

ST. MARY HELP *of* CHRISTIANS CHURCH



LAETARE SUNDAY—MARCH 31, 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

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
 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

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Reservations: ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org

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

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

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 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 bross@charlestdiocese.org

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$ 24,888.52
WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 31,800.00
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$ 1,246,784.45
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 1,240,200.00
OVERAGE TO DATE	\$ 6,584.45

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 31 Miscellany
 April 7 Black & Indian Home Missions

Special Collection: St. Vincent de Paul \$ 8,213.00

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	\$2,457,177	\$2,462,540	\$397,460	86%	\$5,363
PARTICIPATING FAMILIES PAID FULL	526	330	332	NA	63%	2

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 urgent need (no current adorer): **Friday 6 PM**

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

MON: 2 AM; 3 AM; 8 PM

TUES: 3 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; 10 PM

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 Monahan at 803.649.4157 or jjmonahan@mindspring.com

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

SAVE THE DATE

Although we are still in Lent, please remember to save the date for our annual May Procession and Parish Picnic:

Sunday, May 5, 2019

11:00PM Mass followed by Procession through downtown Aiken and Crowning of Mary

1:00 to 3:00PM Parish Picnic at St. Angela's and school grounds

This year, we are blessed to have the Sacraments of Confirmation (April 29) and First Holy Communion (May 4) within the same week, culminating with Sunday's festivities. We will have great food, music, games and fun for kids of all ages, and, most important, the fellowship with share as a community.

AIKEN DEANERY MASS & HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Monday, April 1

Mass will begin at 5:30PM

Old St. Mary Church

Followed immediately by a special Holy Hour for the healing of victims of sexual abuse, especially those abused by clergy.

PASTOR'S CORNER

+ JMJ +

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Laetare, Jerusalem" – "Rejoice, Jerusalem... Be joyful, all who were in mourning!" (From Isaiah 66:10-11; Introit for the Fourth Sunday of Lent)

You deserve a break today! In fact, the Church insists on it. Here at the halfway point of our Lenten observance, Holy Mother Church gives us a last little break from our Lenten penances on the Sunday of Joy – Laetare Sunday. The priests and deacons don rose-colored vestments, the color of the sky just before the dawn. It is the color of hope and anticipation. After all, the reason we do penance is to prepare ourselves for the greatest, most awesome part of our faith: The man they put on a cross, who died and was buried, *is alive*. He was seen by literally hundreds of witnesses, who then darted about the world telling everyone they could, even if it meant their own deaths. Why? Because that death has reconciled us. It made an atonement you and I could not do on our own. *"He bore the punishment that makes us whole; by His wounds we were healed"* (Isaiah 53:5).

Moreover, not only will Jesus never die again, He promises the same to you and me – both eternal, true, everlasting happiness and a resurrected body like His own. That is worth going through proper preparation so that we never, ever take this for granted. So, rejoice with me today!

Please join us Monday, April 1 for Mass at 5:30pm followed immediately by a Holy Hour for the healing of victims of the sin of sexual abuse, especially those wounded by trusted members of the Church. St. Mary's is hosting this as a deanery-wide event.

It's never too late to plan ahead. Our schedule for Holy Week and Easter:

April 18th – Holy Thursday

7:00PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper, bilingual, church

April 19th – Good Friday

8:00AM – Tenebrae liturgy, Old St. Mary's

12:00PM – Stations of the Cross, church

12:30-2:30PM – Confessions, church

1:30PM – Living Stations (Meet in front of Old St. Mary's)

3:00PM – Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord, church

April 20th – Holy Saturday

8:00AM – Tenebrae liturgy, Old St. Mary's

12:00PM – Blessing of Easter Baskets – Ste Claire Chapel

3:30-4:30PM – Confessions, church

8:30PM – The Great Easter Vigil, bilingual

April 21st – Easter Sunday

8:30AM – Mass, church

11:00AM – Mass, church

12:30PM – Misa en español, Old St. Mary's

Please note there will be no 5:00PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

Contact: mjackson@charlestdioocese.org
Sunday morning Religious Ed Classes

March 31 – Class

April 7 – Class

April 14 – No class – Palm Sunday

April 21 – No class - Easter

April 28 – Last Class, Divine Mercy Sunday

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 27th and First Holy Communion is May 4th, 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.

