

ST. MARY HELP *of* CHRISTIANS CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—APRIL 7, 2019

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmo
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
No Nursery Sunday, April 21

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance, call 803.642.3211

PARISH PERSONNEL

Contact by email at ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org

Mr. Patrick Wray
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 803.649.2071
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 Social Ministry Coordinator
 803.649.4777 ext. 101
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 Organist and Choir Director
 803.649.3057

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 ross@charlestdiocese.org

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$ 39,983.70
WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 31,800.00
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$ 1,286,768.15
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 1,272,000.00
OVERAGE TO DATE	\$ 14,768.15

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: April 7 Black & Indian Home Missions
 April 14 Catholic Home Missions Appeal

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	\$2,465,540	\$2,464,331	\$395,669	86%	\$1,791
PARTICIPATING FAMILIES PAID FULL	526	332	332	NA	63%	0

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?

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

MON: 2 AM; 3 AM; 8 PM

TUES: 3 AM; 9 PM

WED: 1 AM; 2 AM; 4 AM

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; 12 NOON;
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

PARISH PICNIC INFORMATION

This year, we are continuing our theme of "Welcome Home, You Belong".

We especially want to embrace the rich diversity that families bring to form our Parish. We are highlighting this in two ways this year.

First, we would like a 'parade of nations' as part of the procession and festivities. Please contact Bette Ross by email (bross@charlestdiocese.org) or Frances Gledhill by phone 803.649.4777, ext 113 to let us know the historical nationality with which you and your family might associate.

Second, families often celebrate homecomings with certain foods — either family favorites or cultural or ethnic specialties. Please start thinking about which foods you might want to share at the picnic. How fun will it be to explore different tastes and cultures along with hot dogs and hamburgers?

As always, we welcome your ideas and suggestions on how to make this a wonderful day of reverence for our Blessed Mother, fun, and fellowship with our Parish family.

PASTOR'S CORNER

+ JMJ +

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Friday, March 29, "with a heavy heart and in the spirit of transparency and accountability," Bishop Guglielmone published a list of clergy who have been credibly accused of sexual misconduct or abuse involving a minor in the Diocese of Charleston since 1950. I encourage you to read the Bishop's letter and the Q & A that accompany the list. You can access them on the diocesan website:

sccatholic.org or charlestdiocese.org. None of the priests listed are in active ministry. Almost all of them are deceased.

"In order to experience a resurgence of holiness, we in the Church must continue to strengthen the protections provided to our children and young people in our parishes and schools. I urge you, the faithful of our Diocese, to participate in this resurgence. Trials and tribulations can often become the catalysts for tremendous strengthening to enable us to deal with the problems we face in our lives. With your help, our Church will become stronger and the crisis we now face will result in the purification of the Church." We have worked diligently over three decades now to ensure that our Catholic parishes and schools offer a truly safe environment.

Also, in your charity please pray for your priests. The vast majority work hard to bring Jesus to you, and it is disheartening to see such betrayal in priestly ministry. Know that the background checks, psychological exams, and extensive evaluations that seminarians have been going through for at least the past twenty-five years or more have aimed at one thing — to give you men with the Heart of Christ, the Good Shepherd. Join me in a new Pentecost — the New Evangelization.

With the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we enter ever more deeply into this marvelous season with a period called Passiontide. Statues and crucifixes are now veiled so that we enter a type of "fasting for the eyes." Our Masses will end with reflective silence. (Please try to keep the sacred silence until leaving the church building, then please "talk it up" with your friends! We're not sad... just fasting.)

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. In Jerusalem in the 300s A.D., there is recorded in detail the solemn procession to commemorate the Lord's entrance into the Holy City. The Church invites us to continue this tradition, which is at least over 1,700 years old, though certainly existed even before Christianity was made legal. At the 11:00am Mass (weather permitting), meet first on the school playground across the street from the church, where we will bless palms and reenact the procession once again.

"And there are very many children in these places — including those who cannot walk on foot; ... their parents carry them on their shoulders — all carrying branches, some of palm, others of olive; and so the bishop is led in the same way as the Lord was led then. And from the summit of the Mount [of Olives] to the city, and from there through the whole city to the Tomb [of Christ], ... they lead the bishop entirely on foot." — The Pilgrimage of Egeria, XXXI

Let us pray without ceasing, Father Wilson

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

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

April 7 – Class

April 14 – NO class, Palm Sunday

April 21 – NO class, Happy Easter!

April 28 – Class, Last class

May 5 – May Procession and parish picnic – First Holy Communion students are invited to participate wearing their First Holy Communion clothing

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 at 10am in the Church

First Holy Communion is May 4 at 10am in the Church.

Looking ahead ... Totus Tuus summer camp will be held the week of June 10-14. More Information coming!

