

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 13, 2022 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Theo Trujillo, Pastor

LIVING SYOUR & STRENGTHS

Discover Your God-Given Talents

"Be who God
meant you to be
and you will set
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fire."

St. Catherine of Siena

Join Living Your Strengths this Lent!

Spring Session March 2 to April 13

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday *8:30 a.m. and noon

Tuesdays (Young Adults) at 7 p.m. Except the 1st Tuesday of the month

Saturday

*8:30 a.m. Vigil: 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (español)

Sunday

7:30 a.m., *9 a.m., 11 a.m., *1 p.m. (español) and 6 p.m.

Mass Readings/Lecturas www.usccb.org

Polish

Last Sunday of the month at 3 p.m.

Filipino

First Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.

*this Mass will also be Livestreamed

on the Parish Facebook page facebook.com/SMMsimpsonville and on our website at smmcc.org/492

Reconciliation

Saturdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Childcare

For the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses, childcare is available in the Conner Ministry Building for children 4 and under.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 12 8:30 a.m. Becky Clark 5:00 p.m. † Martha Harris

7:00 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday, February 13 7:30 a.m. Stacy Coulter

9:00 a.m. † Valentino Rodriguez

11:00 a.m. Gary Harms

1:00 p.m. † Rosa Lujan and Juan Gonzales

6:00 p.m. Allie Weber Monday, February 14

8:30 a.m. † Thomas M. Slonnegar Noon † Matthew Fulton Smith

Tuesday, February 15
8:30 a.m. † Donald Ashe
Noon Drake Lepper
7:00 p.m. † Beda De La Paz
Wednesday, February 16
8:30 a.m. † Michael Martin
Noon Jamie Lepper
Thursday, February 17

8:30 a.m. † Martha Boyd Harris Noon Bernadette Izzo Bakunoff

Friday, February 18

8:30 a.m. † Gale 'Gigi' Simmons Noon † Jorge Perez-Rubio

Saturday, February 19 8:30 a.m. Rudy Calciano 5:00 p.m. † Joann Bello

7:00 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday, February 20

7:30 a.m. † Antoinette DiRuscio 9:00 a.m. † Robert Gmitter 11:00 a.m. † Hortencia Joven 1:00 p.m. † Christopher Esparza 6:00 p.m. † Timothy Barrett

Homilies Podcast

Did you know you can listen to homilies on our website? Click here!

Please Pray for...

Martha Wehrly, Joan Galle, Rosemary Buffardi, Kevin Burke, Paul Felton, Mary Jane Doster, Ben Coulter, Peter Doster, Dorie Ferrari, Irene Johnson, Angela Ripandelli, Robert Morris, Patricia Merretta, Annette Weber, Caryn Schook, Audrey Connell, Susan Allman D'Alessandro, Rick Agron, Sharon Rivaldo, Lin Fedorka, Stacy Fedorka, Leonard Byrne, Coleen McDonald, Philomena Reed, Liz List, Juliana Rincon, Gina and Dal Maness, Lila Childs, Florence Jackson, Mary Radziewicz, Jan Jendrey, Charlie Morris, George Kuzmicki, Elaine Nealon, Drew Butterfield, Daniel Harris, all affected by the Coronavirus, and our community.

Pray the Rosary with Us!

Monday - Friday at 6 p.m. on Facebook live



We pray the Rosary in person after the daily noon Mass and after the 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass.

The Respect Life Ministry prays a Pro-life Rosary on the first Thursday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. and noon Masses.

The Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King prays the Rosary on the second Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in PLB room 107.

All are invited to join us!



Please pray for the eternal repose of ...

Piotr Pankiewecz Mary E. Kees Robert E. Guzzardo Jerzy Kuzmicki

May they rest in the arms of the Lord and rejoice in the glory of heaven, and may their families find comfort in their faith.

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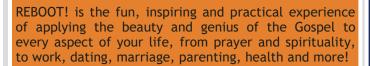
REBOOT

a life-changing event

Featuring Catholic Author and Speaker, Chris Stefanick Wednesday, February 23, 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Come! Be energized! Invite someone!

Tickets are \$30
Buy tickets at smmcc.org/580



Rediscover the message of the Gospel that is Powerful for us all, Beautiful in its application to LIFE, Engaging for those searching, and Fun and Captivating for all ages, including our youth!

