



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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2018

Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39

Today's readings challenge us to go beyond people's expectations by imitating Jesus and doing good instead of brooding over pain and suffering in a world we cannot conquer. They invite us to explore the importance of work in our lives and to learn a lesson in work ethics from Job, Paul and Jesus. While the gospel presents Jesus enthusiastically preparing for his second day's missionary work, the first reading details Job's attitude in striking contrast to Jesus'. In the midst of his long suffering, Job spoke of the tedium and futility of life. Eventually, Job arrived at a place in his life where, in trust and in faith, he surrendered everything he had and had lost to the greater wisdom of God. The second reading, on the other hand, presents Paul as a true and dynamic follower of Jesus, ready to do something extra for his Lord. Paul's conviction about the good news and his commitment to Christ were so intense that preaching the gospel had become a compulsion for him. Jesus finished the first day of his public ministry at Capernaum on a Sabbath day. During the day, He had taken part in the synagogue worship, taught with authority, exorcized a demon and healed Simon's mother-in-law. In the evening, He 'cured many who were sick with various diseases, and drove out many demons.' Thus, Jesus spent most of His time ministering to the needs of others, healing, forgiving and giving a new beginning to many. Yet, He was well aware that even the most important work has to be continually renewed and evaluated before God His Father. Therefore, Jesus rose early the next morning and went off 'to a deserted place' to pray and assess His work for the Father's glory.

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 5 – February 11

Monday, February 5
 Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
 1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13
 Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6
 Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
 1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30
 Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7
 1 Kings 10:1-10
 Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8
Saint Jerome Emiliani
Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 1 Kings 11:4-13
 Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 9
 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19
 Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10
 Saint Scholastica, Virgin
 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34
 Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 11
 THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
 TIME
 Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
 Mark 1:40-45

PARISH GIFT - \$6,499.22
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 Intentions of Maria Nguyen Thi Hong

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

11:30 AM For the Well-Being of Rosetta Smith, requested by Laura Scales
 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 10 – February 11

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Musician
5:30 P.M.	Ralph Shaw	Vivian Teachey	Pat King
8:30 AM	Irene Essien-Akpan	Anthony Walson – Sheila Magee Tu Dagout – Chris Fombin	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Michael Diamond	MaryJane Okafor – Chika Okafor Quyen Cil – Y Ang Hmok	Carol Soter

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.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018

By now you should have received a letter or postcard from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support of the Diocesan Support Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to how you will respond by filling out your pledge and mailing it this week.

FATHER JOSEPH ANH LINH NGUYEN, C.M.

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 5. Please help him to feel welcome.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

BINGO IN THE AFTERNOON

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will have Afternoon Bingo on Friday, February 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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE VINCENTIANS – NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a Second Collection on weekend of February 10 & 11, 2018 for the Vincentian Solidarity Office. Father Gregory Semeniuk, C.M., will speak at all Masses next weekend. 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.

MONTAGNARD MASS

There will be no Montagnard Mass on Sunday, February 11. The next Montagnard Mass is scheduled for Sunday, March 11 @ 8:00AM in the church.

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

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.

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 a favorite dish to add to the luncheon meal after Mass on Sunday, February 18th.

Parish News

FAREWELL 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.

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

As Catholics, we are not to focus only on ourselves but are called by our Baptism to reach out and share our time, talent and treasure with our brothers and sisters.

FAITH BOOK

From today's Gospel reading:

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told Jesus about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Reflection:

Jesus is no longer trapped by the limits of time and place. He comes over to us now at this Eucharistic celebration. He extends a hand, as He did for Simon's mother-in-law, to raise us up from what would press us down and to help us go further on our journey with Him.

So we ask ourselves:

- 1) At this stage of our journey with Christ, how do we experience His hand reaching out to sustain us?
- 2) Who is the outstretched hand of Christ to us?

SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER

Catholic Social Justice Teachings

Care for Creation: As we begin this new year, we need to once again renew our understanding of ourselves as co-creators in this ongoing creation of our universe. We show our respect for our Creator by our stewardship of creation. This means, we look at the earth and all its resources, not as things to be used and discarded, but rather as necessary items to be taken care of for future generations. "Take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted. Let those who would burn it with fire or cut it down perish before you at your rebuke." (Ps. 80: 16,17) "We human beings are not only the beneficiaries but also the stewards of other creatures." (The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis)

Current issue: Which of the natural resources (for example, natural gas, coal, water, etc.) are you least aware of wasting? How can you correct that?

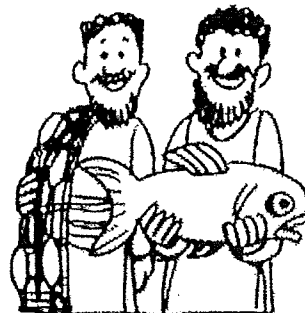


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This year we will have two Fish Fries at St. Mary's.
Please save this insert for the date of each supper.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, February 16
Friday, March 23



4:30 - 7:30 PM

St. Mary's Parish Center

Eat-In or Carry Out

Adults \$7.00

Children (10 Yrs & Under) ... \$4.00

MENU

Fried Fish w/ Tartar sauce or Cocktail sauce
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Iced Tea w/ Lemon and Assorted Soft Drinks

Note: For carry out orders of 5 or more please call
(336) 430-0243 at least 20 minutes before arriving,
so we can have your carry out waiting for you

We hope to see you there!