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 or 803.215.7040 cell

Mar. 31—Life Teen, Smith Hall

April 7— Life Teen

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

April 14—Middle and High School Stations of the Cross, Smith Hall

April 21—EASTER! No youth Ministry.

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

THURSDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Thursday morning Bible Study is studying The Letter of James. 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

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

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



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

Contact: Ms. Charlene Krushinsky, Principal
803.649.2071

www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

Are you interested in your child getting a Catholic education? Well, then check out St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School! Established in 1904, our parish school has been providing a high quality education rooted in Gospel values. Enrollment for the 2019/2020 school year is underway and there are tuition assistance scholarships available. Please call the school office at 803.649.2071 for more information or to schedule a tour. You may also reach the principal, Charlene Krushinsky, via email at ckrushinsky@charlestdioocese.org. See what St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School is all about at www.stmaryschoolaiken.com. Go Saints!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

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
 9:30AM-QUINCEAÑERA PREP CLASS-DEACON WATERS CONF. ROOM
 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 CHOR PRACTICE-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 11:00AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
 2:00PM-BOY SCOUT EAGLE COURT OF HONOR-ST. ANGELA HALL
 6:15PM-LIFE TEEN-UP/DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

MONDAY, APRIL 1

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
 4:00PM-ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 5:30PM-DEANERY MASS & HOLY HOUR FOR HEALING FOR VICTIMS
 OF SEXUAL ABUSE-OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH
 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, APRIL 2

7:00AM-MEN'S PRAYER GROUP-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 3:30PM-LEGION OF MARY-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 6:00PM-CANA'S CALL CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH
 6:00PM-CUB SCOUT LEADER MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 6:15PM-RCIA-MOTHER TERESA HALL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

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
 7:00PM-HOUR OF POWER HOLY HOUR-STE. CLAIRE CHAPEL

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 11:15AM-BIBLE STUDY-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 7:00PM-SPANISH RCIA-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 7:00PM-SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH NAVE

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 10:00AM-FRIDAYS WITH ST. FRANCIS BOOK CLUB-ST. MICHAEL HALL
 6:00PM-STATIONS OF THE CROSS-OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH
 7:00PM-HAVURAH-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 7:00PM-SPANISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS-OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

K OF C FISH FRY TICKETS-BEFORE/AFTER ALL MASSES
 8:30AM-NOVENA-OLD ST. MARY'S
 5:30PM-K OF C/SHEPARD BLOOD DRIVE-BEFORE/AFTER MASS

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 APRIL 1—APRIL 7

Monday

Is 65: 17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Jn 4: 43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47: 1-9, 12 Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5: 1-16

Wednesday

Is 49: 8-15 Ps 145: 8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5: 17-30

Thursday

Ex 32: 7-14 Ps 106: 19-23 Jn 5: 31-47

Friday

Wis 2: 1a, 12-22 Ps 34: 17-21, 23 Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11: 18-20 Ps 7: 2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7: 40-53

Sunday

Is 43: 16-21 Ps 126: 1-6 Phil 3: 8-14 Jn 8: 1-11

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:30AM Natalie Palladino (D)
 11:00AM Lee Mason (D)
 12:30PM Brad Riley (D)
 5:00PM For the People

MONDAY, APRIL 1

5:30PM Lester Eugene Myers (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

6:30AM Judy Davis (D)
 5:30PM Scergi Family, (L) & (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

8:30AM Patricia Carroll (D)
 5:30PM Mary Ann Calve (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