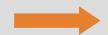
Do Not Miss this opportunity to hear one of the most sought-after voices of our time, offering practical insight into living the life God has created for you!

¡REBOOT o REINICIAR! es una experiencia divertida, inspiradora y práctica de aplicar la belleza y el genio del Evangelio en todos los aspectos de su vida, ya sea la oración y la espiritualidad, el trabajo, las citas, el matrimonio, la crianza de los hijos, la salud y más.

Redescubra el mensaje del Evangelio que es poderoso para todos nosotros, hermoso en su aplicación a la VIDA, atractivo para aquellos que buscan, y divertido y cautivador para todas las edades, ¡incluyendo la juventud!

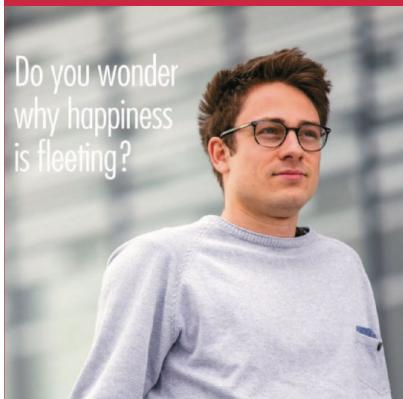
¡No se pierda esta oportunidad de escuchar una de las voces más buscadas de nuestro tiempo, que ofrece una visión práctica de cómo vivir la vida que Dios ha creado para usted!

What Happens After Reboot? ¿Y después de Reboot, qué?



From Reboot ... to Reignite What Comes after Reboot? ... The Search

A NEW AND IMPACTFUL VIDEO-BASED SERIES COMING TO OUR PARISH THIS LENT



The Search is a multi-part video based spiritual experience from the producers of the FORMED online platform many of us use for faith formation at our parish. The production is beautiful and is hosted by the well-known Catholic evangelist Chris Stefanick.

Whether your faith is solid or you are still searching for meaning, The Search will open your eyes to the Gospel in words that modern ears are ready to hear and images you can't help but remember.

But The Search is not meant just to be watched . . . and it's certainly not meant to watched alone. That is why we are forming small groups - both in-person and virtual - to watch, discuss, and truly benefit and grow from experiencing The Search.

Dare to rediscover your purpose. The Search is a beautiful new video series that explores life's deepest questions.

This weekend, during the **Reboot** event and on our website, you will have the opportunity to join a small group to discuss and live this spiritual experience.



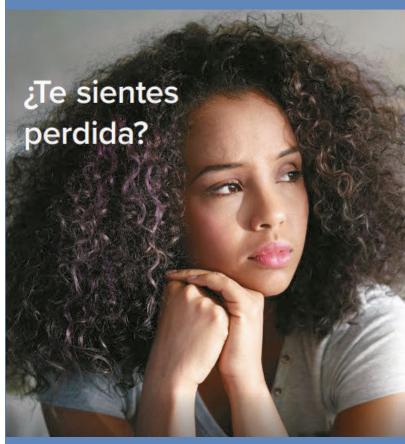
SEARCH BROUGHT TO YOU FROM FORMED



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De Reboot... a Reanudar ¿Qué viene después del *Reboot*? ... La Búsqueda

UNA NUEVA E IMPACTANTE SERIE EN VIDEOS QUE LLEGARÁ A NUESTRA PARROQUIA ESTA CUARESMA



La Búsqueda es una experiencia espiritual basada en una serie de videos de los productores de la plataforma en línea FORMED que muchos de nosotros usamos para la formación en la fe en nuestra parroquia. La producción es hermosa y está presentada por el conocido evangelista católico Chris Stefanick.

Ya sea que su fe sea sólida o que todavía esté buscando un significado, *La Búsqueda* le abrirá los ojos al Evangelio en palabras que los oídos modernos están listos para escuchar e imágenes que no podrá evitar recordar.

Pero *La Búsqueda* no está destinada sólo para ser vista. . . y ciertamente no está destinada a ser vista a solas. Es por eso que estamos formando grupos pequeños, tanto en persona como virtuales, para ver, tener discusiones animadas y crecer en espiritualidad con La Búsqueda.

Atrévete a reencontrar tu porqué: La Búsqueda es una nueva y hermosa serie en video que explora las preguntas más profundas de la vida.

