

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Parish News

Ida Achterhof

In your mercy, please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Ida Achterhof, mother of Becky Achterhof. Eternal rest grant to her soul O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Adult Faith Formation and RCIA

Please join us to study the USCCB's Catechism for Adults on Sundays after 9am Mass in the Parish Office. If you want to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches, are curious about the Church, or seeking to complete your sacramental initiation, or interested in joining the Catholic Church, these classes are for you! Please contact John Thom at thomjff@icloud.com or the Parish Office at office@sma.church or 843.722.7696 with any questions.

Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events

High School Youth Night: Sunday, May 7th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph's! Join our Diocesan Missionary Antoinette to hear her testimony and talk about keeping the faith during this summer.

Middle School End of the Year Party: Thursday, May 11th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Contact Molly Pereda for the address.

Family Bible Study-Last Class: Sunday, May 14th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph's.

Rising 8th-12th grade are encouraged to sign up for our summer service retreat, June 28th-30th. Contact Molly Pereda for more information.

Make sure to reach out to Molly Pereda for the summer events calendar.

Reminder: I will be in Italy May 7th-May 21st! I will be praying for you all while I am traveling. If you have any questions, please contact the office, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Molly Pereda. Youth Minister
806.341.7127 mandorfer@charlestondiocese.org

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass offered for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office at office@sma.church or 843.722.7696. Learn more about Mass intentions at aleteia.org/2017/09/02/what-are-mass-intentions/.

Saturday, May 6

8:00am: Sister Sandra Makowski

5:00pm: Louis Storen

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9:00am: Pro Populo

Monday, May 8

8:00am: Terrence Conway & Barbara

Tuesday, May 9

8:00am: John Cabill

Wednesday, May 10

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Thursday, May 11

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Friday, May 12

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Saturday, May 13

8:00am: Sister Margaret Kerry

5:00pm: Suzanne Kiebsbach

+denotes the person is deceased+

Please Pray for:

<i>Alice</i>	<i>Caleb Marshall</i>
<i>Clayton</i>	<i>Steve McLaughlin</i>
<i>DBF</i>	<i>Robin Mahal</i>
<i>Regina</i>	<i>Michael Moore</i>
<i>D. Carter</i>	<i>Robin Ann Parker</i>
<i>Robin Dagostino</i>	<i>Sydney Reddick</i>
<i>John Devane</i>	<i>John Rowland</i>
<i>Steve Donaldson</i>	<i>David Shah</i>
<i>C. Evans</i>	<i>Joe Ward</i>
<i>David Kerr</i>	<i>Carole White</i>
<i>Paul Madden</i>	<i>Chloe</i>
<i>Nancy S.</i>	<i>Marvin H.</i>
<i>Joe Neuhoff, Jr</i>	<i>Jo Fortunato</i>
<i>Keith Preston</i>	<i>Val Preston</i>

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

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. Mary's Church

Vocations to the Priesthood

Speaking to seminarians recently, Pope Francis said:

“I want you to know that, when the Lord thinks of each of you and what he wants to give you, he sees you as his close friend. And if he plans to grant you a grace, a charism that will help you live to the full and become someone who benefits others, someone who leaves a mark in life, it will surely be a gift that will bring you more joy and excitement than anything else in this world. Not because that gift will be rare or extraordinary, but because it will perfectly fit you. It will be a perfect fit for your entire life.”

The Diocese of Charleston seminarians are (with their home parish):

Fourth Theology:

Deacon Paul Lacombe: St. Peter, Beaufort

Third Theology:

Peter O'Steen: St. Mary, Greenville

Erik Roman: St. Anne, Rock Hill

Second Theology:

Lee Bultman: Our Lady of Peace, North Augusta

Justin Damask: St. Thomas More, Columbia

Michael Ghattas: St. Andrew, Myrtle Beach

Daniel Perry: Prince of Peace, Taylor

First Theology:

Reyes Palomares: St. Mary, Greenville

Paul Sizemore: Our Lady of Peace, North Augusta

Michael Tracy: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

Second Pre-Theology:

John Irwin: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

First Pre-Theology:

Noah Yankovich: St. Andrew, Myrtle Beach

Joseph Ytem: St. Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville

Fourth College:

Jared Jackson: Divine Redeemer, Hanahan

Third College:

Jake Nadeau: Blessed Sacrament, Charleston

Blake Schuman: Divine Redeemer, Hanahan

St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Vocations, pray for these men and pray for us!

