

## DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON



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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, 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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**January 26, 2025 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



8 am: Pro Populo  
10 am: Ken Wirth, RIP

**Please pray for our St. Mary Sick List:** Pamela Arciniega, Debbie Caiola, Fulvio Cangiano, Michael Caracappa, John Carr, Eileen Cline, 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 Juroscio, 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 Sampere, 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 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, Vickie Starr, Krisanne Walker.

**ATTENTION St. Mary Military Families**

So that this information remains current, all parishioners, including those named in the prayer list above, are asked to review the list and notify Maryanne Genus ([maryanne@stmarysrh.org](mailto:maryanne@stmarysrh.org) or 803-517-5048 if any information needs to be updated. Thank you for your service and sacrifice!

**Stuffed toy collection drive**



The St. Martin de Porres Council of the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary is collecting small stuffed animals or dolls to provide to First Responders. Oftentimes responders encounter a child on the scene who is injured or scared. The responder can offer a toy to help comfort the child and ease their anxiety.



St. Mary parishioners can participate by donating a small stuffed animal/doll or give a monetary contribution (suggested \$7.00). A container and donation envelopes will be in the Gathering Space through the **end of January** for you to drop off your toy/donation. The Knights are planning a banquet to present the toys to area emergency agencies. Contact Knight **Larry Facelli** at 803-517-4144 for any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**January 19, 2025**

Offering	\$4,074.00
Online Giving	\$1,657.40
Building Fund	\$45.00
Parking Lot	\$400.00
St. Mary Outreach	\$185.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$75.00
Christmas	\$75.00
Food Pantry	\$35.00
Kerosene	\$105.00
Grants received	\$12,500.00

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

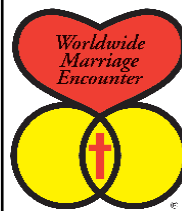


**First Reading** — Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
**Psalm** — Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
**Second Reading** — 1 Cor 12:12-30  
**Gospel** — Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Weekly Readings**

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41  
**Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**



Give yourselves the best present ever. Take time for your marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **Jan. 31-Feb. 2** in North Myrtle Beach. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit [SCMarriageMatters.org](http://SCMarriageMatters.org). Contact 803-258-0258, or [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org).

## The message is clear



Ever noticed that when your doctor writes a new prescription for you that it is almost impossible to read? I often wonder if all medical professionals first

attend a special school to learn how to do this. In addition, there is nothing added to what he or she writes so it is very specific. You might say it's blunt.

St. Luke was a doctor. While we don't have any handwriting samples of his, we cannot say his message is blunt. Just reading his telling of the Christmas story lets us experience his artistry with words. But in the passage from Luke chosen for today, we note that Jesus is blunt in what He says. And for a reason.

To set the scene, we have Jesus back in His hometown, with all that implies. With His fame slowly growing, He has the chance to read the scroll in the same synagogue where He studied as a boy. The given passage is all about the coming Messiah. When He finished reading, He slowly rolled the scroll back, sat down and then declared: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

What a statement! The attendees are momentarily shocked into silence, but quickly their sense of outrage takes over and they are angry at this apparent blasphemy in Jesus' blunt assertion. Hardly an occasion for applause, it quickly turns very ugly. While their reaction is not read

to us here, we know that the crowd grabbed Jesus and with a mob mentality at work, they dragged him to the edge of the cliff on the hill the town sat on and tried to push Him over. Mob justice often leads to deadly violence.

For our purposes, we need to reflect on the blunt but accurate declaration about Himself that Jesus made. We know that often enough Our Lord's words were at times indirect or subtle, such as "The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed." At other times wonderfully consoling, like "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."

Here and now that startling declaration: "This passage is fulfilled in your hearing" is quite a contrast. But since Our Lord was truth itself, He cannot avoid the facts without betraying the truth.

The tenor of this last remark brings up the truth that sometimes we must be blunt with our interactions, especially with those we love. So, we have to say things like "You're drinking too much." Or "You drive too fast." "Your lying is going to get you in big trouble someday." More in a spiritual context: "You know missing Mass deliberately for no good reason is mortally sinful." "Pornography watching slowly becomes addictive." Blunt statements surely, we might define it as "tough love." But in the context, we began with here, perhaps it is "just what the doctor ordered." God love you and give you His peace.

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*



### Poster contest winners!

Congratulations to the winners of the *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The winners were announced after the 10 am Mass on Dec. 29 by Grand Knight, Robert Bathalter.

