

## DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON



# St. Mary Catholic Church

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### Mass Times

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, Chapel

### Sunday Rosary (Church)

7:30-7:45 am  
9:30-9:45 am (led by the Legion of Mary)

### Reconciliation

Sundays: 9:15-9:45 am or by appointment

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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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**February 2, 2025 - The Presentation of the Lord**



8 am: Pro Populo  
10 am: Pro Populo

**Please pray for our St. Mary Sick List:** Pamela Arciniega, Debbie Caiola, Fulvio Cangiano, Michael Caracappa, John Carr, Eileen Cline, Tyson Collins, Charles (Chuck) Dilworth, Maryellen Dilworth, Irene Dionne, Joan Elizabeth Doherty, Cathy Doty, Delores Dubisz, Donna Dumont, Shirley Dye, Frantz Etienne, Donna Fitzwilliam, Grace Flenniken, MaryPat Harvey, Barbara Hollis, Rose Hunt Samuda, Arlene Iannone, Jackie Jones, Trent Juroso, Annette Kaczanowski, Tony Keys, Misty Konow, Olive Kulesa, Frankie Mignano, Leigh Morin, Tony Motola, Kathy Murphy, Patty Placke, Bob Preusser, Walter Ratliff, Gary Redding, Dorothy Rumerich, Marie Ryan, Michael Samperee, Jeffrey Sligh, Murrie Smith, John Spencer-Coombs, Stacy Spinnato, Carla Thomason, Paul Wagner, Henry Walton, Mary Ann Wilson.

**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 Mугan, 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, Vickie Starr, Krisanne Walker.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**January 26, 2025**

Offering	\$4,077.58
Online Giving	\$1,608.40
Building Fund	\$105.00
Parking Lot	\$425.00
St. Mary Outreach	\$75.00
Soup Kitchen	\$90.00
Kerosene	\$104.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Rent	\$600.00

**Second Collection**

**February 16 - Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**

**Today's Readings**  
**Year C: Sunday Cycle**  
**Cycle I: Weekday**

**First Reading** — Mal 3:1-4  
**Psalm** — Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
**Second Reading** — Heb 2:14-18  
**Gospel** — Lk 2:22-40

MY EYES HAVE SEEN  
YOUR SALVATION.

LUKE 2:30



**Weekly Readings**

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34  
**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

*Join us!*



**St. Anne Catholic School**  
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Sunday, January 26, 2025 4-6pm  
Wednesday, February 5, 2025 10-11:30 am

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**Catholic Women's Day**  
**2025**

**February 26, 2025**

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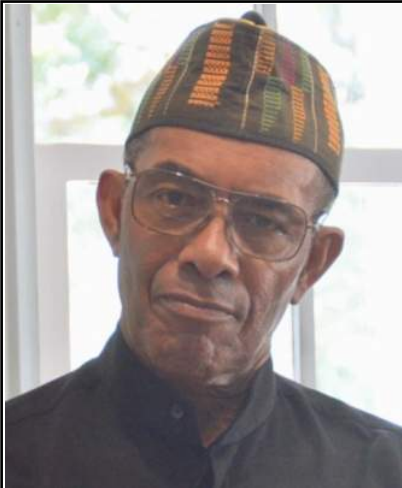
- Learn about the legislative process
- Take a tour of the Capital
- Meet your state legislators
- Fellowship with Catholic women from around the state



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Contact [akelley@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:akelley@charlestondiocese.org) with questions  
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# Black History Month spotlight



Leader, teacher, sage, activist, friend, and mentor are just a few of the titles often used to describe **Willie James Cathcart**, or, as he is affectionately known, “**Wali**” by people who’ve had the good fortune of knowing and working with him. A true son of Rock Hill, Wali has dedicated much of his life to uplifting and improving

his community and those around him. He takes particular pride in highlighting African American history and culture and using that to empower himself and others. Wali currently serves as an “interpreter” for the Rock Hill School District’s Carroll School Field Trip, a program that introduces local area 5<sup>th</sup> graders to the realities of African American life during the Great Depression.

