



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 2018

Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Even a well-pruned branch cannot bear grapes unless it abides in the vine, drawing water and minerals from the main trunk and transporting food prepared in the leaves to the main trunk and to the roots. Jesus reminds us that we cannot bear fruit either, unless we abide in him just as he abides in us. Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches." Today's scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity and holiness. By cutting everything contrary to the spirit of Jesus out of our lives and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations and sinful addictions. Cordial mingling with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations in our neighborhood and society enables us to prune our selfish and prejudicial tendencies and to treat others in our society with Christian charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by allowing us to face pain and suffering, contradictions and difficulties with courage of our Christian convictions. The four gospels teach us how to become true disciples of Jesus and how to abide in him as branches abide in the main trunk of the vine drawing its life from it. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily and meditative reading of the Bible and selfless, loving acts of kindness and mercy and forgiveness enable us to abide in Jesus, the true vine, as fruit-bearing branches.

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.

April 30 – May 6

Monday, April 30

Saint Pius V, Pope
Acts 14:5-18
John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker
Acts 14:19-28
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 15:1-6
John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 3

Saints Phillip and James, Apostles
I Corinthians 15:1-8
John 14:6-14

Friday, May 4

Acts 15:22-31
John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 5

Acts 16:1-10
John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 6

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
I John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

PARISH GIFT - \$6,425.00
TORNADO RELIEF - \$5,688.00
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, Deacon Vincent Shaw, Rose Simpson, Rosetta Smith (mother of Laura Scales), Thomas Scott, Florine Stafford, Ana Swauger, Michael Taylor, Sandra Tinnely, Helen Walson, Mandy Weaver, Theresa Womack, 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 Souls Who Are About to Enter Heaven, requested by Christy Siu Beltran

11:00 AM – 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 - May 5 – May 6

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Musician
5:30 P.M.	Vivian Teachey	Genevieve Weech	Pat King
8:30 AM	Justin Akonful	MaryJane Okafor – Chika Okafor Bem K – Bom Ka	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Frances Crouch	Alice Barbee – Cathy Dickerson Sunday Agebe – Chase Drumgoole	Al Baxter

ST. MARY'S TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS



REQUEST FROM BACKPACK BEGINNINGS (BPB)

St. Mary's is winding down its third year supporting Backpack Beginnings both monetarily and by providing workers to transport food to Hampton Elementary School. Hampton was hit hard by the tornado that passed through Greensboro on April 15. BPB is requesting that we donate toiletries for the families impacted by the tornado. Tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc. will be appreciated. A box will be in the vestibule of the parish center to collect these items. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ASSISTANCE HERE AT ST. MARY'S

Catholic Charities employees will be here at St. Mary's Parish Center on Wednesday and Friday this week (May 2 and 4) to offer aid to individuals and households who were impacted by the recent tornado. The hours that help will be offered on the aforementioned dates will be 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Assistance will be available in English and Spanish. There is no need to sign-up in advance.

Parish Calendar

COME JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY

Each Sunday during the month of May, the Holy Rosary will be recited before each English Mass. All are invited to participate in this devotion.

NOTICE TO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

All Eucharistic Ministers and readers, please send your e-mail addresses to Father Charlie as soon as possible so that he may communicate more directly with you. Father Charlie's e-mail address is cstrollo1@gmail.com.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Social Ministries Committee will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 1 in the Parish Center.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 8 from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM on the Parish Center.

R.S.V.P.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program meeting and luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 9 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!

BINGO IN THE AFTERNOON

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will have Afternoon Bingo on Friday, May 11 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.

IGBO MASS

The next Igbo Catholic Mass in the Diocese of Charlotte will take place here at St. Mary's on Sunday, May 13, 2018. It will begin promptly at 12:00 noon. Please park in the Windsor Center parking lot. For more information, please call 336.707.3625.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ***Sunday, May 20** – First Communion (English) – 11:00 AM Mass
- ***Sunday, May 20** – First Communion (Spanish) – 3:00 PM Mass followed by Kermes
- ***Sunday, June 3** – First Communion (Vietnamese) – 1:30 PM Mass
- ***Saturday, June 9** – First Communion (Spanish) – 11:00 AM Mass and 2:00 PM Mass
- ***Sunday, June 10** – Vietnamese Picnic in the Park – 12:00 noon – 7:00 PM
- ***Tuesday, June 12** – Confirmation – 6:00 PM Mass – Bishop Jugis, Celebrant
- ***Sunday, September 16** – Parish Multilingual Mass and Picnic – 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM – *St. Mary's 90th Anniversary*

Parish News

MS. BETTY MCKINNEY

Ms. Betty McKinney recently underwent surgery and is requesting your prayers as she continues to recover.

NOTICE ABOUT FOOD DONATIONS

Please be advised that all canned food donations should be taken to Greensboro Urban Ministries because that's the ministry St. Mary's supports. St. Mary's DOES NOT accept food donations.

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

Target amount -\$40,979.00
Amount collected - \$27,355.28
Pledge balance - \$ 6,978.65
Total balance - \$6,645.07

NEED FOR A PIANIST

St. Mary's is looking for a pianist to play for the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. If interested, please contact Al Baxter at 240.274.0345.

