

# ST. MARY HELP *of* CHRISTIANS CHURCH



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 24, 2019

### PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmono  
Bishop of Charleston

### PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Gregory B. Wilson, VF  
Pastor

Rev. Raymond K. Flores  
Parochial Vicar

Dcn. Robert Pierce  
Dcn. Stephen Platte

### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE WEEKDAY

Mon. - Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's  
Tues. 6:30AM - Old St. Mary's  
Wed. 8:30AM School Mass - Old St. Mary's  
Miércoles - la capilla de Ste Claire 7:00PM  
Thur. Nursing Home 10:00AM  
Sat. Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

### SUNDAY

Sat. Vigil 5:00PM - Church  
8:30AM, 11:00AM - Church  
Spanish 12:30PM- Capilla de Santa María  
5:00PM - Church

### CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's  
Sat. 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

**Mail: P.O. Box 438 Aiken, SC 29802**

**803.649.4777**

**[www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)**

Locations: St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE

Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE

Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

St. Angela Hall: 118 York St. SE

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend St. Mary's regularly and consider this your parish, please register at the parish office, print a registration form from the web site under the Parish tab, or you may fill out and submit the form online.

### PARISH OFFICE

**Phone:** 803.649.4777 **FAX:** 888.552.1016  
[ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org)  
 Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
 Mailing address:  
 PO Box 438 Aiken, SC 29802  
 Location: 203 Park Ave. SE Aiken, SC 29801

### NURSERY

Available during the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Mass in  
**Mother Teresa Hall**

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance, call 803.642.3211

### PARISH PERSONNEL

Contact by email at [ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org)

**Mr. Patrick Wray**  
 Director of Administration

**Mrs. Mary Frei**  
 Administrative Assistant

**Ms. Charlene Krushinsky**  
 Principal of St. Mary's School  
 803.649.2071

**Ms. Phyllis Waters**  
 Business Manager

**Ms. Frances Gledhill**  
 Parish Secretary

**Mrs. Sandra Belcher**  
 Spanish Ministry Secretary

**Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackson**  
 Director of Religious Education  
 803.642.2676

**Mrs. Joan LaBone**  
 Director of Youth Ministry  
 803.649.3049

**Mrs. Bette Ross, MS**  
 Social Ministry Coordinator  
 803.649.4777 ext. 101

**Mr. V. Franklin Deese II**  
 Organist and Choir Director  
 803.649.3057

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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

*More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website.*

### HOLY BAPTISM

To baptize a child at St. Mary's, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish and registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to the Baptism. Parents **must** attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. The Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class as well. **The next class will be in May. Registration is required.** Contact Mary Ellen Jackson for more information at 803.642.2676 or [mejackson@stmarys-aiken.org](mailto:mejackson@stmarys-aiken.org)

### HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

*Policy:* Parents and children must be registered and faithfully attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children not enrolled in our Catholic school, must attend a minimum of two years of Christian Formation classes and satisfy the attendance policy. For more information:  
*Holy Communion:* Mary Ellen Jackson: 803.642.2676  
*Confirmation:* Joan LaBone: 803.649.3049 or [jlabone@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jlabone@charlestdiocese.org)

### HOLY MATRIMONY

Those contemplating marriage should contact the parish office. The Diocese of Charleston requires a minimum of six months preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please understand, not all dates at the church may be available due to parish events or other conflicts.  
 Contact: Mary Frei at 803.649.4777 ext. 114

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. E-mail Mary Frei: [mfrei@stmarys-aiken.org](mailto:mfrei@stmarys-aiken.org) or call 803.649.4777 ext. 101 For Nursing home volunteers, Holy Communion for our homebound, hospital visits, call Bette Ross at the parish office or e-mail her at [ross@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:ross@charlestdiocese.org)

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

### TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

<b>LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING</b>	<b>\$ 40,387.70</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS</b>	<b>\$ 31,800.00</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,221,895.93</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS</b>	<b>\$ 1,208,400.00</b>
<b>OVERAGE TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 13,495.93</b>

St. Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. Thank you for all that you do. Any questions about the Capital Campaign, your pledge or making a contribution, call Phyllis Waters at the Parish Office, 803.649.4777 ext. 104

