

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON



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Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

JOHN 6:68



TODAY!
Town Hall Meeting
after 10 am Mass
Fellowship Hall

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Sundays: 8:00 & 10:00 am, Church
Fridays: 9:30 am, Chapel
Holy Day Masses: To be announced

Holy Hour of Prayer

Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30 pm, Church

Rosary

Sundays: 7:30 am, Church
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Sundays: 9:15-9:45 am or by
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All bulletin announcements must
be in the office by note or email by
Friday at 9:00 am for the following
week's Sunday (space permitting).

Diocesan Victim Assistance

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August 25, 2024 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



8 am: Pro Populo
10 am: Milt & Pat DeLair, Wedding Anniversary

Please pray for our St. Mary Sick List: Pamela Arciniega, Debbie Caiola, Fulvio Cangiano, Michael Caracappa, Eileen Cline, Charles (Chuck) Dilworth, Maryellen Dilworth, Irene Dionne, Joan Elizabeth Doherty, Cathy Doty, Delores Dubisz, Donna Dumont, Shirley Dye, John Ellis, Frantz Etienne, Bettye Finley, Donna Fitzwilliam, Grace Flenniken, MaryPat Harvey, Barbara Hollis, Rose Hunt Samuda, Arlene Iannone, Jackie Jones, William Joyner, Trent Juroscio, Annette Kaczanowski, Tony Keys, Misty Konow, Olive Kulesa, Rita Leon-Guerrero, Frankie Mignano, Leigh Morin, Tony Motola, Kathy Murphy, Patty Placke, Bob Preusser, Walter Ratliff, Gary Redding, Hannah Robinson, Stu Robinson, Ricky Rollins, Dorothy Rumerich, Marie Ryan, Jeffrey Sligh, Murrie Smith, John Spencer-Coombs, Stacy Spinnato, Carla Thomason.

Please pray for our St. Mary's Military Soldiers: Michael Abowd, Chris Colgrove, Caleb Cook, Dominic Cruz, Daniel Esposito, Jon Immel, Garrison Jackson, Jr., Christopher Laurencio, Sean Merrill, Erin Mugan, Scott Starr.

Please pray for our St. Mary's Military Families: Roy & Tommie Blake, Jonathan & Julie Cook, Nina Gibson, Chris & Diane Laurencio, Bruce & Mary Rose Randall, Rosemary Phillips, Vickie Starr, Krisanne Walker.

Come to the special healing service



St. Mary's will host a special healing service on **Mon. & Tues., Sept. 9 & 10 at 7 pm.** The mission will be conducted by **Paul Rymniak**, who has held healing missions at our church in past years. Healing is *just not* for the physically impaired. Mental,

spiritual, and emotional stress and strain can take a heavier toll on our lives, sometimes bigger than the worst of diseases. If you and your family are in need of healing in these areas, please come and experience the Lord and what he can do for you. Enjoy Jesus by worshipping him. See what our Lord has for you. **Come and be HEALED.**

Coupon books for sale!

The Knights of Columbus are selling **2025 Attraction, Dining, & Value Guide** coupon books after Mass. Cost is \$25.00. What a fun and economical way to enjoy area eateries and entertainment!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 11, 2024

Offering	\$8,376.00
Online Giving	\$2,025.90
Building Fund	\$40.00
Parking Lot	\$1,425.00
St. Mary Outreach	\$3,615.00
Jazz & Jewels Volunteer Dinner Fundraiser	\$530.00

Second Collection

September 1 - Catholic University of America

Today's Readings Year B: Sunday Cycle Cycle II: Weekday

First Reading — Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Psalm — Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

Second Reading — Eph 5:21-32

Gospel — Jn 6:60-69

Weekly Readings

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3A, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

We have come
to believe.



Bakhita Arts



Free event in Bannon Hall!

**Sunday, September 8
2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Afternoon of Poetry & Prose will feature Pushcart nominee **Katie Ellen Bowers**. Katie will share from her new poetry collection *This Earthly Body*. We will then break for refreshments and book sales. We will then close out the program with an "Open Mic" session.

