God's loving hand must reach out to them through us. Jesus wants us to touch their lives. Let us pass beyond the narrow circles of our friends and peers and try to relate to those who may be outside the bounds of propriety. Let us re-examine the barriers we have created and approach God with a heart that is ready to welcome the outcasts in our society.

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.

February 12 – February 18

Monday, February 12

James 1:1-11
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13

James 1:12-18
Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY
Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday, February 15

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 16

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 17

*The Seven Holy Founders of the
Servite Order*
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, February 18

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

***PARISH GIFT - \$5,525.00
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, Rosetta Smith, 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 Repose of the Soul of Ron Coleman, requested by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus
For the Intentions of Maria Nguyen Thi Hong
- 8:30 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Robert Summers, requested by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus
- 11:30 AM For the Repose of the Soul of O.C. Stafford, requested by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus
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 17 – February 18

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Musician
5:30 P.M.	Vivian Teachey	Charles Bostic	Pat King
8:30 AM	Lorna Lineberry	Michael Daye – Gloria Bauman Bem K – Bom Ka	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Cathy Dickerson	Trin Krajan – Edith Walson Joseph Kakhu – Mercy Kakhu	Carol Soter

Parish Calendar

WELCOME!

Please welcome Father Joseph Anh Linh Nguyen C.M. to our parish.

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. Please note that both the Diocesan Support Appeal video is on the parish website in English and in Spanish.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018

Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. Your contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. NEXT WEEK DURING MASS, you may complete a pledge envelope or go to www.charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE VINCENTIANS – THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, there will be a Second Collection for the Vincentian Solidarity Office. Father Gregory Semeniuk, C.M., will speak at all of this weekend's Masses. The purpose of the Vincentian Solidarity Office is to assist the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) with obtaining funds for evangelization and service of the poor.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

R.S.V.P.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program meeting and luncheon will be on Wednesday, February 14 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 P.M. All parish seniors and friends are invited. A donation of \$2.00 is requested, if possible, to help defray the cost of lunch. Please come and bring a friend!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14

The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

- *7:15 AM – English Mass in the church
- *12:00 noon – English Mass in the church
- *6:30 PM – Spanish Mass in the Parish Center
- *9:00 PM – Vietnamese Mass in the Parish Center

BLACK CATHOLICS MEETING

The Black Catholics Group of St. Mary's will have their monthly meeting on Friday, February 16 at 11:00 AM in the Parish Center, Classroom 7. Black Catholics interested in attending or joining this group are invited to come.

LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus of St. Mary's will hold their annual Fish Fry on Friday, February 16 and Friday, March 23. It will take place on both dates in the Parish Center from 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM. The eat-in or carry-out price for adults is \$7.00 and

\$4.00 for children. The menu will include Fried Pacific White Fish with Tartar or Cocktail sauce, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Hush Puppies, Ice Tea with Lemon as well as assorted Soft Drinks.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please be aware that Stations of the Cross in English will begin on Friday, February 16 in the small church at 5:30 PM. It will take place each Friday of Lent through March 23.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

February is Black History Month. St. Mary's theme this year is "Keeping Hope Alive." The weekend of February 17-18, 2018, we will host our Black History Month Celebrant Reverend Anthony Michael Bozeman S.S. J. from St. Raymond & St. Leo The Great Parish in New Orleans, LA. Fr. Bozeman will begin the celebration on Saturday, February 17th at 11:00 AM by leading a discussion pertaining to our theme. All parishioners are invited to attend. A light lunch will be provided at 12:30 PM following the discussion. The celebration will continue on Sunday, February 18th when Fr. Bozeman presides at the 11:00 AM Mass, again addressing the theme "Keeping Hope Alive." The traditional pot luck luncheon will follow the Mass. All parishioners are invited to join us for worship, celebration and dining. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to the luncheon meal after Mass on Sunday, February 18th. Please help to break down the chairs and set up tables for the potluck luncheon after the Mass.

IGBO MASS

Igbo Catholic Mass in the Diocese of Charlotte will take place on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

Venue: St. Mary's Catholic Church, 812 Duke Street, Greensboro, NC 27401.

Time: 12:00 NOON prompt.

Parking: Windsor Center

For more information, please call 336. 707. 3625.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Please note that St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Parishioners are invited to donate money and/or candy for this event.

TRIDUUM CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK

This year, as in the past, we are in need of your voice to praise God during Holy Week! Once again, our Multilingual Holy Week Choir, under the direction of Dom Tran, will lead us in song for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Practices will take place on Sundays from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM in the Parish Center on February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18 & March 25.



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

We don't give because we have an abundance of resources and can afford it; we give because of a desire to share what we have with others out of love and gratitude.

FAITH BOOK

From today's Gospel reading:

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out His hand, touched the leper and said to him, "I will do it. Be made clean."

Reflection:

When Mark describes Jesus healing the man, He uses a word that literally means a snorting kind of anger (verse 43.) The anger wasn't directed at the leper, but at the man's debilitating disease. Anger is a passion that may move us to act against injustice leveled against those without a voice or rights. When we observe an injustice, see the innocent oppressed, a righteous anger should stir us to do something about it.

So we ask ourselves:

- 1) What injustice do we observe that stirs us to anger?
- 2) How shall we respond to what so moves us?

SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER

Catholic Social Justice Teachings

Care for Creation: Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. "The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it." (Gen 2:15) From the beginning, humans have been charged with care for this earth, not just for their own good, but for the good of all creation and future generations. The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole... Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relations to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other. (Pope Benedict, *Charity in Truth*)

Current issue: Does the link between how we treat every person and how we treat our environment make sense to you? What can you do to protect the life and rights of both?

Community News

"THANK YOU" FROM CAMPUS CATHOLIC MINISTRY

With your help, Catholic Campus Ministry raised over \$34,000 with the 2017 raffle, the most ever! It makes a big difference in the lives of the students. Participating in retreats, Mass, outreach, and weekly gatherings, a student shared, "I never knew that the Church really cares about me!" You show them that the Church does indeed care! Thank you – and God bless you!



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