**Upcoming Special Collections:** March 24 St. Vincent de Paul (Outside)  
 March 31 Miscellany

ITEM	GOAL	Last Week Status	Current Status	CURRENT SHORTFALL TO GOAL	CURRENT % GOAL	CURRENT VS. LAST WEEK
PLEGGED AMOUNT	\$2,860,000	\$2,616,175	\$2,616,175	\$243,825	91%	
FAMILIES PARTICIPATING	1,717	526	526	1,191	31%	0
PLEDGE REDEMPTIONS RECEIVED	\$2,860,000	\$2,454,095	\$2,457,177	\$402,823	86%	\$3,082
PARTICIPATING FAMILIES PAID FULL	526	329	330	NA	63%	1

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

STE CLAIRE CHAPEL, 125 PARK AVE. SE

Perpetual Adoration of Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament is available in Ste Claire Chapel 24 hours a day. All are encouraged to spend time with our Lord. Come, let us adore Him!



### CAN YOU WATCH ONE HOUR WITH JESUS?

Hour with the most need: **Wednesday at 5 pm**

The following are the hours with a need for an adorer:

MON: 2 am; 3 am; 8 pm

TUES: 3 am; 7 am; 9 pm

WED: 1 am; 2 am; 4 am; 5 pm

THU: 12 am; 1 am; 2 am; 3 am; 4 am; 6 am; 12 noon; 10pm

FRI: 11 am; 12 am; 1 am; 2 am; 3 am; 4 am; 5 am; 9 pm

SAT: 12 am; 1 am; 4 am; 1 pm; 4 pm; 5 pm; 9 pm; 10 pm

SUN: 12 am; 1 pm; 2 am; 3 am; 4 am; 5 am; 8 am; 1 pm;

4 pm; 11 pm

To see the most current hours in need, go to <http://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>.

If you can spend one hour with Jesus on a weekly basis, please contact the lead coordinator, Ivy Monahon at 803.649.4157 or [jjmonahon@mindspring.com](mailto:jjmonahon@mindspring.com)

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## GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

### PRAYER CIRCLE MINISTRY

The St. Mary's Prayer Circle Ministry provides an opportunity to share your needs with your parish family. Hopefully you noticed the wooden prayer boxes in the narthex of both churches. Cards are provided to write down your prayer requests. Alternatively, you can email your prayer requests or special intentions to [fgledhill@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:fgledhill@charlestondiocese.org).

We are honored to be able to accept your prayer intentions. Prayer is a beautiful, as well as essential, way to ask for Our Lord's help and blessings. Even when God doesn't answer our prayers as we'd like, He gives us the grace to cope with our problems and tragedies better in any case.

Don't think that any request is too small. Our Lord Himself said "ask, and you shall receive" (John 16:24). Your requests become that much more powerful when others are praying for you as well.

Also, it is a truly divine form of charity to pray for others, especially for those most in need! If you would like to be included as part of the prayer circle email chain, please email Frances at [fgledhill@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:fgledhill@charlestondiocese.org)

***Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6***

## PASTOR'S CORNER

+ JMJ +

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Tomorrow, March 25, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. We pause our penances for all solemnities during Lent. And, yes, this means that it is only nine months until Christmas!

We celebrate the visitation of the Angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary and her courageous "Yes" to God's plan, not only for her, but for the salvation of the human race. Mary's "yes" ushered in the Incarnation of the Lord. At that moment, the eternal Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity took on flesh and became man in time. Every time you and I say "yes" to God's plan for us, every time we introduce another person to faith in Jesus Christ, we continue the Incarnation.

Holy Mass for the Annunciation will be at 5:30pm in Old St. Mary's and will include special music. Plan to arrive early to hear the exceptionally superb *Rosary Sonata #1: The Annunciation* by Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber, played by our artist-in-residence and St. Mary's School graduate, Adam DePriest, accompanied by our music director, Frank Deese. You can almost see the Angel's wings in the flourishes of the violin.

**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.** I mentioned in my last columns that we would be hosting a deanery-wide penitential Mass and Holy Hour to pray for the healing of all victims of sexual abuse. **Please join us at Old St. Mary's for Mass at 5:30pm to be followed immediately by a Holy Hour from 6 to 7pm** where we will pray a special rosary "For Healing and Protection." We will also be praying for the Holy Spirit's action in guiding our bishops as they make necessary changes in order to ensure the protection of all young people from abuse. The Church simply must be the safest place possible.

