



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



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Parish Office Hours – Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday of the month.

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2018

Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Genesis 22:1-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

*The transubstantiation in Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar become “transfigured” - “transformed” into the crucified and risen, living Body and Blood of Jesus. Just as Jesus’ transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each Mass should be our source of heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our holy communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily “transfiguration,” transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others. Each time we receive one of the sacraments, we are transformed. Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of Heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the sacrament of reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. We share the mountain-top experience of Peter, James and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day will help the body to store up spiritual energy. The hunger we experience puts us more closely in touch with God and makes us more willing to help the hungry. The crosses of our daily lives also can lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection. Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord, that through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses we may become closer to Him in His suffering and may share in the carrying of His cross so that we may finally share the glory of His final “transfiguration,” His Resurrection.*

**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 26 – March 4**

**Monday, February 26**  
Deuteronomy 9:4b-10  
Luke 6:36-38

**Tuesday, February 27**  
Isaiah 1:10,16-20  
Matthew 23:1-12

**Wednesday, February 28**  
Jeremiah 18:18-20  
Matthew 20:17-28

**Thursday, March 1**  
Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Luke 16:19-31

**Friday, March 2**  
World Day of Prayer  
Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a  
Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

**Saturday, March 3**  
*Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin*  
Micah 7:14-15,18-20  
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

**Sunday, March 4**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
John 2:13-25

**PARISH GIFT - \$6,547.00**  
**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, Therese Hatch, 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 Robert Summers, 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 O.C. Stafford, requested by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus

11:30 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Ron Coleman, 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 - March 3 – March 4**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Musician</b>
5:30 P.M.	Sarah Olenick	Ardelia Matthews	Pat King
8:30 AM	Catherine Shaw	Anthony Walson – Sheila Magee Tu Dagout – Chris Fombin	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Virginia Smith	Alice Barbee - Duon Krajan – Je Panting	Carol Soter

## Parish Calendar

### **DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018**

Your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal is shared with the educational, multicultural, vocational, housing, and social service ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity. You may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the Parish Office or go to [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa) to make a gift online.

### **ST. MARY'S WEEKLY DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA) REPORT**

Target amount - \$40,979.00  
Amount collected - \$1,715.00  
Pledge balance - \$350.00  
Total balance - \$38,914.00

### **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.

### **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.

### **FATHER CHARLIE AWAY**

Father Charlie will be away from Monday, February 26 - Thursday, March 1.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRIES MEETING**

The next Social Ministries meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

### **YOUTH RETREAT**

There will be a Youth Retreat for all cultures here at St. Mary's on Friday, March 9 from 6:00 PM - 11:30 PM. All young people between the ages of 13 to 18 are invited to attend. Father John Maher, C.M. and Sr. Regina Hvlac, D.C. will help to facilitate this event.

### **BINGO IN THE AFTERNOON**

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will have Afternoon Bingo on Friday, March 9 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. The cost is \$5 for one card and \$15 for four cards. Snacks and soft drinks will be available for purchase. For more information, call Bernie McHale at 336.292.1118.

### **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

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

Please be sure to visit the Parish Website and its new section on Vincentian Family news and the new link, [cmeast.org](http://cmeast.org). St. Mary's website address is [stmarysgreensboro.org](http://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 400<sup>th</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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

During Lent stewards are called to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, how much **time** am I giving to God in prayer?

### FAITH BOOK

#### *From today's Gospel reading:*

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; once they arrived, He was transfigured before them and His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on Earth could bleach them.

#### *Reflection:*

It is Lent and we are praying for our own spiritual transfiguration in God's love. In obedience to God may our lives reflect more deeply that of Jesus, who consistently showed, through His words, actions and finally through His death God's love for all.

### *So we ask ourselves:*

- 1) Where in my life do I need a spiritual transfiguration to better reflect God's love?
- 2) To whom am I called to better enfold God's accepting love?

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER

#### *Catholic Social Justice Teachings*

**Care for Creation:** St. Francis of Assisi, in his Canticle of the Creation, reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Pope Francis wrote at length about our responsibility in caring for this earth in his encyclical, "On Care for Our Common Home." In this encyclical, Pope Francis emphasizes the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology. "An integral ecology includes taking time to recover a serene harmony with creation, reflecting on our lifestyle and our ideals, and contemplating the Creator who lives among us and surrounds us, whose presence 'must not be contrived but found uncovered.'" (Pope Francis, On Care for Our Common Home.)

