



# 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday of the month.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 4, 2018

**Psalm: Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.**

**Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25**

*Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. Fulfilling our Sunday obligation only out of fear of mortal sin and consequent eternal punishment is a non-Christian approach. In the same way, obeying the commandments and doing acts of charity merely as prerequisites for a heavenly reward are acts driven by a profit motive, of which Jesus would probably not approve. Let us ask ourselves these questions during this third week of Lent: Can leading worship become simply a business for the clergy? Do the laity sometimes think it is the responsibility of the minister to do the worship for them thinking, "that's what they were ordained to do?" Do we think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back his blessings? Do we use our acts of obedience to the Ten Commandments as bargaining chips with God? We need to love our parish church and use it. Our church is the place where we come together as a community to love and praise God. It is the holy place where we gather strength to support one another in the task of living the gospel. It is the place where we come privately to enter into intimate conversation with God. In this building many prodigal sons and daughters have met the merciful Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and have been welcomed back to our community. In this building, tears have been shed by those in pain and grief. Let's look around our church this morning and treasure it. Let us make our church even more of a holy place by adding our prayers and songs to parish worship and offering our time and talents in the various ministries.*

**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.**

**March 5 – March 11**

**Monday, March 5**

2 Kings 5:1-15b  
Luke 4:24-30

**Tuesday, March 6**

Deuteronomy 3:25,34-43  
Matthew 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 7**

*Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*  
Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9  
Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 8**

*Saint John of God, Religious*  
Jeremiah 7:23-28  
Luke 11:14-23

**Friday, March 9**

*Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*  
Hosea 14:2-10  
Mark 12:28-34

**Saturday, March 10**

Hosea 14:2-10  
Luke 18:9-14

**Sunday, March 11**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21

**PARISH GIFT - \$6,682.00  
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, 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 O.C. Stafford, 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 Ron Coleman, requested by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus

11:30 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Robert Summers, 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 10 – March 11**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Musician</b>
5:30 P.M.	Thelma Hatchett	Bernie McHale	Pat King
8:30 AM	Betty Watson	Michael Daye – Gloria Bauman Bem K – Bom Ka	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Michael Diamond	Quyen Cil – Y Ang Hmok (other two TBA)	Carol Soter

## Parish Calendar

### **SOCIAL MINISTRIES MEETING**

The next Social Ministries meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 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, 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.

### **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.

### **MONTAGNARD MASS**

St. Mary's next Montagnard Mass will be held on Sunday, March 11 at 8:00 AM in the small church.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 13 from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM on the Parish Center.

### **R.S.V.P.**

Retired Senior Volunteer Program meeting and luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 14 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 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!

### **BLACK CATHOLICS MEETING**

The Black Catholics Group of St. Mary's will have their monthly meeting on Friday, March 16 at 11:00 AM – 12:00 noon in the Parish Center, Classroom 7. Black Catholics interested in attending or joining this group are invited to come.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 March 4, March 11, March 18 & March 25.

### **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

### **DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2018**

On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember "We are Called" to share our gifts and our prayers to support the diocesan ministries that serve those in need, bring the light of Christ to those in the dark, and encourage vocations.

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

Target amount - \$40,979.00

Amount collected - \$4,844.75

Pledge balance - \$1,149.00

Total balance - \$34,985.25

### **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](http://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](mailto: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?

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES CORNER

*Catholic Social Justice Teachings*

**The Dignity of Work:** The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. The Old Testament presents God as the omnipotent Creator (cf. Gen 2:2; Job 38-41; Ps 104; Ps 147) who fashions man in his image and invites him to work the soil (cf. Gen 2:5-6), and cultivate and care for the garden of Eden in which he has placed him (cf. Gen 2:15). To the first human couple God entrusts the task of subduing the earth and exercising dominion over every living creature (cf. Gen 1:28). Each person as the "image of God," is

capable of acting in a planned and rational way, directed toward self-realization. However true it is that the person is destined for work and called to it, work is for the person and not the person for work.

**Current issue:** Do you view your work as a burden, or as a realization of your skills and God-given talents? Do you think of yourself, and your work, as participating in the ongoing work of creation?

## 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!

### OPEN HOUSE AT BISHOP MCGUINNESS

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School will hold an open house on Friday, March 9 from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM. The address is 1725 NC Highway 66 South, Kernersville, NC 27284. For more information, please call 336.564.1010 or visit [www.bmhs.us](http://www.bmhs.us).

## FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