10:00AM Pepper Hill
 Jim Brosnahan (D)
 5:30PM Kathy & John
 Boyette (L)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

2:00PM Eulalio Jeanjaquet
 Roble (D)

5:30PM Marsha Tormay (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00AM Vignia Angelcyk (D)
 5:00PM Natalie Palladino (D)
 Dan & Mary Tarangelo (D)
 William O'Leary (D)
 Judy Davis (D)
 Barbara Anson (D)
 Frank & Helen Maranda (D)



PRAYERS REQUESTED



Deaths: Mar. 18 Zenaida Olguin Kursch
 Mar. 24 Rosamond Durban McDuffie



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

FROM THE BENCH

Is there a more appropriate text for today's Gospel of the Prodigal Son than our Offertory Hymn? The unconditional love of the father in the Gospel is mirrored in the refrain of the hymn. The author, Joseph Hart (1712-1768), led a life mirroring the Prodigal Son. His brother-in-law states that Hart "according to his own experience which he prefaced to his Hymns, was a curious mixture of loose conduct, [and] serious conviction of sin." Hart found himself at a Moravian church in 1757 and turned his life around. The composer of the tune, Restoration, is unknown, however, it was first published in Southern Harmony, 1835, one of the more influential American hymnals. William Walker, the publisher, a native South Carolinian, was born in Martin's Mills, near Cross Keys, and grew up near Spartanburg.

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

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 31 Wives Do What? Part one
 April 7 Wives Do What? Part two

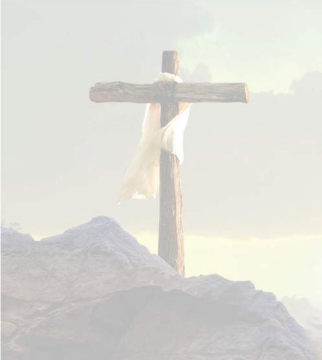
No materials necessary. Come when you can! Contact Donna Pierce at rampierce@atlanticbb.net or 803.474.6011.

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 information contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org or 803.642.2676

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.




A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

Week Three — Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained


God, in his wisdom and mercy, has given us a beautiful gift in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether you go to Confession regularly or you haven't gone since second grade, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life. God's merciful love shapes every word and action of the Sacrament, and when we prepare for it honestly and prayerfully, we will be open to receiving the fullness of his grace.

This week, login to [formed.org](https://stmarys-aiken.formed.org) and watch *A Lent to Remember*, Episode 3.



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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

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

TO ENROLL IN ON-LINE GIVING go to the parish website: www.stmarys-aiken.org

- ◆ 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

HOOR OF POWER THIS WEDNESDAY

Please join us at 7PM in the chapel this coming Wednesday, April 3 (the first Wednesday of the month), for a special holy hour to praise Our Lord with music, song, prayers, and silence with Him. Everyone is welcome.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & SHEPARD COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER

Will conduct a **Blood Drive** at Saint Mary Help of Christians Church on Fairfield Street.

Someone in our community or in your family is waiting for a donor.

Will you Choose 2 Give?

Saturday, April 6th 3:30PM – 7:00PM
Sunday, April 7th 7:45AM- 1:30PM

Every donor is a hero to someone!

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!

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

Friday 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)



SINGLE, SINGLE AGAIN

Dinner 2nd 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

SAVE THE DATES

BOY SCOUT EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 115 is proud to announce an Eagle Court of Honor for Christian Collins, Gabriel Collins, Luke Hanna, and Noah Theobald on Sunday, March 31 at 2:00pm in St. Angela Hall.



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.

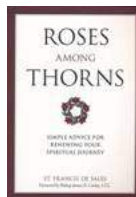
Participating churches will provide services for each lunch as follows:

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.