Este fin de semana, durante el evento de *Reboot* y en el sitio web de la parroquia, tendrá la oportunidad para inscribirse a tomar parte de un pequeño grupo para discutir y vivir esta experiencia espiritual.





Sabes que la vida tiene un porqué.



La experiencia de Emaús Retiro de mujeres



¿Cuándo fue la última vez que se dio usted un regalo que durará toda la vida? El retiro de Emaús para mujeres es ese regalo.

Este es el momento para renovar y profundizar su relación con el Señor. Es un camino para conocer a otras mujeres de la parroquia que también están buscando una verdadera amistad.

Este retiro se llevará a cabo en Table Rock Retreat Center en Pickens, del 1 al 3 de abril de 2022. El costo es \$150 e incluye alojamiento, comidas y programa. Se requiere un depósito de \$75 para inscribirse.

Para más información o para inscribirse, llame a Hilda Martínez 864-363-5804 o a Nancy Bau 347-459-5832.

No deje que el costo de la registración sea un impedimento para ir al retiro.

Retiro Il sana los corazones destrozados y venda sus heridas Salmo 143-3

El Ministerio Cristo Uniendo Familias se complace en invitarlos al retiro

SANADO DESDE EL VIENTRE DE LA MADRE

que se llevará a cabo del 11 al 13 de marzo 2022 en Table Rock Retreat and Conference Center 125 Bethany Cove Drive, Pickens, SC 29671

Si estas interesado en participar en esta hermosa vivencia de sanación interior, comunicate con Justina 864-373-3747 o Luz María 917-510-3599.

El costo del retiro es \$150 por participante, lo cual incluye camisa, desayuno, almuerzo, cena, alojamiento y las herramientas de la vivencia.

El camino a la santida

Dichosa la persona que confía en el Señor, es el eco del Evangelio de este sexto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Después de bajar del monte, el Señor da el discurso de las Bienaventuranzas, donde se trasmiten todos los valores de la Sabiduría del Evangelio. Solamente que, Lucas resume en cuatro bienaventuranzas lo que Mateo describe en ocho. Lucas sintetiza la oposición de pensamiento entre el mundo y los que siguen al Señor. Dios pide que escuchemos a su Hijo en estas enseñanzas. Cambiar de pensamiento y actitud para darse cuenta que toda la riqueza, bienes y poder son pasajeros y se quedan en el mundo. Jesús, proyecta una dimensión de felicidad inmensa y definitiva en los bienes del cielo.

La invitación es cambiar esta sociedad marcada por la iniusticia y la falta de valores espirituales. Tener el pensamiento de Dios es el reto de cada cristiano. Trabajar y hacer ministerio con la predica de Jesús debe crear conciencia de la necesidad de una sociedad más justa y equilibrada. Y si Cristo mismo las enseñó en su tiempo, son aplicables al cien por ciento ahora. "Felices ustedes los pobres, porque de ustedes es el Reino de Dios. Felices ustedes los que ahora tienen hambre, porque serán saciados. Felices ustedes los que lloran, porque reirán. Felices ustedes si los hombres los odian, los expulsan, los insultan y los consideran unos delincuentes a causa del Hijo del Hombre. Alégrense en ese momento y llénese de gozo, porque les espera una recompensa grande en el cielo" (Lucas 6,20-23). Vivir las bienaventuranzas es camino seguro a la santidad. ©LPi

Mass Intentions

The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is the gift of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for no other gift can ever compare to its infinite value.

Mass intentions may be requested up to 6 months in advance. Please contact Deborah Barber at the Parish Office by email at dbarber@smmcc.org or call 864-288-4884 x4222.

Intenciones de Misas

El regalo más hermoso que uno puede dar a otra persona es el regalo del Santo Sacrificio de la Misa, ya que ningún otro regalo puede compararse con su valor infinito.

Se puede solicitar una intención de Misa hasta con 6 meses de anticipación. Comuníquese con Deborah Barber en la oficina parroquial al correo electrónico dbarber@smmcc.org o por teléfono al 864-288-4884 x4222.

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SACRAMENTS - FORMATION

Baptisms

For more information regarding Baptisms, contact the Sacraments Office at 864-288-4884 ext. 4224.