Visit bakhitaarts.org

The test of truth



The cause of our disappointment can be anything from a car to a carnival; a rest stop or a restaurant; a movie or a meeting. The frustration with whatever letdown happened ultimately makes us say, at least to

ourselves, "I'm never going to buy, or buy into, that item again.

Something akin to that decision must have formed in the minds and hearts of many of Our Lord's early followers on that fateful day when He announced the Eucharist. It was altogether "too much" for them to accept what He said. Time to walk away, back to their former way of life.

In the wake of their shuffling sandals and their overheard murmurs, the Apostles were stunned into silence and confused by the mystery. Then Jesus asked: "Do you also want to leave?" For a few moments, there was a "loud silence," if you get my meaning. The birds still chirped overhead; the breeze still tousled their hair; images still troubled their thoughts. Eating flesh and drinking blood broke every law of Moses they knew.

But in the nick of time, our bold, brash, and impetuous first pope St. Peter broke the silence and asked the same question we sometimes ask, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Indeed, He did and still does forever.

Yet, here was the perfect opportunity for Jesus to ease their minds and say: "My people, I was only speaking

figuratively!" Or "I mean for the bread and wine to be symbols. Not my actual body and blood!" But He never did. In fact, that mistaken understanding is the very one that anchors every non-Catholic Christian church up to today. With due respect for the goodness in those churches, their founders exemplify what happens when hearers of the truth don't like what they hear.

The Bible stands strong here, when human weakness finds this teaching of Jesus unacceptable. How ironic that fundamentalists, who prefer to take literally what they read in Scripture, will not do so with words that Jesus said on Holy Thursday night.

At any rate, here is a powerful quote from the talk that Pope St. John Paul II gave at Phoenix Park during his three-day visit to Ireland in the Fall of 1979. He unknowingly but prophetically describes the situation we find right now in our own country:

"When the moral fiber of a nation is weakened, when the sense of personal responsibility is diminished, then the door is open for the justification of injustices, for violence in all its forms and for the manipulation of the many by the few. The challenge that is already with us is the temptation to accept as true freedom what in reality is only a new form of slavery. And so, it becomes all the more urgent to steep ourselves in the truth that comes from Christ...It is especially in the Eucharist that the power and the love of the Lord are given to us"

Thank you, St. John Paul, for pointing out the focus of true Love.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

2024 DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



Join us for the 20th annual Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress when tens of thousands of people from across the Carolinas will gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and feel Jesus' Presence among us. This 2-day event includes a Eucharistic Procession through uptown Charlotte, a Holy Hour and Mass with the Bishop of Charlotte, Eucharistic Adoration, engaging speakers (English, Spanish, and Vietnamese), sacred art and music, the opportunity for confessions, fellowship, food, Catholic merchandise for sale, and more!

August 30-31, 2024
Charlotte Convention Center, 501 S. College St.

Oratory Center for Spirituality

Saturday, Sept. 14 • 9:30 am-3:30 pm • RH Oratory

Annual Women's Retreat
Called to be "Friends of God and Prophets"
in 2024 and Beyond

Facilitator: Sr. Susan Schorsten, H.M.

Pope Francis says that each of us is called to holiness. How do we live into this call to be holy? Can we become "Friends of God and Prophets" (Wisdom 7:27) by living the Beatitudes (Matt 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-23) today amid the chaos and challenges we experience in our daily lives? Come away and spend the day quietly reflecting on these questions.

Pre-registration encouraged for this onsite event. Registration can be made via email to oratorycenter@gmail.com (add *Women's Retreat* in the subject line), or visit www.rockhilloratory.org and click on Center for Spirituality/Events.

Suggested Donation: \$50 (lunch included)

St. Mary Ministries and Outreach

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ROSARY & CONFRATERNITY SOCIETY: 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 am. Gwen D. Finley, (803) 322-3344, gwendfinley@yahoo.com

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ST. MARY OUTREACH PROGRAM: Open Tuesday & Thursday 9-11:30 am, Bannon Hall. Deacon Walt Hollis, (843) 295-9192, walthollis67@yahoo.com

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ST. MARY'S PANTRY: Thursdays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm at Bannon Hall. Bettye Finley, (803) 329-1008, betfinley@comporium.net

ST. MARY QUILTERS: Mondays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm., Fellowship Hall. Mary Bell, (803) 389-0912

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WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: 2nd Saturday from 8-10 am in Fellowship Hall. Regeana Phillips, (803) 370-8999, regeanap@yahoo.com

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Our Food Pantry is always in need of canned and packaged goods, cash, and plastic grocery bags. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated.



