

The Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass offered for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office at office@sma.church.

Saturday, February 24

Lenten Saturday

8:00am: The Scott Family

5:00pm: Ben & Kelly Navarro

Sunday, February 25

The Second Sunday in Lent

9:00am: Pro Populo

Monday, February 26

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: +Dooley Fava+

Tuesday, February 27

Optional Memorial of St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor

8:00am: The Migli Family

Wednesday, February 28

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Thursday, February 29

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Friday, March 1

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: +Father Marcin Zahuta+

Saturday, March 2

Lenten Saturday

8:00am: +Kathleen Blanchard+

5:00pm: Pro Populo

+denotes the person is deceased+

Housebound? Going into the Hospital?

If you or your loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Eucharist, please contact Msgr. Droze at 843.834.7050 or Father Allen at 843.261.4188. Your contact is the only way we will know you are in need.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Ladies Auxiliary is hosting their 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 3rd at the Cathedral from 3pm to 6pm. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for students, and free for children 5 and under. There will be Irish Step Dancers, Trad Musicians, Bagpipers, a Silent Auction and more!

Parish News

Lenten Services

On Fridays in Lent there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions from 4:30pm – 5:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm.

Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

This week we especially are seeking volunteers for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. A sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's Parish continues to seek volunteers for the various ministries for the religious and social activities that make St. Mary's a more vibrant Catholic community. Sign up sheets are already in the Parish Hall for the following ministries:

- Hospitality (Sunday Coffee)
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Counters
- Altar Servers
- Greeters
- Choir
- Ladies Altar Society
- Men's Holy Name Society
- Adult Education

Next week we will be adding a sign-up sheet for the Seafarers Ministry; to be followed by the Finance Committee.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered and continue to serve in our various ministries.

Please Pray for:

Alice	Caleb Marshall
Clayton	Steve McLaughlin
DBF	Robin Mahal
Regina	Michael Moore
D. Carter	Robin Ann Parker
Robin Dagostino	Sydney Reddick
John Devane	John Rowland
Steve Donaldson	David Shah
C. Evans	Joe Ward
David Kerr	Carole White
Paul Madden	Chloe
Nancy S.	Marvin H.
Joe Neuhoﬀ, Jr	Val Preston
Keith Preston	Norma Nance
Richard Redican	Carter Naile
Diane P.	Laura Fontaine
Janet Mogolnicki	Nick Digangi
Joan Bowie	James Darby Parker
Eleanor Alter	Kathy Thom
Nicole Carey	Mark E.
Maggie	

To add someone to the prayer list, email the person's name to office@sma.church.

Spiritual Reflection

- From a sermon by St. Leo the Great, Pope

The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but he makes it shine with such splendor that his face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow.

The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

With no less forethought, he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.

The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendor of his coming: *Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.*

St. Paul the Apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: *I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the future glory that is to be revealed in us.* In another place he says: *You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events

High School Youth Group: The High School Youth Group will not be meeting this Sunday, February 25th. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 3rd, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, where we will be doing our first life skills night on changing a tire and managing money!

Middle School Youth: St. Mary's youth are invited to St. Joseph's for middle school youth nights every other Thursday at St. Joseph's! Our next meeting is March 7th from 6:00pm -7:45pm , where we will be doing a prayer night and talking about not being anxious about the future and God's calling in our lives.

Upcoming Events:

Family Youth Night: Thursday, February 29th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's-Rising 6th grade is invited as well, contact Molly to sign up!

Molly Pereda, Youth Minister

806.341.7127

mandorfer@charlestondiocese.org

Instagram: @saintmarychasym

Charleston Catholic School

Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus Essay Contest Winners: Josie (8th grade) was our 1st place winner; Tradd (8th grade) 2nd place; and Vivi (8th grade) 3rd place. Great job!

We invite current families and alumni to our CCS Oyster Roast. This is an adult only event.

Ticket sales will go towards the 8th grade class trip.

Enjoy music, food, and catch up with familiar faces.

Saturday, March 9, CCS Playground

6-9 pm - \$35 per person

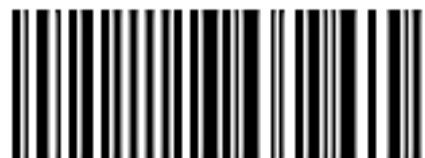
Venmo - @CharlestonCatholic-School

Visit charlestoncatholic.com to learn about CCS!

Parking Code

For free parking in the city garage during Sunday Mass, please scan this barcode in the parking kiosk.