Bautismos

Para obtener más detalles con respecto a Bautismos, llame la Oficina de Sacramentos al 864-288-4884 ext. 4224.

Weddings

Please contact Maira Agrón at 864-288-4884 ext. 4224 or mairaa@smmcc.org at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Para Matrimonios

Para definir los detalles de la boda, por favor, comuníquese con Maira Agrón al 864-288-4884 ext. 4224 o mairaa@smmcc.org con seis meses de anticipación.

Searching for Meaning?

Experience the Good News that over a thousand parishioners have had with Alpha.

Alpha is a series that explores different topics of the Christian faith. Alpha is for everyone, from questioning skeptics to those looking to invigorate their faith, Catholic or not. And now with the addition of Virtual Online Alpha even out of the area, out of state or out of country friends and family can participate! So bring your spouse, and bring your friends.

Alpha

begins Wednesday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Building.
Virtual format is at 7 p.m.

Explore Alpha - www.smmcc.org/alpha

Youth Ministry



Life Teen meets Sundays at 7:30 p.m.



EDGE meets Fridays at 7 p.m.



Jóvenes sin Fronteras se reunen los viernes a las 7 p.m.



Journey meets every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Are you called to serve the youth of our Parish?

Our youth need role models of all ages and backgrounds. There is no such thing as too old or too young.

SEUSS LOOSE

Middle School Retreat

APril 22-24. 2022

Awanita Valley Marietta. SC

Cost: \$125 Registration due: APril 3, 2022



Joe Maggio (864) 361-0338 joem@smmcc.org

What is needed? A love for Christ and willingness to share that love and faith with the youth. You can work with our youth directly or behind the scenes.

Contact Joe Maggio, Youth Minister, at joem@smmcc.org.

FORMATION

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." St. Catherine of Siena

Discover Your God-Given Talents

Join Living Your Strengths this Lent!

Spring Session: March 2 to April 13 Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the PLB Rm. 109

Join us on a journey... a journey to learn how to be who God meant you to be. This journey will help you identify, understand and apply your God-given talents to help you to become the best version of yourself.

How it works: Once registered, you begin by completing an online questionnaire that identifies your top five talents. Then, for seven weeks in a small group setting, you will explore those UNIQUE talents, learn to recognize talents in others and learn how to apply this knowledge in your personal, parish and professional life.

The cost is \$40 which includes the book, the code to take the assessment and other supplies.

You Are at Your Best When You Do What You Naturally Do Best

REGISTER HERE! The deadline is February 20.

LIVING Syour 5TRENGTH5 Questions? lys@smmcc.org - LYS is open to anyone over the age of 14.

In-Formation this Week!

Greetings from the Office of Christian Formation!



First Communion News
Upcoming First Communion/
Reconciliation Prep session:
Saturday, February 26.
Parents and children attend.

Pray for our children who will be participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time later this month.

This month, our focus is on Unit 6 - Sacraments. You can get more information on our web page at www.smmcc.org/146.

You can also visit the publisher's website at https://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family for additional material to use with your children this month.

Parent! Please continue to work with your child to complete the chapter and unit review.

Young Adult Ministry



Are you between 18 and 39 and looking to grow in faith, build fellowship and find ways to serve? Then join us!

The Young Adult Ministry meets for Mass at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, except the first

Tuesday of the month. Confession is available on Tuesdays from 6–6:45 p.m., and Mass is held in the church sanctuary or in the parent's room on the tabernacle side.

First Tuesday — Adoration and Holy Hour Third Tuesday — After Mass activities include Bible or book study, guest speakers or discussion on a specific topic.

We hope to see you there! We invite all young adults to join us and grow together in faith.

Keep up with the latest by signing up to receive communications from us. Sign up at <u>Flocknote.com</u> or follow us on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/SMMCCYAM</u>. If you have any questions, email <u>youngadult@smmcc.org</u>.

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Life Building and via Zoom

Come join us for an interactive study of Scripture and meet other men seeking the wisdom and knowledge of God.

No registration is necessary. Just bring your Bible, catechism and a desire to learn and discuss the Word of God.



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MINISTRIES IN ACTION - PARISH LIFE

Prayer Shawl Ministry



If you love to knit or crochet, we invite you to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

We meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you can't join us in person but still want to be part of this ministry, we can arrange to pick up your knitted/ crocheted items.