Holy Hour of Prayer

Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm - Church

New Bible study starts Sept. 4!



A new Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall and continuing to meet every other Wednesday evening for 6 weeks. The study will be led by **Kelly Munsee**. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks, "Does it shake your faith?" Come join this group as we explore how to let the truths of Scripture impact our daily lives. We will be studying and reading the book *Becoming More than a Good Bible Study Girl* by **Lysa Terkeurst**—full of insights, inspiration, Scripture, and laughter. Please purchase the book on your own and bring to the first gathering. Contact **Cathy Doty** at 863-206-1500 for more information and to sign up.

Calling for volunteers!



St. Mary Church will host a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on **Fri., Oct. 25**. The event will be a great way to thank all of our volunteers who help make our wonderful parish a special place. We are looking for individuals that would like to assist with fundraising, planning, and holding the event. **Can you help?** Contact **Chuck Hagen** at chagenjr@gmail.com or 704-293-6618 for more information or to sign up.



St. Mary Outreach August Update

St. Mary Outreach has become known for being able to obtain cell phones and eyeglasses for eligible clients.

Recently, some changes have been

made to the government's free phone program and by the service providers. These changes mean we have to spend money in order to continue providing these services for our clients.

It is nearly impossible to get a job these days if you don't have a phone number where you can be contacted. Our dedicated volunteers searched for a way we could still provide phones for clients. They found a provider in Lancaster who is willing to come at least once a month to Outreach. The phones cost \$11 each. Our volunteers pre-qualify a number of our clients with the government in order to make the process more effective and efficient. So when the phone representative visits, more clients are able to get activated phones handed to them onsite as soon as they qualify with the service provider's company. We used this method for the first time last month and 11 clients received phones. We think it is worthwhile to pay \$11 per phone to give our clients access to communications...and to employment.

Clients unable to see well are also at a big disadvantage. In April, *New Eyes for the Needy* started charging \$10 per pair of eyeglasses. Since then, we have spent \$700 on eyeglasses. Even with this unexpected cost, it is beneficial to provide this vital service to our clients. Our eyeglasses volunteer has also taken people to eye exams when they were unable to take the bus, and we have helped several special cases where more than just eyeglasses was needed.

If you have a few hours a week to spare, we are in dire need of volunteer drivers to transport clients to the DMV office to obtain IDs. Additionally, some clients need a driver to accompany them to the local Social Security office or to the Department of Social Services because they need an advocate to help them with their request.

Thank you to World Vision for their donation of toiletry bags! In addition to these new expenses (eyeglasses and phones), we still cover prescription copays for life-saving medicines.

If you are able to contribute in any capacity, this would be a most needed time! Please be sure to mark your monetary donation as "St. Mary Outreach." As always, we very much appreciate your ongoing prayers and support you can provide to this ministry.

Calendar



Sunday, August 25 (Chat & Chew)

11 am - Town Hall meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 27

6-7 pm - Prayer Shawl meeting, Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 30

7-9 pm - Jazz & Jewels fundraiser, Bannon Hall

Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)

Parish Office closed

Wednesday, September 4

6 pm - Bible study, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 8

11:15 am - Rosary & Confraternity Society meeting, Fellowship Hall

2-4 pm - Bakhita Arts event: Poetry & Prose, Bakhita Room

Monday, September 9

7 pm - Healing service with Paul Rymniak

Tuesday, September 10

6-7 pm - Finance Council meeting, Parish Office

7 pm - Healing service with Paul Rymniak

7 pm - Knights of Columbus, Bakhita Room. Rosary at 6:30 pm

Weekly events:

Sundays (Faith Formation/Youth Ministry/O.C.I.A (Summer hiatus)

Mondays (10 am-2 pm) Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm) Holy Hour of Prayer, Chapel;

(6:30 pm) Legion of Mary, RH Oratory-Faber Hall

Fridays (1:30 pm) Dominoes, Bakhita Room

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