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@charlestdiocese.org or 803.215.7040 cell

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



Save the date:

April 19, Good Friday,
Living Stations 1:30PM

Follow us on Instagram:
[lifeteen_aiken](https://www.instagram.com/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 mjackson@charlestdiocese.org or 803.642.2676

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@charlestdiocese.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 Whittingham at 865.599.8473 or whittimp@gmail.com



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

Contact: Ms. Charlene Krushinsky, Principal
803.649.2071

www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

The following SMS students have received the April Saints of the Month Award! These students were nominated by their teachers for displaying excellent Discipline with Purpose skills and living up to our Student Learning Expectations of being a Christian Witness, Active Learner, Responsible Leader/Citizen, and Effective Communicator. Students will be recognized with a certificate after school Mass on Wed., April 24, in old St. Mary's Church.

Our April Saints are:

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

Harper Alls, Alexis Salomone

Cecelia Nguyen, Charles Craney

Luke Allman, Alexis Hamm

Lilly Rose Toury, Hank Story

Olivia Ascherman, Tu Lee

Kaylee Karasch, Kat Wedford

Eli Walker, Luna Jordan,

O'Neal Mole

Ann Fenton Massie

Libby Hurd, Avery Sich

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

COLUMBARIUM INFORMATION BEFORE/AFTER ALL MASSES-
ST. MICHAEL HALL
K OF C/SHEPARD BLOOD DRIVE-BEFORE/AFTER ALL MASSES
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-OLD ST. MARY CHURCH
11:00AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
6:15PM-LIFE TEEN-UP/DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

MONDAY, APRIL 8

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-SECULAR FRANCISCANS-DEACON WATERS CONF. ROOM
6:00PM-CURSILLO ULTREYA-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
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 9

7:00AM-MEN'S PRAYER GROUP-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
9:00AM-PLAY & PRAY- MOTHER TERESA HALL
10:00AM-NEEDLEPOINT-DEACON WATERS CONFERENCE ROOM
3:30PM-LEGION OF MARY-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH 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 10

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
9:30AM-ADULT BIBLE STUDY-MOTHER TERESA HALL
12:00PM-LENTE 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, APRIL 11

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
11:15AM-BIBLE STUDY-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
6:15PM-STEPHEN MINISTRY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
7:00PM-SPANISH RCIA-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
7:00PM-SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE-CHURCH NAVE

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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-SPANISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS-OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH
7:00PM-SPANISH MARRIAGE GROUP-UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

7:00AM-SPANISH MARRIAGE RETREAT-ST. ANGELA HALL &
OLD ST. MARY CHURCH
7:00AM-SPANISH MARRIAGE RETREAT NURSERY-SCHOOL
8:30AM-NOVENA-OLD ST. MARY'S
8:30AM-SECULAR FRANCISCANS-MOTHER TERESA HALL
9:00AM-ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DIST. MTG-ST. MICHAEL HALL

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8—APRIL 14

Monday

Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23: 1-6 Jn 8: 12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102: 2-3, 16-21 Jn 8: 21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps)Dn 3: 52-56 Jn 8: 31-42

Thursday

Gn 17: 3-9 Ps 105: 4-9 Jn 8: 51-59

Friday

Jer 20: 10-13 Ps 18: 2-7 Jn 10: 31-42

Saturday

Ez 37: 21-28 (Ps) Jer 31: 10-13 Jn 11: 45-56

Sunday

Lk 19:28-40(procession) Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Phil 2: 6-11 Lk 22: 14—23:56

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:30AM For the People
11:00AM Maryann Calve (D)
12:30PM Inez de la Cruz(D)
5:00PM Gloria Singco, Deceased

MONDAY, APRIL 8

5:30PM Stephanie Bozzick (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

6:30AM Ralph Dion (D)
5:30PM Susan Reeve Shultz (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

8:30AM Christopher Davies (D)
5:30PM Gleotilda de la Parra (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

10:00AM Cumberland
5:30PM Dcn.Robert Waters (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

5:30PM The Spears Family (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00AM Catherine
Wojciechowicz (L)
5:00PM Natalie Palladino (D)
Susan Reeve Shultz (D)
Jennifer Foschino (D)
Judy Davis (D)
Barbara Anson (D)
Jeanette Moreau (D)



PRAYERS REQUESTED



Deaths: Mar. 28—Lillian L. Messera
Mar. 29—Rachel Owens McGrath
Mar. 29—Nancy L. Wheaton

THE HOLY ROSARY

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



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

Our first two hymns today both have Latin origins. The Entrance, *Ah! Holy Jesus*, was wrongly attributed to Saint Augustine for many years, but now is attributed to Saint Anselm of Canterbury and Jean de Fécamp. This was translated into German, and the German into English, the path of many hymns during the 16th and 17th centuries. The Lutherans had prescribed hymns for certain days, just as Catholics. The Offertory Hymn was appointed for Good Friday and contains all the pathos unique to that day. It was a translation of *Salve Caput cruentatum*, which was wrongly attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux and had 10 verses. The anthem, *Miserere* (Psalm 51) is by one of my favorite composers, Josef Rheinberger, from the small principality of Liechtenstein, where he was court composer. Also, we welcome today Vincent Washington, cellist.