Pictured are:

**Amelia McNeil  
Alexandria Cole  
Liam Williamson  
Max Williamson  
Peter Williamson  
Finn Williamson  
Elise Netherton  
Samuel Netherton  
Eliana Dugger**

# St. Mary Ministries and Outreach

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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)

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**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**

## Friends of the Oratory St. Valentine Buffet & Dance

*Supporting the Rock Hill Oratory Endowment*

**Friday, February 14 - 6:00 pm**

*(Mass celebrated at 5:30 pm)*

**St. Philip Neri Church - Parish Hall**

**SOLD OUT!!!**

***But we still need help with event sponsorships and donation items for the silent auction gift baskets.***

***See the insert in today's bulletin for more info!***

**Questions?** Contact Nancy Summers-Frazier: [nancysummers99@aol.com](mailto:nancysummers99@aol.com) or call/text 810-423-7529



## St. Mary Outreach January Update

St. Mary's Outreach (SMO) concluded another year of providing services to the local community. The services we provide are not normally available through other social services facilities. During 2024 we had 3,123 client visits, added 286 new clients, and continued obtaining phones (99), eye glasses (121) and kerosene vouchers (513) for our clients. *See the detailed addendum below for additional services provided.* SMO accomplishes these services through financial contributions and time provided by volunteers. The contributions come from individuals like yourself and community-conscious organizations and leaders (e.g., York County Councilman William "Bump" Roddy obtained a grant through York County). The SMO volunteers are led by **Deacon Walt Hollis** and **Robert Verostek** and consist of:

**Bill Doty, Bill Rock, Chuck Hagen, Deek Alexander, Dom Nardi, Harry Gibson, Jim Beaver, John Luke, MaryRose Randall, Nancy Scholl, and Rick Tack.**

We are open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9-11:30 am to provide our services. As always, thanks for your continued generosity and support.

### St. Mary Outreach 2024 Service Statistics

The upper portion of the statistics in the table below are counts of interactions between the client and volunteer (e.g., a client needs a ride to the DMV to update their ID card). We record a count of 1 against the "Rides" service and the "ID" service for the specific client on the specific day. The lower portion of the statistics are some by-products of tracking the services provided.

For Year of: 2024	Date run: 1/6/2025	Totals
Services:		4,598
Assistance	Intakes, help with forms, copies, info, etc.	345
Birth Certificate		41
Clothing Voucher	Tender Hearts, Hospice, etc.	135
Dental		163
Food Delivery	for shut in	6
Glasses	*	629
Hearing Aids	(reconditioned)*	10
ID (ID/DI/SS)	Identification Cards, Driver License, etc	184
Kerosene Voucher		515
Medication	Prescription refills and OTC medications	335
Mail	Storage and pick up	279
Phone	*	1,117
Resume		29
Rides	to DMV, VA Office, Dentist, Eye Dr., etc.	291
Toiletries	Hygiene kits, Depends, Diapers, Socks, etc	505
Cash Grant	Bus tickets, house repairs, haircut, laundry, gas for job, etc	14
	* May take multiple times to complete.	
	New Clients Added	286
	Client Visits	3,123
	Phones for Clients	105
	Glasses for Clients	121
	Kerosene Vouchers for Clients	513
	Number of Service Counts per Visit	1.5
	Number of Service Counts per Phone	10.6
	Number of Service Counts per set of Glasses	5.2

### Calendar



#### Sunday, January 26

8:30-9:45 am - Faith Formation, Cenacle

#### Tuesday, January 28

6-7pm - Prayer Shawl meeting, Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, January 29

5:30-6:45 pm - O.C.I.A., Cenacle

7-8:30 pm - Youth Ministry, Cenacle

#### Thursday, January 30

7:00 pm - Bakhita Arts event:: Concert, Bannon Hall

#### 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

#### 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

# Bakhita Arts

**Free events in Bannon Hall!**

**Thursday, January 30 • 7:00-8:30 pm**



**Back Roads  
Quartet**

Join band members **Charles Bradford, Keven Duncan, Peter Gates** and vocalist **Lynn Scoggins** for a night of acoustic blue grass, old country, Americana, and classic rock. Light refreshments will be served.

**Sunday, February 9 • 2:00-4:00 pm**



Afternoon of Poetry & Prose will feature **Christopher "Chrisso" O'Neal Blackmon**. Chrisso is a Spoken Word Performer, Artist, and Motivator from Lancaster, SC. Come and be amazed and inspired by his innovative talent!

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