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.

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.

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.

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

CULTURE OF LIFE – A PRO-LIFE CORNER

My skeleton is complete now and I have reflexes. Now, I have electrical brain waves patterns that can be recorded. I am becoming a thinking person.

FAITH BOOK

From today's Gospel reading:

Jesus said to His disciples: "Remain in Me, as I remain in you."

Reflection:

When Jesus reminds us to "remain in Me," He wants us to "stay in touch" with Him. However, we know that we don't have to move away to lose touch. We might continue going to church regularly but lose touch with Christ when we just go through the motions of religion without our hearts and minds being fully into it. In fact, we are not "remaining" in Him; His words don't nourish and direct us.

So we ask ourselves:

- 1) Has my religious practice become formalistic and merely habit?
- 2) What first step should I make to get "back in touch" with Jesus and a living faith?

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Do we ever take the initiative in giving our time, talent and treasure, or do we always wait to be asked?

EURCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018

Save the date! Our Charlotte Diocese Eucharistic Congress will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 7 & 8. This spiritually unifying event brings together thousands of Catholics from across the diocese and southeast for spiritual talks, music, prayer, and fellowship - all centered around the Most Blessed Sacrament. All ages welcome!

Community News

REQUEST FROM CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

As many of you may know, Congregational United Church of Christ here in Greensboro has been offering sanctuary to an undocumented community member for the past 3 months. This is the second time they have done so and it takes an enormous amount of organization and people to do so. They are in need of help with "hosting," which is sitting in a room at the church for 2 to 3 hours at a time so Oscar is not alone. They have a sign-up system so you can choose which day and time and how often you are willing to do so. If you are interested in helping you can contact Robin Dorko, at robindorko@gmail.com, or Paul Davis, at paul@congregationalucc.com.

EVENT AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

There will be an All Night First Friday-First Saturday Vigil on May 4 & May 5 at Our Lady of Grace. It begins with the First Friday Mass at 6:30 PM on May 4 and ends with the First Saturday Mass at 8:00 AM on May 5. Confessions are available after the First Friday Mass from 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM. This night of love will include scriptural rosaries, Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart, silent adoration, Saturday Office Readings for the Immaculate Heart, Divine Mercy Chaplet and more. For more information contact Geri Breeding @ [336-420-1430](tel:336-420-1430).

BECOMING THE GOOD NEWS!

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant us the grace to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus." Romans 15:5


Greensboro Cursillistas - Join us for Ultreya on Sunday, May 6th at the home of James and Carole Ball. Social at 6:30 PM; Ultreya begins promptly at 7:00 PM. Witness speaker: Christy Holmes.

COME AND JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY @ 6:30PM



JOIN THE CHOIR

Lift up
your
Hearts
in
Praise!

A black silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. A white heart is positioned on the person's chest. The silhouette is positioned to the right of the text 'Lift up your Hearts in Praise!'.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AND
THOSE WHO CAN PLAY AN
INSTRUMENT ARE ENCOURAGED TO
JOIN US FOR THE 11:00 SERVICE.

CONTACT AL BAXTER
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SHARE AND CARE:

GOAL: Please keep all areas of the parish property in a clean and organized condition and respect one another's space.

SPECIFIC AREAS:

- 1) **STORAGE ROOMS:** ALL MATERIALS must be in the cabinets! NO MATERIALS are to be left on top of the cabinets or on the floor.
- 2) **PARISH OFFICE, COPY ROOM, AND SACRISTY:**
 - a) ALL MATERIALS must be returned to the area where they were taken from. NO MATERIALS are to be left on top of the cabinets or on top of the mailboxes or on the floor, for example, paper cutters, hole punch, staplers.
 - b) ALL ALBS, SURPLICES, CINCTURES, STOLES, AND VESTMENTS must be put away neatly either in the altar servers' closet or the priests' and deacons' closet. Please do not leave these on the floor or next to the mailboxes.
 - c) ALL CHALICES, PATENS, WINE, AND CLOTHS for Mass must be returned in the places you found them.
 - d) ALL SOILED PURIFICATORS, FINGER TOWELS, AND CORPORALS must be placed in the mailbox cabinet on the left where there is a basket for soiled materials.

(OVER)

e) PARISH OFFICE: Please do not touch or remove any materials from the office. Please do not leave materials on the floor or on the cabinet or on the bookcase.

3) **BATHROOMS:** Please use these bathrooms with care as you would with the bathrooms in your own home. Please accompany any of your children who are under 8 years old to the bathrooms.

4) **CLASSROOMS AND KITCHEN:** Please use these dynamics:

MOVE IT! PUT IT BACK!

DROP IT! PICK IT UP!

USE IT! RETURN IT!

OPEN IT! CLOSE IT!

5) **“IT’S NOT OVER UNTIL IT’S OVER”:** When you are coming for a service at the Center or the church that follows a service that is still going on, please wait until the service is over before entering the Center or the church out of respect for the people who are participating in that service.