

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 10 December

5:30PM, (Cathedral)
Johnston Family

Sunday, 11 December

9:00AM, (Cathedral)
Pro Populo

9:30AM, (St. Mary)
Mary Frederick

11:15AM, (Cathedral)
Sandra Romanowski+

6:00PM, (Cathedral)
Rory Campbell+

Monday, 12 December

12:05PM, (Cathedral)
Intentions of the Tecklenburg Family

Tuesday, 13 December

12:05PM, (Cathedral)
Trenholm Copeland+

Wednesday, 14 December

12:05PM, (Cathedral)
Luan H. Travers +

Thursday, 15 December

12:05PM, (Cathedral)
Butch Ellis+

Friday, 16 December

12:05PM, (Cathedral)
Anne Marie Chezlowitz+

Saturday, 17 December

5:30PM, (Cathedral)
*Susan Borek+, Michael Cahill+
& Timothy Borek+*

Sunday, 18 December

9:00AM, (Cathedral)
Albert Stulberg+

9:30AM, (St. Mary)
Michael Giuffreda+

11:15AM, (Cathedral)
Pro Populo

6:00PM, (Cathedral)
Trenholm Copeland+



Mark your Calendar! Advent Adoration

On Wednesdays in Advent, the Cathedral will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30PM-7:00PM. A Holy Hour with confessions will begin at 6:00PM and there will be night prayer and Benediction at 6:45PM.

All are welcome and encouraged to participate!

Remember that Advent is an important time of preparation for the coming of our Lord so make a family Holy Hour and be sure to schedule some quiet time for reflection!

Christmas Novena begins 16 December! Prepare your heart for the arrival of our Lord with a novena that can be found at the link below:

<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/christmas.htm>

Christmas Flower Donations: Help make the church beautiful for the Christmas Season by donating flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Names will be printed in the 25 December bulletin. Use your envelope provided, or a blank envelope with your name and the names of those you wish to honor. Deadline for submission is Monday, 19 December. You can place envelopes in the collection or bring them to the Parish Office at 119 Broad.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

3:30PM Youth Choir and Pageant

4:00PM Vigil Mass

11:00PM Ordinariate Mass

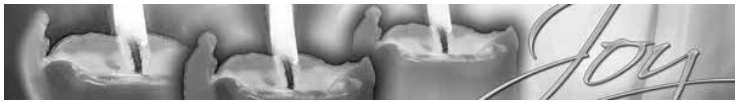
Christmas Day

11:00AM Solemn Christmas Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God:

Sunday, 1 January 2017

9:30AM Solemn Mass



St. Mary's Parish News

Beautiful 2017 Calendars are available for parishioners to pick up after Mass in the Parish Hall. They are courtesy of parishioner James A. McAlister.

Ladies Altar Society: The Ladies Altar Society will meet on 14 December, at 6:00PM at the home of Kathy Dalla Mura, 8 Rutledge Street, Charleston.

Christmas at Sea: Please help the Seafarers' Ministry give a little Christmas cheer to the crews of the cargo ships that call in our port. Boxes and instructions are again available in the Parish Hall. Please return the wrapped (no bows, please; they make it difficult to stack and transport the boxes on board the ships) gift boxes to the Parish Hall and they will be brought out to the Wando terminal for distribution beginning around Thanksgiving. For more information call or text Deacon Paul at (843)822-3572 or e-mail him at prosenblum1@gmail.com. Thank you for all your past help and your continued participation. Our Lady, Stella Maris, pray for us.

Do you want to get rid of those magazines and books and help the seafarers, too? Bring them to the parish hall and put them in the Seafarer's Ministry collection box. Time, Newsweek, Reader's Digest, and National Geographic are especially popular with the seafarers, but anything of interest will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity. For more information, call Deacon Paul at (843)822-3572.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11 December 2016
Gaudete Sunday

The Order of Mass may be found on page 253 of the St. Isaac Jogues Missal.

The Readings may be found on page 20 in the Missal.

Processional Hymn:		H. pg. 329
	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus vs. 1-4	
Kyrie	<i>Missa de Angelis</i>	H. pg. 408
Psalm	Psalm 146	M. pg. 21
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia	
Homily		
Offertory Motet	<i>Rorate caeli</i>	
Sanctus	<i>Missa XVII</i>	H. pg. 444
Memorial Acclamation	We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord	Chant
Great Amen	Amen	Haugen
Agnus Dei	<i>Missa Deus Genitor alme</i>	H. pg. 447
Communion Chant	<i>Dicite: pusillánimes</i>	M. pg. 23
Communion Motet	Hark, A Herald Voice Is Calling	H. pg. 477
Recessional Hymn:	On Jordan's Bank, The Baptist's Cry vs. 1-3	H. pg. 229



What do you give that person who has everything?