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St. Marys Church

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

As February 24 – 25 includes the last Sunday of the month, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be begging for alms at the end of each Mass. The Society serves the needs of our less fortunate neighbors with assistance for food, utilities and housing. Please prayerfully consider a donation to assist our neighbors.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the St. Vincent de Paul Peninsula Conference was able to help the following families during the month of January and in 2023. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our ministry this past year. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

<u>January 2024</u>			<u>2023 Annual Summary</u>		
Housing	\$ 3,250.00	8 families	Housing	\$ 46,790.56	111 families
Electricity	5,304.79	16 families	Electricity	71,263.58	235 families
Food Deliveries		<u>9 families</u>	Water	1,768.82	8 families
	\$ 8,554.79	33 families	Medicine	99.24	2 families
			Transportation	1,250.00	2 families
			Food Deliveries		<u>116 families</u>
			TOTAL	\$121,172.20	474 families

All of the monies given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Peninsula Conference go directly to help those most in need on the Peninsula, except for one administrative expense: the cost of the telephone help line at \$307.

If you know of anyone who needs assistance please refer them to our help line at 843-727-1577.

Ministry Schedule

	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Safety</i>	<i>Usher</i>
<i>February 24 – February 25: The Second Sunday of Lent</i>						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Linda Jones Larry Jones	Pete Ward-1 st Tommy Hartnett-2 nd	John Cahill Betsy Cahill	Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Jack Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil	Carl Wohlfeil Ryan Loughran	Cliff Moore
Sunday 9:00 AM	John Gill Mary Catherine Gill	Jimmy McAlister-1 st Mary Elizabeth Sease-2 nd	Roy Howell Cathy Rosenblum Jimmy McAlister Brendan Hoffman	Jane Teegardin Pippa Taylor Liam Teegardin Open	Marc Oberdorff John Pauldine	Lee Gastley
Sunday Hospitality: M. C. Gill D. Booth K. Duffy C. Linhart C. Newton G. Novello L. Simmons A. Stiles R. Tuten. A. Derry						
<i>March 2 – March 3: The Third Sunday of Lent</i>						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Bill Booth Mary Frances Kastner	Tommy Hartnett-1 st Pete Ward-2 nd	Karen Robinson Nicholas Lyden	Open Open Bennett Sease Open	John Pauldine Marc Oberdorff	Ryan Loughran
Sunday 9:00 AM	Mary Gastley Lee Gastley	Anne Frances Bleeker-1 st Robert Hagood-2 nd	Betsy Cahill John Cahill Anne Condon Billy Condon	Open Sarah Gill Max Barreira Molly Gill	Denny O'Brien John Gill	John Cahill
Sunday Hospitality: L. Hammerbacher M. F. Kastner S. Moore D. Pauldine R. Rowland T. Hunter M. Moore. A. Condon. R. Dykeman						

Offertory Report

February 17 - February 18	Budget	Variance
Offertory		
In Pew \$ 3,079.00		
Online \$ 2,590.24		
C of C \$ 55.00		
This Week's Total \$ 5,724.24	\$ 8,443.00	\$ (2,718.76)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 248,188.93	\$ 287,062.00	\$ (38,873.07)
Building & Renovation		
In Pew \$ 5.00		
Online \$ 131.84		
Total \$ 136.84	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (3,863.16)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 138,733.18	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 2,733.18
Bicentennial Campaign		
In Pew \$ 20.00	Goal	Raised
Online		
Total \$ 20.00	\$ 5,100,000.00	\$ 3,153,781.68
Catholic Appeal of SC		
\$ 120.00	Goal	Raised
	\$ 28,600.00	\$ 33,662.55

Offertory Option

Giving online is easy and allows you to schedule contributions and view your complete online giving history. To do so, visit sma.church/online-giving.html.

Second Collection

The second collection for this week and next week is for our Building and Renovation Fund. Many thanks for your continued support!

Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$3,153,781.68
 Current Amount Collected: \$2,718,942.13
 Fulfillment Rate: 86%
 Still To Be Collected: \$434,839.55
 Number of Donors: 170

We are planning the next phase of restoring the church ceiling paintings. To learn more and to pledge or make a donation online, please visit sma.church and click on the "Bicentennial Campaign." Thank you to all who have made pledges. You have helped make all this possible.

Saint Mary of the Annunciation, pray for us!



Baptisms

To have your child baptized, please call the Parish Office at 843.722.7696. Please call before the birth of your child.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

The Wedding Policy Booklet may be found on our website: sma.church/wedding-policy. Contact the Parish Office for more information, office@sma.church or 843.722.7696. For Marriage Preparation / Request information please contact Angelia Grech at grechj@comcast.net.

Altar Flowers

Would you like to celebrate a special event or honor the memory of a loved one by sponsoring the Sunday flower arrangements? There are two arrangements in the sanctuary. Each arrangement sponsorship is \$75. Unless you prefer anonymity, your gift will be noted in the weekend bulletin. To make a request, please visit sma.church/forms.html, download and print the form, and mail it to the Parish Office, with your check payable to the Parish. If you wish to learn which weekends are available, please call the Parish Office at 843.722.7696. Thank you for your gift of beauty to our Masses.

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For help with food, electric & water bills, medical & prescription costs, rent, transportation, and clothing.

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