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.

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!

April 7 Wives Do What? Part two
 April 14 No Class

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. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackon@charlestondiocese.org

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



A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

Week Four — The Paschal Mystery

By his Death, Jesus liberates us from sin. By his Resurrection, we may become sons and daughters of God and have eternal life. By his Ascension into Heaven, he precedes us into his Father's glorious kingdom in Heaven. How should this reality impact our daily life?

This week, login to formed.org and watch *A Lent to Remember*, Episode 4.



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	402	412	55%	10

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



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & SHEPARD COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER

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

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

Every donor is a hero to someone!

DON'T FORGET TO GIVE!!!

Donors should drink plenty of water prior to donating.

Thank you!

K OF C LADIES AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the K of C will be on April 10th, 7:30PM at the Columbus Club. For more information please contact Carol Casciotta at 803.649.1105

DUSTBUSTERS

Join St. Mary's Dustbusters on Tuesday mornings at 8:30AM. We are in need of a group to help clean Old St. Mary's. No experience necessary! Just able bodies to help with once a week light housekeeping. Please call Patrick Wray at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 if you would like more information or to volunteer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Aiken Knights of Columbus Council #3684 awards scholarship assistance to eligible applicants. Scholarships are based solely on ability and will be awarded based on school grades, standardized test scores, quality of the essay submitted, letters of recommendation, and community or extracurricular involvement. With few exceptions, scholarship assistance will require a minimum grade average of B or 3.00 in high school and 1600/2400 or higher SAT scores (or equivalent). All scholarship applications must be received by **April 30, 2019**. Scholarship interviews may be an integral part of the evaluation. For more information or an application form, call Tom Meisner at 803.649.4721 or Chuck Goergen at 803.649.4097.

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

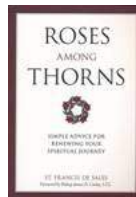
ST. MARY'S IS HOSTING LENTEN LUNCHESES

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.



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.

FAMILY MINISTRY EASTER EGG HUNT



Sunday, April 21
9:45—10:30AM



Our Lady of Guadalupe Rose Garden

Children up to 10 years of age may hunt for eggs
Please bring an Easter Basket for your child.

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)

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, 31 DE MARZO, 2018

OFRENDAS PARA EL 31 DE MARZO	\$ 39,983.70
NECESIDADES DEL PRESUPUESTO SEMANAL	\$ 31,800.00
TOTALES DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,286,768.15
NECESIDADES PRESUPUESTARIAS DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 1,272,000.00
PRESUPUESTO CON EXCEDENTE HASTA LA FECHA	\$ 14,768.15

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!



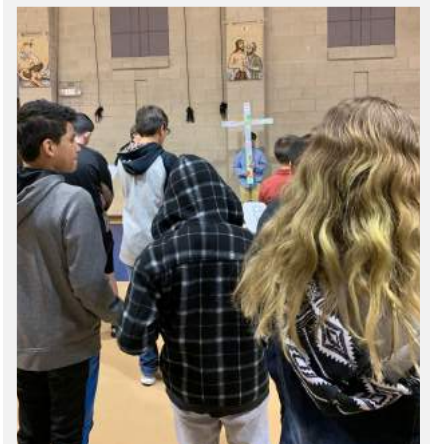
CWA presents a check for \$3000 to Aiken Senior Services, from the proceeds from the annual CWA card party—March 2019



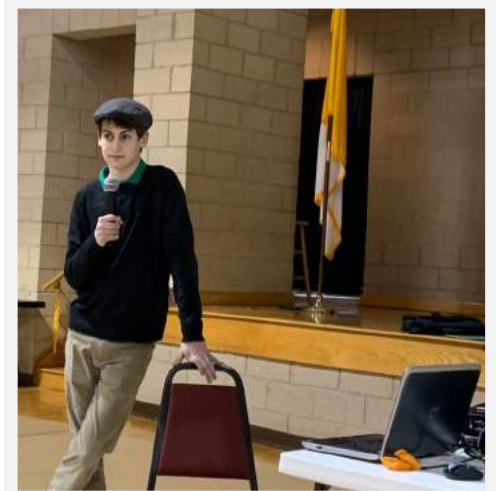
CWA Hosts a baby shower for Life Choices—March 2019



Youth Ministry Prays the Stations of the Cross
March, 2019



Youth Ministry Trivia Night
March, 2019



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:** _____