A gift to St. Vincent de Paul is just the thing! Your gift helps provide for those in need, honors the recipient and is tax deductible. We will acknowledge your donation to both you and the recipient. Donations can be dropped in any Sunday collection basket or mailed to The Cathedral, 119 Broad St., Charleston, SC 29401. Thank you in advance.

The St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry is in need of the following items:

- Grape jelly
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Small bags of rice
- Boxes or small cups of macaroni and cheese
- Assorted cans of vegetables (not beans or corn)
- Spaghetti noodles (white, not wheat)
- Spam
- Vienna sausages
- Beef soups
- Diced pear cups
- Cans of chili and stew



We welcome all visitors to St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church. St. Mary's is the oldest Catholic Church in the Carolinas and Georgia, and is the spiritual home of a vibrant parish community. As an historical church, we are grateful for any donation that you would be willing to give. Visitor envelopes may be found in the pews for your use. Thank you for visiting us and we hope you will come back again on your next trip to Charleston.

St. Mary of the Annunciation
December 11, 2016



Charleston Catholic School News

The Students and Staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Concert Band will perform at Second Sunday on King, 11 December. They will be playing at King & Beaufain Streets.


The CCS Chorus will perform their Christmas Concert on Tuesday, 13 December, at 6:00PM in the CCS Auditorium.

The Chorus will also be featured on Y102.5FM on Wednesday, 14 December, at 6:00PM. Tune in to hear the Saints sing!

Thursday, 15 December, the 4th Grade and Concert Bands will perform their Christmas Concert at 6:30PM.

CCS welcomes visitors to our performances and admission is Free! Come and enjoy the shows!

Friday, 16 December, is the end of the second quarter. School will be dismissed at 11:15AM. There will be no aftercare. This is the beginning of Christmas Vacation. School will resume Tuesday, 3 January 2017, at 7:30AM.



Save the Date!
Charleston Catholic School
Lowcountry Boil, Brews and Blue Grass
Date: January 21, 2017
Time: 6:00 - 10:00pm
Place: The Diocese of Charleston Pastoral Center
Admission: \$50 per person or \$95 per couple
Silent Auctions and Fund-A-Need Fun Raiser

Feast of St. Lucy (December 13)

St. Lucy's (Lucia) feast day brings many different types of celebrations in various countries. Her feast is also tied in with the celebration of light and winter, as her name means light and her feast day originally coincided with the winter solstice, which marked the shortest day of the year.

Lucy's history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith.

A beautiful custom on the feast of St. Lucy is to plant the "Christmas wheat." Pressed gently into a pot of garden soil, watered, and kept in a moderately warm room, the wheat will be sprouted soft green by Christmas. Then the children may carry it to the creche as a gift for the Child Jesus, symbolic of the Eucharistic bread by which He feeds our souls at the altar as well as of the staff of life by which His Father keeps life in our bodies.



Respect Life News

Rosary at Abortion Facility: The organization, Priests for Life, has called for each Catholic to pray fervently for the closing of the local abortion facility. Please join the Reverend H. Gregory West, Pastor of St. Clare of Assisi on Daniel Island, who will lead the Rosary and prayers at the West Ashley abortion facility (1312 Ashley River Road) on Saturday, 17 December, from 8-9:00AM. For more information, contact Stephen Boyle at (843)763-0681.

Thank you to the Parish 40 Days for Life participants!

To all those who participated in the recent Fall 40 Days for Life campaign that ended 6 November, we offer a heartfelt thank you for your time and sacrifice to come out and pray at the abortion center. Charleston Women's Medical Center (1312 Ashley River Rd.). Per South Carolina Citizens for Life (SCCL), since its founding in 1974, more than 150,000 babies' lives have been saved in our state! We are also happy to report the following achievements over the past nine years from national 40 Days for Life: 725,000 participants, 4,535 local campaigns, 675 cities, 40 nations, 12,668 lives saved, 141 abortion workers quit, 75 closed abortion centers! To become involved with the Cathedral and St. Mary join Respect Life team, contact Cheryle Freiberger at (843)696-0604.