Please consider being part of this wonderful and fun ministry that brings comfort to those who receive these gifts.

Our hats and shawls are currently being donated to the cancer center.

Please check your yarn stash and donate what you can. We also can accept Michael's, Hobby Lobby and Joann's gift cards.

Contact us at prayershawl@smmcc.org

Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Minister training class has begun!



These past weeks, our Stephen Minister trainees have been studying the Christ-centered foundation of Stephen Ministry. They explored how feelings are a gift from God and how to help people recognize, accept, and express feelings

so they can experience God's healing and wholeness. They learned how to use a variety of active-listening skills to help people share what they're going through, learning practical ways to live out the reality that "The Stephen Minister is the caregiver, and God is the Cure giver."

Please pray for our trainees as they grow in their ability to provide caring ministry on behalf of our congregation. They are: Michael Adamczyk, Kim Advent, Trish Dellacio, Nancy Dereng, Pam Maggio, Monica Mason, Federico Montes, Eduardo Rivera, Darlene Senft, and Steven Simmons.

The Knights of Columbus Presents



For families with special needs children, financially preparing for their future can be overwhelming. Many parents worry about their child's future when they are no longer able to provide financial support.

In this seminar, we'll talk through some of the challenges and solutions you and your family should consider.



Please register for this free webinar here.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



Walk where Jesus walked, and join us for 10 days in the Holy Land. July 18-27, 2022.

The cost is \$4,149 based on double occupancy. Cost will cover:

- Roundtrip airline flight
- Centrally located hotel stays
- Air-conditioned bus/transfers in Holy Land
- 3 meals/tips daily plus wine (except for airport meals)
- Daily Mass and opportunity for Confession
- Sightseeing/admission fees as per itinerary

Expenses not included are tips to tour drivers, personal purchases, and optional travel insurance.

International travel currently requires special protocol due to COVID. Be sure you read and stay abreast of any changes on the 206 Tours site.

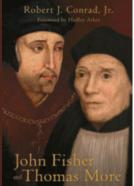
For more information and for reservations, visit www.smmcc.org/pilgrimage.

PARISH LIFE

The New Veritas Catholic Information Center

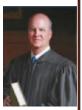
Launches a Monthly Series at different locations in the area.

It begins here at St. Mary Magdalene on February 24 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.



Join us in welcoming Judge Robert J. Conrad Jr. to discuss his new book "John Fisher and Thomas More: Keeping Their Souls While Losing Their Heads."

Judge Conrad is a federal judge for the Western District of North Carolina, a former federal prosecutor, former ACC college basketball player at Clemson, historian, author and husband, the father of five children, and grandfather to ten. Judge Conrad also serves on the Board at Belmont Abbey College.



Dessert and light refreshments will be provided. Books will be available for purchase and to be signed.

There is no charge to attend, but please pre-register at www.catholic.center or by phone at 864-630-3036.

The mission of the new Catholic Information Center in Greenville includes providing a variety of interesting opportunities to grow in knowledge of Catholic faith and history, and to broaden our connections with fellow believers throughout the upstate and beyond. We hope you will join us as we launch a series of programs on the last Thursday of each month at different locations throughout the area.



Stewardship, a Way of Life

"Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season - assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

Corresponsabilidad Una manera de vivir

"Bienaventurados los que esperan en el Señor". Como buenos administradores, firmemente arraigados en esa esperanza, que podamos dar frutos a su debido tiempo: ayudar a los pobres, alimentar a los hambrientos y consolar a los afligidos siempre que tengamos la oportunidad.

Join our Flock

Are you signed up to receive email or text notifications from the Parish? Signing up for Flocknote is easy!

Text smmcc to 84576 or visit smmcc.org, scroll down to the blue boxes, and click on JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST.



Flocknote allows you to choose your preference in receiving notifications. You can sign up to receive information from specific groups/ministries as well as indicate whether you want to receive text or email notifications.

Not getting our emails?

Add <u>mail@flocknote.com</u> to your contacts to avoid emails being flagged as spam.

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PARISH LIFE

Your Offertory

We thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to give back a portion of your goodness to us.



Make your Sunday offertory at www.smmcc.org/online-giving

If you are an Online Giving user and want to cancel receipt of all envelopes, please email bsnyder@smmcc.org.