Having attended the school as a child in the segregated South, Wali can use first-hand knowledge to help students understand and appreciate life for young people during his era. He has served in this role since the program’s inception in 2004, and along with a dedicated team, has helped impact the lives of the more than 20,000 youngsters who have experienced the presentation.

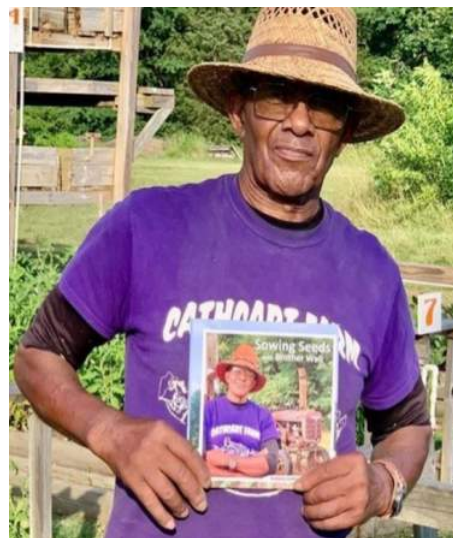
In addition to his work with the Carrol School, Wali also remains active in and around the Rock Hill community by speaking at local churches, organizing cultural and historical events, and working with area groups dedicated to highlighting the African American experience. Two programs he is particularly proud of are *By the Sweat of Our Brow*, and *By Way of the Back Door*. Held in conjunction with South Carolina’s Historic Brattonsville Plantation, the annual events celebrate the rich and often overlooked legacies of the Bratton Plantation slaves and their descendants. These types of programs reflect Wali’s life-long commitment to using history, and for life specifically, to encourage people of all ages to realize their potential.

Born in 1937 in Chester, SC, the second of nine siblings, Wali spent most of his younger days on his family’s 15- acre farm in Rock Hill. It was here where he learned valuable lessons that would help define him and his work throughout his life. In 1956, he left the Carolinas for Plainfield, NJ, where he got married, had two children, and worked as an independent contractor making use of his skills as a master carpenter. He was also fortunate to be able to indulge in another life-long passion — baseball.

In the late 1950s, Wali played on the professional level, starring as a pitcher for several teams that were part of the twilight of the famed Negro Leagues.

Today, he is often invited to participate in programs commemorating Negro League players from that era. It was in Plainfield that Wali’s community activism took root. Over the 36 years he lived there, he was involved with numerous programs, events, and organizations dedicated to empowering the African American community. In 1987, he founded *Arise-N-Shine*, an organization that, among other things, was lauded for a city-wide gardening program for young children. Wali taught countless youngsters how to grow and harvest their own vegetables, many of whom sold their wares and used the proceeds to open their first savings accounts.

After raising his family mostly alone (his wife passed away while his children were still very young) and establishing himself as an entrepreneur and community leader, Wali felt the urge to return to his roots and make his mark in the Rock Hill area. So, in 1992, he moved back to the family home and, working alongside his brothers, sisters, and other family members, helped



restore the property to a vibrant, functioning farm. These days, when Wali is not involved in community events, he maintains the family land, which he essentially transformed into an unofficial historic site, using it to introduce folks of various backgrounds to the joys of farming and instilling lessons that impact all aspects of life.

Now, the patriarch of his family, Wali enjoys spending time with his two children, two grandchildren, three great-grandsons, his surviving brothers and sisters, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He is a living testimony that a life lived in service is a life well lived.

*Respectfully submitted by Danise Simpson*

# St. Mary Ministries and Outreach

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Call the Parish Office at (803) 329-1008

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**LECTORS:** Danise Simpson, (803) 524-1492, [dsimpson@rhmail.org](mailto:dsimpson@rhmail.org)

**LEGION OF MARY:** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Rock Hill Oratory, Faber Hall, John Tyszka, (860) 881-5793, [john\\_tyszka56@gmail.com](mailto:john_tyszka56@gmail.com)

**MEDIA:** Rev. Dr. Terrence R. Chisolm, (803) 517-2894, [tchisolm@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:tchisolm@charlestandioocese.org)