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (Bishop's Annual Appeal)

Please remember, if you have not done so, to complete your pledge offering to the Catholic Appeal for South Carolina (CASC). The diocesan programs and ministries supported by the CASC include Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools, Vocations, Retired Priests, Youth and Young Adult Ministries and so many more.

You may fulfill your pledge:

- On-line (credit card or direct debit) at <https://charlestondiocese.org/donate/>,
- By sending a check to the Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Mission Advancement
- By check or cash in the collection basket using the blue envelope in your monthly packet.

The 2023 goal for the diocese is \$5 million. The parish goal for 2023 is \$28,600. We will receive back 50% of anything over our goal.

- Raised-To-Date: \$34,501.55
- Percentage of Goal: 121%
- Participating Families: 31
- Percentage of families participating to-date = 10%

Every dollar counts to the parish and diocesan goal, and so does the family participation rate. Please prayerfully consider a pledge and donation.

Thanks so much for your generous response!

Housebound? Going into the Hospital? Recuperating at Home?

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.

Parish Service Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to serve your church? We are looking for parishioners to help in the followings ways:

Adult Altar Servers: We are in need of adult altar servers who are able to serve at funerals and other events that happen during the week.

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Around the Diocese

Knights of Columbus – Council 9475 Charity Golf Tournament

Benefiting Carter-May Senior Living Center

Monday, May 15 at Wild Dunes Harbor Course. 10:30 check in - Noon shotgun start. \$145 per player includes golf, lunch, dinner, beverages and many prizes, Team and sponsorship opportunities available.

For information and registration please contact Jim Welsch at welschj@hotmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. It offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Nov 10-12, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Jan 26-28, 2024 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

Ministry Schedule

	Greeters	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Safety	Usher
May 6 – May 7: Fifth Sunday of Easter						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Larry Jones Linda Jones	Tommy Hartnett -1 st Robert Hagood-2 nd	Roy Howell Jimmy McAlister	Caty Gill Sarah Gill Max Barreira Molly Gill	John Gill Denny O'Brien	E. Bart Daniel
Sunday 9:00 AM	Fran Bennett Chuck Bennett	Brandon Hoffman-1 st Mark Zdanewicz-2 nd	Mary Elizabeth Sease Brandon Hoffman	Conrad Linhart Mary Margaret Hagood Virginia Hagood Bennett Sease	Jose Rodriguez Al Stiles	Ryan Loughran
Sunday Hospitality: A. A. Richter R. Bennett C. Deveaux B. Hoffman J. Hoffman J. Taylor V. Weeks N Hoffman						
May 13 – May 14: Sixth Sunday of Easter						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Mary Gastly Lee Gastly	Pete Ward-1 st Al Stiles-2 nd	John Cahill Betsy Cahill	Matthew Teegardin Jane Teegardin Pippa Taylor Liam Teegardin	Glenn Hammerbacher Travis Hipp	Cliff Moore
Sunday 9:00 AM	Beatty Martin James Martin	Robert Hagood-1 st Randy Teegardin-2 nd	Jimmy McAlister Roy Howell	Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Jack Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil	Taylor Rodriguez Mark Zdanewicz Carl Wohlfeil	E. Bart Daniel
Sunday Hospitality: F. Bennett M. Abro M. Bullwinkel B. Burris C. Eiserhardt M. E. Lenhardt						

Offertory Report

April 29 - April 30	Budget	Variance
Offertory		
In Pew \$ 3,133.25		
Online \$ 2,118.80		
C of C Campus Ministry \$ 242.00		
This Week's Total \$ 5,494.05	\$ 7,211.00	\$ (1,716.95)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 326,521.98	\$ 324,284.00	\$ 2,237.98
Building & Renovation		
In Pew \$ 1,575.00		
Online \$ 398.84		
Total \$ 1,973.84	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 973.84
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 59,518.94	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 15,518.94
Bicentennial Campaign		
	Goal	Pledged
In Pew		
Online		
Total \$ -	\$ 5,100,000.00	\$ 3,116,790.55
Catholic Appeal of SC		
	Goal	Raised
	\$ 28,600.00	\$ 34,501.55

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 this week and next week is for our Building and Renovation Fund.

Many thanks for your continued support!

Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised:	\$3,116,790.55
Current Amount Collected:	\$2,370,352.77
Fulfillment Rate:	69%
Still To Be Collected:	\$746,437.78
Number of Donors:	158

Work continues in the courtyard outside the Parish Hall. 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.

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 Becky in the 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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