Have You Signed Up for Online Giving?

Are you using Online Giving with our parish? Here are some ways Online Giving benefits our parish and you!

Benefits for You:

- Convenient Access your account via the internet anytime and anywhere
- Secure and Confidential Adheres to banking security standards
- Flexible Start, stop, or change your contributions at any time
- Simple No need to contact the church office or your bank
- Contributions via direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit card

Benefits for the Parish:

- Stable Contributions: Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically, which allows the parish to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- Secure and Confidential: No need to store member account information.
- Efficient: Participation saves time and expenses in bookkeeping.
- Current: A tool for people who prefer using electronic services.

Visit www.smmcc.org/online-giving.

Tax Letters

The 2021 tax letters have been sent via email. Be sure to check your spam folder if you do not see it.

If you have any questions or if you did not receive it, please contact Beth Snyder at bsnyder@smmcc.org or call 864-288-4884, ext. 4234.

Pastoral Staff

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Fr. Theo Trujillo

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Parish Offices

The Parish Offices are open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We are also available to help you by phone and by email. Please visit our Parish Office web page, www.smmcc.org/67, for contact information.

It is always helpful if you make an appointment with us. As a large parish serving our parishioners, ministries and community, please note that while the main parish office may be open, other departments keep different hours.

Offertory for Fiscal Year

July 2021 - June 2022 as of February 6, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Actual/ Budget
Current Week Sunday	\$69,181	\$57,974	119%
Year-to-Date Sunday	\$2,047,428	\$1,855,158	110%
Year-to-Date Christmas	\$82,919	\$78,268	106%
Year-to-Date Holy Days	\$28,435	\$23,102	123%
Year-to-Date Total	\$2,158,781	\$1,956,528	110%

Mass Attendance for February 5/6: 3,347

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE GIFTS
AND FOR THE GIVERS!



- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS -

What is the Bishop's Annual Appeal?

The Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA), is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 94 parishes, 21 missions, 33 Catholic schools, and multiple agencies throughout the Diocese of Charleston.

Why should people give to the Appeal?

We are stewards of the gifts God blesses us with, and this includes our money. Yes, we might EARN it, but only because God has first given us our talents and gifts to utilize in the world. We are called to share what we have been given. Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Why do we need these ministries and programs?

The Catholic Church offers outreach and serves the needs of so many people in our diocese and beyond – Catholic or not. We are called to serve others and to invite them into communion with Jesus Christ and His Church by living out the Gospel. The ministries supported by the Appeal provide tangible ways to help so many who are in need, offer education and formation to build up strong disciples in the faith, education for our future priests, and so much more.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Please contact the Office of Stewardship and Mission Advancement (843) 261-0438 | baa@charlestondiocese.org

Does my gift make a difference, even if it's small?

Yes! Each of us must discern what we can give in response to God's generosity to us. If our gift is intentional, even though small, it is a gift of good stewardship and an act of faith. Together, everyone in the diocese makes a tremendous difference — accomplishing far more than any one of us could on our own. Your participation and the joy and love that you share by supporting your brothers and sisters in Christ is what's most important.

Can the funds raised by the Annual Appeal be used for anything other than their stated purpose?

No, donations to the BAA are restricted. The diocese has designated these funds to be used only for the purpose in which the donations were intended. The diocese has an obligation to honor the wishes of the donors and use these funds for the purpose they were collected.

What's the difference between the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the Bicentennial Campaign?

The Church's mission is advanced in important ways through both the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the Bicentennial Campaign. In some areas, the Appeal supports the daily operation of critical ministries throughout our diocese, while the Bicentennial Campaign funds more strategic, comprehensive, longrange, and larger scale initiatives to help the Church serve its people and prepare for doing the Lord's work in the future.

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PREGUNTAS FRECUENTES -

¿Qué es la Campaña Anual del Obispo (CAO)?

Es la fuente primaria de ingresos para mantener y expandir los ministerios de las 94 parroquias, 21 misiones, 33 escuelas católicas y múltiples agencias en toda la Diócesis de Charleston.

¿Por qué debemos contribuir a la Campaña?