Why should we pray and do penance when we're not the ones at fault? First, someone must. Prayer and penance are so powerful for healing, and the disciple of Jesus Christ must be the one to step forward and create the path for healing. Second, it puts the focus back on the healing of all victims, whose lives will never be the same. Third, as people are beginning courageously to step forward from other groups outside the Catholic Church, we can and should be the ones who lead the way in healing and protection.

A reminder: Since 2002 all clergy, staff, and volunteers of parishes and schools around the United States have been required to complete safe environment training, which includes background screening. Currently, our diocese uses Safe Haven as part of our overall program. The purpose is not merely to screen people, but to teach all people who work for the Church in any capacity 1) how to create a safe environment in parishes, and 2) how to recognize signs of abuse that may be happening outside of our parishes and get help for victims. We are committed to empower all adults to learn the signs and prevent all child sexual abuse.

As always, let us pray for each other to be Christ's light in the world.

Father Wilson

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION (CCD) GRADES 4K-5

Contact: [mjackson@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org)  
Sunday morning Religious Ed Classes

March 24 – Class  
March 31 – Class  
April 7 – Class  
April 14 – No class – Palm Sunday  
April 21 – No class - Easter  
April 28 – Last Class  
Mary 5 – May Procession and parish picnic

**Basic prayers:** We are 'testing' the children to see if they know their basic prayers – the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Act of Contrition. The best way to teach the prayers is to **pray them together often.**

**First Holy Communion parents:** Please practice receiving communion on the tongue. You can practice with small pieces of pita bread or crackers. First Holy Communion Rehearsal is April 27<sup>th</sup> and First Holy Communion is May 4<sup>th</sup>, both at 10AM in the Church.

**Looking ahead ... Totus Tuus** summer camp will be held the week of June 10-14. More information will be in the bulletin soon.

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## SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6-12

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone

9:30-9:45AM Donuts and drinks in the gym.  
9:45-10:45AM Session.

**Confirmation - Monday, April 29, 2019 7PM**

### YOUTH MINISTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 6-8) OR LIFE NIGHT (GR. 9-12)

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone  
[jlaborne@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:jlaborne@charlestdioocese.org) or 803.215.7040 cell

**Mar. 24**—Life Teen, Smith Hall

**Mar. 31**—Life Teen, Smith Hall

**April 7**— Life Teen

**April 8-12**—Spring Break, Check with Mrs. LaBone for Lenten Opportunities for service

**Save the date:** April 19, Good Friday, Living Stations 1:30PM

Follow us on: Instagram: [lifeteen\\_aiken](#)

Check for activities online at St. Mary Help of Christians Website under Formation/Youth Ministry.

## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM CLASSES "RCIA"

All are welcome to join us – whether you are just beginning to learn about the faith, you are a life-long Catholic wanting a refresher, or are anywhere in between. Join us and bring a friend! Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall 6:15 – 7:45PM. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or [mjackson@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org)

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### THURSDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Thursday morning Bible Study is studying Ezekiel. We meet Thursday mornings 11:15AM-12:30PM downstairs in Smith Hall. All are welcome. All you need is a bible and a love of Scripture! Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or [mjackson@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org)

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### WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We are currently studying the Book of Ecclesiastes and we welcome new members at any time. Please join us on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00AM in Mother Teresa Hall. For more information contact Martha at 865.599.8473 or [whittimp@gmail.com](mailto:whittimp@gmail.com)



## ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

Contact: Ms. Charlene Krushinsky, Principal  
803.649.2071  
[www.stmaryschoolaiken.com](http://www.stmaryschoolaiken.com)

All parishioners, St. Mary's School parents, and prospective new parents are invited to attend the first annual State of the School Address on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. This presentation, given by principal Charlene Krushinsky and the School Advisory Council, will take place in St. Angela Hall (gym). Please come and hear about the great accomplishments St. Mary's School has achieved this year and the exciting things happening ahead! Questions? Please call the school office at 803.649.2071 or email the principal at [ckrushinsky@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:ckrushinsky@charlestdioocese.org).