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, 10AM in St. Michael Hall.** Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

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

JEWISH ROOTS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH The Patriarchs and Prophets

Lenten Lecture Series by Father Raymond

Fridays at 7PM in St. Michael Hall

April 5: David

Please join Father Raymond for the last session of this wonderful series!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to attend St. Vincent de Paul Center

Open House Sunday, March 31

after the 8:30AM Mass

Come tour the facility to see "first-hand" how we use your generous donations to serve each month, on average, 350 families/1,100 individuals in our community, by providing food and utility bill assistance. Volunteers will be in the church courtyard to answer questions and conduct tours through the facility.

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: 5 y 12 de mayo, 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 RCIA 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.

MISA Y HORA SANTA

Miércoles, 10 de abril en la Capilla de Santa Clara
Misa a las 7:00pm y luego continuamos con la Hora Santa

SI USTED DESEA PEDIR UNA MISA PARA UN SER QUERIDO SEA CUAL FUERE LA OCASIÓN –

Puede ir a la oficina parroquial a solicitar la fecha. De no ser posible, puede enviar una notita en un sobre a la oficina dando su nombre, número de teléfono, nombre de la persona por quien se pide la Misa, el día y la fecha. Se sugiere escoger dos fechas en caso de que una no esté disponible. Por favor escriba en el sobre "Petición de Misa -Frances" y deposítelo en la canasta de la colecta. La oficina luego le confirmará cuál de las fechas está disponible.

COLECTA SEMANAL – AÑO FISCAL 2018-2019

TOTALES DESDE EL DOMINGO, 24 DE MARZO, 2018

OFRENDAS PARA EL 17 DE MARZO	\$ 24,888.52
NECESIDADES DEL PRESUPUESTO SEMANAL	\$ 31,800.00
TOTALES DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,246,784.45
NECESIDADES PRESUPUESTARIAS DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,240,200.00
PRESUPUESTO CON EXCEDENTE HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 6,584.45

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!



Blessing of the Icons
March 10



St. Joseph & St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 15

EASTER LILIES

This Easter season St. Mary's is coordinating the purchase of lilies to be placed on the altar of the Church, Old St. Mary's and Ste. Claire Chapel to honor or remember a loved one. Everyone from our parish is invited to make a donation for each lily. *Suggested donation of \$20.* Please complete the form below and place it with your donation in an envelope marked "**EASTER LILY.**" Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket at Mass or turned in to the church office. To ensure that your request can be accommodated, the forms and the donations must be received by the close of business on Monday, April 15.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "ST. MARY'S" AND ON THE MEMO LINE WRITE "EASTER LILY"

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) A Lily will be placed on an altar of our church during Easter in memory or in honor of:

Please circle: **M** for memory or **H** for honor below

M or H: _____ **M or H:** _____

From: _____ **From:** _____

Phone: _____ **Phone:** _____



LIRIOS DE PASCUA

Esta temporada de Pascua la Iglesia Santa María está coordinando la compra de lirios de Pascua que adornarán los altares de la Iglesia y las capillas Santa María y Santa Clara, en honor o en recuerdo de seres queridos. Todos los feligreses están invitados a participar en esta adquisición haciendo una donación de \$20 por flor. Por favor llene el siguiente formulario y póngalo con su donación en un sobre marcado "**LIRIO DE PASCUA.**" Los sobres se pueden poner en la canasta de la colecta en la Misa, o pueden llevarlos a la oficina de la Iglesia. Para asegurar que se ha recibido su pedido, el formulario con la donación tiene que ser entregado al final del día lunes, 15 de abril.

POR FAVOR HAGA SU CHEQUE PAGADERO A "ST. MARY'S" Y EN LA LÍNEA DEL MEMO ESCRIBA "LIRIO DE PASCUA"

(POR FAVOR ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE CON LETRA IMPRENTA). Un lirio pascual se pondrá en el altar de la Iglesia durante la Pascua en recuerdo o en honor a: (haga un círculo en su selección: **R** en recuerdo o **H** en honor)

R or H: _____ **R or H:** _____

De: _____ **De:** _____

Teléfono: _____ **Teléfono:** _____