



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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2018

Psalm: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep Your covenant.

Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Lent is a time of renewal of life by penance and prayer. Formerly, the six weeks of Lent meant a time of severe penance as a way of purifying ourselves from our sinful habits and getting ready to celebrate the Paschal mystery; the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, with a renewed commitment to follow Christ. Today the Church demands fasting and abstaining only on specified days of Lent, and leaves the practice of penance and good works during Lent to the conscience and generosity of individual Christians. We would do well to convert Lent into a time of spiritual growth by attending Mass daily or a few times week, by spending part of our day in personal prayer, reading from Scripture, setting aside some money that we might spend on ourselves and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; abstaining from smoking, alcohol and other evil addictions, receiving the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross", visiting the sick and doing some act of charity, kindness and mercy every day. We need to use Lent as a time to renew the fight against the evil both within and around us as fighting temptation and evil is a lifetime task. Jesus did not overcome Satan in the wilderness; he achieved that only in his death. Lent reminds us we have to take up the fight against temptation each and every day, never giving up. Jesus has given us the assurance that the Holy Spirit is with us, empowering us so final victory will be ours through Jesus Christ.

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 19 – February 25

Monday, February 19
Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20
Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
1 Peter 5:1-4
Matthew 16:13-19

Friday, February 23
Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Ezekiel 18:21-28
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, February 18
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

PARISH GIFT - \$5,992.00
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, Teresa Hatchett, 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 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 Lucia Oniyibo Onabanji
For the Repose of the Soul of Maria Redeke
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 24 – February 25

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Musician
5:30 P.M.	Catherine Shaw	Thelma Hatchett	Pat King
8:30 AM	Augustus Reid	Brut K'Briuh – Nhu Nguyen MaryJane Okafor – Chika Okafor	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Ralph Shaw	Marquita Hunter - Elsie Bernard Frances Crouch – Kathy Jefferson	Carol Soter

Parish Calendar

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

February is Black History Month. St. Mary's theme this year is "Keeping Hope Alive." This weekend, 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. Today, Father Bozeman will preside at the 11:00 AM Mass, 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 today. Please help to break down the chairs and set up tables for the potluck luncheon after the Mass.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the Diocesan Support Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity. If you did not turn in your completed pledge envelope during today's Mass, you may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the Parish Office or go to www.charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please be aware that the Stations of the Cross in English take place in the small church at 5:30 PM each Friday of Lent through March 23.

FATHER ABEL AND FATHER JOSEPH ON RETREAT

Please note that both Father Abel and Father Joseph will be joining with other Vincentian priests from Charlotte, NC and Opelika, AL for a retreat that begins on Monday, February 19 and ends on Friday, February 23. Please keep them in your prayers.

MONTAGNARD/DEGA WORKSHOP

The Montagnard Dega Association will host a Citizenship Eligibility Workshop in the Parish Center on Friday, February 23 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

VISIT FROM THE VINCENTIAN PROVINCIAL

Father Stephen Grozio, C.M., the Vincentian Provincial, will be here at St. Mary's from Friday, February 23 through Monday, February 26. He plans to greet many of us on Sunday, February 25.

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. The hunt will take place following each Mass on Easter Sunday. Parishioners are invited to donate money and/or candy for this event.

LENTEN FISH FRY

The next date for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be Friday, March 23. It will take place 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.

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 29 – 8:00 PM

Friday, March 30 – 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 31 – 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

On Easter Sunday (April 1), all Masses will take place at their regularly scheduled times.

Parish News

"THANK YOU" FROM FATHER GREG SEMENIUK C.M.

Dear Fr. Charlie and Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish, Greensboro, N.C.:

May the Lord's peace be with you. The Vincentian Solidarity Office, "VSO," appreciates the generous collection of \$4952.00. The people of St. Mary's Parish responded with generosity of heart, a spiritual quality of our Blessed Mother, herself. The VSO financially supports the evangelization and service of the poor in the developing world, done by our Vincentian priests, brothers, and the people of God. Our service may be compared to the yeast that makes the dough rise. Positive change in the lives of the poor increases our joy as members of the Body of the Christ. I witness to you about the wonderful things that your generosity makes possible, for example, the building of churches, forming youth, training Vincentian priests and brothers, caring for the sick, and educating children. In turn, the people helped in the developing world teach us about what matters most, faith, hope, and love. Fr. Charlie Strollo, C.M., pastor, Fr. Abel Osorio, C.M., and Fr. Joseph Lin, C.M follow the example of St. Vincent de Paul. They are proud of our mission to evangelize and serve the poor after the example of Jesus Christ. The people of St. Mary's Parish, Greensboro, are a part of the Vincentian Family; our common mission is to bring Christ to the world. In a few weeks, I will send Fr. Charlie the VSO March Bulletin. You will be able to read for yourselves how, together, we are spreading the joy of the Gospel. Once again, I thank Fr. Charlie, for the opportunity to speak to you about the VSO. Thank you for the gift of your prayers and generous financial support.

