



# 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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018

**Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.**

**Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17**

*The qualities we normally expect from our friends are trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy and sacrifice. Jesus offers us all these qualities in our friendship with Him. As a friend, Jesus has trusted us by sharing everything that He has heard from His Father. We have to trust Him as a friend by listening to Him through the Bible and talking to Him in prayer. As our friend, Jesus will be always faithful to us. Let us return this fidelity by being faithful to Him in doing His will. By calling us His friends, Jesus makes us equal to Him. Let us be proud of it and lead lives worthy of our unique status. As an understanding friend, Jesus is ready to forgive us time and time again so we must forgive those who offend us. Let us enjoy Jesus' divine friendship. Jesus declared there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend. He has done it for us. Therefore, let us also love others sacrificially. Jesus demonstrated the love God His Father has for us by living for us and dying for us. As His disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents and lives. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving each the respect he or she deserves as a human being. In moments of trial and stress, when people are hostile or ungrateful, and we feel the pull of bitter resentment in our hearts, it is important for us to remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people He liked.*

**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.**

**May 7 – May 13**

**Monday, May 7**

Acts 16:11-15  
John 15:26 – 16:4a

**Tuesday, May 8**

Acts 16:22-34  
John 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 9**

Acts 17:15,22 – 18:1  
John 16:12-15

**Thursday, May 10**

*Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest*  
Acts 18:1-8  
John 16:16-20

**Friday, May 11**

Acts 18:9-18  
John 16:20-23

**Saturday, May 12**

*Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;  
Saint Pancras, Martyr*  
Acts 18:23-28  
John 16:23b-28

**Sunday, May 13**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
Acts 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Mark 16:15-20

**PARISH GIFT - \$6,182.00**  
**TORNADO RELIEF - \$2,100.00**  
**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 the Repose of the Soul of Maria, requested by Christy Siu Beltran

11:00 AM – In Thanksgiving for Mylaie Oro's birthday (last week), requested by her daughter Joelle Oro and her sons  
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 12 – May 13**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Musician</b>
5:30 P.M.	Trecia Bass	Charles Bostic	Pat King
8:30 AM	Irene Essien-Akpan	Brut K'Briuh – Nhu Nguyen TBA - TBA	Carol Soter
11:00 AM	Michael Diamond	Ezenwa Ike – Jan Chapman-Braxton Chris Walson – Edith Walson	Al Baxter

## ST. MARY'S TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES ASSISTANCE HERE AT ST. MARY'S

Catholic Charities employees will be here at St. Mary's Parish Center on Wednesday and Friday for the next two weeks (May 9 and 11, May 16 and 18) 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.

### 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.

## Parish Calendar

### 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](mailto:cstrollo1@gmail.com).

### 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!

### BLACK CATHOLICS MEETING

The Black Catholics Group of St. Mary's will have their monthly meeting on Friday, May 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.

### 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 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

## Parish News

### 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.

*Father Charlie*

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

Target amount - \$40,979.00  
Amount collected - \$27,658.35  
Pledge balance - \$ 6,800.58  
Total balance - \$6,520.07

### 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 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.

**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.

#### **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**

**Week 7** - I look like a miniature doll, with my complete fingers, toes and ears. If you could touch my lips, I would quickly bend away. My first teeth buds are starting to form.

#### **FAITH BOOK**

*From today's Gospel reading:*

(Jesus said to His disciples) "It is not you who chose Me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain..."

#### **Reflection:**

Jesus assures us that we already have God's love; it is not something we must earn by minute adherence to a code of proper behavior. Jesus is asking us to live out of the realization of that love. We are His "friends", He tells us, so now go out and live like friends with one another – bear fruit.

#### **So we ask ourselves:**

- 1) In my daily life, what "fruits" do I bear in Jesus' name?
- 2) What needs to be pruned so that I can be more fruitful for the Lord?

#### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts." (Sirach 35:7)

#### **EUCCHARISTIC 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](mailto:robindorko@gmail.com), or Paul Davis, at [paul@congregationalucc.com](mailto:paul@congregationalucc.com).

#### **EVENT SPONSORED BY THE GREENSBORO COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

The Greensboro Council of Catholic Women's Spring Luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 11:30 a.m. at Greensboro Country Club. Virginia Lieto of the Catholic Writers Guild will be our speaker and talk about her experiences as a Catholic Writer. Please visit Virginia's website - [virginalieto.com](http://virginalieto.com). Virginia will have copies of her book, *Finding Patience: Adventures of Faith, Hope and Charity*, on sale for \$10.00. To make reservations, please send your check in the amount of \$23.00 no later than Wednesday, May 16, 2018 to: Carol Cook, 1119 Summer Place, Greensboro, NC 27410. Please let Carol know of any dietary restrictions. Please note that there will be a raffle and please remember to bring non-perishable foods for the needy. Golf carts will be available from the parking lots to and from the building. If you have any questions, please call Carol at 336.852.9345.