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### ATTENTION! BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin information needs to be turned in to the office no less than 10 working days prior to the desired Sunday. During Holidays deadlines are accelerated. For more information, please contact the Frances in the Parish Office, 803.649.4777.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24

K OF C FISH FRY TICKETS-BEFORE/AFTER ALL MASSES  
 8:30AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM  
 9:30AM-MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY-ST. ANGELA HALL  
 9:45AM-SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION-SCHOOL  
 9:45AM-SPANISH FAMILY BIBLE STUDY-CAFETERIA  
 9:45AM-SUNDAY MORNING CAFÉ-MOTHER TERESA HALL  
 10:00AM-SPANISH CHOIR PRACTICE-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 11:00AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM  
 6:15PM-LIFE TEEN -UP/DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

## MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 9:30AM-PRAYER SHAWL-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 11:00AM-STATIONS OF THE CROSS-OLD ST. MARY 'S  
 12:00PM-LUNCH & LEARN-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 6:00PM-LEGIÓN DE MARÍA-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 6:00PM-LEGION OF MARY YOUTH-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 6:30PM-ALPHA-ST. MICHAEL HALL  
 7:00PM-BINGO-COLUMBUS CLUB, SPAULDING DR. AIKEN  
 7:30PM-SMALL CHRISTIAN COMM I-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00AM-MEN'S PRAYER GROUP-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 9:00AM-PLAY & PRAY-MOTHER TERESA HALL  
 3:30PM-LEGION OF MARY-MOTHER TERESA HALL  
 6:00PM-CANA'S CALL CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH  
 6:00PM-YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 6:15PM-RCIA-MOTHER TERESA HALL

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 9:30AM-ADULT BIBLE STUDY-MOTHER TERESA HALL  
 12:00PM-LENTEN LUNCH-ST. ANGELA HALL  
 3:00PM-GRIEF SUPPORT-DEACON WATERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
 6:00PM-PRAY & PRAISE-SCHOOL  
 6:15PM-LEGION OF MARY-SCHOOL LIBRARY

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 11:15AM-BIBLE STUDY-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 7:00PM-SPANISH RCIA-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 6:45PM-WOMEN'S RETREAT-ST. ANGELA HALL  
 7:00PM-SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH NAVE

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL  
 6:00PM-STATIONS OF THE CROSS-OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
 7:00PM-HAVURAH-ST. MICHAEL HALL  
 6:30PM-SPANISH WOMEN'S EMAÚS-MOTHER TERESA HALL  
 7:00PM-SPANISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS-OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
 7:00PM-SPANISH MARRIAGE GROUP-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30

ALL DAY-WOMEN'S RETREAT-ST. ANGELA HALL  
 K OF C FISH FRY TICKETS-BEFORE/AFTER ALL MASSES  
 8:30AM-NOVENA-OLD ST. MARY'S

## THE HOLY ROSARY

Join the parish as we pray The Rosary together daily before the 5:30PM Mass, Monday through Friday.

# ✠ THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS ✠

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25 — MARCH 31

## Monday

Is 7: 10-14; 8:10 Ps 40: 7-11 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38

## Tuesday

Dn 3: 25, 34-43 Ps 25: 4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9 Mt 18: 21-35

## Wednesday

Dt 4: 1, 5-9 Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5: 17-19

## Thursday

Jer 7: 23-28 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9 Lk 11: 14-23

## Friday

Hos 14: 2-10 Ps 81: 6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12: 28-34

## Saturday

Hos 6: 1-6 Ps 51: 3-4, 18-21b Lk 18: 9-14

## Sunday

Jos 5: 9a, 10-12 Ps 34: 2-7 2 Cor 5: 17-21 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

# ✠ HOLY MASS INTENTIONS ✠

## SUNDAY, MAR. 24

8:30AM Nan Coe (D)  
 11:00AM Bernadette Bac (D)  
 12:30PM For the People  
 5:00PM Michael Anaclerio, Sr. (D)

## MONDAY, MAR. 25

### THE ANNUNCIATION

5:30PM Edmund & Maryanne Karwatka (D)

## TUESDAY, MAR. 26

6:30AM Richard Bartlem (D)  
 5:30PM Margaret & Irene Gaso (D)

## WEDNESDAY, MAR. 27

8:30AM Grace Darr (D)  
 5:30PM Barbara Anson (D)  
 7:00pm Judy Ellen Frieder (D)

## THURSDAY, MAR. 28

10:00AM Benton House Mary Maxine Kiehn (D)  
 5:30PM Penny Goergen (D)

## FRIDAY, MAR. 29

5:30PM Raymond Minnick (D)

## SATURDAY, MAR. 30

8:00AM Iluminada Nuñez (D)  
 5:00PM Natalie Palladino (D)  
 Richard Furgieule (D)  
 Barbara Anson (D)  
 Greg & Betty Ryberg (L)  
 Father Gregory Wilson (L)