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.

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

Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship with God. We are called to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our Lenten stewardship.

FAITH BOOK

From today's Gospel reading:

"When I bring the clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living things..."

Reflection:

The rainbow is not to serve as a reminder to us of God's covenant with us. Instead, it is a sign to God, a "reminder", that no matter how far adrift we go, no matter that we might forget God, the author of Genesis says God will never forget us.

So we ask ourselves:

- 1) Do we believe that nothing can separate us from the love God has for us?
- 2) What effect does that have on how we see ourselves and those around us?

SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER

Catholic Social Justice Teachings

Care for Creation: Christian love forbids us from choosing between people and the planet, for both were created by God. It urges us to work for an equitable and sustainable future in which all peoples can share in the bounty of the earth and in which the earth itself is protected from predatory use. "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it." (Psalm 24:1) The dominion granted to man by the Creator is not an absolute power, nor can one speak of a freedom to "use and misuse," or to dispose of things as one pleases. The limitation imposed from the beginning by the Creator himself and expressed symbolically by the prohibition not to "eat of the fruit of the tree," shows clearly enough that, when it comes to the natural world, we are subject not only to biological laws but also to moral ones. (Pope John Paul II, On Social Concerns)

Current issue: As we begin Lent, and think about what to "give up" for this liturgical season or do something extra, might you consider how you can help to protect our planet from predatory use? Or how can you help ensure that all peoples share in the bounty of the earth?





Reverend Anthony Michael Bozeman, S.S.J.

Reverend Anthony Bozeman was raised in Philadelphia within the parish boundaries of Our Mother of Sorrows. Father Bozeman began his formal education at Our Mother of Sorrows, and then continued on to West Philadelphia Catholic High School. Upon graduation from West Catholic, Father Bozeman pursued his undergraduate studies at LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

In search of a greater challenge, Father Anthony joined the U.S. Military, serving his country for a total of 16 years of combined Active and Air National Guard Reserve duty.

Serving his country was not enough – he felt a greater calling. Father Bozeman entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and was ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 2000. Father Bozeman served as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Grace and Our Lady of Hope Churches. In June of 2005, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia released Father Bozeman to discern a deeper answer to God’s call by joining a religious community. On October 12th, Father Bozeman was assigned as parochial vicar of Our Mother of Mercy and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parishes in Houston, Texas. In June 2006, he made first promises with the Society of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (The Josephite Community). The Josephites on August 1, 2006 assigned Father Bozeman as pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church in New Orleans, LA. Archbishop Hughes of New Orleans in October of 2006 appointed Father Bozeman chaplain of Xavier University Preparatory High School. On July 12, 2008, Father Bozeman was assigned as pastor of the newly created St. Raymond & St. Leo the Great Parish. The people of the parish are proud of the fact that; “God is in charge and the ‘Good News’ of Jesus Christ is shared.”

Father Bozeman understands that “to whom much is given, much is expected.”

CAN I BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN?

ELIGIBILITY SCREENING WORKSHOP

FREE!

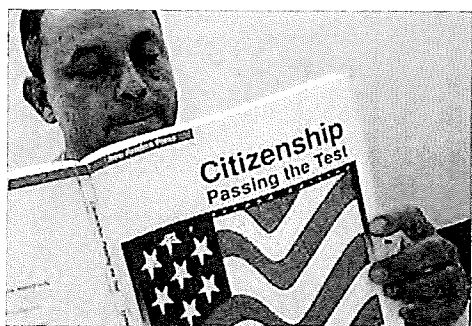
LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

AVAILABLE!

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!



REGISTER FOR CLASSES



WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2018

11AM UNTIL 2PM

WHERE: ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

812 DUKE STREET

GREENSBORO, NC

BRING:

GREEN CARD

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A JOINT PROJECT OF:



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Montagnard Dega Association