"Think! The heavens, even the highest heavens, belong to the Lord, your God, as well as the earth and everything on it." (Deut. 10:14)

**Current issue:** The bishops have asked members of the Church to examine their lifestyles, behaviors and policies – individually and institutionally – in regard to ecology and the environment. What might be the results of such a review in your home? It might be helpful to read Pope Francis' encyclical during Lent.

## Community News

### EVENT AT ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

*"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels."* (Hebrews 13:1-2)  
The Greensboro Ultreya will take place on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Catholic Church. (Potluck at 6:00 PM; Ultreya at 7:00 PM.) The Witness speaker will be Craig O'Hara. We are looking forward to enjoying mutual hospitality and love with you!

### COMMUN-I-TEA PARTY

Victory Café proudly presents a Commun-I-Tea Party, an interfaith/intertribal/intercultural/interracial gathering! It will be held at A&K's on 631 S. Elm Street in Greensboro on Sunday, February 25 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. For additional information, please call 336.450.8505.





## **Vocation Retreat**

**The Joys and Challenges of Being a Young Christian Today**

**Friday, March 9, 2018**

**6:00 pm - Midnight**

**St. Mary's Parish Center**

**Guest Speakers:**

**Father John T. Maher, C.M.**

**Director of Vocations, St. John's University, NY**

**Sister Regina Hlavac, D.C.**

**Vocation Director, Emmitsburg, MD**

# **Your life – His call**

JULY 1, 2017 - DEC 31, 2017

ACTUAL SIX MONTH REPORT

<https://charlotte.connectnowaccounting.com/RP/Report-View.aspx>

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St. Mary

Report to Parishioners

December 2017

PARISH STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES & CASH FLOWS

	Fiscal YTD Actual	Annual Budget
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Offerory	167,954.00	390,000.00
Unrestricted Donations & Other Support	25.00	36,500.00
Other Fees and Misc Income	13,433.66	7,900.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>181,412.66</b>	<b>434,400.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Ministry & Liturgy	61,153.69	130,176.60
Religious Formation	9,830.35	31,220.43
Charity/Outreach	3,020.77	5,225.00
School Subsidy	7,673.52	19,019.50
Facilities Expenses	65,184.94	124,682.80
Diocesan Assessments	14,615.04	41,460.00
General & Administrative Expenses	29,870.76	61,915.67
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>191,349.07</b>	<b>413,700.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Activity</b>	<b>(9,936.41)</b>	<b>20,700.00</b>
<b>Capital Activity</b>		
Receipts	3,186.04	6,300.00
Expenditures	0.00	27,000.00
<b>Net Capital Activity, excluding debt principal pmts</b>	<b>3,186.04</b>	<b>(20,700.00)</b>
<b>Endowment Earnings, Net of Income Spent</b>	<b>28,602.54</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Restricted Donations (other than capital)</b>		
Received	40,962.60	0.00
Expended	20,061.62	0.00
<b>Net Restricted Activity (other than capital)</b>	<b>20,900.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Surplus (Deficit) Before Depreciation</b>	<b>42,753.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Surplus (Deficit) After Depreciation</b>	<b>42,753.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Sources and Uses of Cash:</b>		
(Increase)Decrease - Equipment/Facilities	(10,260.45)	
(Increase)Decrease - Endowment Accounts	(26,602.54)	
Increase/Decrease - Current Assets and Liabilities	(2,735.88)	
Increase(Decrease) - Custodial Obligations & Unearned Income	(731.00)	
(Increase)Decrease - Savings/Reserve Balances	(4,329.70)	
<b>Total Increase(decrease) in Checking Accounts</b>	<b>(1,906.42)</b>	

## PARISH STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	End of Period	Beginning of Fiscal Year
<b>Assets</b>		
Checking Account Balances - Operating	72,850.32	96,503.76
Checking Account Balances - Other	90,821.04	69,074.02
Savings Accounts - Operating Reserves	190,003.60	185,673.90
Endowment Accounts	444,224.62	417,622.08
Receivables and other Current Assets	4,503.04	1,735.48
Property, Plant and Equipment	2,947,523.77	2,937,263.32
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>3,749,926.39</u>	<u>3,707,872.56</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	577.17	545.49
Custodial Obligations	3,269.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	3,846.17	4,545.49
<b>Net Assets</b>	3,746,080.22	3,703,327.07
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u>3,749,926.39</u>	<u>3,707,872.56</u>