*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

## PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

### PRAY AND PRAISE

The Pray and Praise Prayer Group meets Wednesdays at 6:15PM in the Oswald Building. Join us to worship, share the good the Lord has done for us, offer intercessory prayers, and sing praise to the Lord. All are invited. For more information contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org or 803.642.2676

### LUNCH & LEARN BOOK CLUB

Meets on Mondays from 12 NOON to 1:00PM in Smith Hall. All are welcome. The current book for the Lunch and Learn Book Club is "That Nothing May Be Lost: Reflections on Catholic Doctrine and Devotion" by Rev. Paul D. Scalia. Contact: Kathy Monahan at kmonahan@atlanticbb.net

### FAMILY MINISTRY

The parish family ministry is here to help our parish families grow and nurture their spiritual and communal life. We strive to provide opportunities and support for family growth across all generations. For more information about upcoming events, contact Alice and Derron Judd at 803.522.2143

### SUNDAY MORNING CAFÉ

#### CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION

Please join us on Sunday mornings 9:45-10:45AM in Mother Teresa Hall for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship with your parish family!

March 24 Pro-Life documentary film "40" Part two.

March 31 Wives Do What? Part one.

No materials necessary. Come when you can! Contact Donna Pierce at rampierce@atlanticbb.net or 803.474.6011.

### FROM THE BENCH

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Psalm 84:2 We live and celebrate our faith every day of the week. One of the ways to do so is to celebrate the solemnities and feasts of the Church. On Monday, March 25, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Before mass, Adam de Priest will join us and play the Annunciation from the Rosary Sonatas of Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber. While one can hear the fluttering of the wings and the declaration of the angel, the music, written in the Dorian mode, is a mixture of joyful dancelike passages and pensive solemn passages.



## A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

**Week Two — An Encounter with Mercy**

Sin always damages our relationships with God and with others, and, depending on the gravity of the sin, it may even rupture these relationships. Jesus calls us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only to forgive us and wash away our sins, but also to heal our wounds and the root causes of our sins. We are not defined by our mistakes; we are defined by the Father's love for us!

This week, login to [formed.org](https://formed.org) and watch *A Lent to Remember*, Episode 2.



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Login at <https://stmarys-aiken.formed.org>



### ON-LINE GIVING

The **Parish Finance Committee** has approved and strongly recommends using on-line giving. It has several benefits to the parish, including lower cost of administration fees versus the bank. It simplifies record keeping, collection and accounting procedures.

#### ON-LINE GIVING STATUS

TO ENROLL IN ON-LINE GIVING go to the parish website: [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

ITEM	GOAL	LAST MONTH'S STATUS	CURRENT STATUS	CURRENT % GOAL	CURRENT VS. LAST MONTH
ON-LINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS	750	397	402	54%	5

- ◆ Click on "Giving"
- ◆ Click on "Sunday Offering"
- ◆ Create a new account and then go to "Manage My Account"
- ◆ Enroll in weekly or monthly offering\*
- ◆ If you need assistance, or to discontinue on-line giving, please call 1.800.348.2886 option 4 .

\*Monthly offering is the preferred method recommended by the Parish Finance Committee

## PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

### "PILLARS OF PERSONHOOD TRAINING"

Join us as we learn how to make a difference and save lives. Presented by April Fry, Director of Education for Georgia Right to Life, at St. Mary on the Hill Parish Hall.

Meet Local Pro-Life Ministries Mon., April 1, 2019 6-7:30PM Refreshments and materials provided. Please bring a friend. RSVP to: AprilFry@grtl.org or 706.284.9155

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

\$10 per person in advance/\$12 at the door or \$50 for family of 6 or more



Reservations—\$10 per person

Help support our Columbus Club Community Projects

**Fridays: March 29 and April 12**

**6:00PM** at the Columbus Club 1003 Spaulding Dr., Aiken  
One FREE draft beer for ages 21+  
or 1 FREE soda with meal of fish, fries, dinner roll, coleslaw, hushpuppies and dessert. Cash bar.

Make checks payable to the Columbus Club

For tickets or reservations please call:

Dennis Fraser — 803.507.0066

Dick Schreck — 973.479.1602

Mark Szymanski — 803.645.1405;

St. Mary's Parish Office — 803.649.4777

The Columbus Club— 803.648.3684 (leave a message)



### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

are asking you to help save local lives!  
Shepherd Community Blood Center  
will conduct a Blood Drive  
at Saint Mary Help of Christians Church  
on Fairfield Street.