**ROSARY & CONFRATERNITY SOCIETY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:15 am. Gwen D. Finley, (803) 322-3344, [gwendfinley@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:walthollis67@yahoo.com)

**STEWARDSHIP:** Deek Alexander, (803) 366-5864, [deekalexander@comporium.net](mailto:deekalexander@comporium.net)

**ST. MARY'S PANTRY:** Thursdays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm at Bannon Hall. Bettye Finley, (803) 329-1008, [betfinley41@gmail.com](mailto:betfinley41@gmail.com)

**ST. MARY QUILTERS:** Mondays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. Mary Bell, (803) 389-0912

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**WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday from 8-10 am in Fellowship Hall. Regeana Phillips, (803) 370-8999, [regeanap@yahoo.com](mailto: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 - Chapel**



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Jirah Leigh Fladger** as she received the Sacrament of Baptism on January 12 at the 10 am Mass!



## Ethnic Sunday is March 2!

All parishioners are invited to celebrate one of St. Mary's most beloved traditions! Join us for **Ethnic Sunday** in the Fellowship Hall on **March 2** following the 10 am Mass. Everyone

is asked to bring a dish to share that represents your culture or heritage (please label your dish and its culture). If you can't think of something to bring, we definitely welcome desserts, tea, lemonade, coffee, bottled water, plates, cups, napkins, and forks! For more information, contact **Gwen Finley** at 803-322-3344 or [gwendfinley@yahoo.com](mailto:gwendfinley@yahoo.com).

## Domingo Etnico de St. Mary es el 2 de Marzo

Todos los feligreses están invitados a celebrar una de las más apreciadas tradiciones de St. Mary, el Domingo Etnico. Acompáñanos el **2 de Marzo**, después de la misa de las 10 am, a la celebración en el Fellowship Hall.

Pedimos a todos que traigan un plato que represente su especial cultura o herencia -para compartir, preparando una nota con la información del plato. Si no puedes preparar algo, puedes traer postre, té, limonada, café, agua en botella, platos, servilletas, tenedores, etc.

Para más información, comunicarse con **Gwen Finley** al número 803-322-3344 ó [gwendfinley@yahoo.com](mailto:gwendfinley@yahoo.com).

# Bakhita Arts

**Free event in Bannon Hall!**  
**Sunday, February 9 • 2:00-4:00 pm**



Afternoon of Poetry & Prose will feature **Christopher "Chrisso" O'Neal Blackmon**. Chrisso is a Spoken Word



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### Sunday, February 2

8:30-9:45 am - Faith Formation, Cenacle  
11:15 am - Rosary & Confraternity Society, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 5

5:30-6:45 pm - O.C.I.A., Cenacle  
7-8:30 pm - Youth Ministry, Cenacle

### Saturday, February 8

8-10 am - Women's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, February 9

8:30-9:45 am - Faith Formation, Cenacle  
2-4 pm - Bakhita Arts event: Poetry & Prose, Bannon Hall  
7-8:30 pm - Youth Ministry, Cenacle

### Tuesday, February 11

6-7 pm - Finance Council, Parish office  
7 pm - Knights of Columbus, Bakhita Room. Rosary at 6:30 pm

### Weekly events:

**Sundays** (9-10 am) Bible study, Fellowship Hall

**Mondays** (9 am-1 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** (10 am) Bible study, Fellowship Hall; (1:30 pm) Dominoes, Bakhita Room

### Calendar





**Gift Baskets Needed  
Silent Auction  
St. Valentine's Celebration February 14  
Benefit for The Oratory Endowment Fund**

**GIFT BASKET INSTRUCTIONS**  
Minimum \$50 Value  
Must be Cello or Shrink Wrapped  
List each item inside basket on the attached Contents Sheet  
Drop-offs accepted until February 7 at all area churches

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Questions: Call or text  
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## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner!

Mark your calendar for Fat Tuesday, **March 4, 4-10 pm** at Texas Roadhouse (2367 Dave Lyle Blvd)! Gift cards are now on sale after Mass. St. Mary receives 10% of all gift card sales and 10% of all St. Mary dinners when a special flier is presented to the server. Make plans to attend this annual tradition with your fellow parishioners!

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