South Carolina Citizens for Life ***Proudly Pro-Life Weekend***

6-7 January 2017

Columbia, SC

Speaker: Evangelist Dr. Alveda King,
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s niece

"Alive and Growing": South Carolina Citizens for Life cordially invites you to participate in the largest single state-wide annual pro-life gathering on 6-7 January 2017. Come to celebrate that you are proud to be pro-life and that our movement is "Alive and Growing", this year's theme. Proudly Pro-Life 2017 will include the Proudly Pro-Life Dinner on Friday night, 6 January, at 6:45PM and the Stand Up for Life March and Rally on Saturday, 7 January, at 11:00AM. Additionally, after the Rally on Saturday afternoon, Daybreak Pregnancy Center will hold the grand opening of its new headquarters just yards away from the infamous Planned Parenthood execution chamber.

To reserve your tickets or for more information, contact SCCL at sccl@sclife.org or call (803)252-5433. The Cathedral Respect Life team will also sponsor a table at the dinner and if interested in attending call Cheryle Freiberger at (843)696-0604.

Pro-Life

Altar Flowers: Every member of the parish is invited to contribute to the beauty of our worship space by providing the altar flowers on a particular Sunday to the glory of God, in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of people or events that are important to that donor. Please call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule a Sunday.



Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of every month at 10:30AM. To have your child baptized, please call the Parish Office at 843-724-8395. Please call before the birth of your child.



The Sacrament of Matrimony: Either the bride or the groom must be a practicing Catholic and registered at St. Marys for at least twelve months before scheduling a wedding date and beginning the six months marriage preparation. The bride/groom must be an active parishioner, regularly attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and use the envelope system in regular support of the parish. The Wedding Policy Booklet may be found on our web-site: saintmaryhasellst.org. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information, weddings@charlestoncathedral.com or 843-724-8395.



Are You an Active Member? Various facilities and services are available to our active members. This includes use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, and other sacramental events, and includes parishioner status in parochial schools.

Active Membership is determined by four things:

1. Being properly registered in the parish for a sufficient period of time.
2. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. Use of the envelope system in regular support of the parish.
4. Being active in at least one parish program, ministry, or organization.

Please notify the office of any changes in your address or contact information.



Offertory Reports 4 December 2016

Offertory \$4,419.75
Electronic Offertory: \$550.00
Total Offertory: \$4,969.75



Offertory Option: You can now manage your giving online. Giving online is easy and allows you to schedule contributions and view your complete online giving history. Just follow these easy steps: Just visit our web site (saintmaryhasellst.org) and Click on the *Donate Now* button, Click on the *Create Profile* button, then Follow the instructions to create a profile and to schedule your contributions.

Don't forget: Update your account with current credit card expiration dates



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Ministers of the Liturgy

Greeters and Gift Bearers:

Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception
Dec. 11 Fran & Chuck Bennett
Dec. 18 Evan Williams & Erin Gray
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas

Lectors:

Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception-
Dec. 11 Phil Rosenbaum
Dec. 18 Al Stiles
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas

Extraordinary Ministers of the Distribution of Holy Communion:

Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception
Dec. 11 Betsy & John Cahill
Dec. 18 Richard & Ruth Starr
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas

Hospitality:

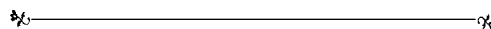
Dec. 11 - McDowell Team

Jill McDowell, Judy McDowell, Denise Darling, Barbara Ankersen, Sissa Green, Susan Koval, Cindy Daniel, Mary Gastley, Helen Murphy

Dec. 18 - Newton Team

Judi Newton, Kathy Thom, Keelin Love, Kim Hodapp, Therese Smythe, Jackie Lyden, Robin Parker

Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas
No Coffee



Please Pray for:

Anonymous	Goleta Kincer
Lilian Andrews	Johnny Marshall
Amanda Balcom	Anne Mosley
Jim Brady	Norma Nance
Margaret Mary Brandt	Heather Riley
Arlette Crane	Pauline Sottile
Lorraine Emanuel	Margaret Mary Sprague
Patty Emerick	Michael Sutton
Mary Forbes	Jeff Todd
Holly Gorman	Jessie W.
Sheila Grant	Betty H.
Richardine Grant	JC, LH & GP
Annabelle Heil	