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30PM – 7:00PM

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:45AM- 1:30PM

Many things in this world can wait but  
a transfusion of your blood to a dying patient cannot.

Please give someone that chance.

Every Donor is a Hero!

Each donor will receive a  
Free Lipid Profile after your 3rd donation  
in a calendar year. Bring a picture ID,  
Driver's license or donor card!

**Donors should drink plenty of water prior to donating.**

Thank you!

## SAVE THE DATES



### ST. MARY'S IS HOSTING LENTEN LUNCHESES

St. Mary Help of Christians will be the host for this year's Lenten Lunches. The Community Lenten Lunches are a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow Christians from various Aiken churches and build unity among all Christians. The lunches will be held in St. Angela Hall, from 12:00-1:00PM on Wednesdays.

Participating churches will provide services for each lunch as follows:

March 27— St. Thaddeus Episcopal & St. John Methodist

April 3—St. Paul Lutheran

April 10—St. Mary Help of Christians

The lunches are free; small donations are welcomed and appreciated to pay for disposable paper goods. Any excess donations will be donated to ACTS.

### JEWISH ROOTS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH The Patriarchs and Prophets

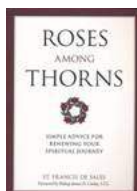
Lenten Lecture Series by Father Raymond

Fridays at 7PM in St. Michael Hall

March 29: Moses April 5: David

Please join Father Raymond for all or part of this wonderful series!

### LENTEN FRIDAYS WITH FRANCIS DE SALES



You can still join us! We are reading and discussing the short book *Roses Among Thorns, Simple Advice for Renewing Your Spiritual Journey* by St. Francis de Sales. **Friday mornings during Lent in St. Michael Hall at 10:00AM.** Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

The book can be purchased at St. Mary's gift shop.

### SINGLE, SINGLE AGAIN

Dinner 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:00PM

Reservations are due the Tuesday before to: Carla Noziglia at skipncar@aol.com or Phyllis Autry at 214.587.1156.

Upcoming Single, Single Again Events

April 11—Betsy's Round the Corner

May 9—Houndslake Country Club

Dates & restaurants may change; check the Aiken Standard Events or the e-mail you will receive each month.

Brunch Saturday at 10:00AM—April 27—Golden Corral

# MINISTERIO HISPANO

## MISA Y CONFESIONES

- domingo 12:30PM Santa María, Park Ave.
- miércoles 7:00PM Capilla Santa Clara
- Confesiones son media hora antes y después de la Misa dominical

## BAUTISMOS

Para pedir el Sacramento del Bautismo o para recibir información acerca de las pláticas pre-bautismales, por favor de comunicarse con Gabriela Flores, al 803.716.5509 o con Luz Londoño, al 803.522.3814. Preparación pre-bautismal: 3 y 10 de marzo, 2019

## PRIMERA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Norma Sacramental: Los padres de familia y niños deben estar inscritos en la Parroquia y asistir fielmente a la Santa Misa todos los domingos y fiestas de precepto. Los niños, que no asisten a nuestro Colegio Católico Parroquial, deben asistir, por lo menos, dos años, completos a clases de Formación Cristiana (Catequesis Dominical) y cumplir con los reglamentos de asistencia para recibir el sacramento. Para más información, comunicarse con Mary Ellen Jackson al 803.642.2676 / mejackson@stmarys-aiken.org

## PEQUEÑAS COMUNIDADES DE FE

Invitamos a todos los feligreses que deseen aprender más sobre nuestra fe que se unan a nuestras Pequeñas Comunidades de Fe.

**PCF I "Dios Está Aquí"** se reúnen todos los lunes de 7:30PM a 10:30PM en el salón Smith Hall. Coordinadora Aura Pérez. 803.295.6388.

**PCF II "Santa María"** se reúnen todos los lunes de 6:00PM a 9:00PM en 120 Barton Brothers Ln., Aiken, SC 29801. Coordinadora Mercedes Barranco. 803.439.3999.

**PCF III "Dios Entre Nosotros"** se reúnen todos los martes de 7:30PM a 10:30PM en 127 Courtney Rd. Trenton, SC 29847. Coordinador Reginaldo Cortez. 803.645.4083.

## QUINCEAÑERA

A los interesados en una celebración de XV años deben tener en cuenta lo siguiente:

- Deben ser católicos practicantes y asistir a Misa.
- Deben estar registrados en la parroquia por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la celebración.
- Deben asistir a la preparación catequética que ofrece la parroquia.