Somos corresponsables de los dones con que Dios nos bendice y esto incluye nuestro dinero. Es cierto que lo GANAMOS, pero solamente porque antes hemos recibido de Dios los talentos y los dones para aprovecharlos en el mundo. Estamos llamados a compartir lo que se nos ha dado. Jesús dice: "Les aseguro que cuanto hicieron a uno de estos mis hermanos pequeños, a mi me lo hicieron."

¿Por qué necesitamos estos ministerios y programas?

La Iglesia Católica ofrece programas comunitarios y responde a las necesidades de muchas personas en la diócesis y fuera de esta, sean católicos o no. Estamos llamados a servir a los demás e invitarlos a vivir en comunión con Jesucristo y su Iglesia, viviendo el evangelio. Los ministerios que apoya la Campaña brindan ayuda tangible a muchas personas necesitadas, ofrecen educación y catequesis para formar discípulos sólidos en la fe, formación para los futuros sacerdotes y mucho más.

¿DESEA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN?

Por favor comuníquese con la Oficina de Corresponsabilidad y Fomento de la Misión (843) 261-0438 | baa@charlestondiocese.org

¿Mi contribución hace una diferencia, aún si es poca?

¡Sí! Cada uno debe discernir lo que puede dar en respuesta a la generosidad de Dios hacia nosotros. Si nuestra contribución, aunque pequeña, lleva un propósito, es un don de buena corresponsabilidad y un acto de fe. Juntos, todos en la diócesis hacemos una enorme diferencia, logrando mucho más de lo que cada uno haría por separado. Su participación, la alegría y el amor que compartimos al ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo es lo más importante.

¿Se pueden utilizar los fondos recogidos en la Campaña anual para otros fines que no sean los especificados?

No, las contribuciones a la Campaña Anual del Obispo están restringidas. La diócesis ha designado que estos fondos se utilicen únicamente para los fines indicados en la donación. La diócesis tiene la obligación de honrar los deseos de los donantes y utilizar estos fondos solamente para los propósitos para los que fueron entregados.

¿Cuál es la diferencia entre la Campaña Anual del Obispo (CAO) y la Campaña del Bicentenario?

La misión de la Iglesia avanza de manera significativa por medio de la Campaña Anual del Obispo, así como de la Campaña del Bicentenario. En algunos aspectos, CAO mantiene la operación diaria de ministerios esenciales en todo el estado, mientras que la Campaña del Bicentenario financia iniciativas más estratégicas, globales, a largo plazo y a mayor escala, que permiten a la Iglesia servir a sus fieles y prepararlos para llevar a cabo la obra del Señor en el futuro.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Belonging

SC Catholic Women's Conference February 26, 2022

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Join hundreds of other women from our state to share a laugh, shed a tear, but most importantly to be encouraged in your journey with Christ. The Belonging Catholic Women's Conference is just around the corner!

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More information and registration can be found at: www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging.

Creighton Model NFP Sessions

We have virtual and in person NFP Introductory Sessions scheduled for February.

Online session:

February 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Contact janellenapro@gmail.com.

In-person Sessions:

February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Columbia. Registration required at naprogal@gmail.com. February 19 at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew Church in Myrtle Beach. Call Susanna to register at 843-813-3122.

We have available instructors for Natural Family Planning International, Couple to Couple League and Marquette Method upon request. For more information, contact jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org.

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Call 828-327-7441, email info@catholicconference.org, or visit www.catholicconference.org/art-retreat.

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SC Men's Conference March 5, 2022 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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www.sccatholicmensconf.org

Free Webinars

The Diocese of Charleston offers free webinars for catechist formation but many topics are great for individual adult formation. These webinars are FREE of charge, but registration is required for access.

To register, contact Mrs. Cathy Roche in the Office of Catechesis and Christian Initiation at 843-261-0504 or cathy@charlestondiocese.org.

Upcoming Webinar:

Thursday, February 17, 2022 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Holy Orders



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

March 4-6 Greenville

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

Contact Christy at 803-554-6088 or grace4healing@gmail.com for more information and registration.

22nd Annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration

At Mass on Sunday, February 20, 2 p.m. St. Paul's Catholic Church 170 Bountyland Road, Seneca, SC

This celebration is an opportunity to honor all married couples, especially those in long-term marriages. Married couples will affirm their love and commitment to each other. Bishop Guglielmone will be the celebrant.

Email familylife@charlestondiocese.org your names, years married in 2022 and your current parish.

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