Para más información, por favor comunicase con Esperanza Negrete al 803.226.3410 para dar inicio al proceso.

## SAGRADO MATRIMONIO

Como política de la Diócesis, se pide a todas las parejas que desean tener el sacramento del matrimonio, prepararse por lo menos seis (6) meses antes de decidir una fecha para su boda. Para más información comunicarse con Guadalupe Cortes, al 803.845.9390.

## RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

**Introducción al Catolicismo** - Estas interesado en convertirte en Católico o aprender mas sobre el Catolicismo? Las clases de RICA serán los jueves a las 7:00PM en el salon de Smith Hall. Para más información, por favor de comunicarse con Guadalupe Cortes, al 803.845.9390.

## PARA LAS CLASES DE CATECISMO DOMINICAL:

**Oraciones Católicas básicas:** Le vamos a dar a los niños un pequeño "examen" para ver si se saben las oraciones básicas como el Padre Nuestro, el Ave María, el Gloria al Padre y el Acto de Contrición. La mejor forma de enseñarle estas oraciones a sus hijos es **rezando con ellos con frecuencia.**

**Padres de los niños preparándose para la Primera Comunión:** Por favor, practique con su hijo/hija cómo recibir la Santa Comunión en la lengua; lo puede hacer usando pedacitos de pan pita o galletas de soda. El ensayo para la Primera Comunión es el 27 de abril y la Primera Comunión es el 4 de mayo, ambos eventos a las 10 a.m. en la Iglesia.

**En el futuro...**Campamento de verano **Totus Tuus** será la semana de junio 10-14. Ya pronto tendremos más información en el boletín dominical.



## RETIRO DE PAREJAS

**"Espiritualidad de la Pareja: Sacerdocio Bautismal"**

**Fecha:** sábado 13 de abril, 2019

**Horario:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Donde:** Salón Santa Ángela, Sta. María Auxilio de los Cristianos, Aiken

**Donación:** \$50.00 por pareja / registraciones inician 3/17/19 después de Misa

**Organiza:** La Comunidad de Matrimonios "La Sagrada Familia"

Para mayor información llamar a Sonia Jiménez al 803.508.5370 o Joely Leguizamon 803.270.4646

## COLECTA SEMANAL – AÑO FISCAL 2018-2019

### TOTALES DESDE EL DOMINGO, 17 DE MARZO, 2018

OFRENDAS PARA EL 10 DE MARZO	\$ 40,387.70
NECESIDADES DEL PRESUPUESTO SEMANAL	\$ 31,800.00
TOTALES DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,221,895.93
NECESIDADES PRESUPUESTARIAS DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,208,400.00
PRESUPUESTO CON EXCEDENTE HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 13,495.93

Representamos el **20%** de la Parroquia. Qué Bueno sería si nuestra colecta semanal fuese por lo menos de **\$2,000** o más. ¡Gracias por su participación!



## HOLY HAPPENINGS AT ST. MARY'S!



Father Raymond with the Stephen Ministry March 14



Youth at the Diocesan Youth Conference March 9



Rite of Election  
At Our Lady of the Lake  
Chapin, SC  
March 9





'AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.'

MATTHEW 25:40

## Aiken Home Works Lenten Mission

**Monday, April 8th**

**Tuesday, April 9th**



The Home Works mission in Aiken provides youth and adult volunteers with the opportunity to minister to homeowners in need. Not only do volunteers repair roofs, build ramps, fix plumbing, and paint walls, but they also share their faith through their actions, in prayer, and by visiting with the homeowners. To help others in need, what a meaningful experience to add to your Lenten preparations.

### Schedule

- Wear work clothes, tee shirt, shorts or jeans, sturdy shoes. Bring sunscreen and a hat. No phone use is permitted on the job site.
- 7:30 am - Meet at the Columbus Club (1003 Spaulding Dr.) each morning for breakfast followed by departure to the job sites.
- Lunch, snacks, and water are provided along with time to visit with the home owner.
- 5:00 pm - Return to the Columbus Club to depart for home

### To Register

Registration is simple!

Please email Kevin & Karen Stoner at

[kjstoner7@gmail.com](mailto:kjstoner7@gmail.com) or

call (803) 514-0868

You will receive a permission form that can be either emailed back or returned to the church office.

